

NUMBER OF AIR PASSENGERS IN GERMANY IS STILL WELL BELOW THE PRE-CRISIS LEVEL



As reported by the Federal Statistical Office (Destatis), German airports recorded around 155.2 million passengers in 2022. This represented an increase of 111.0% compared to 2021, which was more heavily impacted by the Corona pandemic.

However, **passenger traffic was still far from the pre-crisis level of 2019, when the main airports recorded an all-time high of 226.7 million passengers.** The data of 2022 thus represent 31.5% fewer air passengers in Germany.

Following the end of the pandemic-related travel restrictions, traffic with other countries and traffic within Germany developed differently in 2022: At +98.0%, traffic within Germany grew at a below-average rate compared with the previous year.

In contrast, traffic with foreign countries recorded an increase of 111.9%. Compared with the pre-Corona year 2019, domestic air traffic was thus still 59.5% lower and only reached a good two-fifths of its pre-crisis level. By contrast, air traffic with foreign countries was only 28.3% lower than in 2019.

The summer period in 2022 was very chaotic since the rapid growth in passenger numbers pushed the industry around Europe to its limits. **The consequences at German airports were delays and cancellations as well as long waiting times, for example at baggage claim and security checks.**

For that reason, local airlines including Lufthansa are already getting ready for the summer planning their capacities and securing enough trained staff.

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