Airports Council International reveals Top 10 busiest airports worldwide

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[Airports Council International](#) (ACI) World has published a list of the top 10 busiest airports worldwide for 2022.

According to ACI, preliminary figures indicate that with the resumption of international travel, 2022 global passenger traffic reached close to 7 billion, representing an increase of 53.5% from 2021, or a 73.8% recovery from 2019 results.

The top 10 airports for total passenger traffic, representing 10% of global traffic, witnessed a gain of 51.7% from 2021 amounting to 85.9% recovery vis-à-vis their 2019 results.

Holding their positions from 2021, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is at the top of the 2022 rankings, followed by Dallas Fort Worth Airport, Denver Airport, and Chicago O'Hare Airport. Among the top 10 airports globally, five are located in the United States. They all have significant domestic passenger shares (between 75% and 95% domestic traffic).

Passengers*						
2022	2021	2019	AIRPORT	2022	% change vs 2021	% change vs 2019
1	1	1	ATLANTA GA, US (ATL)	93 699 630	23.8	-15.2
2	2	10	DALLAS/FORT WORTH TX, US (DFW)	73 362 946	17.5	-2.3
3	3	16	DENVER CO, US (DEN)	69 286 461	17.8	0.4
4	4	6	CHICAGO IL, US (ORD)	68 340 619	26.5	-19.3
5	27	4	DUBAI, AE (DXB)	66 069 981	127.0	-23.5
6	5	3	LOS ANGELES CA, US (LAX)	65 924 298	37.3	-25.1
7	14	28	ISTANBUL, TR (IST)	64 289 107	73.8	23.2
8	54	7	LONDON, GB (LHR)	61 614 508	217.7	-23.8
9	13	17	NEW DELHI, IN (DEL)	59 490 074	60.2	-13.1
10	31	9	PARIS, FR (CDG)	57 474 033	119.4	-24.5

* Total passengers enplaned and deplaned, passengers in transit counted once

Airports reinstated in the upper ranks also include Dubai Airport achieving fifth rank, Istanbul Airport reaching seventh position, followed by London Heathrow Airport, Delhi Airport, and Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport in the eighth, ninth, and tenth spots, respectively.

The biggest jump in the top 10 was recorded for London Heathrow. The airport improved its ranking from the 54th position as borders reopened in March 2022 after two years of closures.

Intl Passengers*						
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1	1	1	DUBAI, AE (DXB)	66 069 981	127.0	-23.5
2	7	2	LONDON, GB (LHR)	58 243 060	230.5	-23.4
3	3	3	AMSTERDAM, NL (AMS)	52 467 346	105.8	-26.8
4	5	6	PARIS, FR (CDG)	51 763 569	128.9	-25.9
5	2	14	ISTANBUL, TR (IST)	48 521 725	83.3	22.6
6	4	8	FRANKFURT, DE (FRA)	44 771 711	97.3	-29.0
7	9	11	MADRID, ES (MAD)	36 231 191	136.2	-19.3
8	6	15	DOHA, QA (DOH)	35 726 721	101.8	-7.9
9	95	7	SINGAPORE, SG (SIN)	31 902 000	952.9	-52.8
10	55	13	LONDON, GB (LGW)	30 145 083	501.5	-30.1

* International passengers enplaned and deplaned

ACI World Director General Luis Felipe de Oliveira said, "The new top 10 busiest airports for passenger traffic reflects the resilience of the airport and aviation industry, and the eagerness of passengers to travel by air. While US airport hubs were able to recover quicker due to their strong domestic market, we are now witnessing global hubs joining upper ranks—including Dubai, Istanbul, and London Heathrow airport. While we continue to march forward cautiously amidst multiple headwinds that could impact the speed and magnitude of global air traffic recovery, the latest rankings represent an important milestone in reaching pre-pandemic levels. The re-opening of China, the second largest aviation market after the US, is now expected to bring an overall gain, both domestically and for international travel.

"The ongoing recovery of air travel demand would not be possible without the continuous work of airports to provide a safe, secure, efficient, and sustainable air transport ecosystem for the

passengers that we depend on and the communities we serve. ACI World will remain committed to representing the best interests of airports on the global stage during key phases of policy development and to promoting airport excellence."