

Media release

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Traffic results

SWISS carries more passengers in the first nine months

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS)¹ transported a total of 14,293,356 passengers in the first nine months of this year, a 4.4% increase on the same period in 2018. The passengers were carried on 114,968 flights, 5.4% more than were operated in the prior-year period.

Total passenger capacity for January to September was up 1.9% on the prior-year period in available seat-kilometre (ASK) terms. Total traffic volume, measured in revenue passenger-kilometres (RPK), rose 2.2%. Systemwide seat load factor for the period improved accordingly to 84.2%, an increase of 0.2 percentage points.

In the month of **September** SWISS carried 1,724,647 passengers, a 6.4% improvement on the same month last year. The 13,404 flights operated were a 6.2% increase on the prior-year period. Total ASK capacity was raised 2.4%, while total RPK traffic volume was up 2.1%. Systemwide September seat load factor declined accordingly to 86.2%, a reduction of 0.3 percentage points.

Please note: to offer a full overview of the traffic performance of the airlines of the Lufthansa Group, we report all these carriers' traffic results. This overview (in which the results for SWISS include those of its sister carrier Edelweiss) is provided in the tables attached.

¹ excluding Edelweiss

Swiss International Air Lines (SWISS) is The Airline of Switzerland, serving over 100 destinations in 44 countries worldwide from Zurich and Geneva and carrying some 18 million passengers a year with its fleet of around 90 aircraft. The company's Swiss WorldCargo division provides a comprehensive range of airport-to-airport airfreight services for high-value and care-intensive consignments to around 175 destinations in more than 80 countries. As The Airline of Switzerland, SWISS embodies its home country's traditional values, and is committed to delivering the highest product and service quality. With its workforce of some 9,000 personnel, SWISS generated total revenues of over CHF 5 billion in 2018. SWISS is part of the Lufthansa Group, and is also a member of Star Alliance, the world's biggest airline network.

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Lufthansa Group

		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Total Lufthansa Group Airlines	Passengers in 1,000	13,954	+2.3%	111,633	+3.1%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	32,230	+2.2%	274,189	+3.8%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	27,311	+2.4%	226,978	+4.7%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.7	+0.1pts.	82.8	+0.7pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	1,501	+4.1%	13,109	+8.0%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	889	-3.6%	7,935	-1.9%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	59.3	-4.7pts.	60.5	-6.1pts.
	Number of flights	107,357	+1.9%	897,921	+2.3%
Lufthansa German Airlines*	Passengers in 1,000	6,706	+1.7%	54,624	+2.8%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	18,354	+4.4%	155,286	+4.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	15,460	+4.6%	128,330	+5.1%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.2	+0.2pts.	82.6	+0.8pts.
	Number of flights	49,763	+0.9%	424,529	+1.8%
thereof Hub FRA	Passengers in 1,000	4,046	-0.0%	33,361	+1.2%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	12,374	+0.8%	105,886	+1.2%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	10,427	+1.7%	88,013	+2.4%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.3	+0.7pts.	83.1	+1.0pts.
	Number of flights	27,786	-0.7%	238,385	-0.2%
thereof Hub MUC	Passengers in 1,000	2,470	+1.7%	19,973	+3.1%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,849	+11.8%	48,473	+10.4%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	4,941	+10.6%	39,692	+10.9%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.5	-0.9pts.	81.9	+0.3pts.
	Number of flights	19,617	-1.7%	169,248	+1.2%
SWISS	Passengers in 1,000	2,006	+6.8%	16,495	+5.9%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,332	+3.2%	47,784	+6.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	4,567	+3.5%	40,135	+6.5%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	85.7	+0.2pts.	84.0	+0.3pts.
	Number of flights	15,051	+6.2%	127,768	+6.3%
Austrian Airlines	Passengers in 1,000	1,469	+4.3%	11,217	+5.5%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	2,709	+1.0%	21,891	+3.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	2,288	+0.5%	17,766	+5.1%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.5	-0.4pts.	81.2	+1.5pts.
	Number of flights	13,166	+4.7%	106,165	+3.8%
Total Network Airlines**	Passengers in 1,000	10,124	+3.0%	81,889	+3.8%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	26,363	+3.8%	224,690	+4.4%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	22,288	+4.0%	186,017	+5.4%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	84.5	+0.1pts.	82.8	+0.8pts.
	Number of flights	77,268	+2.5%	652,322	+3.1%

* Lufthansa German Airlines incl. Hub FRA, Hub MUC & regional airlines

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Total Eurowings*	Passengers in 1,000	3,830	+0.3%	29,744	+1.4%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	5,867	-4.3%	49,499	+0.9%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	5,023	-4.0%	40,961	+1.7%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	85.6	+0.3pts.	82.8	+0.6pts.
	Number of flights	30,089	+0.3%	245,599	+0.4%

* Incl. Eurowings and Brussels Airlines

Network Airlines & Cargo*

By region		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Europe	Passengers in 1,000	7,869	+2.9%	62,659	+3.3%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	8,124	+4.8%	66,986	+5.0%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	6,597	+4.1%	51,973	+4.3%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	81.2	-0.6pts.	77.6	-0.5pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	79	+8.3%	643	+17.3%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	29	+7.9%	256	+1.6%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	36.9	-0.1pts.	39.8	-6.2pts.
America (North und South)	Passengers in 1,000	1,134	+1.3%	9,411	+3.7%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	9,984	+1.2%	84,419	+3.0%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	8,665	+2.6%	72,274	+5.0%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	86.8	+1.1pts.	85.6	+1.7pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	711	+4.5%	6,112	+9.4%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	388	-5.1%	3,543	-0.3%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	54.5	-5.5pts.	58.0	-5.6pts.
Asia/Pacific	Passengers in 1,000	649	+4.1%	5,608	+4.6%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	6,103	+5.8%	52,992	+4.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	5,264	+4.2%	45,362	+4.9%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	86.2	-1.3pts.	85.6	+0.7pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	585	+2.4%	5,143	+2.3%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	402	-4.8%	3,468	-7.7%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	68.7	-5.2pts.	67.4	-7.3pts.
Middle East/ Africa	Passengers in 1,000	473	+8.5%	4,210	+10.7%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	2,151	+6.8%	20,292	+10.0%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	1,763	+10.0%	16,408	+12.3%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	81.9	+2.4pts.	80.9	+1.7pts.
	Available Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	125	+7.1%	1,212	+23.9%
	Revenue Cargo tonne-kilometers (m)	71	+9.1%	668	+26.5%
	Cargo load-factor (%)	56.3	+1.0pts.	55.1	+1.1pts.

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Eurowings*

		Month	yoy	Cumulative	yoy
Short-haul	Passengers in 1,000	3,565	+0.9%	27,253	+1.2%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	4,158	-0.4%	32,983	+1.5%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	3,601	-0.6%	27,196	+2.0%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	86.6	-0.2pts.	82.5	+0.4pts.
Long-haul	Passengers in 1,000	264	-6.8%	2,491	+3.5%
	Available seat-kilometers (m)	1,709	-12.7%	16,516	-0.1%
	Revenue seat-kilometers (m)	1,422	-11.5%	13,764	+1.2%
	Passenger load-factor (%)	83.2	+1.1pts.	83.3	+1.1pts.

* Incl. Eurowings and Brussels Airlines

Additional references

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