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Transport Activities

July 2020 – Air Transport Flash Statistics

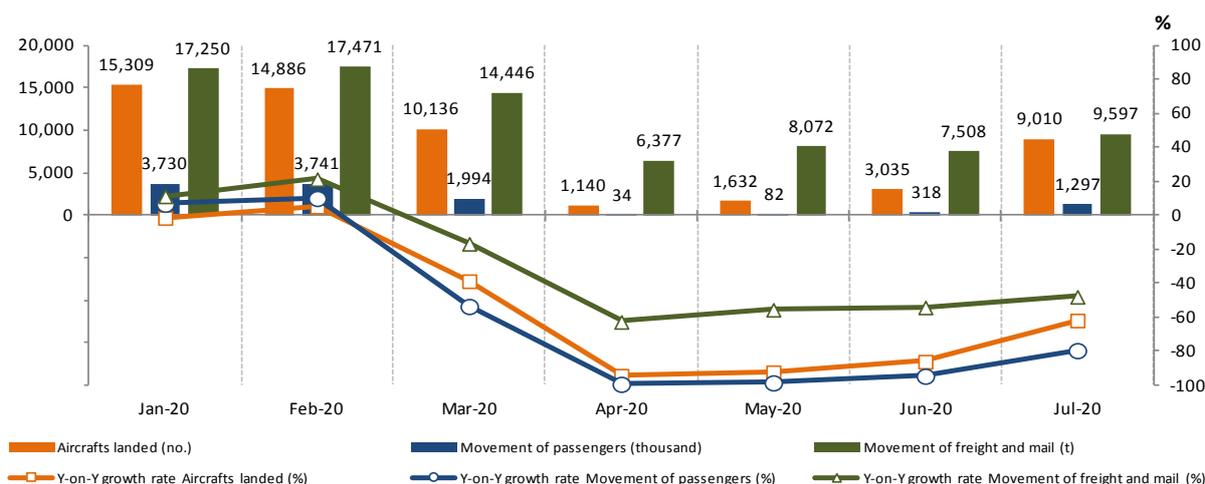
Movement in national airports in July recovering, but still far from values of previous year

In July 2020 there was a movement of 1.3 million passengers at national airports, representing a decrease of 79.5%¹ (-94.6% in June). The movement of freight and mail totalled 9.6 thousand tonnes, corresponding to a decrease of 47.8% (-54.1% in June).

Despite the circumstances determined by the COVID-19 pandemic, Statistics Portugal calls for the best collaboration by companies, families and public entities in responding to Statistics Portugal’s data requests. The quality of official statistics, particularly its ability to identify the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, crucially depends on this collaboration, which Statistics Portugal thanks in advance.

In July 2020, 9.0 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, representing a year-on-year growth rate of -61.8% (-86.0% in June and -92.3% in May). There was a movement of 1.3 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits), representing a year-on-year growth rate of -79.5% (-94.6% in June and -98.5% in May). The movement of freight and mail at national airports totalled 9.6 thousand tonnes, corresponding to a decrease of 47.8% (-54.1% in June and -55.5% in May).

Figure 1 – Aircrafts landed, passengers and freight/mail movement at national airports

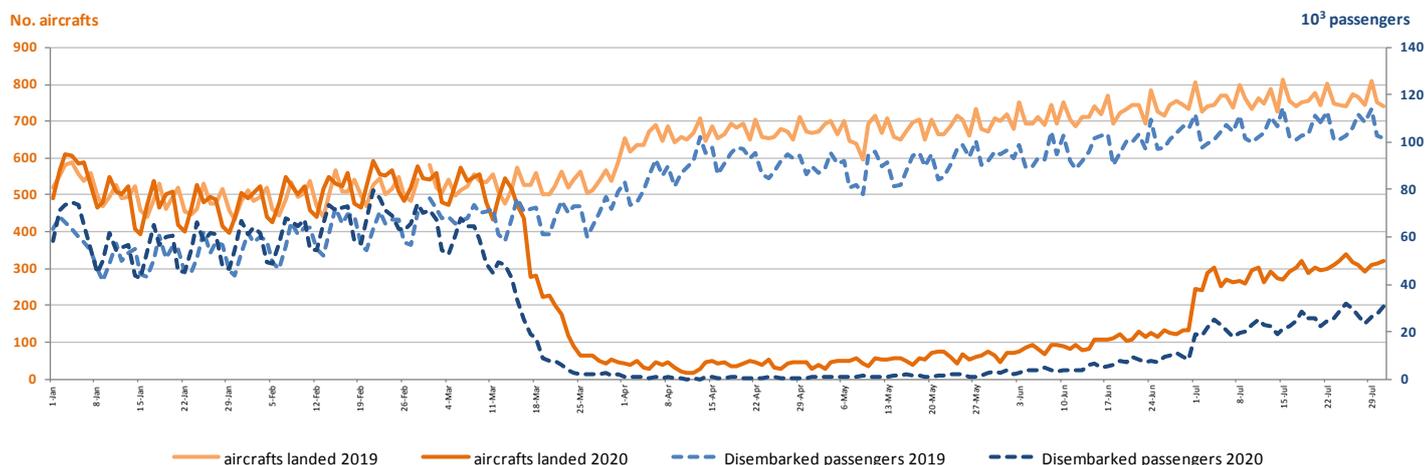


Considering the number of aircrafts landed and the number of passengers daily disembarked between January and July 2020, and comparing with the same period of the previous year, is visible the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and

¹ Unless stated otherwise, the rates of change presented in this press release are year-on-year rates of change.

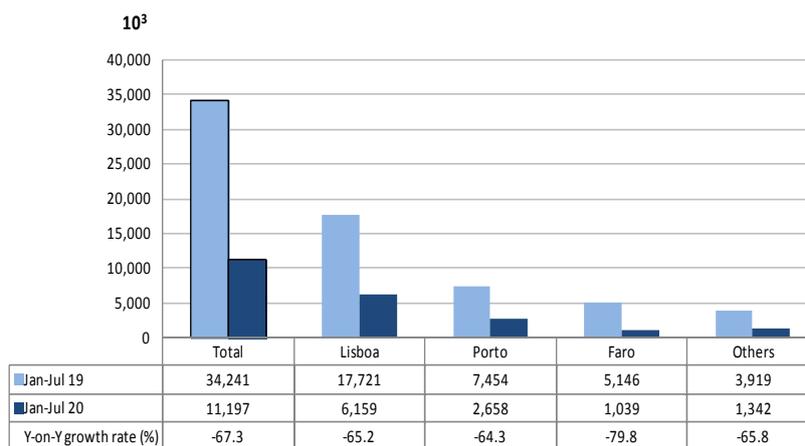
the measures adopted at the airspace level from the beginning of the second fortnight of March. From July there is a slight recovery, although there are still reductions of more than 50% in the number of aircraft landed and 70% in the number of passengers disembarked.

Figure 2 – Aircrafts landed and disembarked passengers in national airports – daily



Between January and July 2020, 55.1 thousand commercial aircraft landed at national airports (-58.4% compared to the same period in the previous year) and 11.2 million passengers were handled (-67.3%). The movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 55.0% of total handled passengers (6.2 million) and recorded a decrease of 65.2%. Considering the three airports with the highest passenger traffic, Faro airport recorded the greatest decrease in the movement of passengers in this period (-79.8%).

Figure 3 – Movement of passengers at national airports



Between January and July 2020, and considering the volume of passengers disembarked and embarked on international flights, France was the main country of origin and destination of flights. The United Kingdom was the second main country of origin and destination and showed the major reduction in the number of passengers disembarked and

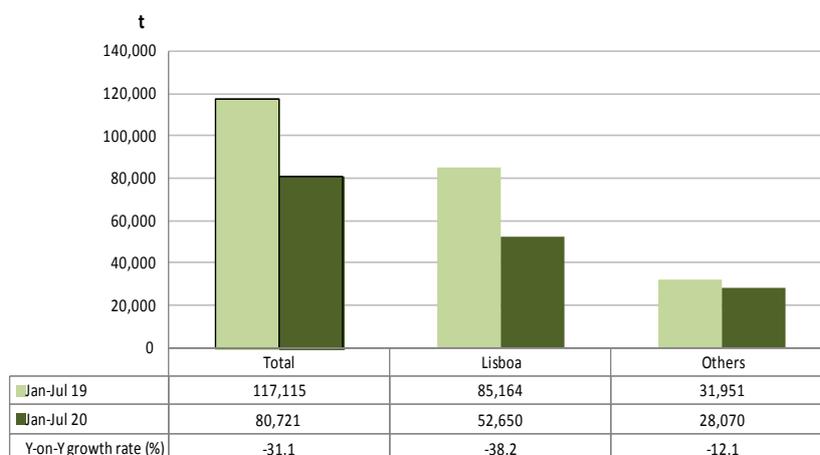
embarked (-74.9% and -73.9%, respectively). Spain and Germany maintain the positions of the previous month, regarding origin and destination. Switzerland appears in the 5th position, previously occupied by Brazil (in the 1st semester 2020).

Figure 4 – Main country of origin and destination of flights with passengers at national airports

Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan to Jul 20		Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan to Jul 20	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)			Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)
1.º	France	831.4	-64.2	1.º	France	787.9	-64.4
2.º	United Kingdom	649.8	-74.9	2.º	United Kingdom	655.0	-73.9
3.º	Spain	536.7	-66.2	3.º	Spain	545.2	-65.2
4.º	Germany	494.0	-67.3	4.º	Germany	505.0	-66.0
5.º	Switzerland	277.5	-57.6	5.º	Switzerland	270.7	-57.4

Between January and July 2020, there was a decrease of 31.1% in freight and mail movement at national airports, reaching 80.7 thousand tonnes. The movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 65.2% of the total, corresponding to 52.7 thousand tonnes (-38.2% compared to the same period in the previous year).

Figure 5 – Freight and mail movement at national airports



EXPLANATORY NOTES

In this "Press Release" the following statistical data are used:

January to July 2019: Definitive results;
January to July 2020: Preliminary results.

SOURCES: Autoridade Nacional de Aviação Civil and ANA – Aeroportos de Portugal, S.A.

MAIN CONCEPTS:

Commercial aviation - Air transport flight performed for the public transport of passengers, freight or mail, for remuneration and for hire.

Commercial air traffic – Movement of aircrafts, passengers, freight and mail in commercial aviation.

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