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OCTOBER RECORDED THE GREATEST APPROACH TO MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS IN PRE-PANDEMIC PERIOD

In **October 2021**, there was a movement of nearly 4 million passengers and 18.1 thousand tonnes of freight and mail at national airports (+180.6% and +27.5%, vis-à-vis October 2020, respectively).

Compared to October 2019, the movement of passengers at national airports decreased by 27.2% and the movement of freight and mail reduced by 8.4%.

Between **January and October 2021**, there was an increase of 18.6% in the number of passengers handled at national airports compared with the same period of 2020 (-68.0% in the same period of 2020; +6.6% in the same period of 2019). Compared to the same period of 2019, the reduction was 62.1%.

Between January and October 2021, France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, recording increases of 13.2% in the number of disembarked passengers and 10.9% in the number of embarked passengers. Switzerland stood out with the highest growth in the number of embarked and disembarked passengers (+25.6% and +20.9%, respectively), occupying the 5th position.

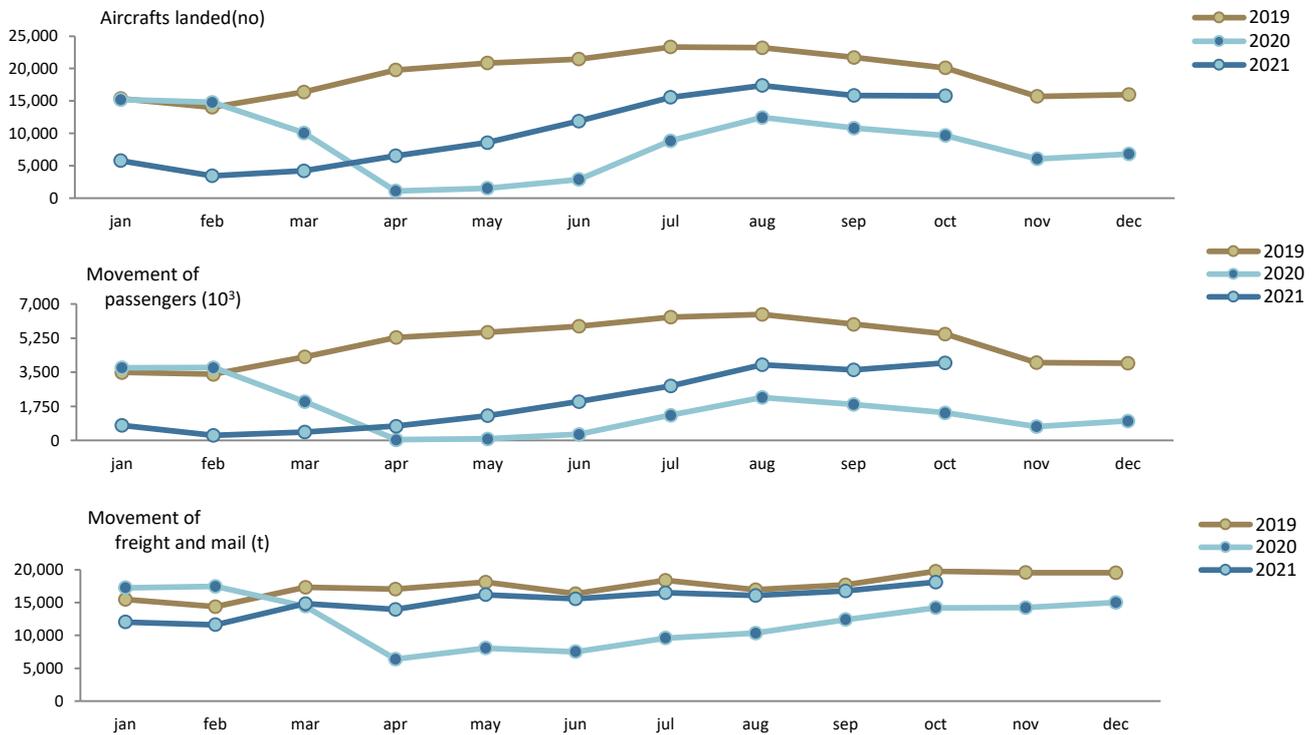
Monthly traffic at national airports

In **October 2021**, 15.8 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, corresponding to nearly 4 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 18.1 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled, recording growths of 63.2%, 180.6% and 27.5%, compared to October 2020, respectively.

Compared to October 2019, there were variations of -21.4% in the number of aircraft landed, -27.2% in the movement of passengers and -8.4% in the movement of freight and mail (-27.0%, -39.3% and -5.2% in September 2021 compared to the same month in 2019, by the same order).



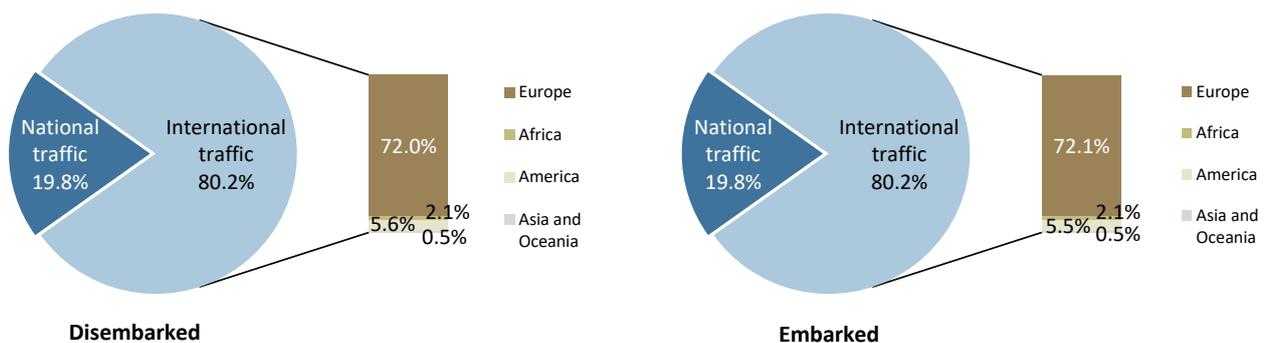
Figure 1. Aircrafts landed, passengers and freight/mail movement at national airports



Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

Considering the total number of passengers disembarked at national airports in October 2021, 80.2% corresponded to international traffic (74.9% in the same period last year), the majority coming from airports located at the European continent (72.0%). Regarding embarked passengers, 80.2% corresponded to international traffic (76.2% in the same period last year), with the main destination being airports located at the European continent (72.1%).

Figure 2. Proportion of passengers disembarked and embarked at national airports by nature of traffic – October 2021

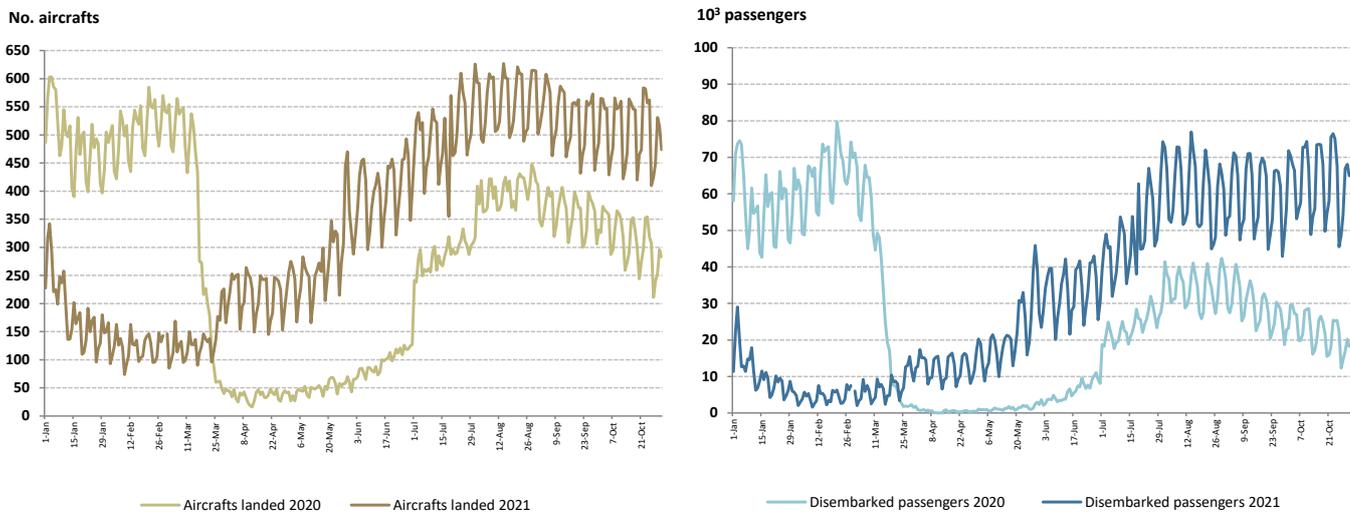


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Comparing the number of aircrafts landed and the number of passengers daily disembarked between January and October 2021 with the same period of 2020, in the second half of March, which, in year-on-year terms, coincides with the beginning of the restrictions adopted at the airspace level due to the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically in the last days of this month, there was an inversion of the trend with a growth in both indicators, and remained during the following months. After the second half of May there was a significant increase, with an upward trend being maintained in the following months. Despite the slight reduction recorded in September 2021 compared to the previous month, in October there was an increase, with a daily average of disembarked passengers of 64 thousand passengers at all national airports (59 thousand in September). This value was three times the value registered in the same month of 2020 and approached the level observed in October 2019 (86 thousand).

Figure 3. Aircrafts landed and disembarked passengers at national airports – daily



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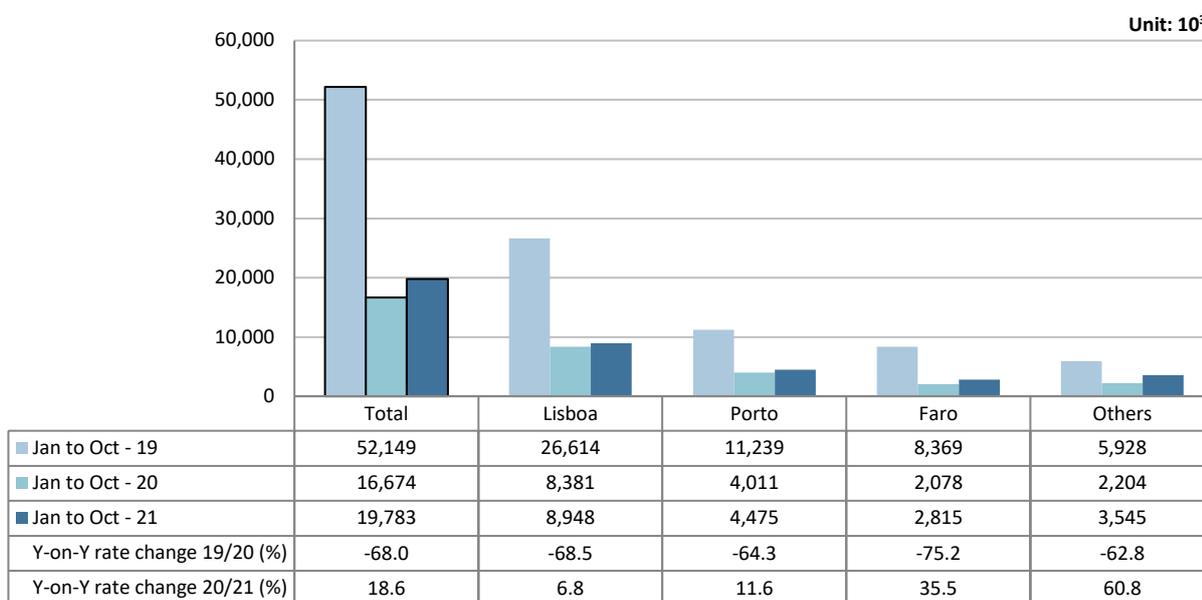
Accumulated traffic at national airports

Between **January and October 2021**, the number of passengers handled at national airports increased by 18.6% compared with the same period of 2020 (-68.0% in the same period of 2020; +6.6% in the same period of 2019). Compared, however, to the same period of 2019, correspond to a reduction of 62.1%.

In this period, the movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 45.2% of total handled passengers (8.9 million) and increased by 6.8%. Faro airport registered an increase of 35.5% in the movement of passengers in this period reaching 2.8 million passengers, which is still very far from the recorded value in the same period of 2019 (8.4 million passengers, -66.4%).



Figure 4. Movement of passengers at national airports



Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

Considering the volume of passengers disembarked and embarked on international flights between January and October 2021, France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, recording increases of 13.2% in the number of disembarked passengers and 10.9% in the number of embarked passengers, compared to the same period of 2020. Switzerland stood out with the highest growth in the number of embarked and disembarked passengers (+25.6% and +20.9%, respectively), occupying the 5th position.

Figure 5. Main countries of origin and destination of flights with passengers at national airports

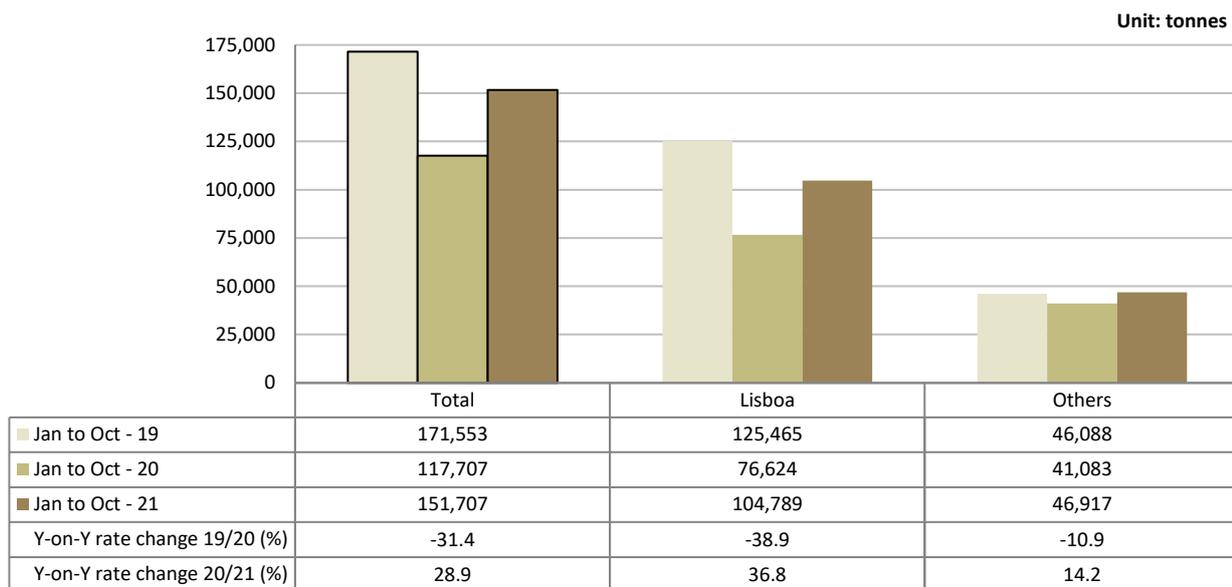
Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan to Oct - 2021		Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan to Oct - 2021	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)			Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)
1	France	1 467	13,2	1	France	1 443	10,9
2	United Kingdom	1 007	0,9	2	United Kingdom	992	-4,2
3	Germany	791	0,4	3	Germany	765	-8,0
4	Spain	665	-0,2	4	Spain	668	-1,5
5	Switzerland	518	25,6	5	Switzerland	524	20,9

Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)



Between January and October 2021, there was an increase of 28.9% in freight and mail handled at national airports (-31.4% in 2020). Compared to the same period in 2019, there was a decrease of 11.6%. The movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 69.1% of the total, corresponding to 104.8 thousand tonnes (+36.8% compared with the same period of the previous year). Considering the group of other airports, the movement of freight and mail increased by 14.2%.

Figure 6. Freight and mail movement at national airports



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METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In this Press Release the following statistical data are used:

2019: definitive results;

2020: definitive results;

2021: January to October preliminary results.



Main national airports (considered in this Press Release as national airports): Lisboa, Porto, Faro, Ponta Delgada, Funchal, Porto Santo, Beja, Horta, Flores, Santa Maria, Terceira (Lajes), Pico, Graciosa, São Jorge, Corvo, Portimão, Bragança, Cascais and Viseu.

Note: Vila Real remains closed.

SOURCES: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

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.

Monthly indicators at Statistics Portugal portal:

[Aircrafts landed \(No.\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Aircrafts landed \(No.\) in airports by Continent of origin; Monthly](#)

[Aircrafts unglued \(No.\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Disembarked passengers \(No.\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Disembarked passengers \(No.\) in Airports by Continent of origin; Monthly](#)

[Embarked passengers \(No.\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Embarked passengers \(No.\) in airports by Destination continent; Monthly](#)

[Passengers in direct transit \(No.\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Disembarked load \(t\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Embarked load \(t\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Disembarked mail \(t\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

[Embarked mail \(t\) in airports by Geographic localization, Type of traffic and Nature of traffic; Monthly](#)

ACRONYMS AND DESIGNATIONS

ANA	Portugal Airports, S.A.
ANAC	National Civil Aviation Authority
INE	Statistics Portugal

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Next Press Release “Transport activities” (4th Q 2021) - March 8, 2022
