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TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES
Air Transport Flash Statistics
January 2022

AIR TRANSPORT ACCELERATED IN JANUARY

In **January 2022**, there was a movement of 2.1 million passengers and 16,8 thousand tonnes of freight and mail at national airports (+177.4% and +39.2%, respectively), revealing an acceleration compared to the previous month (+168.7% and +31.7%). Compared to January 2020 (same month before the start of the pandemic), the movement of passengers at national airports decreased by 42.6% and the movement of freight and mail declined by 2.8%.

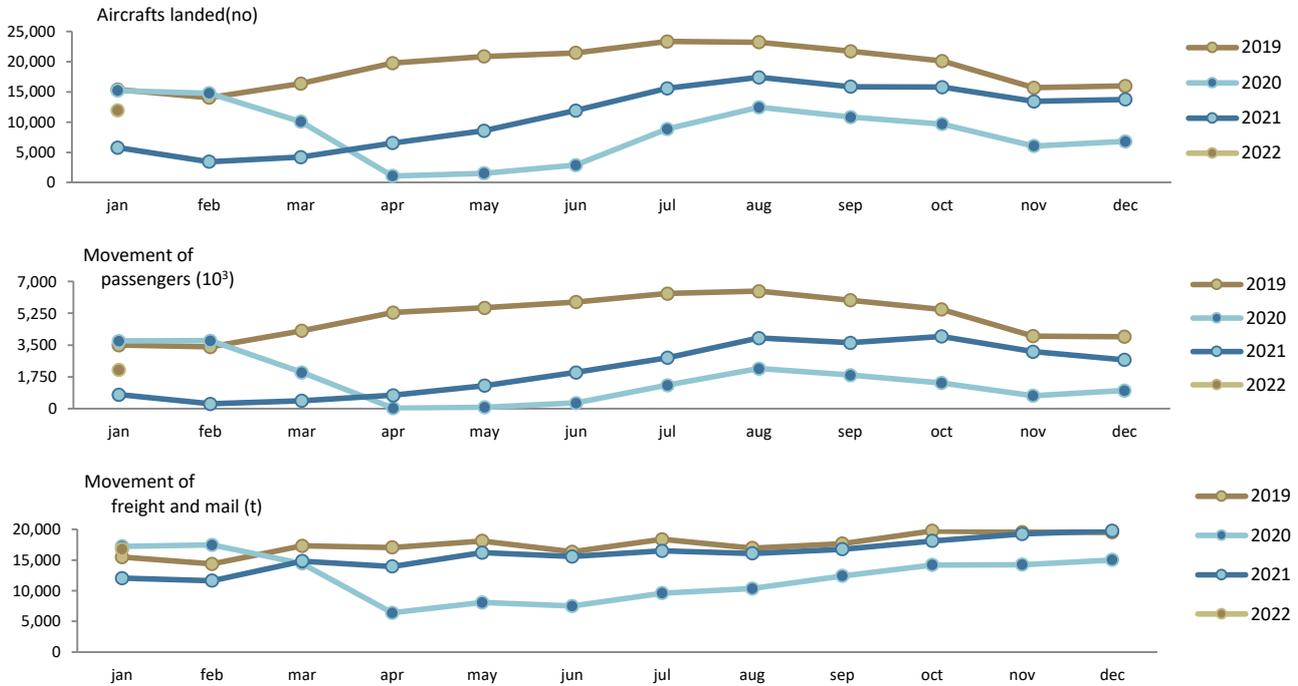
France remained the main country of origin and destination of flights, recording increases of 129.1% in the number of disembarked passengers and 69.9% in the number of embarked passengers, compared to the same month of 2021. The United Kingdom stood out with the highest growth in the number of embarked and disembarked passengers (+576.6% and +485.8%, respectively), occupying the 3rd position among the main countries of origin and the 2nd position among the main countries of destination.

In **January 2022**, 11.9 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, corresponding to 2.1 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 16.8 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled (+106.1%, +177.4% and +39.2%, respectively, compared to January 2021). In December 2021, there had been year-on-year variations of +101.7%, +168.7% and +31.7%, in the same order.

Compared to January 2020 (same month before the start of the pandemic), there were variations of -21.6% in the number of aircraft landed, -42.6% in the movement of passengers and -2.8% in the movement of freight and mail.



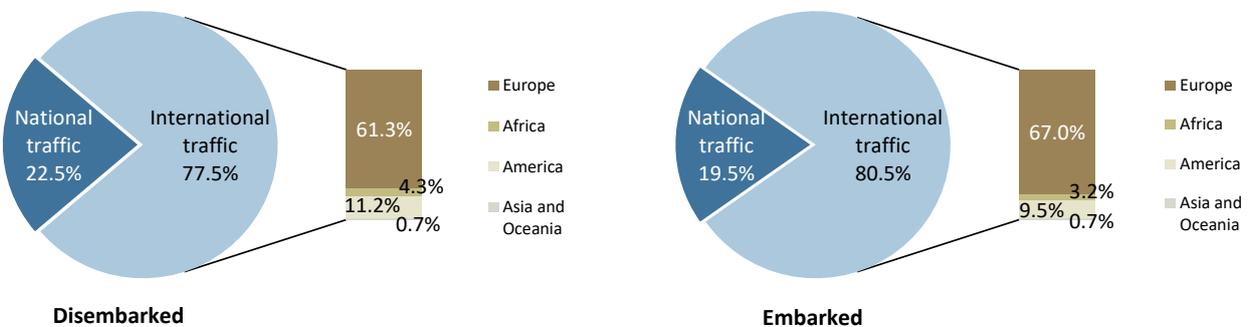
Figure 1. Aircrafts landed, passengers and freight/mail movement at national airports



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

Considering the total number of passengers disembarked in January 2022, 77.5% corresponded to international traffic (70.4% in the same month of 2021), the majority coming from airports located at the European continent (61.3%). Regarding embarked passengers, 80.5% corresponded to international traffic (77.5% in January 2021), with the main destination being airports located at the European continent (67.0%).

Figure 2. Proportion of passengers disembarked and embarked at national airports by nature of traffic – January 2022



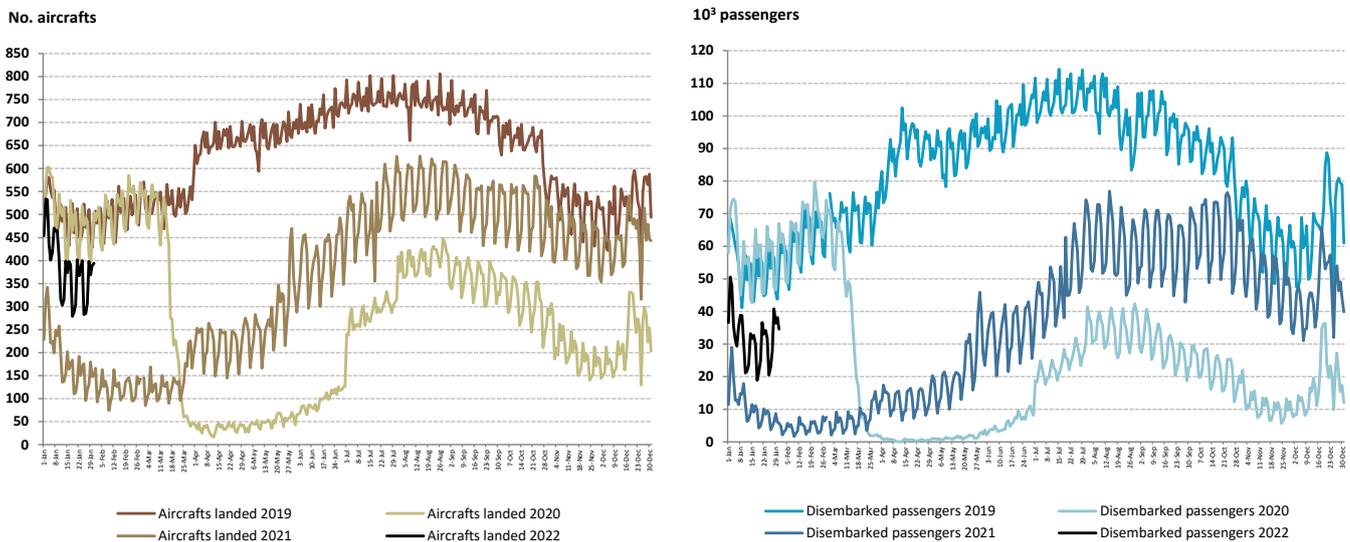
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Reflecting the impact of the pandemic and simultaneously the seasonal and weekly cycle fluctuations that significantly affect this economic activity, the following figure reveals that the effects of the pandemic were particularly visible, in both series, from mid-March 2020 and in the first quarters of 2021. Since then, the levels of both series in 2021 have been systematically above those of 2020, although far from the levels of 2019.

In January 2022, there was daily average of disembarked passengers of 31.9 thousand passengers at all national airports, a value significantly higher than that recorded in the same month of 2021 (10.6 thousand) but still far from that observed in January 2020 (57.6 thousand).

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

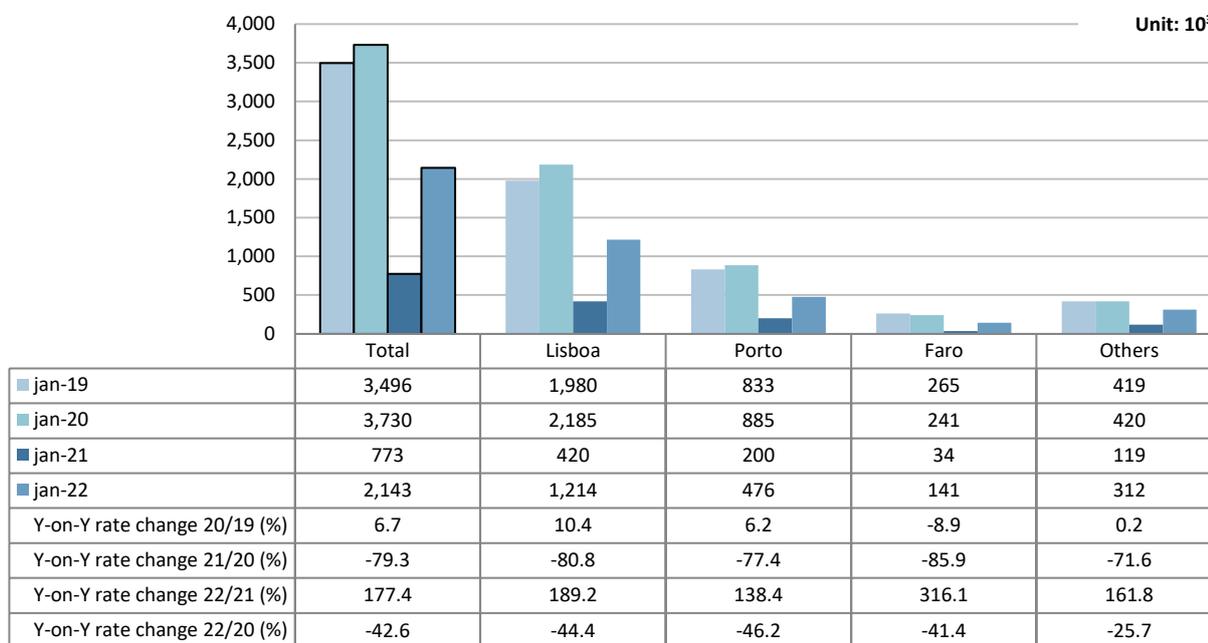


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In January 2022, the movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 56.6% of total handled passengers (1.2 million) and increased by 189.2% vis-à-vis January 2021 (-44.4% compared to January 2020). Considering the three airports with the highest annual passenger traffic, Faro recorded the major increase in the movement of passengers in January (+316.1%) revealing thus the smallest decrease compared to January 2020 (-41.4%). It is important to highlight that Madeira airport (at Madeira Island) was the 3rd airport with the highest passenger traffic in January 2022 (168.6 thousand, +220.3%), surpassing Faro airport.



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 in January 2022, France remained the main country of origin and destination of flights, recording increases of 129.1% in the number of disembarked passengers and 69.9% in the number of embarked passengers, compared to the same month of 2021. The United Kingdom stood out with the highest growth in the number of embarked and disembarked passengers (+576.6% and +485.8%, respectively), occupying the 3rd position among the main countries of origin and the 2nd position among the main countries of destination.

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

Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan 2022	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)
1	France	124.5	129.1
2	Spain	95.8	431.5
3	United Kingdom	74.0	576.6
4	Brazil	66.5	115.0
5	Germany	66.1	250.9

Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan 2022	
		Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y growth rate (%)
1	France	147.1	69.9
2	United Kingdom	108.0	485.8
3	Spain	98.2	371.3
4	Germany	94.8	159.2
5	Switzerland	74.0	90.6

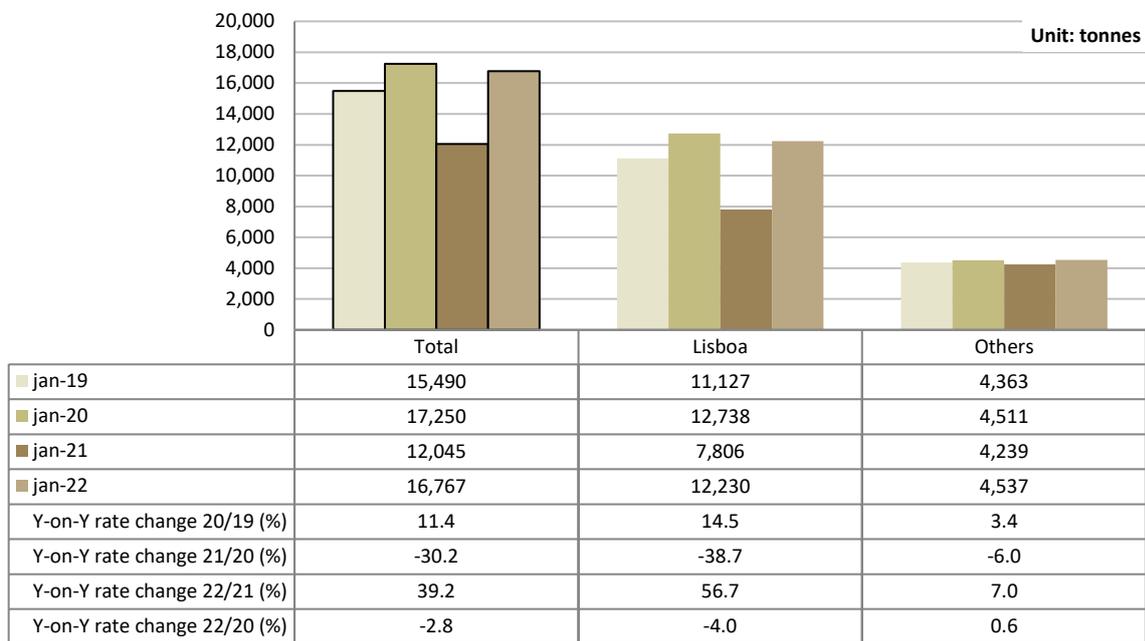
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In January 2022, the movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 72.9% of the total, corresponding to 12.2 thousand tonnes (+56.7% vis-à-vis January 2021). Compared to January 2020, there was a decrease of 4.0%.

Considering the group of other airports, the movement of freight and mail increased by 7.0% (+0,6% compared with January 2020).

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 and 2020: definitive results;

2021: provisional results;

2022: 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.

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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](#)



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