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THE MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS CONTINUED TO REACH MONTHLY HIGHS

In **January 2024**, 4.0 million passengers and 18.3 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled at national airports, corresponding to year-on-year variations of +1.6% and +9.6%, respectively, compared with January 2023.

At the beginning of 2024 there were still historic monthly highs of passengers at national airports. In January 2024, there was a daily average of 61.4 thousand passengers disembarked, a higher value than the one registered in January 2023 (60.7 thousand; +1.2%).

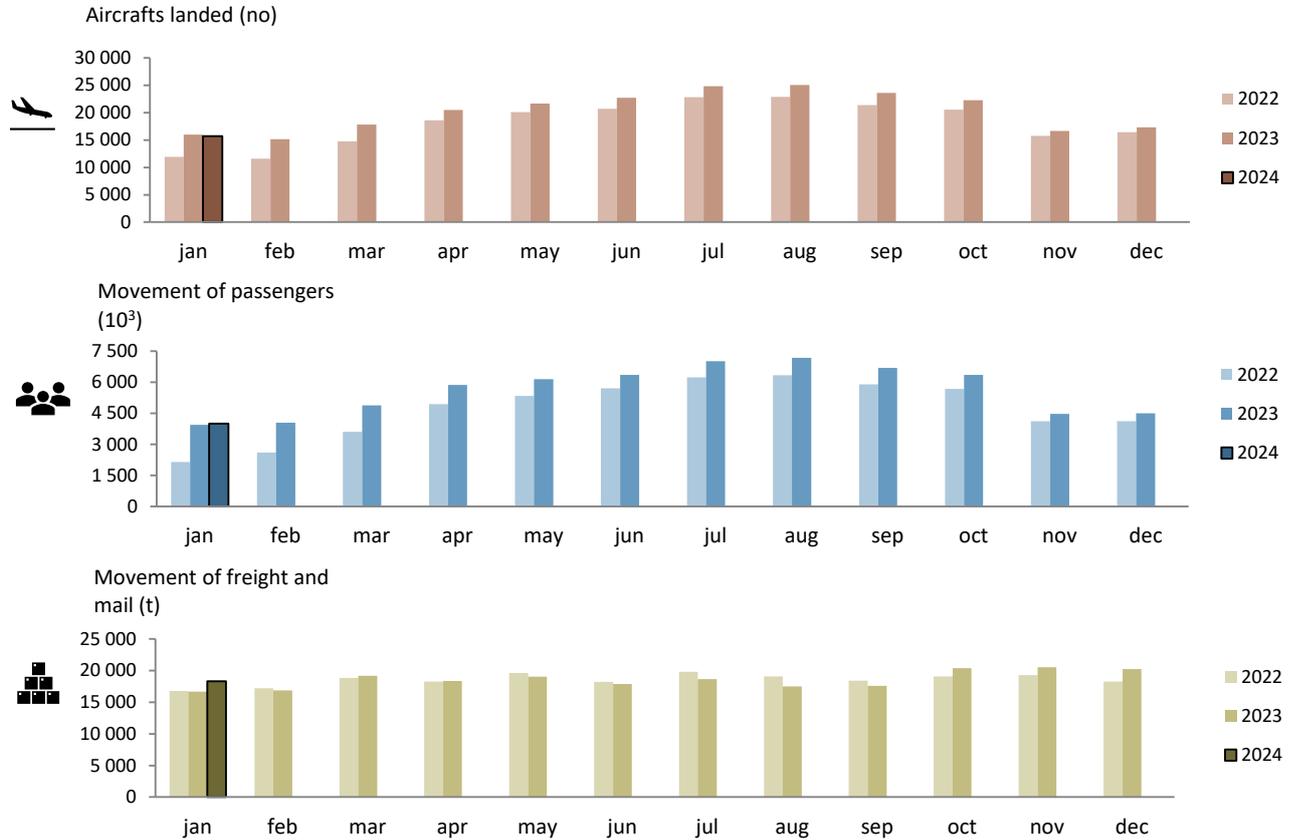
France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, despite a decrease in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared to January 2023 (-9.0%; -7.7%). Spain and the United Kingdom ranked 2nd and 3rd as the main countries of origin, and inversely as the main countries of destination.

4.0 passengers handled at national airports

In **January 2024**, 15.7 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, corresponding to 4.0 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 18.3 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled (-1.7%, +1.6% and +9.6%, respectively, compared with January 2023).



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



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

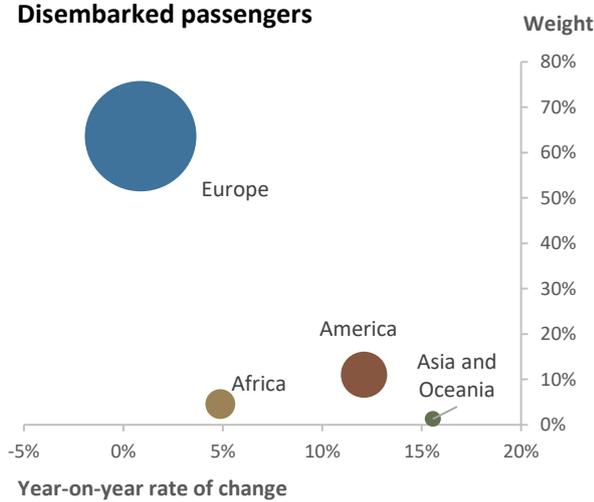
In January 2024, 80.5% of passengers disembarked at national airports corresponded to international traffic, reaching 1.5 million passengers (+2.7%), mostly from the European continent (63.6% of the total), corresponding to an increase of 0.9% compared with January 2023. The American continent was the second main origin, concentrating 11.0% of the total passengers disembarked (+12.1%).

Regarding embarked passengers, 82.2% corresponded to international traffic, totalling 1.7 million passengers (+3.5%), having as main destination airports in the European continent (67.0% of the total), recording an increase of 2.2% compared with January 2023. Airports in the American continent were the second main destination of embarked passengers (10.3% of the total; +13.1%).

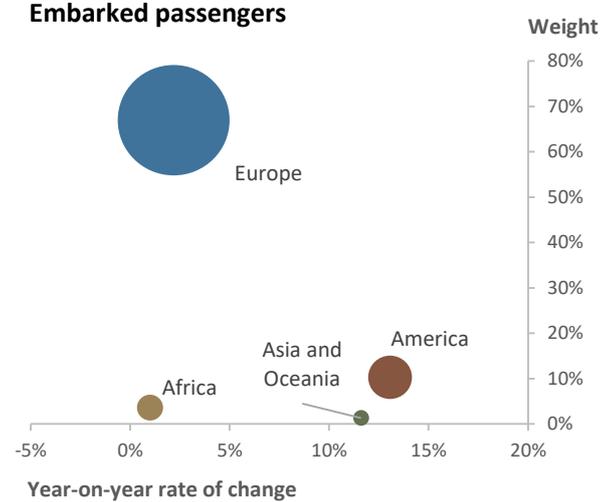


Figure 2. Passengers disembarked and embarked at national airports by nature at international traffic, by Continent of origin/destination – January 2024

Disembarked passengers



Embarked passengers



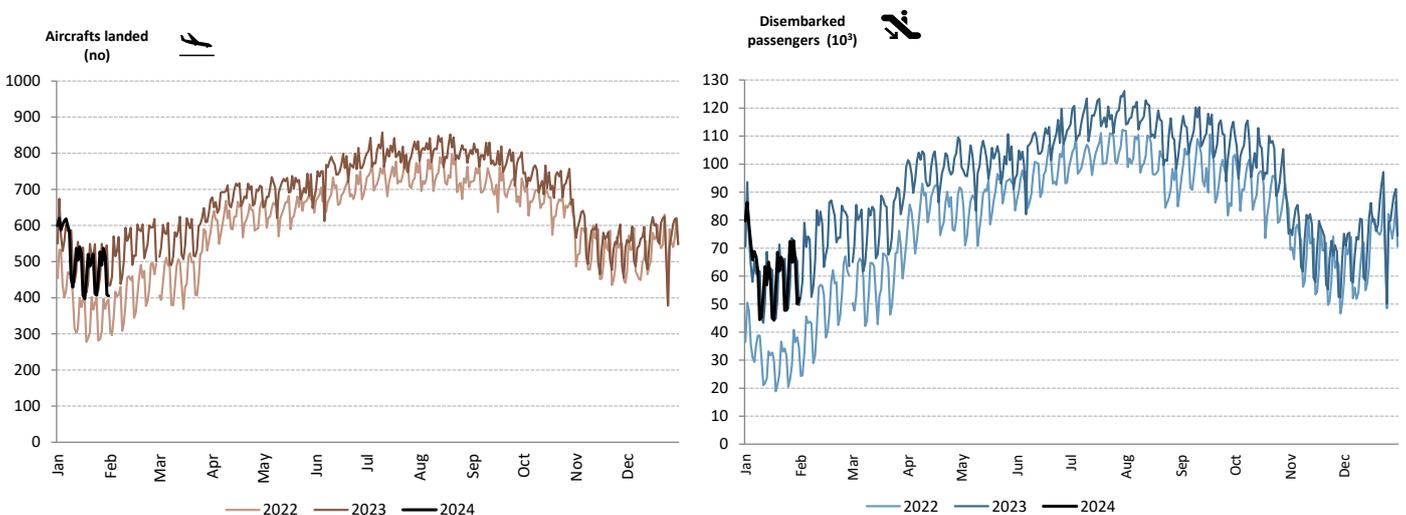
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Daily average of 61,4 thousand passengers disembarked

The daily movement of aircrafts and passengers is typically influenced by seasonal and weekly cycle fluctuations. The highest daily values are generally recorded during the summer period and Saturday is the day of the week with the highest number of disembarked passengers.

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



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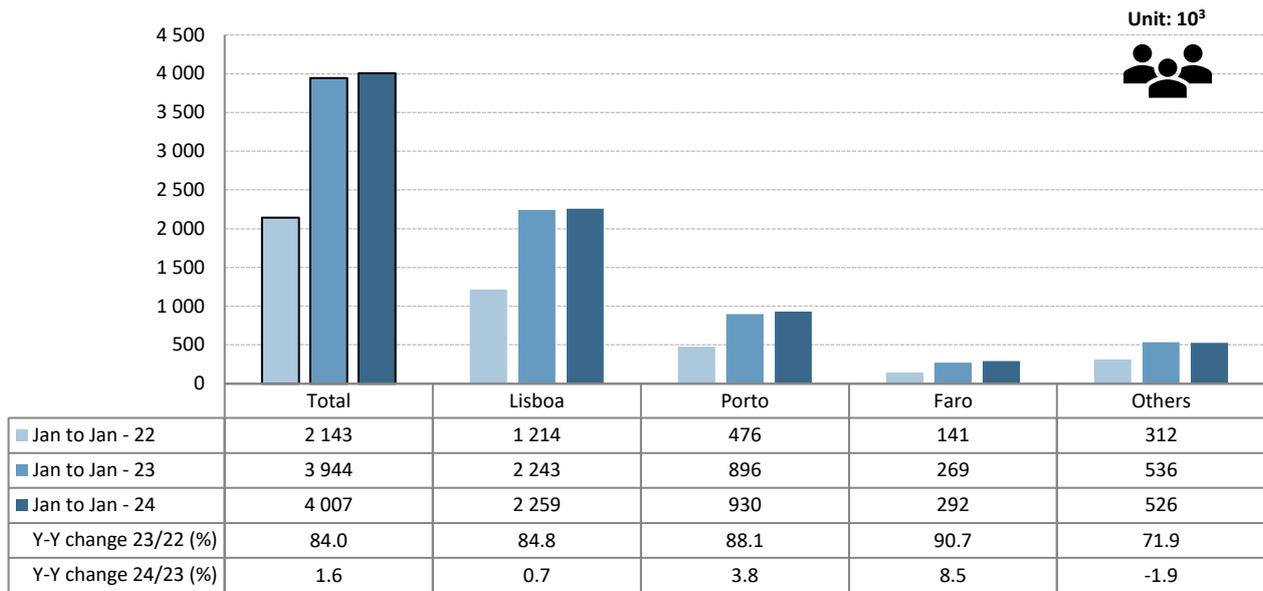


Movement of passengers at Madeira airport surpassed that of Faro, corresponding to the 3rd highest in terms of traffic in January 2024

In January 2024, the movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 56.4% of total handled passengers (2.3 million), +0.7% compared with January 2023. Faro airport recorded an increase of 8.5 in the movement of passengers (292.1 thousand) and Porto airport accounted for 23.2% of total passengers handled (930.1 thousand) and increased by 3.8%.

It is important to highlight that the Madeira airport was the 3rd airport with the highest passenger traffic in January 2024 (302.1 thousand; -3.7%), surpassing the 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 2024, France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, despite a decrease in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared to January 2023 (-9.0%; -7.7%). Spain and the United Kingdom ranked 2nd and 3rd as the main countries of origin, and inversely as the main countries of destination. Brazil and Germany switched between 4th and 5th position as country of origin or destination of the flights.



Table 1. Main countries of origin and destination of flights with passengers at national airports

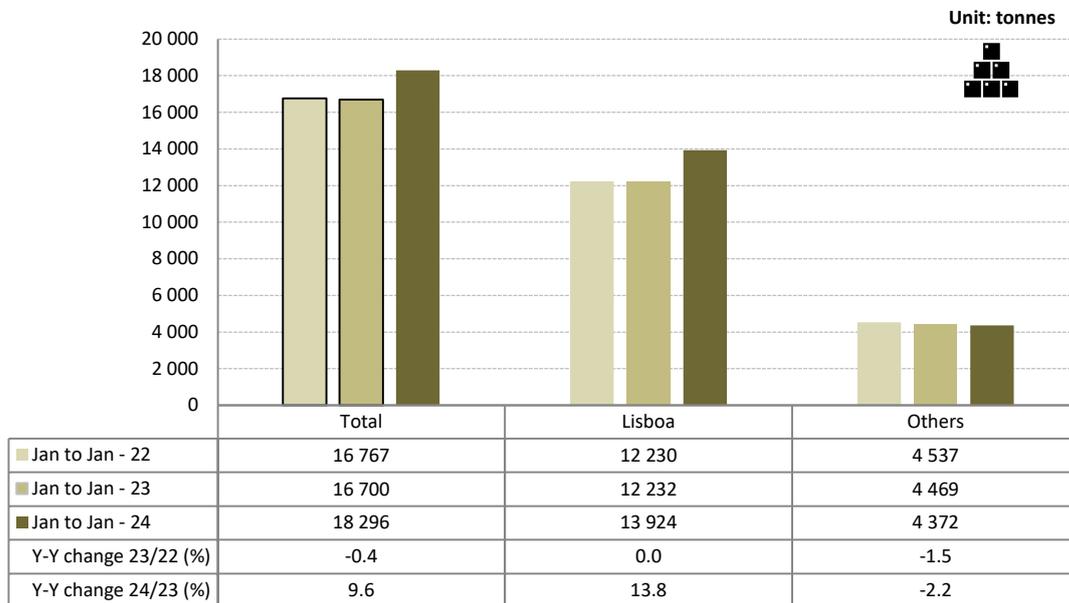
Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan to Jan 2023		Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan to Jan 2023	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)			Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)
1	France	216.5	-9.0	1	France	252.4	-7.7
2	Spain	214.6	-4.7	2	United Kingdom	232.3	0.1
3	United Kingdom	189.1	0.4	3	Spain	223.9	-5.9
4	Brazil	124.8	8.0	4	Germany	141.9	8.9
5	Germany	117.4	5.2	5	Brazil	115.9	7.5

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

In January 2024, there was an increase of 9.6% in freight and mail handled at national airports. The movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 76.1% of the total, corresponding to 13.9 thousand tonnes (+13.8% compared with January 2023).

Considering the group of other airports, the movement of freight and mail decreased by 2.2%.

Figure 5. Freight and mail movement at national airports



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



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In this Press Release the following statistical data are used:

2024: preliminary results;

2023: provisional results;

2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022: definitive results.

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

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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 take-offs \(No.\) 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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