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TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES
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MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS MAINTAINED GROWTH TREND

In **April 2025**, 6.5 million passengers and 21.4 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled at national airports, corresponding to year-on-year variations of +8.1% and +1.7%, respectively, compared with April 2024 (+2.1% and +3.9%, in the previous month, in the same order).

In April 2025, there was a daily average of 109.9 thousand passengers disembarked, 8.3% higher than the one registered in April 2024 (101.5 thousand).

The United Kingdom became the main country of origin and destination of flights, considering the first four month of 2025, recording an increase in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared with the same period of 2024 (+2.5% and +1.8%, respectively). France dropped to 2nd position and Spain remained in 3rd position, as countries of origin and of destination.

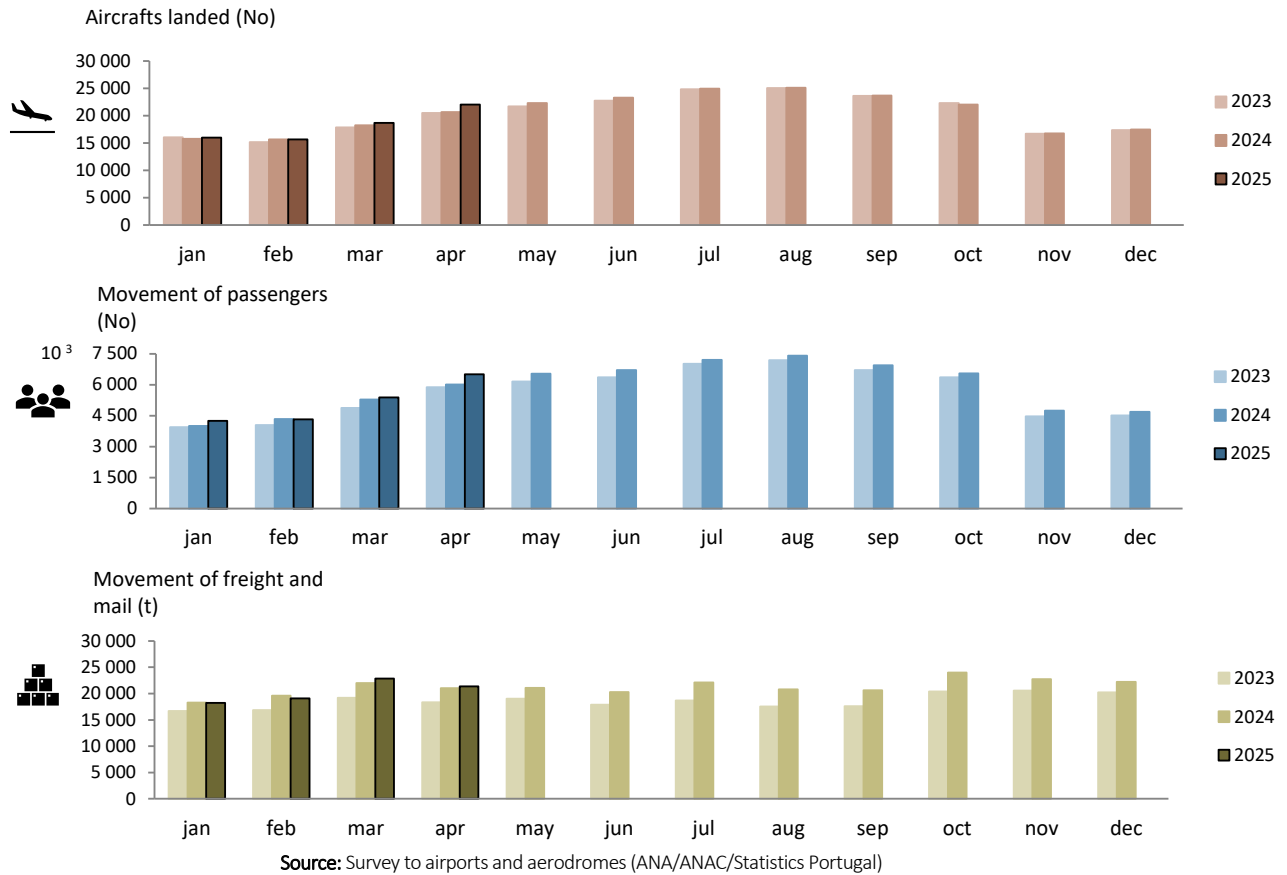
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Monthly traffic at national airports

In **April 2025**, 22.0 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, corresponding to 6.5 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 21.4 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled (+6.7%, +8.1% and +1.7%, respectively, compared with April 2024). In the previous month there were variations of: +2.6%, +2.1% and +3.9% in the same order.



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



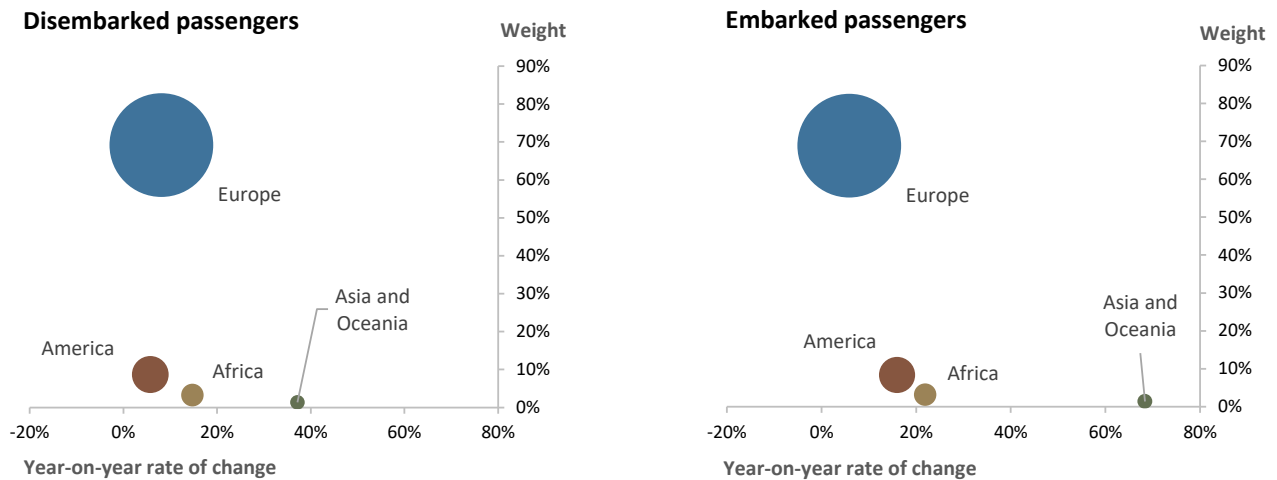
In April 2025, 82.5% of passengers disembarked at national airports corresponded to international traffic, reaching 2.7 million passengers (+8.5%¹), mostly from the European continent (69.2% of the total), corresponding to an increase of 8.1% compared with April 2024. The American continent was the second main origin, concentrating 8.7% of the total passengers disembarked (+5.8%).

Regarding embarked passengers, 81.9% corresponded to international traffic, totalling 2.6 million passengers (+8.1%), having 68.9% of the total as main destination airports in the European continent, recording an increase of 5.9% compared with April 2024. Airports in the American continent were the second main destination of embarked passengers (8.4% of the total; +15.9%).

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



Figure 2. Passengers disembarked and embarked at national airports by nature at international traffic, by Continent of origin/destination – April 2025

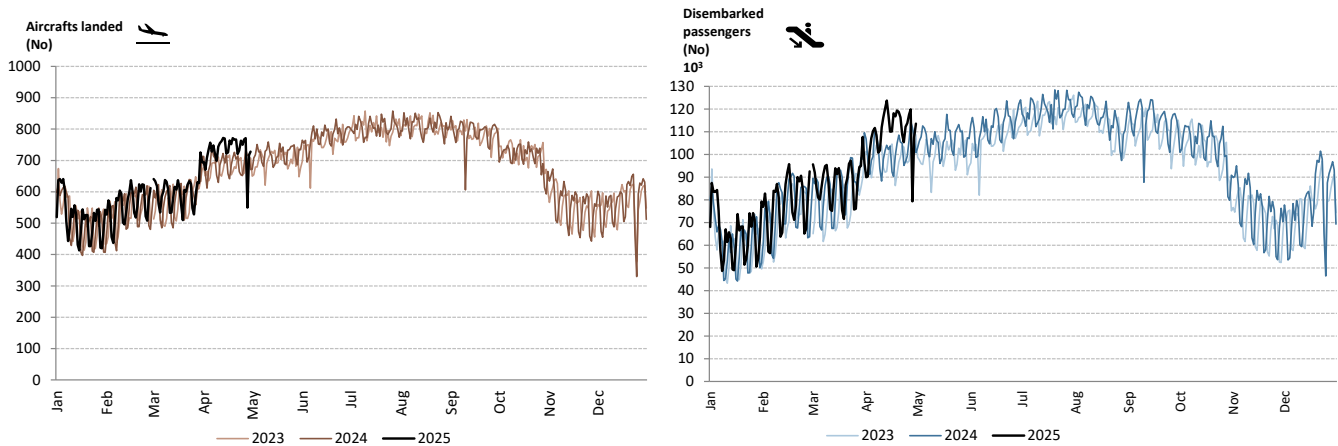


Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

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, in 2024, Sunday was the day of the week with the highest number of disembarked passengers.

Since the beginning of 2025, there have been historic monthly highs, with the exception of February, and a new historic monthly high in the number of passengers handled at national airports was reached in April. In terms of arrivals, there was a daily average of 109.9 thousand passengers disembarked in April 2025, a higher value than the one registered in April 2024 (101.5 thousand; +8.3%).

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



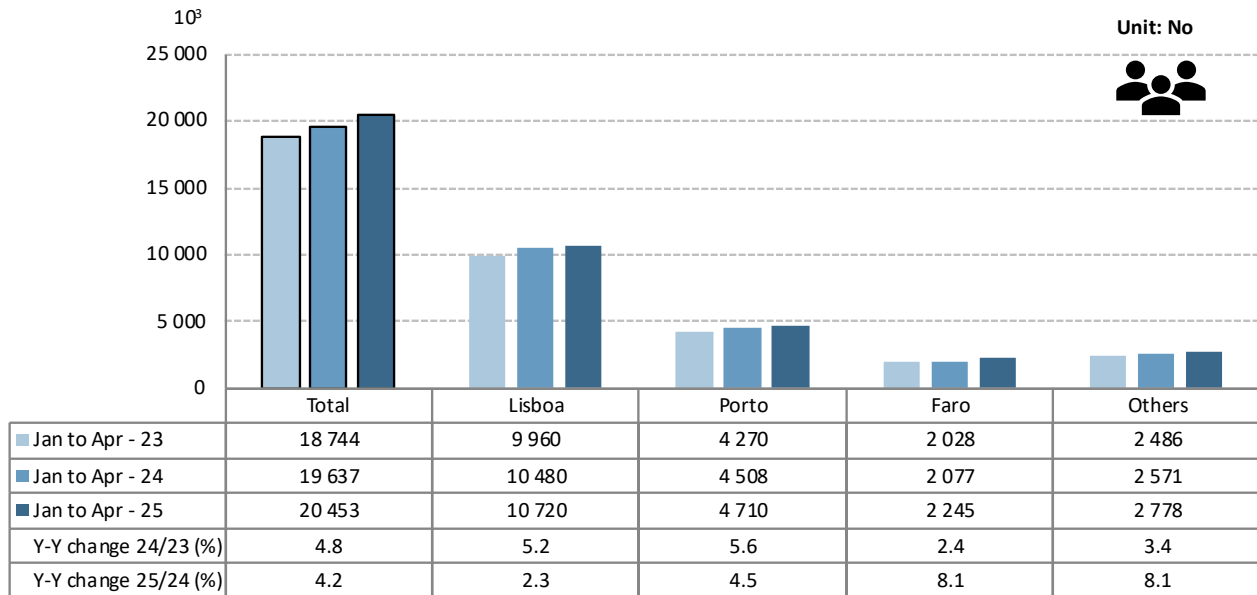
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Accumulated traffic at national airports

Between **January and April of 2025**, the movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 52.4% of the total handled passengers (10.7 million), +2.3% compared with the same period of 2024. Faro airport recorded an increase of 8.1% in the movement of passengers (2.2 million; 11.0% of the total) and Porto airport accounted for 23.0% of the total passengers handled (4.7 million) and increased by 4.5%.

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 April of 2025, the United Kingdom became the main country of origin and destination of flights, recording an increase in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared with the same period of 2024 (+2.5% and +1.8%, respectively). France dropped to 2nd position, with no significant changes compared with the same period of 2024. Spain and Germany remained in 3rd and 4th position. Italy occupied the 5th position as country of origin and destination of the flights.



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

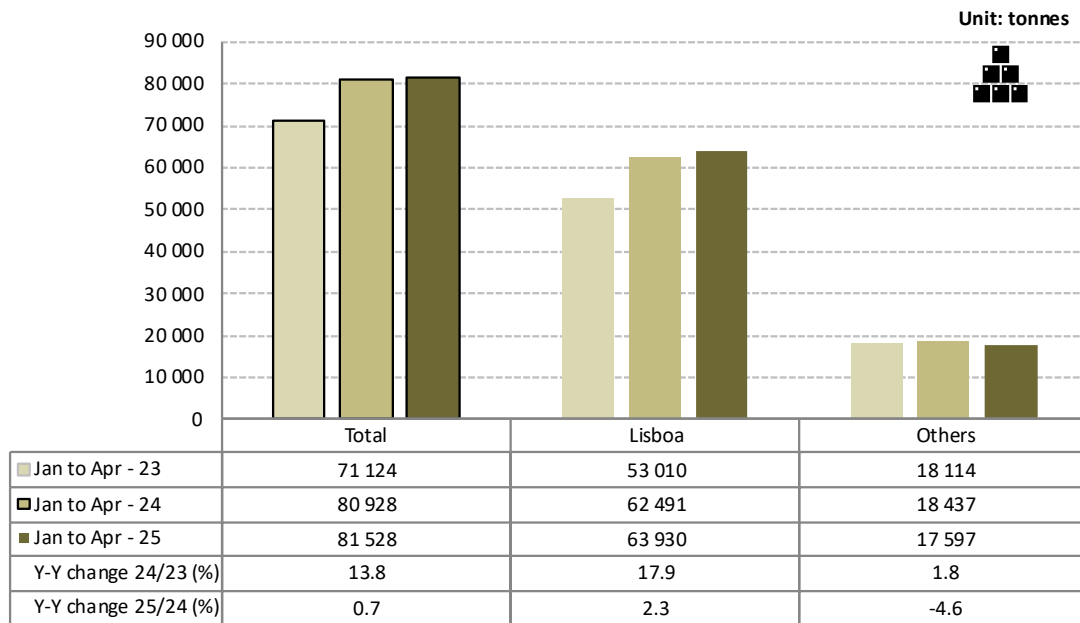
Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Unit: No		Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Unit: No	
		Jan to Apr 2025				Jan to Apr 2025	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)			Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)
1	United Kingdom	1 255.5	2.5	1	United Kingdom	1 253.1	1.8
2	France	1 249.7	0.1	2	France	1 230.6	-0.5
3	Spain	1 011.6	-2.0	3	Spain	1 011.8	-0.3
4	Germany	753.0	7.6	4	Germany	754.1	7.3
5	Italy	510.8	6.2	5	Italy	515.3	6.2

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

Between January and April of 2025, there was a slight increase (+0.7%) in freight and mail handled at national airports. The movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 78.4% of the total, reaching 63.9 thousand tonnes (+2.3% compared with the same period of 2024).

Considering the group of other airports, the movement of freight and mail decreased by 4.6%.

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:

2025: preliminary results;

2024: provisional results;

2023: 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.

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.

INTERACTIVE APPLICATION AT STATISTICS PORTUGAL:

[Interactive Application](#) (available only in Portuguese)

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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