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MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS INCREASED BY 2.9%

In **May 2026**, 7.1 million passengers and 22.1 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled at national airports, corresponding to year-on-year variations of +2.9% and -3.3%, respectively (+2.1% and +3.2%, in the previous month, in the same order).

In that month, there was a daily average of 115.5 thousand passengers disembarked, higher than the 112.8 thousand recorded in May 2025, which corresponds to an increase of 2.4%.

Between January and May of 2026, the United Kingdom remained the main country of origin and destination of flights. France, Spain and Germany retained 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, respectively. Brazil completed the group of the top five countries of origin, while Italy ranked 5th between the main destination countries.

Consult the information on the Interactive Application (available only in Portuguese).

TRAFFIC AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS – MONTHLY VALUES

In **May 2026**, there were 23.8 thousand commercial aircraft landings at national airports. 7.1 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 22.1 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled. Compared with May 2025, the number of aircraft landings increased 1.5% and passengers handled grew 2.9%, while the movement of freight and mail decreased 3.3%. In the previous month, the year-on-year changes were +0.7%, +2.1% and +3.2%, in the same order.

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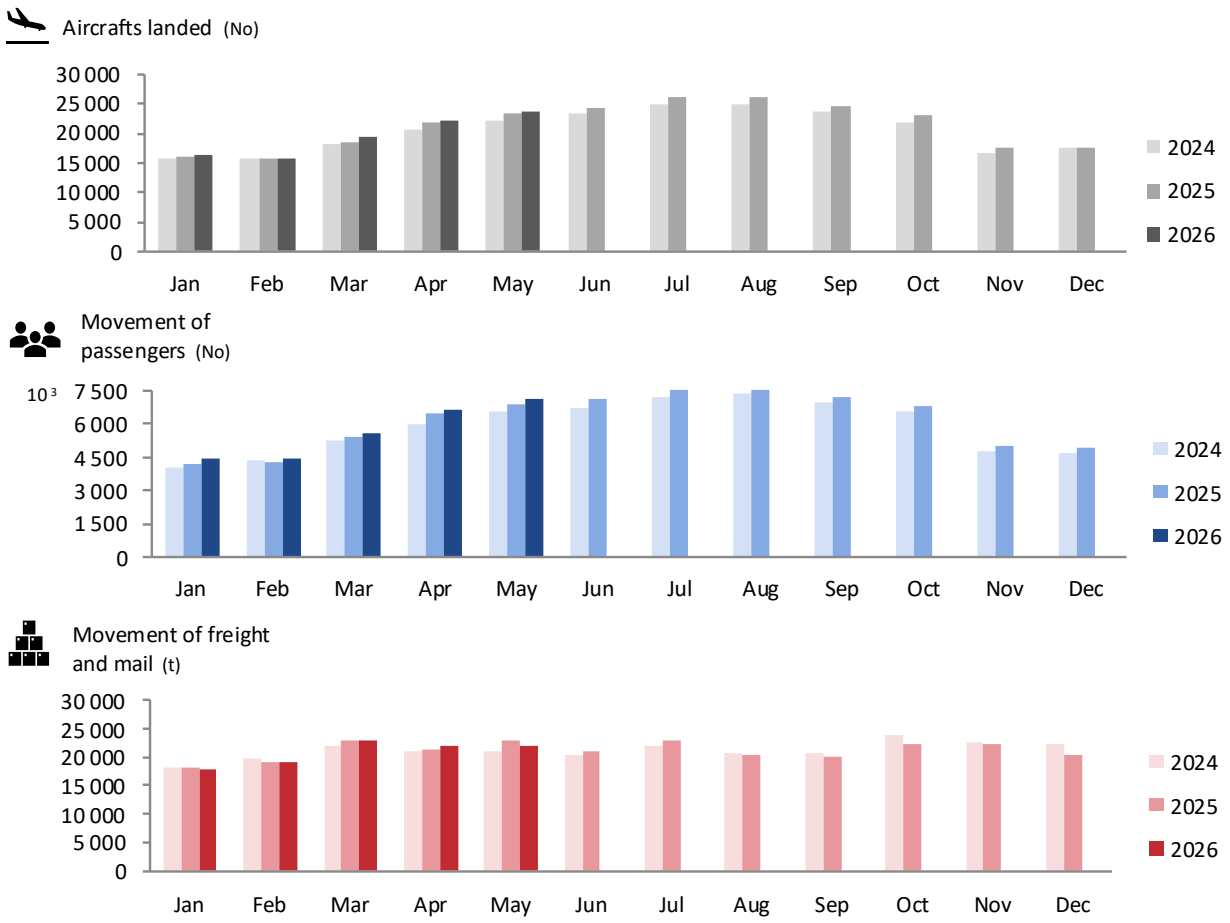
Figure 1

AIRCRAFTS LANDED, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT/MAIL MOVEMENT AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS



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

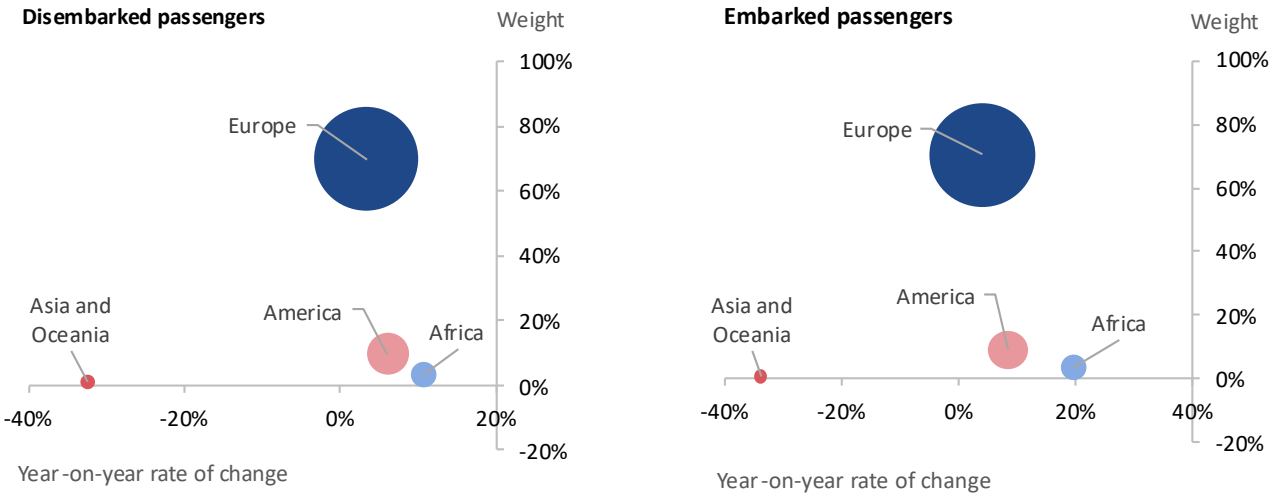
In May 2026, 83.9% of passengers disembarked at national airports corresponded to international traffic, reaching 3.0 million passengers (+3.3%[1]). Europe remained the main origin of these passengers, representing 69.6% of the total (+3.3%). The American continent remained the second-largest origin, concentrating 9.7% of the total of passengers disembarked (+6.0%).

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

Regarding embarked passengers, 83.6% corresponded to international traffic, totalling 2.9 million passengers (+4.6%). Europe remained the main destination, concentrating 70.5% of the total of embarked passengers and recording an increase of 4.1% compared with May 2025. The American continent remained the second main destination (9.0% of the total; +8.6%).

Figure 2

PASSENGERS DISEMBARKED AND EMBARKED AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS BY NATURE AT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC, BY CONTINENT OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION – MAY 2026



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

The movement of passengers at national airports reached another historic high in May 2026, following the historic highs reached in the previous four months. In that month, there was a daily average of 115.5 thousand passengers disembarked, higher than the 112.8 thousand recorded in May 2025, which represents an increase of 2.4%.

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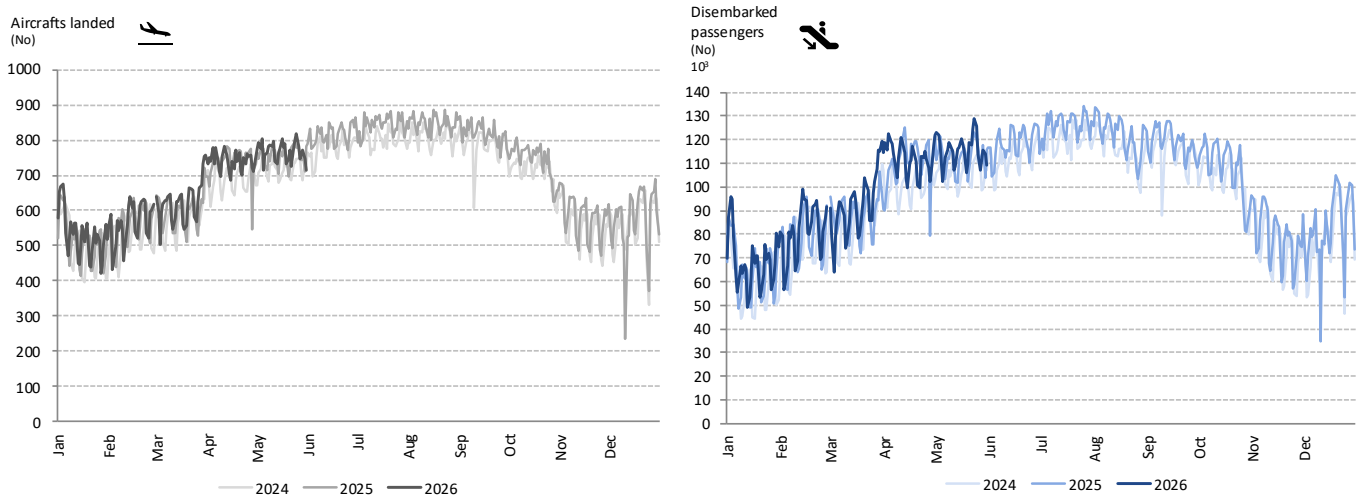
Figure 3

AIRCRAFTS LANDED AND DISEMBARKED PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS – DAILY



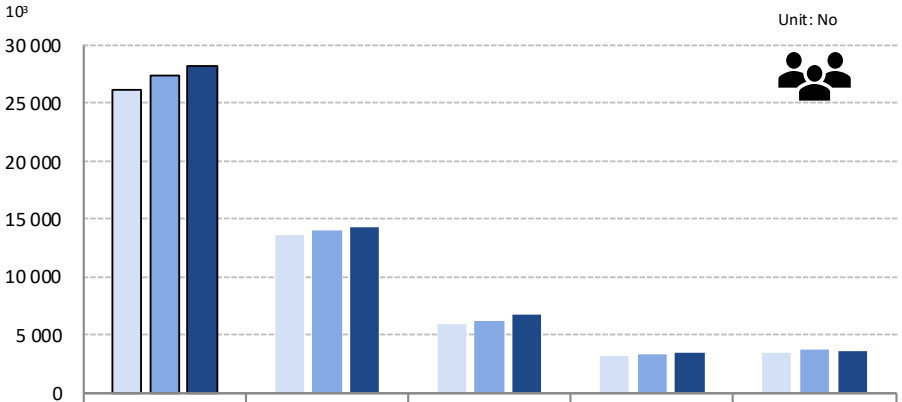
Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

TRAFFIC AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS – ACCUMULATED VALUES

Between January and May of 2026, the movement of passengers at national airports increased by 3.2% compared with 2025 (+4.5% in 2025). Lisboa airport concentrated 50.6% of the total passengers handled, corresponding to 14.3 million passengers and a year-on-year growth of 2.1%. Porto airport recorded 6.8 million passengers handled (24.0% of the total), with an increase of 7.9%. Faro airport recorded 3.5 million passengers handled (12.5% of the total), representing a year-on-year increase of 4.0%.

Figure 4

MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS



	Total	Lisboa	Porto	Faro	Others
Jan to May - 24	26 174	13 613	5 978	3 153	3 430
Jan to May - 25	27 363	13 987	6 274	3 393	3 709
Jan to May - 26	28 244	14 280	6 771	3 528	3 665
Y-Y change 25/24 (%)	4.5	2.7	4.9	7.6	8.1
Y-Y change 26/25 (%)	3.2	2.1	7.9	4.0	-1.2

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

Considering the passengers disembarked and embarked on international flights between January and May of 2026, the United Kingdom remained the main country of origin and destination of flights with passengers. Compared with the same period of 2025, the number of passengers disembarking from the United Kingdom increased 4.0%, while the number of embarked passengers with that country as their destination increased 4.3%. France, Spain and Germany retained 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, respectively. Brazil completed the group of the top five countries of origin, while Italy ranked 5th between the main destination countries.

Table 1

MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF FLIGHTS WITH PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS

Unit: No

Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan to May 2026	
		Passengers disembarked (10^3)	Y-on-Y change (%)
1	United Kingdom	1 856.2	4.0
2	France	1 509.1	-8.6
3	Spain	1 451.1	7.9
4	Germany	1 045.7	2.4
5	Brazil	737.4	17.9

Unit: No

Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan to May 2026	
		Passengers embarked (10^3)	Y-on-Y change (%)
1	United Kingdom	1 816.3	4.3
2	France	1 518.0	-7.3
3	Spain	1 446.1	7.8
4	Germany	1 044.2	2.4
5	Italy	707.3	2.9

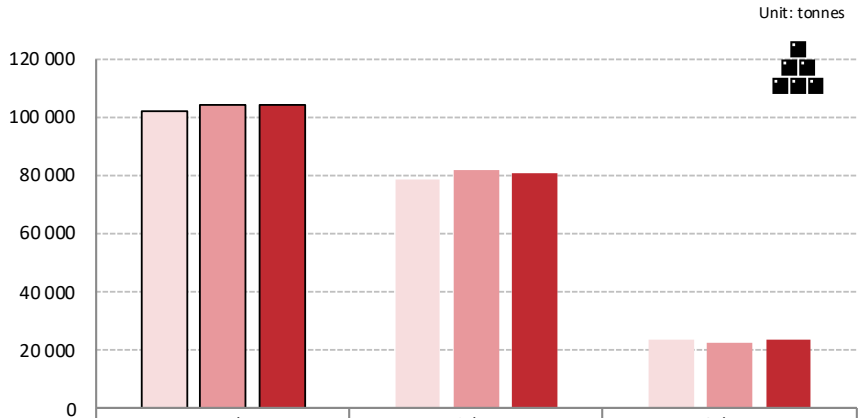
Source: Survey to airports and aerodromes (ANA/ANAC/Statistics Portugal)

Between January and May of 2026, the movement of freight and mail at national airports slightly decreased (-0.3%; +2.3% in 2025). Lisbon airport handled 80.5 thousand tonnes of freight and mail (77.4% of this total), corresponding to a decrease of 1.5%.

Conversely, the group of the remaining airports recorded an increase of 4.2% in the movement of freight and mail.

Figure 5

FREIGHT AND MAIL MOVEMENT AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS



	Total	Lisboa	Others
Jan to May - 24	102 029	78 644	23 385
Jan to May - 25	104 346	81 725	22 620
Jan to May - 26	104 081	80 509	23 573
Y-Y change 25/24 (%)	2.3	3.9	-3.3
Y-Y change 26/25 (%)	-0.3	-1.5	4.2

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

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In this Press Release the following statistical data are used:

2026: preliminary results;

2025: provisional results;

2024: 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.

INTERATIVE 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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