

Global passenger traffic continued along the growth path as the number of passengers grew by 4.5% for the month of June

This is on par with the average 12 month growth trend of 4.7%. International travel continued to maintain momentum by contributing to the upward surge in passenger traffic with an increase of 5% in June. Domestic passenger markets moved up by 4.2% for the month.

Most regions posted strong gains in passenger traffic, with the exception of Africa, which was almost flat for the month of June as compared to the previous year. Europe posted the highest growth rate (6.1%) since passenger numbers were significantly depressed in 2013 due to the Euro area crisis. The top 30 busiest airports in Europe all posted gains in passenger traffic. On the other hand, Asia-Pacific experienced more subdued growth in June with mixed results across many airports in the region. While Tokyo (HND) posted strong gains of 7.6%, growth at Beijing (PEK) was almost flat with respect to the previous year. Jakarta (CGK), Indonesia's busiest airport, also saw a decline in passenger traffic of 6.9%. Several airlines are pulling back on services in an effort to restructure operations in the region. The Middle East was also well below the 12-month growth trend in June with growth of only 4.4%. The low growth rate is mainly attributable to the closure of a runway at Dubai (DXB), which was being refurbished over the summer months.

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