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TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AT NATIONAL AIRPORTS MAINTAINS INCREASING TREND IN FEBRUARY

In **February 2024**, 4.3 million passengers and 19.6 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled at national airports, corresponding to year-on-year variations of +7.3% and +16.3%, respectively, compared with February 2023.

At the beginning of 2024 there were still historic monthly highs of passengers at national airports. In February 2024, there was a daily average of 76.6 thousand passengers disembarked, a higher value than the one registered in February 2023 (73.6 thousand; +4.0%).

France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, despite a decrease in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared with the same period of 2023 (-6.6%; -6.4%). Spain and the United Kingdom ranked 2nd and 3rd as the main countries of origin, and inversely as the main countries of destination.

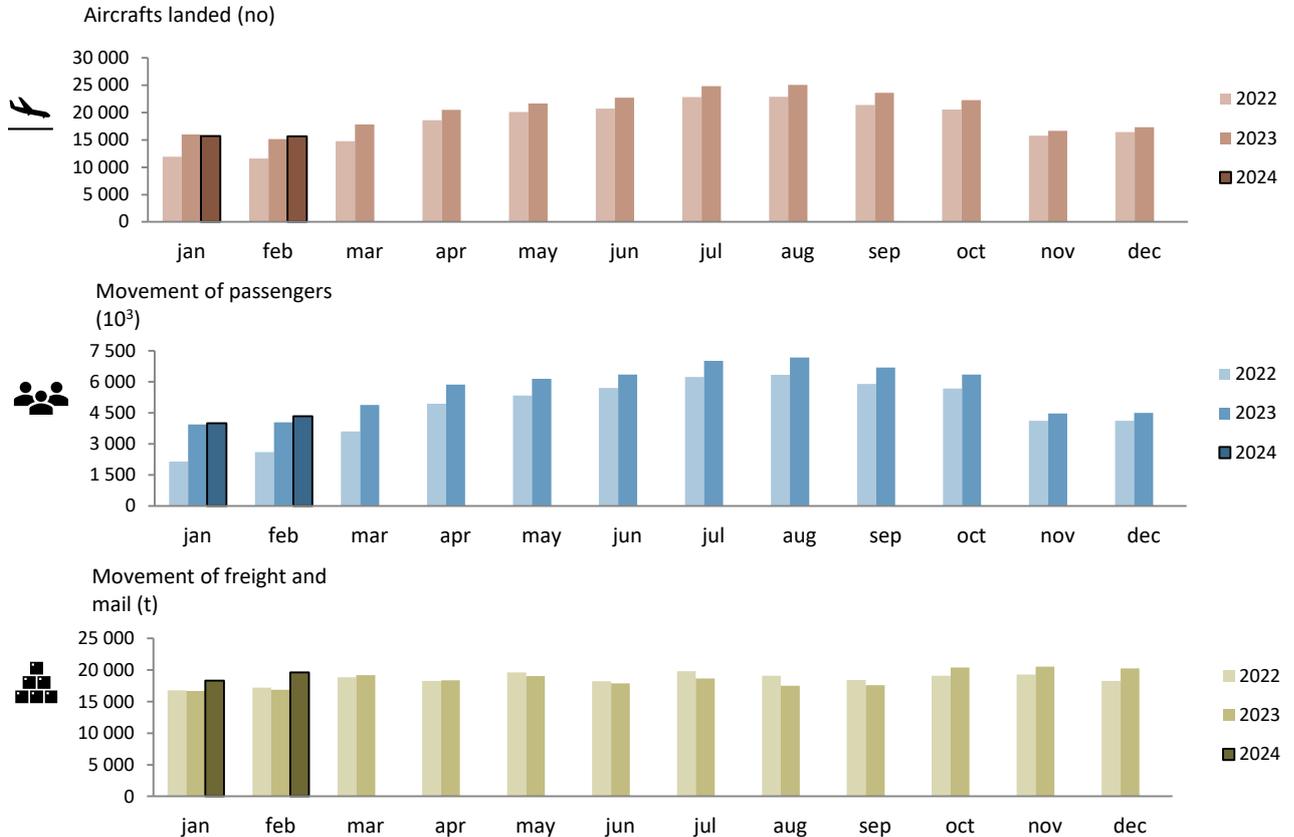
A new interactive platform with monthly data on the subject will be presented on April 18.

4.3 million passengers handled at national airports

In **February 2024**, 15.7 thousand commercial aircrafts landed at national airports, corresponding to 4.3 million passengers (embarked, disembarked and direct transits) and 19.6 thousand tonnes of freight and mail were handled (+3.2%, +7.3% and +16.3%, respectively, compared with February 2023).



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



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

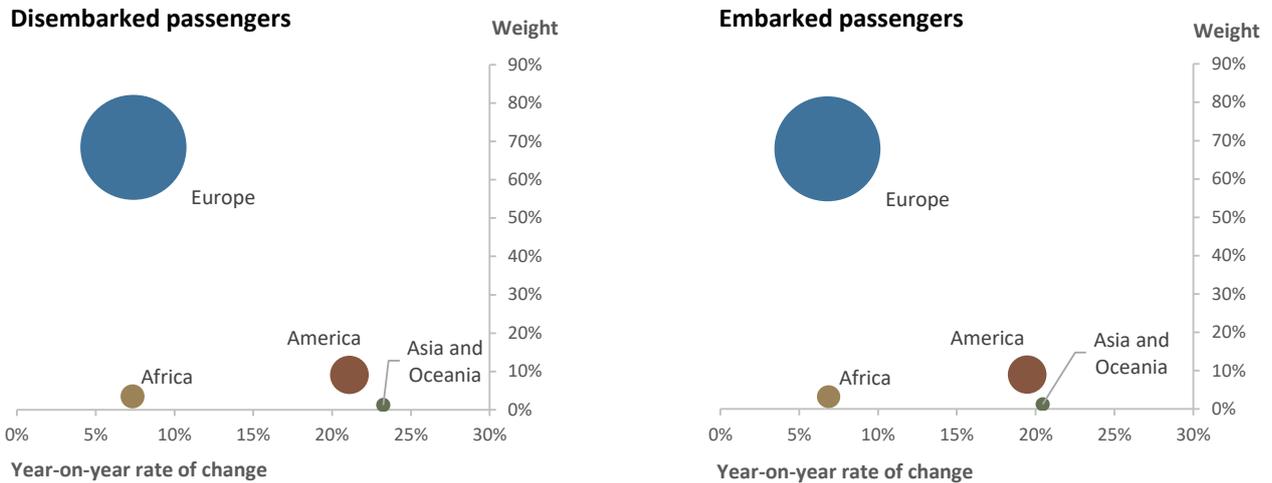
In February 2024, 82.3% of passengers disembarked at national airports corresponded to international traffic, reaching 1.8 million passengers (+9.0%¹), mostly from the European continent (68.4% of the total), corresponding to an increase of 7.4% compared with February 2023. The American continent was the second main origin, concentrating 9.1% of the total passengers disembarked (+21.1%).

Regarding embarked passengers, 81.3% corresponded to international traffic, totalling 1.7 million passengers (+8.3%), having as main destination airports in the European continent (67.9% of the total), recording an increase of 6.8% compared with February 2023. Airports in the American continent were the second main destination of embarked passengers (9.0% of the total; +19.5%).

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 – February 2024



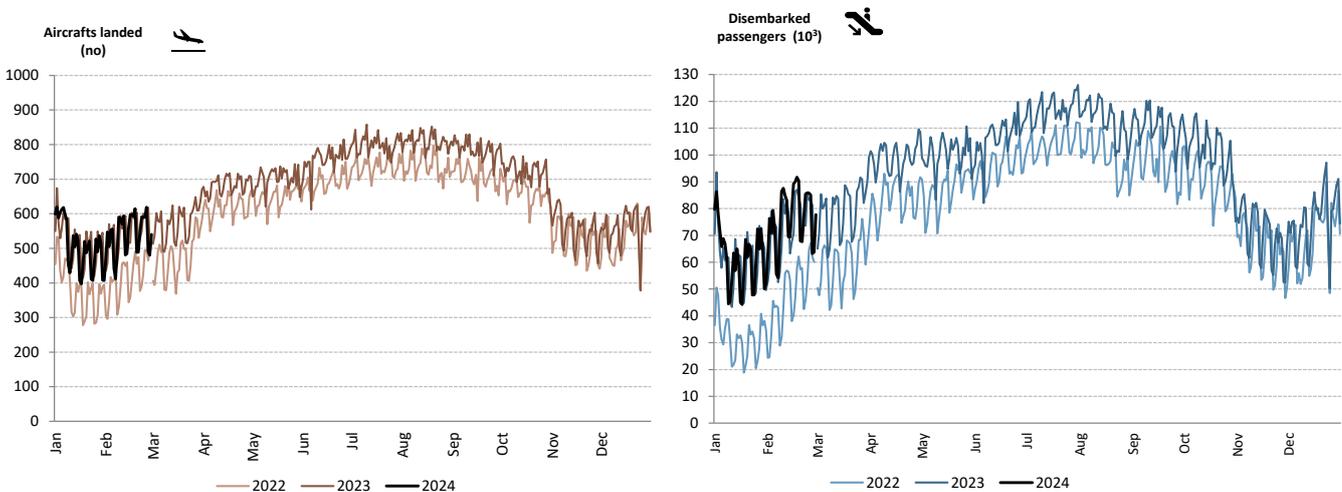
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Daily average of 76.6 thousand passengers disembarked

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, last year, Saturday was the day of the week with the highest number of disembarked passengers.

At the beginning of 2024 there were still historic monthly highs of passengers at national airports. In February 2024, there was a daily average of 76.6 thousand passengers disembarked, a higher value than the one registered in February 2023 (73.6 thousand; +4.0%).

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



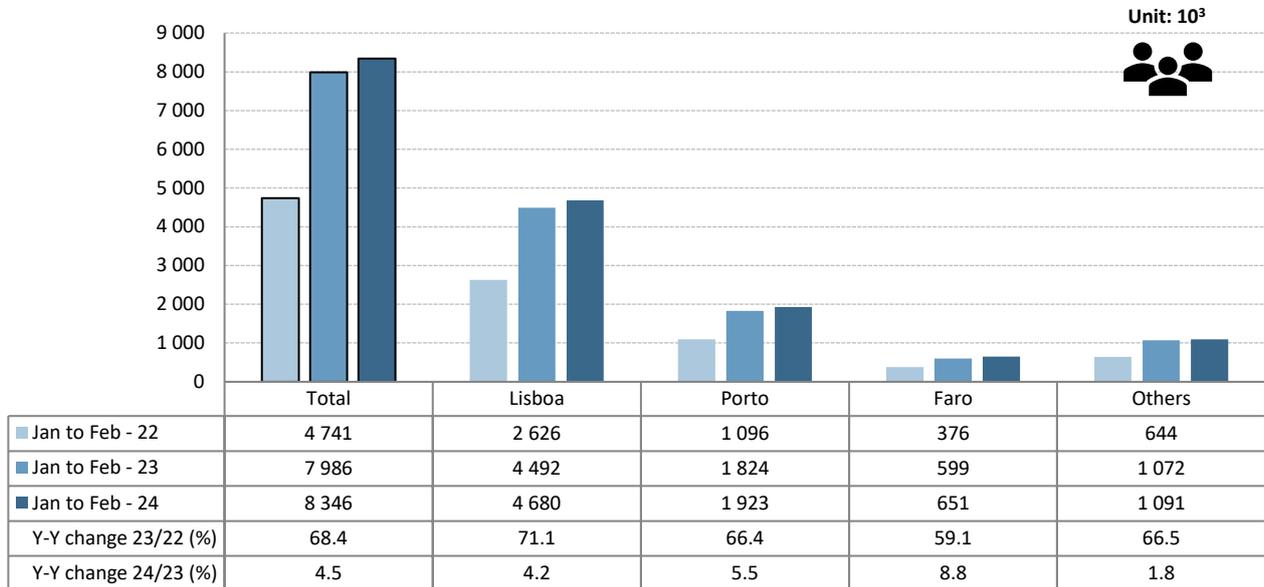
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Movement of passengers at Faro airport increased by 8.8% in the first two months

In the first two months of 2024, the movement of passengers in Lisboa airport corresponded to 56.1% of total handled passengers (4.7 million), +4.2% compared with the first two months of 2023. Faro airport recorded an increase of 8.8% in the movement of passengers (651.4 thousand) and Porto airport accounted for 23.0% of total passengers handled (1.9 million) and increased by 5.5%.

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 in the first two months of 2024, France was the main country of origin and destination of flights, despite a decrease in the number of disembarked and embarked passengers compared with the same period of 2023 (-6.6%; -6.4%). 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 occupied the 4th and 5th position.



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

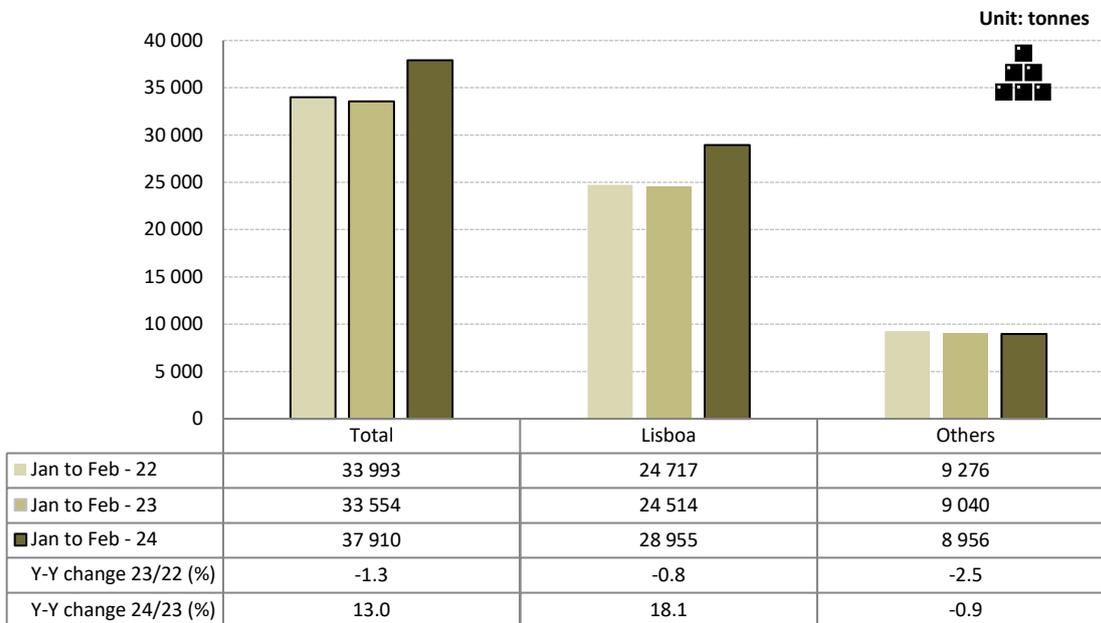
Ranking	Country of origin (of the flight)	Jan to Feb 2023		Ranking	Country of destination (of the flight)	Jan to Feb 2023	
		Passengers disembarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)			Passengers embarked (10 ³)	Y-on-Y change (%)
1	France	509.5	-6.6	1	France	517.5	-6.4
2	Spain	457.2	-0.4	2	United Kingdom	481.3	3.4
3	United Kingdom	454.7	4.8	3	Spain	457.4	-1.5
4	Germany	272.1	10.2	4	Germany	283.1	10.8
5	Brazil	231.8	9.3	5	Brazil	220.8	11.2

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

In the first two months of 2024, there was an increase of 13.0% in freight and mail handled at national airports. The movement of freight and mail at Lisboa airport represented 76.4% of the total, corresponding to nearly 29.0 thousand tonnes (+18.1% compared with the same period of 2023).

Considering the group of other airports, the movement of freight and mail decreased by 0.9%.

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;

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.

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.

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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