

Press Release

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Monthly traffic statistics

Double-digit growth in February: +10.7%

Bordeaux Airport saw 422,100 passengers, an increase of 10.7% on February 2018. In just two months, over 73,000 more passengers have passed through the airport. International traffic continued to rise, with 13.6% growth and 210,000 passengers. Low-cost flights drove growth with an outstanding increase of 19.7%, representing more than half of all passengers, at 220,600 in the course of the month. Domestic traffic was also up, progressing by 8% to 213,000 passengers.

International traffic posted excellent growth of 13.6% to 210,000 passengers. Morocco was a popular destination, especially Marrakesh which welcomed more than 8,000 travellers on direct flights from Bordeaux, operated by four airlines (Royal Air Morocco, easyJet, Ryanair and Tuifly). Fez ranked amongst the strongest increases in traffic (+97%) as Ryanair started operating flights to the city in addition to Air Arabia. Among the top destinations for growth, Basel Mulhouse took second place this month with a 49% increase, closely followed by Prague with a rise of 43.6% on February 2018. With 30,200 passengers in February, London posted the highest number of passengers with its three airports.

The major European capitals continued to work their charm: Dublin (+24.8%), Berlin (+10.6%) and Madrid (+6.6%). February was a success for the new routes launched this winter to cities such as Zurich (6,437 passengers), Manchester (2,170 passengers), Valencia (2,153 passengers) and Tel Aviv (2,145 passengers).

Alongside the direct routes, the major European "hubs" continued to attract ever-larger numbers of passengers for connecting flights. This month, the Paris Charles-de-Gaulle, Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Frankfurt, Zurich and Casablanca platforms and their key airlines boosted the number of connecting flights by more than 15%.

The low-cost sector is driving this attractiveness, posting growth that confirmed the upward trend from 2018: +19.7% in February for 220,600 passengers. The three main low-cost airlines offering flights from Bordeaux all saw excellent and very similar growth rates: easyJet (+26.1%), Ryanair (+25.9%) and Volotea (+25.4%). easyJet holds on to its top position in terms of passenger numbers, having carried 144,000 travellers in February, a third of all passengers passing through the airport.

Domestic flights recorded a significant increase of 8%. Mention should be made of the strong performance of Air France for flights to Paris with 1% growth and 94,400 passengers. Flights to the main cities other than Paris also posted very strong growth: +28.1% for Lille, +23% for Marseille, +20.7% for Nice and +3.7% for Strasbourg. Even France's N°1 cross-country route, Bordeaux-Lyon, grew by more than 13% this February. It should be noted that from April onwards, Ryanair is boosting its domestic flights from Bordeaux by offering 3 direct flights to Nantes each week.

APPENDIX 1 – PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN JANUARY 2019



		Feb-2019	% 2018/2019	TOTAL 2019	% 2018/2019
TOTAL PASSENGERS	Commercial flights only	422,084	10.7%	842,614	9.5%
DOMESTIC		212,593	8.0%	432,151	4.7%
	PARIS	94,406	1.0%	195,179	-1.8%
	LYON	46,336	13.2%	92,898	10.0%
	MARSEILLE	26,328	23.0%	52,035	22.4%
	NICE	18,543	20.7%	36,143	15.3%
	LILLE	14,139	28.1%	27,002	19.3%
	STRASBOURG	8,053	3.7%	17,946	0.7%
INTERNATIONAL		209,491	13.6%	410,463	15.1%
British	LONDON LGW	18,607	4.9%	33,985	4.7%
Isles	LONDON STANSTED	6,481	-1.8%	13,469	-2.9%
	DUBLIN	5,404	24.8%	10,092	19.6%
	LONDON LUTON	5,085	50.7%	10,304	41.2%
	MANCHESTER	2,170	NS	3,805	NS
Northern and Central Europe	AMSTERDAM	17,097	-5.3%	34,070	-2.3%
	GENEVA	13,728	-9.5%	28,108	-2.8%
	BASEL-MULHOUSE	8,259	49.3%	13,752	21.5%
	ZURICH	6,437	NS	12,805	NS
	CHARLEROI	6,356	-1.0%	13,232	1.3%
	LUXEMBOURG	4,530	NS	8,382	NS
	BERLIN	4,428	10.6%	7,316	-4.1%
	FRANKFURT	3,395	NS	6,749	NS
	BRUSSELS	2,229	-63.6%	4,222	-59.5%
	PRAGUE	2,069	43.6%	4,778	85.6%
	BUCHAREST	1,771	-1.4%	3,586	3.5%
	DUSSELDORF	376	-61.7%	1,419	-38.2%
Northern Europe	LISBON	12,913	0.7%	23,198	-4.6%
	BARCELONA	11,017	6.0%	21,287	7.5%
	MADRID	10,312	6.6%	20,247	6.5%
	VENICE	5,093	1.5%	8,585	6.9%
	MILAN	4,200	-2.6%	6,934	-14.4%
	PORTO	4,027	-5.0%	8,852	-4.1%
	ROME CIAMP	2,726	-1.6%	5,748	4.9%
	ROME	2,604	12.3%	4,315	-1.0%
	FARO	2,363	NS	4,028	NS
	VALENCIA	2,153	NS	4,475	NS
	TENERIFE	2,149	0.6%	4,181	2.9%
	ARRECIFE	1,147	14.2%	2,213	12.4%
	MALAGA	990	47.1%	2,735	NS
North Africa	MARRAKESH	8,239	31.7%	16,801	36.1%
	CASABLANCA	6,533	-5.3%	13,932	-3.1%
	FEZ	4,170	97.1%	8,895	NS
	ESSAOUIRA	2,566	NS	4,838	NS
	ALGIERS	2,222	-1.4%	4,724	-4.6%
	TEL AVIV	2,145	NS	4,156	NS
LOW-COST ONLY		220,569	19.7%	365,208	18.6%