

Traffic snapshot

- In May 2024, the MAHB network of airports achieved a new traffic milestone, recording a total of 11.2 million passenger movements, surpassing the peak levels seen in February 2024 and exceeded May 2019 figures by 4.7%. This surge in traffic coincided with several public holidays (Labor Day, Wesak Day, and the Ka'amatan Festival), as well as the Term 1 school holidays observed throughout Malaysia during the month.
- This is the fifth consecutive month that total passenger movements have exceeded the 10 million mark, highlighting significant momentum in post-pandemic recovery.
- International passenger movements remained robust, with 5.8 million passengers reported in May 2024, achieving an impressive 114.2% of the levels observed in May 2019. This remarkable performance reflects a stable rebound in international travel, consistently surpassing the 5.5 million mark since January 2024.
- Similarly, domestic segments registered 5.4 million passenger movements, marking a 1% increase over May 2023, and approaching 96.2% of May 2019 levels.
- Malaysia total passenger movements for May 2024 stands at 7.7 million, with a growth of 12.1% over May 2023. International and domestic passenger movements recorded 4 million and 3.7 million passengers, reaching 98.8% and 94.7% respectively over May 2019, demonstrating a continuous recovery trajectory to pre-pandemic levels.
- The positive traffic development for Malaysia can be attributed to the public holidays coinciding with the school holiday season, which traditionally stimulates travel demand, and the proactive efforts of foreign and local airlines to expand seat offerings.
- Istanbul SGIA total passenger movements attained 3.5 million passengers in May 2024, exceeding 2019 May passenger movements by 27.7%. International and domestic passenger movements continued to show resilience surpassing 2019 levels, with both segments achieving the highest monthly traffic in 2024.

Passenger Movements ('000) snapshot, May 2024

Total	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	4,701	3,848	22.2%	22,624	18,006	25.6%	51,860	36,961	40.3%
<i>International</i>	3,409	2,524	35.1%	16,627	12,030	38.2%	37,175	23,874	55.7%
<i>ASEAN</i>	1,642	1,304	25.9%	7,878	6,088	29.4%	17,917	12,465	43.7%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	1,767	1,220	44.8%	8,749	5,941	47.2%	19,258	11,409	68.8%
<i>Domestic</i>	1,292	1,324	-2.4%	5,997	5,976	0.3%	14,684	13,087	12.2%
MASB Airports	2,977	3,000	-0.8%	14,500	13,936	4.0%	35,277	31,975	10.3%
<i>International</i>	586	466	25.7%	3,004	2,179	37.9%	6,880	4,208	63.5%
<i>ASEAN</i>	416	369	12.6%	2,123	1,765	20.3%	5,023	3,645	37.8%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	170	97	75.9%	881	414	112.9%	1,857	563	229.7%
<i>Domestic</i>	2,391	2,534	-5.7%	11,496	11,757	-2.2%	28,397	27,767	2.3%
Total MAHB	7,678	6,848	12.1%	37,123	31,942	16.2%	87,137	68,936	26.4%
Istanbul SGIA²	3,476	3,086	12.6%	16,396	13,957	17.5%	39,999	33,973	17.7%
Total MAHB System	11,154	9,934	12.3%	53,519	45,899	16.6%	127,136	102,909	23.5%

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Total KLIA & MASB	3,995	2,990	33.6%	19,630	14,209	38.2%	44,055	28,082	56.9%
<i>ASEAN</i>	2,058	1,673	23.0%	10,001	7,853	27.3%	22,940	16,109	42.4%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	1,937	1,317	47.1%	9,629	6,355	51.5%	21,115	11,972	76.4%
Istanbul SGIA	1,767	1,581	11.7%	8,653	7,346	17.8%	20,884	17,600	18.7%
Total MAHB System	5,762	4,571	26.0%	28,283	21,555	31.2%	64,939	45,682	42.2%

Domestic	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	1,292	1,324	-2.4%	5,997	5,976	0.3%	14,684	13,087	12.2%
MASB Airports	2,391	2,534	-5.7%	11,496	11,757	-2.2%	28,397	27,767	2.3%
Total	3,683	3,858	-4.5%	17,493	17,733	-1.4%	43,082	40,854	5.5%
Istanbul SGIA	1,709	1,505	13.6%	7,743	6,611	17.1%	19,116	16,373	16.7%
Total MAHB System	5,392	5,362	0.6%	25,236	24,344	3.7%	62,197	57,228	8.7%

¹May is preliminary, where main variations if any lie largely from the non-scheduled or charter flights at domestic airports

²MASB Airports refers to the 38 Malaysian airports other than KLIA/KUL operated by Malaysia Airports Sdn Bhd.

³Istanbul SGIA is Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport with the SAW three-letter International Air Transport Association (IATA) code

KLIA Terminal 1 & Terminal 2 passenger movements ('000) snapshot, May 2024

Airport	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA Terminal 1 Total	2,516	1,826	37.8%	12,246	8,882	37.9%	27,047	18,957	42.7%
<i>International</i>	1,948	1,408	38.3%	9,548	6,939	37.6%	21,151	14,208	48.9%
<i>ASEAN</i>	715	526	35.9%	3,425	2,466	38.9%	7,624	5,152	48.0%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	1,233	882	39.7%	6,123	4,473	36.9%	13,527	9,056	49.4%
<i>Domestic</i>	568	418	36.0%	2,698	1,943	38.8%	5,897	4,750	24.2%
KLIA Terminal 2 Total	2,185	2,022	8.1%	10,377	9,124	13.7%	24,813	18,003	37.8%
<i>International</i>	1,461	1,116	30.9%	7,079	5,091	39.0%	16,025	9,666	65.8%
<i>ASEAN</i>	927	778	19.1%	4,453	3,623	22.9%	10,294	7,313	40.8%
<i>Non-ASEAN</i>	534	338	58.1%	2,626	1,468	78.8%	5,731	2,353	143.6%
<i>Domestic</i>	724	906	-20.1%	3,298	4,033	-18.2%	8,788	8,338	5.4%

Aircraft movements snapshot, May 2024

Total	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	30,698	27,224	12.8%	145,031	123,932	17.0%	340,125	257,327	32.2%
MASB Airports	29,444	32,914	-10.5%	146,976	153,424	-4.2%	360,457	367,133	-1.8%
Total	60,142	60,138	0.0%	292,007	277,356	5.3%	700,582	624,460	12.2%
Istanbul SGIA	19,879	18,839	5.5%	94,751	85,206	11.2%	231,795	203,661	13.8%
Total MAHB System	80,021	78,977	1.3%	386,758	362,562	6.7%	932,377	828,121	12.6%

International	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	21,656	17,670	22.6%	103,392	80,752	28.0%	237,454	162,804	45.9%
MASB Airports	5,040	4,883	3.2%	26,023	22,147	17.5%	61,555	43,789	40.6%
Total	26,696	22,553	18.4%	129,415	102,899	25.8%	299,009	206,593	44.7%
Istanbul SGIA	10,423	9,759	6.8%	50,989	45,372	12.4%	123,628	106,572	16.0%
Total MAHB System	37,119	32,312	14.9%	180,404	148,271	21.7%	422,637	313,165	35.0%

Domestic	2024	2023	% YOY	2024	2023	%YOY	2024	2023	%YOY
	May			Year- to-date			LTM		
KLIA	9,042	9,554	-5.4%	41,639	43,180	-3.6%	102,671	94,523	8.6%
MASB Airports	24,404	28,031	-12.9%	120,953	131,277	-7.9%	298,902	323,344	-7.6%
Total	33,446	37,585	-11.0%	162,592	174,457	-6.8%	401,573	417,867	-3.9%
Istanbul SGIA	9,456	9,080	4.1%	43,762	39,834	9.9%	108,167	97,089	11.4%
Total MAHB System	42,902	46,665	-8.1%	206,354	214,291	-3.7%	509,740	514,956	-1.0%

Overview of traffic

In May 2024, the MAHB network of airports handled 11.2 million passenger movements, surpassing the peak volume recorded in February 2024 for the year. This strong traffic surge was driven by a combination of factors including public holidays which coincides with the school holiday season. International passenger movements remained strong, with 5.8 million passengers in May 2024, reaching 114.2% of May 2019 levels. Domestic passenger movements totaled 5.4 million, achieving 96.2% of May 2019 levels.

Passenger movements in Malaysia continue to make progress achieving a notable milestone with 7.7 million passengers in May 2024, the second highest after February 2024. The international sector gathered momentum with 4 million passengers reported and facilitated by the extension of visa-free travel to China until the end of 2025. The growth for the international sector was contributed by the resumption of AirAsia service from KL International Airport (KUL) to Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar (BBI) and China Eastern Airlines to Wuhan Tianhe International Airport (WUH), both with thrice weekly frequencies. Additionally, AirAsia has commenced new flights from KUL to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad (AMD) and Juneyao Air from Penang International Airport (PEN) to Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) four times weekly each. Domestic passenger movements were equally impressive, exceeding 3.7 million passengers, which is equivalent to 94.7% of 2019 levels.

In May 2024, Istanbul SGIA saw robust double-digit growth in total passenger movements, reaching 3.5 million passengers, marking a significant 12.6% increase compared to May 2023. This exceptional performance not only exceeded 2019 levels by 27.7% but also underscores a strong recovery path for the airport. It's notable that international and domestic passenger movements both reached 1.8 million and 1.7 million passengers, respectively, in May 2024. Pegasus Airlines introduced four new international routes: Chisinau (RMO), Aktau (SCO), Bratislava (BTS) with twice-weekly frequency, and Sofia (SOF) with thrice-weekly frequency. Additionally, Ajet expanded its international operations during the summer season of 2024, further enhancing the airport's connectivity in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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