



PRESS RELEASE

GREEK AIRPORTS TRAFFIC, 2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, through this Press Release, data on airport traffic in Greece for the period 2014 – 2016, on the basis of the data of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

On the basis of data on arrivals and departures, it is observed that **the total of domestic and international flights in 2016 amounted to 469,553, recording an increase of 5.70%** in comparison with 444,249 in 2015. An increase of 6.98% had also been observed in 2015 compared with 2014. As regards the number of flights, in 2016, the airport of Athens accounted for 38.70% of total flights, followed by the airports of Thessaloniki and Heraklion, with 10.35% and 10.18%, respectively (Table 1).

Passenger traffic in 2016 amounted to 52,992,396 passengers, recording an increase of 8.57% in comparison with 48,811,600 passengers in 2015. A similar trend has been observed in 2015, when passenger traffic grew by 9.46% in comparison with 2014. In 2016, the airport of Athens accounted for 37.69% of the total passenger traffic, followed by the airports of Heraklion and Thessaloniki, with 12.72% and 10.73%, respectively (Table 2).

Out of the total number of passengers in 2016, 15,865,911 passengers correspond to domestic flights and 37,126,485 passengers to international flights. The majority of domestic flight passengers were handled by the airports of Athens, Thessaloniki and Heraklion, counting 7,132,162, 2,421,722 and 1,058,217 passengers, respectively (Table 3). As regards international flights, the majority of passengers were handled by the airports of Athens, Heraklion and Rhodes, with 12,841,542, 5,684,529 and 4,093,508 passengers, respectively (Table 4).

On the basis of available data on the distribution of passenger traffic by month, it is observed that **the busiest period is the six-month period from May to October**, which accounts for **76.01%** of the total passenger traffic in 2016. Similarly, the four-month period from June to September 2016 accounted for 57.79% of the total passenger traffic. August had the biggest share of the total passenger traffic in 2016, with 16.27%, while passenger traffic grew significantly during the three-month period from January to March 2016 compared with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 5, Graph 1,2).

Graph 3 presents the **time-series of flights and passenger traffic (domestic and international) for the period 2006 – 2016**.

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Table 1. Airport traffic (flights) by airport, 2014 – 2016

Airports	Total flights			Contribution (%) 2016	Change (%) 2015/2014	Change (%) 2016/2015
	2014	2015	2016			
	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures			
Total	415,250	444,249	469,553	100.00	6.98	5.70
Athens	146,550	168,339	181,709	38.70	14.87	7.94
Araxos	1,212	1,248	1,042	0.22	2.97	-16.51
Aktion	3,590	3,940	4,510	0.96	9.75	14.47
Alexandroupolis	2,750	3,034	2,832	0.60	10.33	-6.66
Astypalaia	800	786	760	0.16	-1.75	-3.31
Anchialos	744	484	318	0.07	-34.95	-34.30
Zakynthos	9,018	9,546	10,596	2.26	5.85	11.00
Heraklion	43,878	43,970	47,804	10.18	0.21	8.72
Thessaloniki	45,900	47,340	48,608	10.35	3.14	2.68
Ikaria	1,504	1,408	1,324	0.28	-6.38	-5.97
Ioannina	1,198	1,338	1,460	0.31	11.69	9.12
Kavala	3,200	3,212	3,112	0.66	0.38	-3.11
Kalamata	2,880	2,520	2,684	0.57	-12.50	6.51
Kalymnos	1,404	1,304	1,164	0.25	-7.12	-10.74
Karpathos	3,962	4,162	4,032	0.86	5.05	-3.12
Kasos	1,182	1,112	990	0.21	-5.92	-10.97
Kastelorizo	560	498	492	0.10	-11.07	-1.20
Kastoria	640	630	544	0.12	-1.56	-13.65
Kerkyra (Corfu)	19,018	18,712	20,754	4.42	-1.61	10.91
Kefalonia	4,372	4,534	4,920	1.05	3.71	8.51
Kozani	340	386	378	0.08	13.53	-2.07
Kythira	1,268	1,170	1,056	0.22	-7.73	-9.74
Kos	17,522	17,018	15,072	3.21	-2.88	-11.43
Leros	1,552	1,502	1,380	0.29	-3.22	-8.12
Limnos	3,328	3,340	2,928	0.62	0.36	-12.34
Milos	1,248	1,656	1,694	0.36	32.69	2.29
Mykonos	9,428	10,128	11,928	2.54	7.42	17.77
Mytilini	5,630	6,316	5,792	1.23	12.18	-8.30
Naxos	1,050	1,418	1,210	0.26	35.05	-14.67
Paros	2,226	2,266	2,164	0.46	1.80	-4.50
Rhodes	35,006	34,434	36,164	7.70	-1.63	5.02
Samos	5,082	5,378	5,186	1.10	5.82	-3.57
Santorini	10,466	12,576	14,084	3.00	20.16	11.99
Siteia	1,978	1,924	1,766	0.38	-2.73	-8.21
Skiathos	2,994	3,290	3,830	0.82	9.89	16.41
Skyros	634	820	838	0.18	29.34	2.20
Syros	630	646	736	0.16	2.54	13.93
Chania	16,896	17,758	19,288	4.11	5.10	8.62
Chios	3,610	4,106	4,404	0.94	13.74	7.26

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

Table 2. Passenger traffic by airport, 2014 – 2016

Airports	Total passengers			Contribution (%) 2016	Change (%) 2015/2014	Change (%) 2016/2015
	2014	2015	2016			
	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures			
Total	44,592,274	48,811,600	52,992,396	100.00	9.46	8.57
Athens	15,134,529	18,043,726	19,973,704	37.69	19.22	10.70
Araxos	146,408	147,560	127,650	0.24	0.79	-13.49
Aktion	358,245	388,295	472,870	0.89	8.39	21.78
Alexandroupolis	158,737	168,631	161,635	0.31	6.23	-4.15
Astypalaia	13,771	14,095	12,014	0.02	2.35	-14.76
Anchialos	65,483	24,697	22,080	0.04	-62.28	-10.60
Zakynthos	1,188,147	1,268,497	1,415,712	2.67	6.76	11.61
Heraklion	6,024,958	6,057,355	6,742,746	12.72	0.54	11.32
Thessaloniki	4,950,726	5,341,293	5,687,325	10.73	7.89	6.48
Ikaria	39,686	42,894	41,239	0.08	8.08	-3.86
Ioannina	79,395	86,523	97,122	0.18	8.98	12.25
Kavala	222,965	243,745	258,239	0.49	9.32	5.95
Kalamata	236,338	188,209	227,980	0.43	-20.36	21.13
Kalymnos	24,512	24,575	18,631	0.04	0.26	-24.19
Karpathos	203,412	222,805	218,422	0.41	9.53	-1.97
Kasos	3,478	4,456	3,843	0.01	28.12	-13.76
Kastelorizo	8,192	8,019	6,907	0.01	-2.11	-13.87
Kastoria	4,104	4,972	6,323	0.01	21.15	27.17
Kerkyra (Corfu)	2,383,378	2,438,016	2,764,559	5.22	2.29	13.39
Kefalonia	479,432	492,502	538,199	1.02	2.73	9.28
Kozani	2,703	3,242	4,223	0.01	19.94	30.26
Kythira	38,892	37,870	34,493	0.07	-2.63	-8.92
Kos	2,213,464	2,143,860	1,901,495	3.59	-3.14	-11.31
Leros	29,221	28,897	25,215	0.05	-1.11	-12.74
Limnos	92,957	99,761	87,232	0.16	7.32	-12.56
Milos	39,238	50,589	48,700	0.09	28.93	-3.73
Mykonos	778,729	876,057	999,026	1.89	12.50	14.04
Mytilini	460,220	481,422	411,285	0.78	4.61	-14.57
Naxos	31,741	43,951	35,135	0.07	38.47	-20.06
Paros	39,859	43,182	74,288	0.14	8.34	72.03
Rhodes	4,552,056	4,579,023	4,942,386	9.33	0.59	7.94
Samos	396,308	403,150	346,780	0.65	1.73	-13.98
Santorini	1,179,808	1,495,890	1,685,695	3.18	26.79	12.69
Siteia	34,873	27,015	20,903	0.04	-22.53	-22.62
Skiathos	315,397	353,083	395,001	0.75	11.95	11.87
Skyros	12,833	21,593	16,040	0.03	68.26	-25.72
Syros	15,432	14,684	17,891	0.03	-4.85	21.84
Chania	2,447,566	2,702,283	2,953,278	5.57	10.41	9.29
Chios	185,081	195,183	196,130	0.37	5.46	0.49

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

Table 3. Passenger traffic of domestic flights in the main airports of Greece, 2014–2016

Airports	Arrivals			Departures			Total Passengers				
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	Change (%) 2015/2014	Change (%) 2016/2015
Total	5,955,714	7,183,602	7,812,566	6,125,267	7,345,272	8,053,345	12,080,981	14,528,874	15,865,911	20.26	9.20
<i>Of which:</i>											
Athens	2,674,843	3,268,575	3,630,504	2,574,429	3,150,444	3,501,658	5,249,272	6,419,019	7,132,162	22.28	11.11
Alexandroupolis	78,506	80,925	79,603	79,240	81,410	81,001	157,746	162,335	160,604	2.91	-1.07
Heraklion	407,162	473,771	503,021	453,081	504,426	555,196	860,243	978,197	1,058,217	13.71	8.18
Thessaloniki	888,459	1,097,676	1,109,598	1,003,559	1,217,097	1,312,124	1,892,018	2,314,773	2,421,722	22.34	4.62
Kerkyra (Corfu)	115,701	123,753	146,086	121,294	128,753	152,724	236,995	252,506	298,810	6.54	18.34
Kos	91,265	97,411	101,025	97,485	103,589	104,670	188,750	201,000	205,695	6.49	2.34
Mykonos	138,529	153,963	189,963	148,736	168,938	202,562	287,265	322,901	392,525	12.41	21.56
Mytilini	151,913	158,903	169,504	156,665	170,995	178,555	308,578	329,898	348,059	6.91	5.51
Rhodes	339,902	392,224	421,257	351,138	400,801	427,621	691,040	793,025	848,878	14.76	7.04
Samos	73,886	71,520	74,314	77,221	77,782	78,926	151,107	149,302	153,240	-1.19	2.64
Santorini	252,223	361,525	433,598	296,051	409,668	463,633	548,274	771,193	897,231	40.66	16.34
Chania	285,611	411,793	436,793	292,675	415,397	443,623	578,286	827,190	880,416	43.04	6.43
Chios	81,704	84,725	91,528	87,054	95,893	100,083	168,758	180,618	191,611	7.03	6.09

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

Table 4. Passenger traffic of international flights in the main airports of Greece, 2014–2016

Airports	Arrivals			Departures			Total Passengers				
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	Change (%) 2015/2014	Change (%) 2016/2015
Total	16,286,717	17,160,024	18,634,235	16,224,576	17,122,702	18,492,250	32,511,293	34,282,726	37,126,485	5.45	8.30
<i>Of which:</i>											
Athens	4,926,099	5,793,060	6,398,374	4,959,158	5,831,647	6,443,168	9,885,257	11,624,707	12,841,542	17.60	10.47
Zakynthos	575,009	606,272	672,350	573,455	605,732	675,044	1,148,464	1,212,004	1,347,394	5.53	11.17
Heraklion	2,595,702	2,542,914	2,859,931	2,569,013	2,536,244	2,824,598	5,164,715	5,079,158	5,684,529	-1.66	11.92
Thessaloniki	1,569,814	1,556,788	1,710,606	1,488,894	1,469,732	1,554,997	3,058,708	3,026,520	3,265,603	-1.05	7.90
Kalamata	108,623	86,508	106,921	111,751	88,159	107,827	220,374	174,667	214,748	-20.74	22.95
Kerkyra (Corfu)	1,074,289	1,092,658	1,233,010	1,072,094	1,092,852	1,232,739	2,146,383	2,185,510	2,465,749	1.82	12.82
Kefalonia	209,725	217,567	234,131	211,264	219,020	234,112	420,989	436,587	468,243	3.71	7.25
Kos	1,011,367	970,662	848,682	1,013,347	972,198	847,118	2,024,714	1,942,860	1,695,800	-4.04	-12.72
Mykonos	247,126	275,812	301,842	244,338	277,344	304,659	491,464	553,156	606,501	12.55	9.64
Mytilini	75,139	75,475	31,480	76,503	76,049	31,746	151,642	151,524	63,226	-0.08	-58.27
Rhodes	1,926,675	1,888,181	2,045,555	1,934,341	1,897,817	2,047,953	3,861,016	3,785,998	4,093,508	-1.94	8.12
Samos	122,392	126,830	96,830	122,809	127,018	96,710	245,201	253,848	193,540	3.53	-23.76
Santorini	310,416	356,443	389,817	321,118	368,254	398,647	631,534	724,697	788,464	14.75	8.80
Skiathos	141,609	159,492	175,866	141,691	159,031	174,961	283,300	318,523	350,827	12.43	10.14
Chania	935,615	939,794	1,039,616	933,665	935,299	1,033,246	1,869,280	1,875,093	2,072,862	0.31	10.55

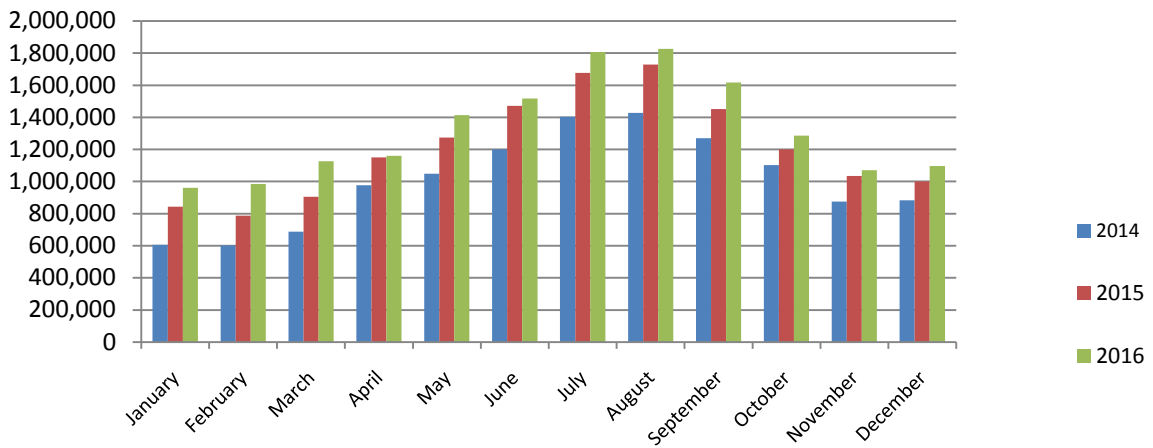
Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

Table 5. Domestic and international Passenger traffic by month, 2014–2016

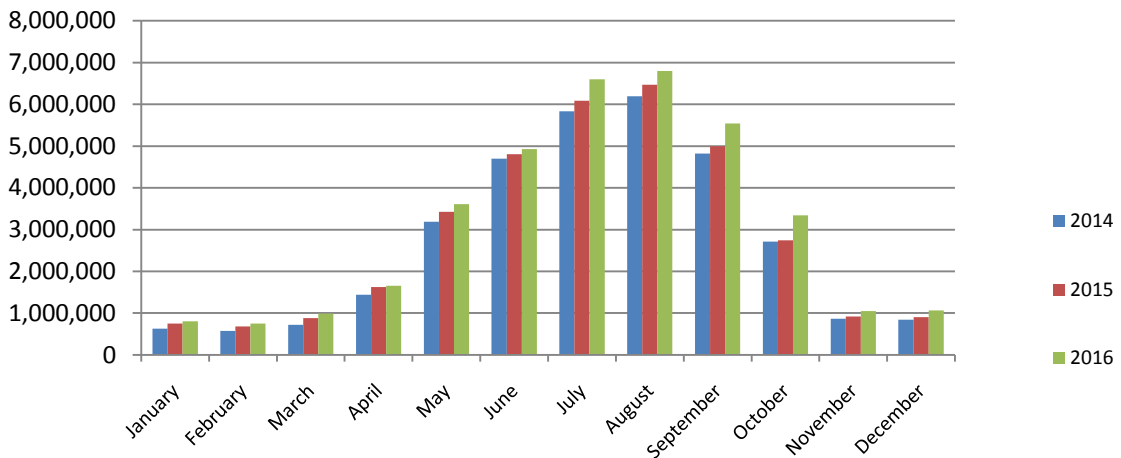
Month	Domestic			International			Total Passengers				
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	Change (%) 2015/2014	Change (%) 2016/2015
Total	12,080,981	14,528,874	15,865,911	32,511,293	34,282,726	37,126,485	44,592,274	48,811,600	52,992,396	9.46	8.57
January	605,894	844,240	960,486	625,045	754,299	802,013	1,230,939	1,598,539	1,762,499	29.86	10.26
February	601,285	786,696	984,543	571,905	682,203	752,381	1,173,190	1,468,899	1,736,924	25.21	18.25
March	686,964	904,804	1,126,068	719,389	879,061	986,087	1,406,353	1,783,865	2,112,155	26.84	18.40
April	977,628	1,150,732	1,159,686	1,438,399	1,624,854	1,655,749	2,416,027	2,775,586	2,815,435	14.88	1.44
May	1,048,085	1,274,767	1,413,703	3,185,210	3,423,898	3,611,216	4,233,295	4,698,665	5,024,919	10.99	6.94
June	1,200,545	1,471,679	1,516,498	4,699,237	4,805,825	4,930,614	5,899,782	6,277,504	6,447,112	6.40	2.70
July	1,403,252	1,677,449	1,806,406	5,832,928	6,080,592	6,596,111	7,236,180	7,758,041	8,402,517	7.21	8.31
August	1,427,189	1,729,657	1,826,433	6,193,839	6,469,271	6,796,536	7,621,028	8,198,928	8,622,969	7.58	5.17
September	1,269,365	1,451,763	1,616,321	4,823,076	4,995,242	5,536,529	6,092,441	6,447,005	7,152,850	5.82	10.95
October	1,101,704	1,199,989	1,286,758	2,715,213	2,744,792	3,342,997	3,816,917	3,944,781	4,629,755	3.35	17.36
November	875,238	1,035,216	1,071,625	864,810	921,451	1,051,496	1,740,048	1,956,667	2,123,121	12.45	8.51
December	883,832	1,001,882	1,097,384	842,242	901,238	1,064,756	1,726,074	1,903,120	2,162,140	10.26	13.61

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA).

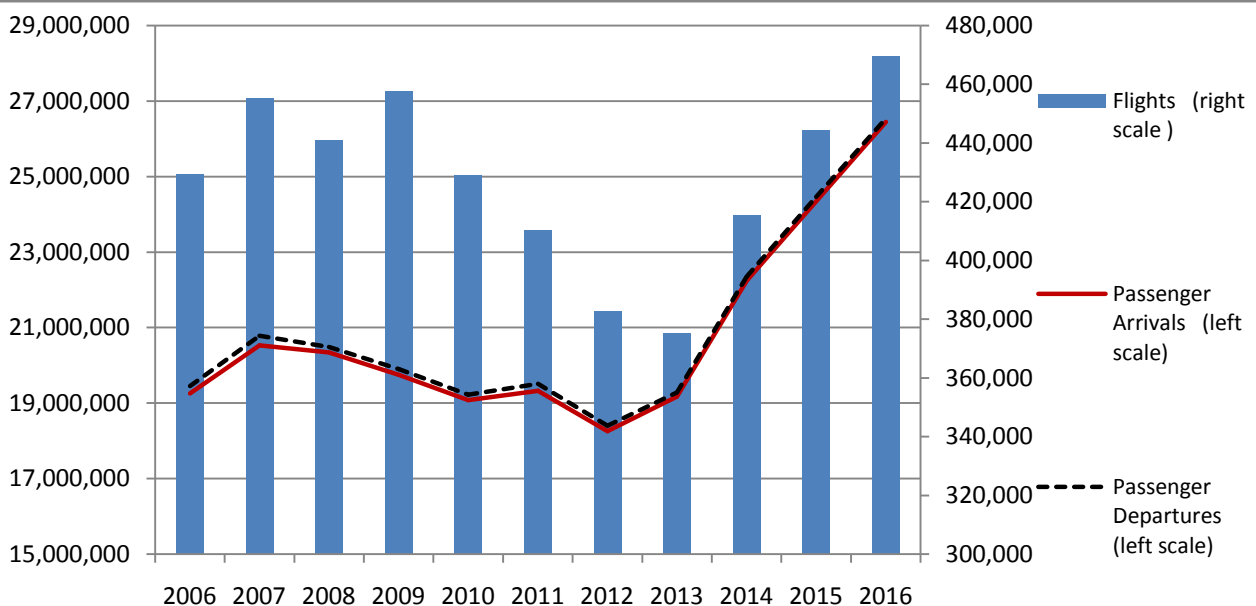
Graph 1.Domestic passenger traffic by month, 2014 – 2016



Graph 2. International passenger traffic by month, 2014 – 2016



Graph 3. Flights and passenger traffic (domestic and international), 2006-2016



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Greek Airports Traffic	The data on the Greek Airports Traffic refer to the number of flights (arrivals and departures) and the number of passengers of domestic and international flights handled by the Greek airports. The data presented in the Press Release refer to the period 2014-2016 and derive from the exhaustive recording of the data of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).
Reference period	The data presented in this Press Release refer to the period 2014–2016, allowing for comparisons within this period.
Coverage	The data refer to the number of aircraft flights (arrivals and departures) and passengers of international and domestic flights handled by the airports. The data presented in the Press Release cover all the airports in Greece.
Methodology	The data derive from the exhaustive recording of the data on air traffic recorded by the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and, more specifically, by the competent department, namely the Statistics Section of the Division of Organization and Development. ELSTAT conducts logical and completeness checks on the above data and it compiles tables which are posted on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority. Any differences in the totals are on account of rounding up.
References	More information on the Greek Airports Traffic can be found on the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr) at the following link: Transport > Air Transportation http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SME09