



PRESS RELEASE

GREEK AIRPORTS TRAFFIC, 2015

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces, for the first time through this Press Release, data on airport traffic in Greece for the period 2013 – 2015, on the basis of the data of the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

On the basis of data on arrivals and departures, it is observed that **the total of domestic and international flights in 2015 amounted to 444,249, recording an increase of 6.98%** in comparison with 415,250 in 2014. An increase of 10.63% had also been observed in 2014 compared with 2013. As regards the number of flights, in 2015, the airport of Athens accounted for 37.89% of total flights, followed by the airports of Thessaloniki and Heraklion, with 10.66% and 9.90%, respectively (Table 1).

Passenger traffic in 2015 amounted to 48,811,600 passengers, recording an increase of 9.46% in comparison with 44,592,274 passengers in 2014. A similar trend has been observed in 2014, when passenger traffic grew by 15.95% in comparison with 2013. In 2015, the airport of Athens accounted for 36.97% of the total passenger traffic, followed by the airports of Heraklion and Thessaloniki, with 12.41% and 10.94%, respectively (Table 2).

Out of the total number of passengers in 2015, 14,528,874 passengers correspond to domestic flights and 34,282,726 passengers to international flights. The majority of domestic flight passengers were handled by the airports of Athens, Thessaloniki and Chania, counting 6,419,019, 2,314,773 and 827,190 passengers, respectively (Table 3). As regards international flights, the majority of passengers were handled by the airports of Athens, Heraklion and Rhodes, with 11,624,707, 5,079,158 and 3,785,998 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 **76.47%** of the total passenger traffic in 2015. Similarly, the four-month period from June to September 2015 accounted for 58.76% of the total passenger traffic. August had the biggest share of the total passenger traffic in 2015, with 16.8%, while passenger traffic grew significantly during the three-month period from January to March 2015 compared with the corresponding period of 2014 (Table 5, Graph 1,2).

Graph 3 presents the **time-series of flights and passenger traffic (domestic and international) for the period 2005 – 2015**.

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Table 1. Airport traffic (flights) by airport, 2013 – 2015

Airports	Total flights			Contribution (%) 2015	Change (%) 2014/2013	Change (%) 2015/2014
	2013	2014	2015			
	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures			
Total	375,362	415,250	444,249	100	10.63	6.98
Athens	131,646	146,550	168,339	37.89	11.32	14.87
Araxos	1,178	1,212	1,248	0.28	2.89	2.97
Aktion	3,166	3,590	3,940	0.89	13.39	9.75
Alexandroupolis	2,934	2,750	3,034	0.68	-6.27	10.33
Astypalaia	802	800	786	0.18	-0.25	-1.75
Anchialos	774	744	484	0.11	-3.88	-34.95
Zakynthos	7,504	9,018	9,546	2.15	20.18	5.85
Heraklion	43,544	43,878	43,970	9.90	0.77	0.21
Thessaloniki	39,500	45,900	47,340	10.66	16.20	3.14
Ikaria	1,776	1,504	1,408	0.32	-15.32	-6.38
Ioannina	1,180	1,198	1,338	0.30	1.53	11.69
Kavala	2,886	3,200	3,212	0.72	10.88	0.38
Kalamata	1,976	2,880	2,520	0.57	45.75	-12.50
Kalymnos	1,340	1,404	1,304	0.29	4.78	-7.12
Karpathos	3,658	3,962	4,162	0.94	8.31	5.05
Kasos	1,164	1,182	1,112	0.25	1.55	-5.92
Kastelorizo	520	560	498	0.11	7.69	-11.07
Kastoria	596	640	630	0.14	7.38	-1.56
Kerkyra (Corfu)	16,656	19,018	18,712	4.21	14.18	-1.61
Kefalonia	4,168	4,372	4,534	1.02	4.89	3.71
Kozani	400	340	386	0.09	-15.00	13.53
Kythira	1,332	1,268	1,170	0.26	-4.80	-7.73
Kos	16,516	17,522	17,018	3.83	6.09	-2.88
Leros	1,512	1,552	1,502	0.34	2.65	-3.22
Limnos	2,952	3,328	3,340	0.75	12.74	0.36
Milos	1,026	1,248	1,656	0.37	21.64	32.69
Mykonos	6,880	9,428	10,128	2.28	37.03	7.42
Mytilini	5,334	5,630	6,316	1.42	5.55	12.18
Naxos	858	1,050	1,418	0.32	22.38	35.05
Paros	2,220	2,226	2,266	0.51	0.27	1.80
Rhodes	32,624	35,006	34,434	7.75	7.30	-1.63
Samos	4,508	5,082	5,378	1.21	12.73	5.82
Santorini	8,142	10,466	12,576	2.83	28.54	20.16
Siteia	2,064	1,978	1,924	0.43	-4.17	-2.73
Skiathos	2,368	2,994	3,290	0.74	26.44	9.89
Skyros	548	634	820	0.18	15.69	29.34
Syros	634	630	646	0.15	-0.63	2.54
Chania	15,076	16,896	17,758	4.00	12.07	5.10
Chios	3,400	3,610	4,106	0.92	6.18	13.74

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Table 2. Passenger traffic by airport, 2013 – 2015

Airports	Total passengers			Contribution (%) 2015	Change (%) 2014/2013	Change (%) 2015/2014
	2013	2014	2015			
	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures	Arrivals and Departures			
Total	38,457,341	44,592,274	48,811,600	100	15.95	9.46
Athens	12,459,801	15,134,529	18,043,726	36.97	21.47	19.22
Araxos	139,689	146,408	147,560	0.30	4.81	0.79
Aktion	316,365	358,245	388,295	0.80	13.24	8.39
Alexandroupolis	168,771	158,737	168,631	0.35	-5.95	6.23
Astypalaia	11,940	13,771	14,095	0.03	15.34	2.35
Anchialos	70,079	65,483	24,697	0.05	-6.56	-62.28
Zakynthos	1,004,486	1,188,147	1,268,497	2.60	18.28	6.76
Heraklion	5,778,764	6,024,958	6,057,355	12.41	4.26	0.54
Thessaloniki	4,039,576	4,950,726	5,341,293	10.94	22.56	7.89
Ikaria	36,162	39,686	42,894	0.09	9.75	8.08
Ioannina	64,489	79,395	86,523	0.18	23.11	8.98
Kavala	209,400	222,965	243,745	0.50	6.48	9.32
Kalamata	136,992	236,338	188,209	0.39	72.52	-20.36
Kalymnos	20,677	24,512	24,575	0.05	18.55	0.26
Karpathos	168,190	203,412	222,805	0.46	20.94	9.53
Kasos	3,265	3,478	4,456	0.01	6.52	28.12
Kastelorizo	7,946	8,192	8,019	0.02	3.10	-2.11
Kastoria	5,115	4,104	4,972	0.01	-19.77	21.15
Kerkyra (Corfu)	2,106,827	2,383,378	2,438,016	4.99	13.13	2.29
Kefalonia	430,362	479,432	492,502	1.01	11.40	2.73
Kozani	3,504	2,703	3,242	0.01	-22.86	19.94
Kythira	33,183	38,892	37,870	0.08	17.20	-2.63
Kos	2,028,618	2,213,464	2,143,860	4.39	9.11	-3.14
Leros	25,680	29,221	28,897	0.06	13.79	-1.11
Limnos	81,201	92,957	99,761	0.20	14.48	7.32
Milos	30,774	39,238	50,589	0.10	27.50	28.93
Mykonos	584,559	778,729	876,057	1.79	33.22	12.50
Mytilini	400,911	460,220	481,422	0.99	14.79	4.61
Naxos	23,442	31,741	43,951	0.09	35.40	38.47
Paros	36,429	39,859	43,182	0.09	9.42	8.34
Rhodes	4,200,059	4,552,056	4,579,023	9.38	8.38	0.59
Samos	343,717	396,308	403,150	0.83	15.30	1.73
Santorini	898,153	1,179,808	1,495,890	3.06	31.36	26.79
Siteia	35,962	34,873	27,015	0.06	-3.03	-22.53
Skiathos	265,773	315,397	353,083	0.72	18.67	11.95
Skyros	20,368	12,833	21,593	0.04	-36.99	68.26
Syros	13,715	15,432	14,684	0.03	12.52	-4.85
Chania	2,078,857	2,447,566	2,702,283	5.54	17.74	10.41
Chios	173,540	185,081	195,183	0.40	6.65	5.46

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Table 3. Passenger traffic of domestic flights in the main airports of Greece, 2013–2015

Airports	Arrivals			Departures			Total Passengers				
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	Change (%) 2014/ 2013	Change (%) 2015/ 2014
Total	4,933,769	5,955,714	7,183,602	5,049,976	6,125,267	7,345,272	9,983,745	12,080,981	14,528,874	21.01	20.26
<i>Of which:</i>											
Athens	2,202,621	2,674,843	3,268,575	2,080,919	2,574,429	3,150,444	4,283,540	5,249,272	6,419,019	22.55	22.28
Alexandroupolis	80,442	78,506	80,925	82,011	79,240	81,410	162,453	157,746	162,335	-2.90	2.91
Heraklion	409,981	407,162	473,771	448,668	453,081	504,426	858,649	860,243	978,197	0.19	13.71
Thessaloniki	655,359	888,459	1,097,676	754,249	1,003,559	1,217,097	1,409,608	1,892,018	2,314,773	34.22	22.34
Kerkyra (Corfu)	106,993	115,701	123,753	110,306	121,294	128,753	217,299	236,995	252,506	9.06	6.54
Kos	85,723	91,265	97,411	89,699	97,485	103,589	175,422	188,750	201,000	7.60	6.49
Mykonos	110,430	138,529	153,963	123,519	148,736	168,938	233,949	287,265	322,901	22.79	12.41
Mytilini	142,388	151,913	158,903	147,404	156,665	170,995	289,792	308,578	329,898	6.48	6.91
Rhodes	309,895	339,902	392,224	316,699	351,138	400,801	626,594	691,040	793,025	10.29	14.76
Samos	66,230	73,886	71,520	70,411	77,221	77,782	136,641	151,107	149,302	10.59	-1.19
Santorini	185,378	252,223	361,525	218,309	296,051	409,668	403,687	548,274	771,193	35.82	40.66
Chios	74,951	81,704	84,725	81,295	87,054	95,893	156,246	168,758	180,618	8.01	7.03

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Table 4. Passenger traffic of international flights in the main airports of Greece, 2013–2015

Airports	Arrivals			Departures			Total Passengers				
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	Change (%) 2014/2013	Change (%) 2015/2014
Total	14,239,508	16,286,717	17,160,024	14,234,088	16,224,576	17,122,702	28,473,596	32,511,293	34,282,726	14.18	5.45
<i>Of which:</i>											
Athens	4,047,347	4,926,099	5,793,060	4,128,914	4,959,158	5,831,647	8,176,261	9,885,257	11,624,707	20.90	17.60
Zakynthos	488,161	575,009	606,272	486,879	573,455	605,732	975,040	1,148,464	1,212,004	17.79	5.53
Heraklion	2,472,775	2,595,702	2,542,914	2,447,340	2,569,013	2,536,244	4,920,115	5,164,715	5,079,158	4.97	-1.66
Thessaloniki	1,351,378	1,569,814	1,556,788	1,278,590	1,488,894	1,469,732	2,629,968	3,058,708	3,026,520	16.30	-1.05
Kalamata	57,947	108,623	86,508	59,736	111,751	88,159	117,683	220,374	174,667	87.26	-20.74
Kerkyra (Corfu)	943,917	1,074,289	1,092,658	945,611	1,072,094	1,092,852	1,889,528	2,146,383	2,185,510	13.59	1.82
Kefalonia	198,033	209,725	217,567	198,630	211,264	219,020	396,663	420,989	436,587	6.13	3.71
Kos	925,834	1,011,367	970,662	927,362	1,013,347	972,198	1,853,196	2,024,714	1,942,860	9.26	-4.04
Mykonos	177,540	247,126	275,812	173,070	244,338	277,344	350,610	491,464	553,156	40.17	12.55
Mytilini	54,395	75,139	75,475	56,724	76,503	76,049	111,119	151,642	151,524	36.47	-0.08
Rhodes	1,785,305	1,926,675	1,888,181	1,788,160	1,934,341	1,897,817	3,573,465	3,861,016	3,785,998	8.05	-1.94
Samos	103,563	122,392	126,830	103,513	122,809	127,018	207,076	245,201	253,848	18.41	3.53
Santorini	244,449	310,416	356,443	250,017	321,118	368,254	494,466	631,534	724,697	27.72	14.75
Skiathos	119,070	141,609	159,492	121,487	141,691	159,031	240,557	283,300	318,523	17.77	12.43
Chania	849,271	935,615	939,794	850,306	933,665	935,299	1,699,577	1,869,280	1,875,093	9.99	0.31

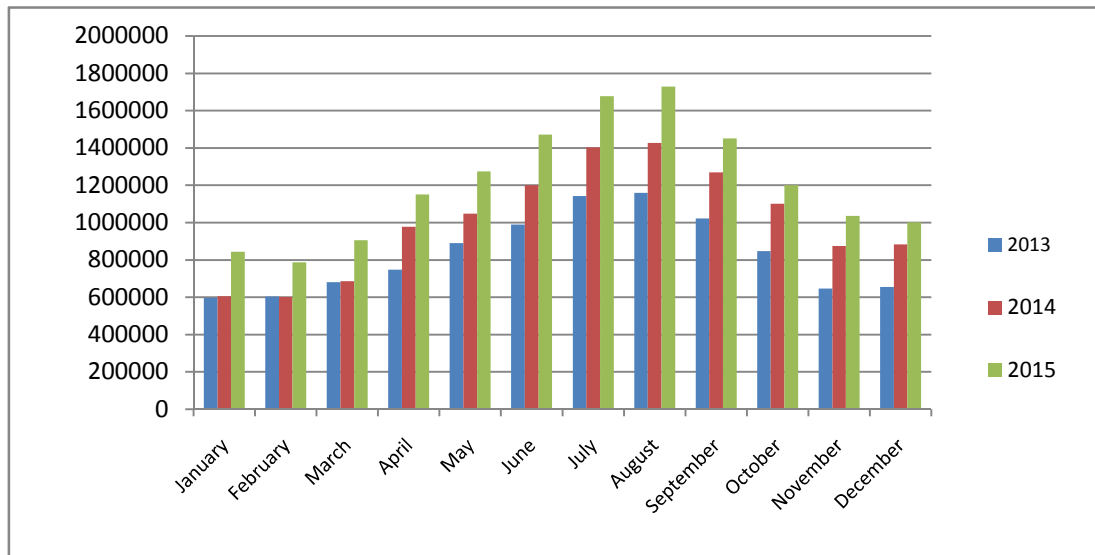
Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Table 5. Domestic and international Passenger traffic by month, 2013–2015

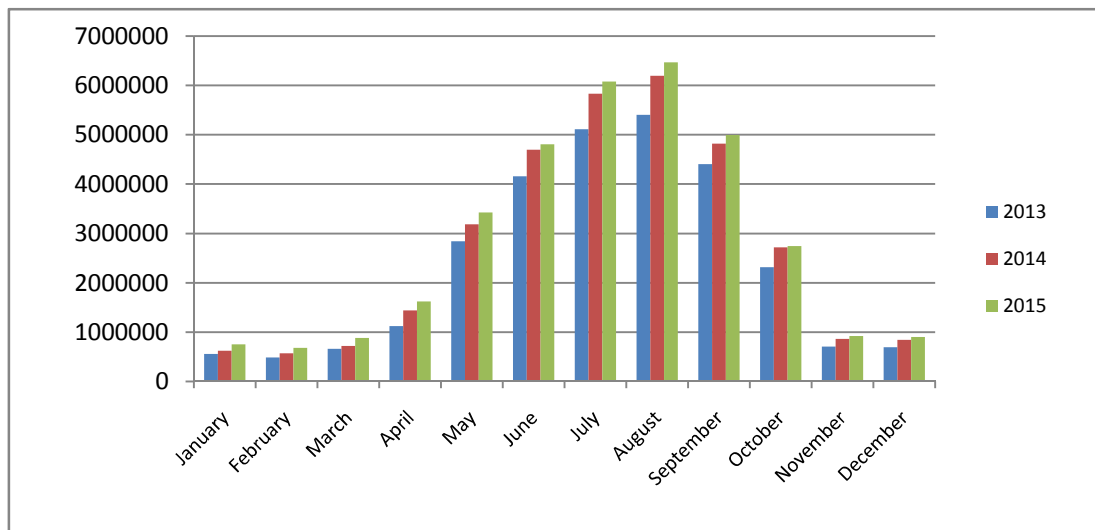
Month	Domestic			International			Total Passengers				
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	Change (%) 2014/2013	Change (%) 2015/2014
Total	9,983,745	12,080,981	14,528,874	28,473,596	32,511,293	34,282,726	38,457,341	44,592,274	48,811,600	15.95	9.46
January	596,670	605,894	844,240	555,838	625,045	754,299	1,152,508	1,230,939	1,598,539	6.81	29.86
February	603,615	601,285	786,696	489,189	571,905	682,203	1,092,804	1,173,190	1,468,899	7.36	25.21
March	680,181	686,964	904,804	664,953	719,389	879,061	1,345,134	1,406,353	1,783,865	4.55	26.84
April	748,586	977,628	1,150,732	1,122,274	1,438,399	1,624,854	1,870,860	2,416,027	2,775,586	29.14	14.88
May	890,122	1,048,085	1,274,767	2,841,671	3,185,210	3,423,898	3,731,793	4,233,295	4,698,665	13.44	10.99
June	990,205	1,200,545	1,471,679	4,157,581	4,699,237	4,805,825	5,147,786	5,899,782	6,277,504	14.61	6.40
July	1,143,141	1,403,252	1,677,449	5,109,571	5,832,928	6,080,592	6,252,712	7,236,180	7,758,041	15.73	7.21
August	1,158,675	1,427,189	1,729,657	5,405,505	6,193,839	6,469,271	6,564,180	7,621,028	8,198,928	16.10	7.58
September	1,023,001	1,269,365	1,451,763	4,405,983	4,823,076	4,995,242	5,428,984	6,092,441	6,447,005	12.22	5.82
October	847,264	1,101,704	1,199,989	2,319,025	2,715,213	2,744,792	3,166,289	3,816,917	3,944,781	20.55	3.35
November	646,811	875,238	1,035,216	708,671	864,810	921,451	1,355,482	1,740,048	1,956,667	28.37	12.45
December	655,474	883,832	1,001,882	693,335	842,242	901,238	1,348,809	1,726,074	1,903,120	27.97	10.26

Source: Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

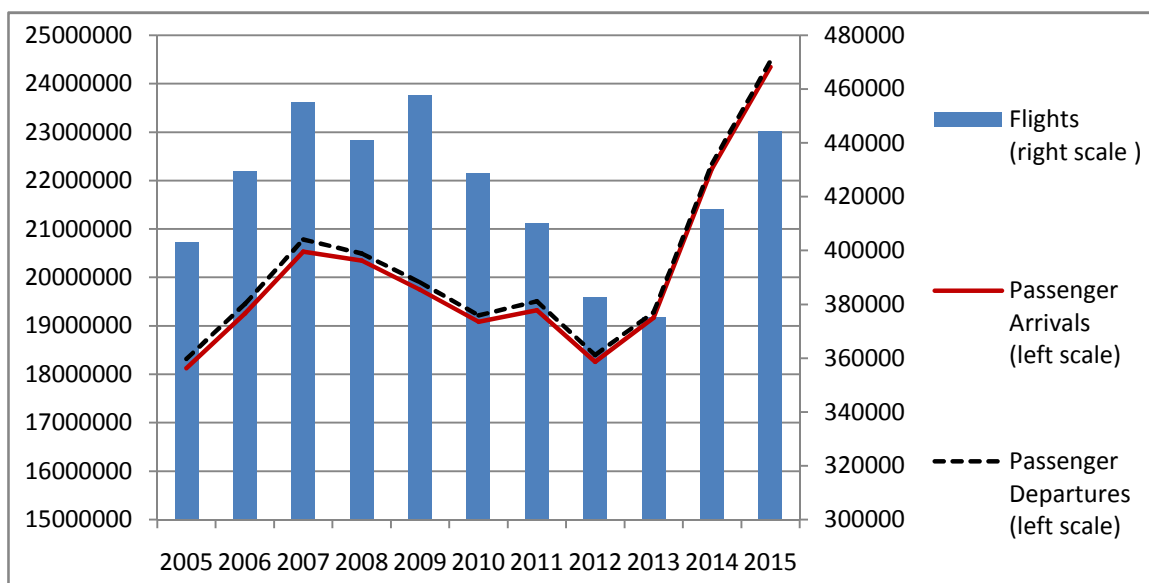
Graph 1.Domestic passenger traffic by month, 2013 – 2015



Graph 2. International passenger traffic by month, 2013 – 2015



Graph 3. Flights and passenger traffic (domestic and international), 2005-2015



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 2013-2015 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 2013–2015, 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