

DUBAI AIRPORTS

Dubai Airports manages the development and operation of both of Dubai's airports – Dubai International (DXB), the world's number one airport for international passengers, and Dubai World Central (DWC). Dubai Airports was established as a commercial entity in April 2007, following organisational restructuring of the erstwhile Dubai Department of Civil Aviation (DCA).

DXB TRAFFIC H1 2023

- DXB's H1 traffic surpassed 2019 levels and welcomed 41.6m guests, just over 100%, compared to the traffic recorded during the first six months of 2019.
- March was the busiest month during H1 with 7.3m guests.
- Top Countries: India – 6m passengers | KSA – 3.1m | UK – 2.8m | Pakistan – 2m | US – 1.8m | Russia 1.3m | Germany 1.2m.
- Top Destinations: London – 1.7m | Mumbai – 1.2m | Riyadh – 1.2m.
- The average number of guests per flight reached 214 while the load factor was 77%.
- Cargo volumes reached 853,500 tonnes, down from 6.2% compared to last year.
- DXB handled a total of 201,800 flights, up 30.2% year on year, up 13% compared to the same period in H1 2019.
- DXB handled approximately 37.2 million bags with 92% of all baggage delivered within 45 minutes to customers.
- In H1 2023, DXB welcomed Air Canada's first flight at Terminal 3, making it the fourth international airline to operate out of the terminal.
- As of H1 2023, DXB is connected to 257 destinations across 104 countries through more than 91 international airlines.
- The annual forecast for 2023 has been readjusted upwards to 85m guests.

DXB TRAFFIC Q1 2023

- DXB traffic surged by 55.8% in Q1 to reach 21.2m passengers (95.6% of 2019 levels).
- The average monthly traffic reached the 7m passenger-mark for the first time since Q4 2019.
- March 2023 was the busiest month since Jan 2020's (7.8m pax) with 7.3m passengers.
- Top Countries: India – 3m passengers | KSA – 1.6m | UK – 1.4m | Pakistan – 1m | US – 840K | Russia 729K passengers
- Top Destinations: London – 890K | Mumbai – 645K | Jeddah – 641K | Riyadh 604K passengers
- Direct (Origin and Destination) traffic continues to dominate, constituting 57% of DXB's traffic in Q1 2023 (Transfer traffic at 43%).
- Load factors exceeded 2019 levels throughout Q1 reaching 80% in March 2023.
- Passenger per aircraft grew 19.5% to reach 220.
- Cargo volume reached 400,015 tonnes, down 23% YoY.

- Total flight movements reached 100,840, up 23% YoY and 1.6% higher than in Q1 of 2019.
- During the quarter DXB welcomed Cyprus Airways from Larnaca (new service) and FitaAir from Colombo (increased frequency to daily).
- As of Q1 DXB is connected to 234 destinations across 99 countries via 89 international carriers.
- DXB is expected to welcome 83.6m passengers in 2023.

DXB TRAFFIC 2022

- DXB held its position as the world's number one airport for international passengers for the 9th year running with annual traffic of 66.1m.
- DXB's annual traffic in 2022 jumped 127% to reach 66.1m passengers, or 76.4% of 2019 levels.
- Direct (point to point) traffic continues to drive the growth of DXB accounting for 58% of the total traffic while transfer constituted 42% of the volume.
- Annual traffic was boosted by a strong second half during which the average monthly traffic crossed the 6 million passenger mark.
- The fourth quarter of 2022 was the strongest since 2019 with 19.7m passengers, up 67% YoY.
- December was the busiest month of 2022 with 7.1m passengers, the first time since January 2020 when the monthly traffic reached the 7m mark.
- DXB was now connected with 229 destinations across 99 countries via 88 international airlines.
- DXB handled 62.2m bags in 2022 with a success rate of 99.8% (mishandled baggage rate of 2 bags per 1,000 passengers). The baggage volume represents 86.2% of 2019 levels.
- 96.2% of passengers queued for 5 minutes at departure passport control, while the average waiting time at arrivals passport control was less than 13 minutes for 95.5% of passengers.
- The average queue times at security check on departures was less than 3 minutes for 96.4% of the passengers.*
- 92% of all baggage was delivered within 45 minutes at arrivals.**
- Top Countries in 2022: **India** – 9.8m passengers (4.3m in 2021) | **KSA** – 4.9m passengers (1.5m in 2021) | **UK** – 4.6m passengers (1.2m in 2021) | **Pakistan** – 3.7m (1.8m in 2021) | **US** – 3m passengers (1.2m in 2021) | **Russia** – 1.9m passengers (912K in 2021)
- Russia and Turkey recorded more than 100% recovery in passenger numbers in 2022
- Top Destinations: **London** – 3m passengers | **Riyadh** – 2m | **Mumbai** – 1.9m
- DXB handled 1.7m tonnes of cargo in 2022, down 25.5% YoY.
- The contraction in cargo was due to the moving of freighter operations back to DWC in March and the return of pax freighter aircraft back to passenger operations.
- DXB handled a total of 343,339 flights in 2022, up 47% YoY.
- The annual forecast for 2023 has been readjusted upwards to **78m** passengers.

*Based on average queuing times (weighted by the total number of passengers processed) captured by real-time monitoring system.

**The baggage delivery performance measures the time from the moment the aircraft comes to a halt on the bay to the time the bags are delivered to the reclaim carousel.

DXB Fast Facts

- Airport Perimeter – 7 KM X 2.5 KM
- DXB comprises three terminals:

- Terminal 1 (includes Concourse D) serves all airlines
- Terminal 2 serves scheduled, charter, and special flights (pilgrimage)
- Terminal 3 (includes Concourses A, B & C) is dedicated for use by Emirates
- Total built up area of DXB is 2,122,474sqm [T1+Concourse C (246,474sqm) + T2 (13000 sqm) + T3+Concourse B (1,185,000 sqm) + Concourse A (528,000) + Concourse D (150,000sqm)]
- The 35,000 sqm cargo facility at DXB capable of handling 3.1 m tonnes of cargo annually.
- DXB ranks among the world's top 10 cargo hubs in terms of international freight traffic.
- DXB has a total of 526 check in counters
- T1 – 211 | Transfers (Concourse D) – 31 | T2 – 52 | T3 - 232
- DXB became the world's number 1 airport for international passengers in 2014 with passenger numbers totalling 70.4m.
- Busiest month – August 2018 with 8.3 m passengers (approx. 280,000 passengers per day; 11,500 passengers per hour; 191.5 passengers per minute)
- The Baggage Handling System is 175KM long. An average bag spends 29 mins in the system.
- The BHS handles up to 9.3m bags/month during peak season (2018). Powered by more than 21,000 motors, the BHS has 15,000 trays and is spread over an area equal to 75 football fields.
- Dubai Duty Free sells an average of 2.9 m bottles of perfume 2,066 tonnes of chocolate, 995 tonnes of dates and 2,711 kilograms of gold every year.

DXB Chronological History

- **2023** – DXB traffic surges by 55.8% in Q1 to reach 21.2m passengers or 95.6% of 2019 level.
- **2023** – DXB held its position as the world's number one airport for international passengers for the 9th year running.
- **2022** – DXB exceeds forecast with annual traffic surpassing 66.1 million passengers, up 127% year on year.
- **2022** – A bilingual, 24/7, omni channel customer care centre which enables pax to get in touch with Dubai Airports across multiple channels seamlessly was launched.
- **2022** – Dubai Airports closed DXB's Northern Runway for total refurbishment from May 9 (to June 22). More than 100 flights per day operated into/from DWC during the period.
- **2022** – In March 2022, all pure cargo operators were moved from DXB back to DWC. This was the reversal of a move taken during the 2020 Covid 19 crisis when all cargo operations were moved from DWC to DXB to consolidate all operations at one airport.
- **2022** – DXB is the busiest international airport for the eighth consecutive year with 29.1m passengers in 2021.
- **2021** – DXB returns to 100% operational capacity in December following the completion of phased opening of Concourse A.
- **2021** – DXB reopens Terminal 1 and Concourse D on June 24 after 15 months. The facilities were closed on March 25, 2020 following the partial suspension of operations at DXB as part of the measures to control the spread of Covid-19.
- **2021** – Dubai Airports in collaboration with Dubai Health Authority and Pure Health open a 20,000 square-foot lab capable of processing 100,000 PCR tests per day on June 22, 2021. One of the world's largest in-house lab at an airport, the facility can process PCR tests within hours.
- **2021** – DXB is voted as the world's best international airport for the first time by readers of the Business Traveller.

- **2021** – DXB achieves Airport Health Accreditation from ACI for its health, safety and hygiene regime.
- **2021** – DXB retains its position as the world’s busiest international airport for the seventh consecutive year with passenger traffic of 25.9m in 2020.
- **2020** – DXB celebrates 60th Anniversary
- **2020** – DXB becomes one of the first major hubs globally to reopen on July 7, 2020, after partial suspension of operations on March 25 (special flights, repatriation operations and cargo flights continued throughout).
- **2020** – Operations at DXB are partially suspended on March 25, 2020 as part of measures by UAE authorities to combat the spread of Covid-19.
- **2019** – DXB retains title of the world’s busiest airport for international passengers for the 5th consecutive year with 89.1m passengers in 2018.
- **2019** – DXB achieves Level 3 of ACI’s Airport Carbon Accreditation Programme.
- **2019** – Dubai Airports completes the installation of 15,000-panel solar array at DXB’s Terminal 2, the largest at any airport in the Middle East.
- **2018** – DXB welcomes its one billionth international passenger.
- **2016** – DXB opens Concourse D, a \$1.2b state of the art facility serving 60 international airlines operating out of DXB’s Terminal 1.
- **2014** – All cargo carriers’ operations moved from DXB to DWC.
- **2014** – DXB welcomes 70.4m passengers in 2014 to become the world’s number 1 airport for international passenger traffic.
- **2013** – DWC opened its doors to passengers on October 27, 2013. The passenger terminal was expanded in 2018 to accommodate 26m passengers annually, up from 5 m passengers.
- **2013** – Concourse A, the world’s largest facility purpose built for the A380 opens at DXB.
- **2010** – Dubai Airports opens the first phase of Dubai World Central (DWC) for cargo operations on June 27.
- **2009** – Passenger throughput surpasses the 40 million-mark with traffic reaching 40.9 million and DXB becomes the world’s fastest growing airport among top 50 major hubs. Work begins on Concourse 3 (now Concourse A), the A380 dedicated facility for Emirates’ super jumbo fleet.
- **2009** – Terminal 2 undergoes major refurbishment for the launch of flydubai, Dubai’s own low-cost airline.
- **2008** – Dubai Airports opened the much-awaited DXB Terminal 3 for the exclusive use of Emirates airline. The flawless opening of the world’s largest single terminal expanded DXB’s capacity to 60 million and won the airport accolades from passengers and the aviation industry worldwide.
- **2007** – Department of Civil Aviation is restructured leading to the formation of Dubai Airports –operator of Dubai’s airports – alongside Dubai Civil Aviation Authority – the local aviation regulatory body.
- **2002** – DXB was ranked the second fastest growing airport in the world according to ACI traffic statistics. The facility handled around 18 million passengers in 2003 and was firmly established as the aviation hub of the Middle East.
- **2000** – DXB becomes the first airport in the Middle East to feature a gated terminal with the opening of Concourse C.

- **2000** – The opening of Concourse 1 (now Concourse C), marked the start of a new chapter in Dubai's aviation history. Built as part of the first phase of the general expansion project at a cost of AED2 billion, the Terminal increased the Airport's capacity from 10 million to 23 million.
- **1998** – Terminal 2 was opened, increasing DXB's capacity by 2m passengers per annum.
- **1988** – Passenger throughput at the airport reached 4.3m and more than doubled in a decade to 9.7 million by 1998.
- **1985** – Emirates airline is launched.
- **1984** – The second runway, equipped with the latest meteorological, airfield lighting and instrument landing systems to give the airport a Category II classification was opened.
- **1983** – Dubai Duty Free began operations at Dubai International. From an annual turnover of US\$20m in its inaugural year, DDF has grown to acquire the status of the world's single largest airport retailer with a turnover of US\$1.93b in 2017.
- **1980** – On 23 December 1980, DXB became an ordinary member of the Airports Council International (ACI).
- **1970** – The 70s witnessed many developments across DXB, starting with a new three-storey terminal building, a new control tower, additional taxiways, lengthening of the runway, extension of aprons, airfield lighting and landing instrument.
- **1969** – DXB accommodated nine airlines serving a total of 20 destinations.
- **1965** – Work to build an asphalt runway began in 1963 and were completed in 1965 together with the building and refurbishment of several facilities.
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- **1960** – The airport comprising a sand compacted runway and a small terminal building was opened on September 30 and was capable of handling aircraft up to the size of a DC-3.
- **1959** – Work to build 'Dubai airport' began on a vast expanse of a wasteland some 4km from what was then the edge of the city of Dubai.

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DXB TRAFFIC 2021

- DXB retained its position as the world's busiest international airport for the 8th consecutive year with 29.1 m pax in 2021, up 12.7% YoY.
- 2.3m tonnes of cargo year to date September, up 20% YoY.
- Top Countries: **India** – 4.2m passengers | **Pakistan** – 1.8m | **Saudi Arabia** – 1.5m
- Top Destinations: **Istanbul** – 916K passengers | **Cairo** – 905K | **London** – 814K | **New Delhi** – 791K
- Annual traffic was propelled by a spike in the final three months of the year during which DXB recorded 11.8m passengers, 77% more than in the previous quarter.
- The fourth quarter was the busiest since Q1 of 2020, and the first time since the start of the pandemic that DXB's quarterly traffic surpassed the 10m mark.
- December was the busiest month in 2021 with 4.5m passengers.
- DXB returned to 100% operational capacity on November 24 with the reopening of Concourse A after the facility was closed for 20 months.
- Earlier, Terminal 1 and Concourse D were reopened on June 24, 2021, almost 15 months after the facilities were closed in March 2020 following the partial suspension of operations at DXB as part of measures to combat the spread of Covid-19.

DXB TRAFFIC 2020

- The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on international passenger traffic throughout 2020 due to lockdowns and closure of airports and airlines around the world. DXB ceased all operations from March 25 as part of national measures to tackle the spread of the virus. UAE residents were allowed return to the country from June 22 while Dubai reopened for international tourists from July 7, 2020.
- Between March-April, Dubai Airports worked with diplomatic missions, airlines, and UAE authorities to help repatriate 500K people on 4,100 special flights from DXB and DWC.
- DXB welcomed a total of 25.9m passengers for the full year of 2020 (-70%).
- India retained its position as the top destination country for DXB by passenger numbers, with traffic for 2020 reaching 4.3m, followed by the United Kingdom with 1.89 m customers and Pakistan coming in third with 1.86 m customers. Other destination countries of note include Saudi Arabia with 1.45 m customers.

- The top three cities by passenger numbers were London (1.15m) Mumbai (772,000) and New Delhi with 722,000 passengers.
- DXB handled 183,993 flights (-51.4%) in 2020, while the average number of customers per flight decreased to 188, -20.3% for the year.
- DXB moved 1,932,022 tonnes (-23.2%) of international cargo during 2020.
- As of February 22, 2021, there are now 142 destinations (61% recovery) served from DXB in 80 markets (85% recovery) on 57 airlines (75% recovery).

Pax 2019

Quarter	2018	2019	% Change
Q1	22,741,194	22,230,810	-2.2%
Q2	20,997,911	19,046,939	-9.2%
H1	43,739,105	41,277,749	-5.6%
Q3	23,782,331	23,217,492	-4.5%
Q4	21,627,951	21,901,516	1.3%
Total	89,149,387	86,396,757	-3.1%

Cargo 2019/18

Quarter	2018	2019	% Change
Q1	615,853	641,250	4.1%
Q2	652,308	587,567	-9.9%
H1	1,268,161	1,228,817	-3.1%
Q3	676,240	636,575	-5.9%
Q4	708,891	659,167	-7.0%
Total	2,641,383	2,514,918	-4.8%

Note: Dubai International's Southern Runway was closed from April 16 to May 30, 2019 for a major refurbishment.

Top Country Destinations

India – 11.9m pax | Saudi Arabia – 6.3m pax | UK – 6.2m pax | China – 3.6m pax | US – 3.2m pax

Flights

373,261 (-8.6% YoY) | DXB serves 78 airlines flying to 245 airports in 238 cities across 103 countries.

Cargo

2,514,918 tonnes (-4.8% YoY)

Baggage Volume

73.1 m bags with delivery success rate of 99.96%

2018

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2017/18				DXB CARGO 2017/18			
Month	2017	2018	% change	Month	2017	2018	% change
Jan	8,037,008	7,960,146	-1%	Jan	208,271	202,233	-2.9%
Feb	6,948,157	6,928,547	-0.3%	Feb	192,704	191,575	-0.6%

March	7,511,431	7,852,501	4.5%	Mar	235,503	222,045	-5.7%
April	7,622,946	7,613,155	-0.1	Apr	217,881	216,333	-0.7%
May	6,850,052	6,589,264	-3.8%	May	232,884	221,363	-4.9%
June	6,084,674	6,795,492	11.7%	Jun	215,668	214,612	-0.5%
July	8,065,789	8,207,987	1.8%	Jul	213,258	223,488	4.8%
Aug	8,233,311	8,376,478	1.7%	Aug	224,730*	219,629	-2.3%
Sep	7,215,182	7,197,866	-0.2%	Sep	217,120	221,213	1.9%
Oct	6,865,296	7,007,823	2.1%	Oct	231,805	237,499	2.5%
Nov	6,953,596	6,897,169	-0.8%	Nov	235,651	237,059	0.6%
Dec	7,854,657	7,722,959	-1.7%	Dec	229,068	234,333	2.3%
Total	88,242,099	89,149,387	1.0%	Total	2,654,542	2,641,383	-0.5%

- Flight movements in 2018 totalled 408,251, down -0.3% compared to 409,493 recorded in 2017.
- The average number of passengers per flight in 2018 was 226 up 1.3% from 223 in 2017.

2017

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2016/17				DXB CARGO 2016/17			
Month	2016	2017	% change	Month	2016	2017	% change
Jan	7,327,637	8,037,008	9.7%	Jan	201,483	208,271	3.4%
Feb	6,383,544	6,948,157	8.8%	Feb	196,460	192,704	-1.9%
March	7,237,509	7,511,431	3.8%	Mar	217,201	235,503	8.4%
April	6,979,063*	7,622,946	9.2%	Apr	213,790	217,881	1.9%
May	6,721,995	6,850,052	1.9%	May	226,916	232,884	2.6%
June	5,857,503	6,084,674	3.9%	Jun	226,174	215,668	-4.6%
July	7,616,792	8,065,789	5.9%	Jul	203,153	213,258	5%
Aug	7,727,105	8,233,311	6.6%	Aug	201,100	224,730*	11.8%
Sep	7,094,738	7,215,182	1.7%	Sep	205,142	217,120	5.8%
Oct	6,420,208	6,865,296	6.9%	Oct	236,169	231,805	-1.8%
Nov	6,581,805	6,953,596	5.6%	Nov	234,743	235,651	0.4%
Dec	7,706,351	7,854,657	1.9%	Dec	230,122	229,019	-0.5%
Total	83,654,250	88,242,099	5.5%	Total	2,592,454	2,654,494	2.4%

*Figures have been restated due to data validation exercise and/or update in methodology.

2016

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2015/16				DXB CARGO 2015/16			
Month	2015	2016	% change	Month	2015	2016	% change
Jan	6,895,668	7,327,637	6.3%	Jan	186,230	201,483	8.17
Feb	5,973,727	6,383,544	6.9%	Feb	191,587	196,460	2.5%
March	6,736,932	7,237,509	7.4%	Mar	216,879	217,201	0.1%
April	6,510,653	6,978,268	7.2%	Apr	204,075	213,790	4.8%
May	6,267,640	6,721,995	7.2%	May	216,712	226,916	4.7 %
June	5,914,671	5,857,503	(-1%)	Jun	217,896	226,175	3.8%
July	6,682,676	7,616,792	14 %	Jul	205,526	203,153	(-1.2%)
Aug	7,282,256	7,727,105	6.1%	Aug	207,427	201,100	(-3.1%)
Sep	6,432,654	7,094,738	10.3%	Sep	207,315	205,142	(-1%)
Oct	6,250,810	6,420,208	2.7%	Oct	215,714	236,169	9.5%
Nov	6,013,911	6,581,805	9.4%	Nov	218,323	234,743	7.5%
Dec	7,053,243	7,706,351	9.3%	Dec	218,408	230,122	5.4%

Total	78,014,838	83,654,250	7.2%	Total	2,506,092	2,592,454	3.4%
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2015

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2014/15				DXB CARGO 2014/15			
Month	2014	2015	% change	Month	2014	2015	% change
Jan	6,400,706	6,895,668	7.7%	Jan	197,021	186,230	(-5.5%)
Feb	5,675,246	5,973,727	5.3%	Feb	188,702	191,002	1.2%
March	6,285,868	6,736,932	7.2%	Mar	228,154	216,879	(-4.9%)
April	6,159,634	6,510,653	5.7%	Apr	211,588*	204,075	(-3.6%)
May	5,086,910	6,267,640	23.2%	May	187,688*	216,712	15.5%
June	5,067,726	5,914,671	16.7%	Jun	185,842	217,896	17.2%
July	5,155,771	6,682,676	29.6%	Jul	190,376	205,526	8.0%
Aug	6,648,058	7,282,256	9.5%	Aug	196,986*	207,427	5.3%
Sep	5,942,628	6,432,654	8.2%	Sep	206,643	207,315	0.3%
Oct	5,989,007	6,250,810	4.4%	Oct	200,435	215,714	7.6%
Nov	5,565,509	6,013,911	8.1%	Nov	210,251	218,323	3.8%
Dec	6,498,573	70,532,433	8.5	Dec	207,618	218,408	5.2%
YTD	70,473,893	78,014,838	10.70%	Total	2,423,677	2,506,092	3.40%

(*Cargo volume for 2014 has been re-stated because of data validation exercise.)

2014

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2013/14				DXB CARGO 2013/14			
Month	2013	2014	% change	Month	2013	2014	% change
Jan	5,559,760	6,400,706	15.1%	Jan	188,520	197,021	4.5%
Feb	5,080,360	5,675,246	11.7%	Feb	182,580	188,702	3.4%
March	5,846,297	6,285,868	7.5%	Mar	213,748	228,154	6.7%
April	5,418,946	6,159,634	13.7%	Apr	199,985	207,317	3.7%
May	5,218,832	5,086,910	(-2.5%)	May	209,985	182,028	(-13.3%)
June	5,537,908	5,067,726	(-8.5%)	Jun	210,134*	180,025	(-14.3%)
July	5,310,361	5,155,771	(-2.9%)	Jul	206,945*	184,720	(-10.7%)
Aug	5,999,375	6,648,058	10.8%	Aug	184,877	192,902	4.3%
Sep	5,407,326	5,942,628	9.9%	Sep	196,823	202,415	2.8%
Oct	5,667,698	5,989,007	5.7%	Oct	208,695	195,824	(-6.2%)
Nov	5,337,544	5,565,509	4.3%	Nov	223,195	205,375	(-8%)
Dec	6,047,126	6,498,573	7.5%	Dec	218,138	202,836	(-7%)
Total	66,431,533	70,475,636	6.1%	Total	2,443,624*	2,367,574	(-3.1%)

*Previously shared cargo figures for 2013 did not include mail and courier. This has now been corrected and will require updating the percentage growth figures.

2013

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Month	2012	2013	% change	Month	2012	2013	% change
Jan	4,852,139	5,559,760	14.6%	Jan	173,531	188,520	8.6%
Feb	4,561,147	5,080,360	11.4%	Feb	157,492	182,580	15.9%

March	4,848,320	5,846,297	20.6%	Mar	186,417	213,748	14.7%
April	4,566,673	5,418,946	18.7%	Apr	186,385	199,985	7.3%
May	4,388,614	5,218,832	18.9%	May	187,638	209,985	11.9%
June	4,714,746	5,537,908	17.5%	Jun	194,992	202,077	3.6%
July	5,006,155	5,310,361	6.1%	Jul	204,510	206,950	1.2%
Aug	4,847,152	5,999,375	23.8%	Aug	190,770	184,877	-3.1%
Sep	4,780,394	5,407,326	13.1%	Sep	193,261	196,823	1.8%
Oct	4,923,246	5,667,698	15.1%	Oct	202,619	208,695	3.0%
Nov	4,875,003	5,337,544	9.5%	Nov	200,060	223,195	11.6%
Dec	5,320,961	6,047,126	1360.0%	Dec	201,949	218,138	8.0%
Total	57,684,550	66,431,533	15.2%	Total	2,279,624	2,435,567	6.8%

2012

DXB PASSENGER TRAFFIC 2011/12				DXB CARGO 2011/12			
Month	2011	2012	% change	Month	2011	2012	% change
Jan	4,254,735	4,852,139	14.0%	Jan	178,199	173,531	-2.6%
Feb	3,831,385	4,561,147	19.0%	Feb	147,937	157,492	6.5%
March	4,201,708	4,848,320	15.4%	Mar	185,921	186,417	0.3%
April	4,237,548	4,566,673	7.8%	Apr	179,397	186,385	3.9%
May	3,976,633	4,388,614	10.4%	May	187,905	187,638	0.1%
June	4,065,809	4,714,746	16.0%	Jun	183,365	194,992	6.3%
July	4,724,109	5,006,155	6.0%	Jul	192,538	204,510	6.2%
Aug	4,019,230	4,847,152	20.0%	Aug	182,782	190,770	4.4%
Sep	4,236,587	4,780,394	12.8%	Sep	177,128	193,261	9.1%
Oct	4,307,817	4,923,246	14.3%	Oct	197,841	202,619	2.4%
Nov	4,431,673	4,875,003	10.0%	Nov	191,658	200,060	4.4%
Dec	4,690,726	5,320,961	13.4%	Dec	189,593	201,949	6.5%
Total	50,977,960	57,684,550	13.20%	Total	2,194,264	2,279,624	3.9%

Dubai World Central (DWC)

Dubai's second airport opened its doors to passengers on October 27, 2013 with Wizz Air as the launch airline. Kuwait-based Jazeera Airways launched services from October 31st while Gulf Air commenced flights from December 8, 2013. DWC welcomed the launch of flydubai's operations with the arrival of their first flight on October 25, 2015. The airline will operate services to several destinations from DWC as it continues its operations from Dubai International.

Dubai Airports launched cargo operations at DWC on June 27, 2010 as part of the first phase of the project. By May 2014 all cargo operators were moved from DXB to DWC making it the main cargo hub. DWC is also home to 20 cargo operators that fly to as many as 43 cities around the world.

DWC 2022 Traffic

- The passenger terminal at DWC accommodated traffic diverted from DXB during the runway refurbishment project at DXB, welcoming some 650,000+ passengers on 6,200 flights between May 9 and June 22, 2022.

- A number of charter operators have reserved slots since October 1, with demand picking up from the October 28 (start of Winter Season) and expected to sustain through March 2023.
- An estimated 200,000 plus passengers travelled on match day shuttle flights operated by flydubai and Qatar airways between DWC and Doha for the FIFA World Cup from November 20 to December 18.
- The two carriers operated up to 120 match day flights between DWC and Doha daily for the duration of the event.
- Exceptionally busy period for general aviation in DWC with more than 930 General Aviation flights in a week (between December 13-19, the final week of sporting event), a record for DWC.
- DWC welcomed an estimated 494k passengers in the Q4 2022.

Terminal Expansion

Dubai Airports announced in 2015 a project to expand existing passenger terminal at DWC to accommodate 26 m passengers per annum by 2018.

The expanded facility opened in 2018 after the successful completion of a thorough testing and trial programme. The expanded facility opened in time to offer alternate capacity for airlines during the closure of one of Dubai International's two runway for refurbishment from April 16 to May 30th, 2019. The expanded passenger terminal provides a total of 24 boarding gates, a brand new 6,000 bags per hour baggage handling system, 7 baggage reclaim carousels and 104 check-in desks.

DWC Expansion Quick Facts

- Capacity – 26.5 million (vs current capacity at AUH – 20m, STN – 20m, IST – 30m)
- Baggage carousels – 7 (up from 4)
- Arrivals immigration counters – 40 (up from 16)
- Arrivals smart gates – 5 (up from 4 but space for 20)
- Check-in desks – 90 + 4 OOG (up from 40 + 2 OOG)
- Business class check-in – 10 (new)
- Total check-in – 104 (up from 42)
- Departure boarding gates – 24 (up from 12)
- Baggage system – 80 chutes, 8 transfers, 4000 EBS, 6000 bags per hour (up from 4 make-up carousels, 1 transfer line 0 EBS)
- Hammerhead – new facility, 12 boarding gates, Business class lounge/boarding
- Parking – 2,542 (up from 759)
- Area of PTB – 144,000 sqm
- Remote a/c stands – 98 – largest in the world (up from 69)
- Expanded taxi/limo staging area and pick up/drop off

Passenger Traffic

Quarter	2018	2019	Change
Q1	334,455	326,680	-2.3%

Q2	183,358	921,826	402.7%
Q3	119,363	21,926	-81.6%
Q4	263,026	363,626	38.2%
Annual	900,202	1,634,058	81.5%

- DWC welcomed 1.6 m passengers in 2019, up 81.5%, mainly resulting from the relocation of operations by several airlines during the 45-day closure of one of DXB's two runways for rehabilitation in April-May 2019. 36,949 flights took off or landed at DWC in 2019 (23.3% YoY).

Cargo Volume

Quarter	2018	2019	Change
Q1	229,831	215,763	-6.1%
Q2	245,359	234,238	-4.3%
H1	475,190	450,000	-5.3%
Q3	254,421	226,830	-10.8%
Annual	987,986	911,571	-7.7%

- DWC moved a total of 911,571 tonnes of freight in 2019, a year-on-year decline of -7.7%.
- DWC is served by 6 passenger airlines operating an average of 30 weekly flights to 45 international destinations. It is also home to 17 cargo operators that fly to as many as 45 cities around the world.

2018

- Passenger traffic at DWC totalled 900,202 passengers in 2018, down 0.5% compared to 2017.
- DWC handled 987,986 tonnes of cargo in 2018 a year-on-year increase of 1.6% compared to 972,295 tonnes recorded during the same period in 2017.
- There were 29,959 flight movements at DWC in 2018, down 12.4% as compared to 2017.

2017

- DWC welcomed 904,940 passengers in 2017, up 6.4% compared to 850,633 passengers recorded in 2016.
- Aircraft movements at DWC totalled 34,198, down 11.6% over the 29,380* movements recorded in 2016.
- DWC handled 972,295 tonnes of freight in 2017, up 8.3% compared to 897,998 tonnes recorded during 2016.
- DWC is home to 23 scheduled cargo operators that fly to as many as 68 destinations around the world.
- Dubai Airports launched General Aviation operations at DWC on February 28, 2011 with Al Futtaim Services Company as the launch customer.

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