

Global air traffic stands 94.2pc of pre-covid levels: IATA

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JUNE 2023 (%YEAR-ON-YEAR)	WORLD SHARE *1	RPK	ASK	PLF (%PT) *2	PLF (LEVEL) *3
Total Market	100%	31.0%	28.8%	1.4%	84.2%
Africa	2.1%	31.8%	40.5%	-4.6%	68.9%
Asia Pacific	22.1%	90.1%	73.3%	7.1%	80.4%
Europe	30.8%	13.0%	11.5%	1.2%	87.7%
Latin America	6.4%	18.7%	17.1%	1.1%	82.5%
Middle East	9.8%	28.3%	24.5%	2.4%	79.4%
North America	28.8%	12.9%	13.8%	-0.7%	88.7%

Montreal : Post-covid recovery momentum continued in June 2023 for passenger markets, reported the International Air Transport Association (IATA). In June, 2023, global traffic stood at 94.2 per cent of pre-covid levels, and for the first half of 2023, total traffic was up 47.2 per cent compared to the year-ago period.

Total traffic in June 2023 (measured in revenue passenger kilometres or RPKs) rose 31.0 per cent compared to June 2022. Domestic traffic for June rose 27.2 per cent compared to the same month a year ago and was 5.1 per cent above the June 2019 results. Domestic demand was up 33.3 per cent in the 2023 first half compared to a year ago.

On this note, Willie Walsh, Director General, IATA, said, "The northern summer travel season started in June with double-digit demand growth and average load factors topping 84 per cent. Planes are full, which is

good news for airlines, local economies, and travel and tourism-dependent jobs. All benefit from the industry's ongoing recovery."

International traffic climbed 33.7 per cent versus June 2022, with all markets showing robust growth. International RPKs reached 88.2 per cent of June 2019 levels. In the first half of 2023, international traffic was up 58.6 per cent over the first half of 2022.

Asia-Pacific airlines had a 128.1 per cent increase in June 2023 traffic compared to June 2022, easily the largest percentage gain among the regions. Capacity climbed 115.6 per cent, and the load factor increased by 4.6 percentage points to 82.9 per cent.

European carriers posted a 14.0 per cent traffic rise versus June 2022. Capacity rose 12.6 per cent, and load factor climbed 1.1 percentage points to 87.8 per cent, the second highest among the regions.

Middle Eastern airlines' June traffic climbed 29.2 per cent compared to June last year. Capacity rose 25.9 per cent, and the load factor improved by two percentage points to 79.8 per cent.

North American carriers saw traffic climb 23.3 per cent in June 2023 versus 2022. Capacity increased by 19.5 per cent, and the load factor rose 2.7 percentage points to 90.2 per cent, the region's highest.

Latin American airlines had a 25.8 per cent traffic increase compared to the same month in 2022. June capacity climbed 25.0 per cent, and the load factor rose 0.6 percentage points to 84.8 per cent.

African airlines' traffic rose 34.7 per cent in June 2023 versus a year ago, the region's second-highest percentage gain. June capacity was up 44.8 per cent, and the load factor fell 5.1 percentage points to 68.1 per cent, the region's lowest. Africa was the only region to see a decline in the monthly international load factor compared to a year ago.