Air transport

2021, September

Number of passengers at Finnish airports still far from the pre-pandemic level in September 2021

Altogether 578,900 passengers flew through Finnish airports in September 2021, which was 165 per cent more than one year ago, but still 74 per cent fewer than in September 2019. The exceptionally high relative growth in the number of passengers compared to the year before is caused by the collapse of air traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic since spring 2020. There were 480,023 passengers at Helsinki Airport and a total of 98,877 passengers at other domestic airports. Helsinki Airport accounted for 83 per cent of all passengers at domestic airports.

Number of passengers at Finnish airports by month in 2019 to 2021

In September 2021, the number of passengers at Helsinki Airport was 75 per cent lower and the combined number of passengers at other domestic airports 71 per cent lower than in September 2019. Compared with last year’s September, the number of passengers increased by 196 per cent at Helsinki Airport and by 77 per cent at other domestic airports.
Seventy per cent of the passengers were from international flights and 30 per cent from domestic flights. The share of passengers on international flights was 82 per cent at Helsinki Airport and 10 per cent in total at other domestic airports.

In September 2021, air freight and mail transport totalled 15,367 tonnes, which was 36 per cent more than one year earlier. In total, 99.8 per cent of the tonnes were transported through Helsinki Airport and 99.6 per cent in traffic between Finland and foreign countries. Altogether 8,349 tonnes of the transported volume of goods were outgoing and 7,018 tonnes incoming.
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