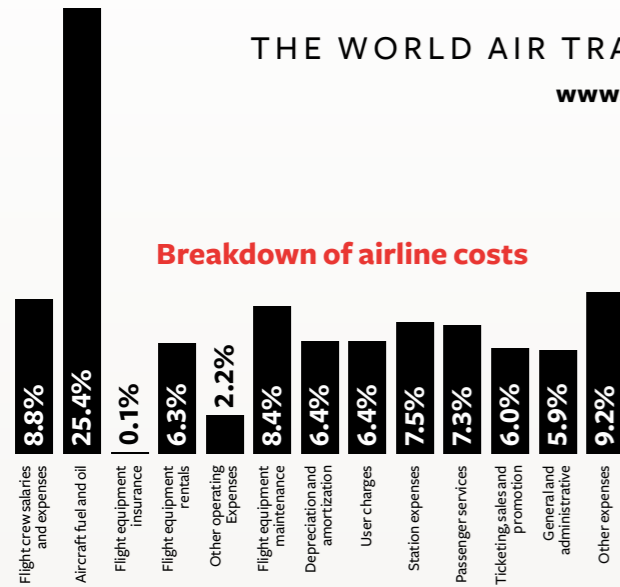


In numbers

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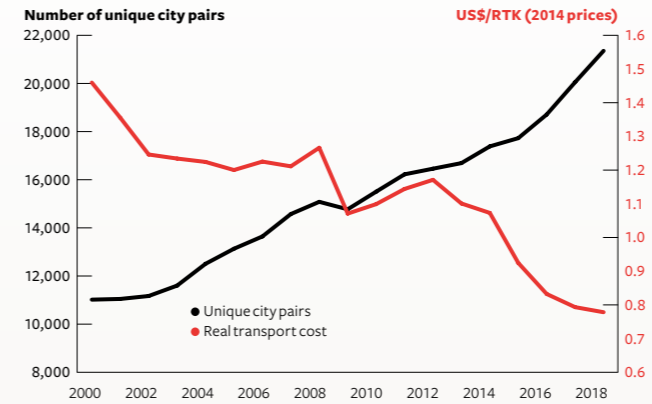


“Airlines are connecting more people and places than ever before.

The freedom to fly is more accessible than ever, and our world is a more prosperous place as a result”

Alexandre de Juniac, IATA Director General and CEO

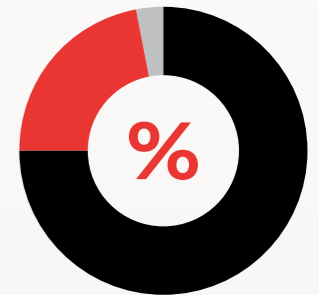
City-pair connections, 2018: Source: IATA, ICAO, Boeing, SRS Analyser
In 2018, airlines continued to increase their city-pair routes served globally. Almost **22,000 city pairs** are now connected by airlines with regular services. This is an **increase of 1,300** over the number of city-pairs in 2017.



590m

Although China’s **domestic market** added **more passenger journeys** in 2018, the **domestic US market** continues to be the **world’s largest single market**, with almost **590 million passenger journeys** undertaken in 2018.

Share of Revenue Passenger –Kilometers by airline type



107,394,029
Atlanta is the world’s busiest airport, handling 107 million passengers in 2018

8,329,776,000,000

Passenger kilometers flown in 2018

Record efficiency was achieved with **81.9% of available seats** being filled.

Preliminary fuel efficiency data for total system:
Preliminary fuel efficiency data for total system-wide services
 (in litres per 100 revenue tonne kilometers) indicates an efficiency improvement of 0.81% in 2018, compared to 2017: from 34.50 to 34.22. Measured in available tonne kilometers, efficiency for the same period also improved.

Year	Litres per 100 RTK	Per RTK	Litres per 100 ATK	Per ATK
2017	34.50	2.22%	23.13	0.31%
2018	34.22	0.81%	22.92	0.89%

Overall achieved load factor rose in 2018, enabling airlines to maintain a solid gap above the level required for financial breakeven. This was driven mainly by the **record passenger load factor performance of 81.9%** achieved for the year.

Top 5 airlines by rankings: The world’s airlines safely carried **4.3 billion passengers** last year. Cargo airlines also carried nearly **64 million tonnes** of freight, equivalent to **\$6.67 trillion**, more than a **third of world trade by value**.

Passenger (by scheduled passenger kilometers, millions)

Rank	Airline	PAX km flown
1	American Airlines	330,577
2	Delta Air Lines	330,034
3	United Airlines	329,562
4	Emirates	302,298
5	Southwest Airlines	214,561

Cargo (by scheduled freight tonne kilometers, millions)

Rank	Airline	FTK
1	Federal Express	17,499
2	Emirates	12,713
3	Qatar Airways	12,695
4	United Parcel Service	12,459
5	Cathay Pacific Airways	11,284

Passengers carried (by scheduled passengers carried, thousands)

Rank	Airline	PAX carried
1	Southwest Airlines	163,606
2	Delta Air Lines	152,217
3	American Airlines	148,181
4	Ryanair	136,719
5	United Airlines	113,215