



# IATA

## Fact Sheet

### Mission

- To represent, lead, and serve the airline industry

### Vision

- Working together to shape the future growth of a safe, secure and sustainable air transport industry that connects and enriches our world

### Leadership

- Chair of IATA Board of Directors (2025-2026), International Airlines Group (IAG) CEO Luis Gallego
- IATA Director General, Willie Walsh

### Membership

- IATA membership: over 370 airlines in 131 countries and territories.
- IATA members represent some 85% of total scheduled traffic (revenue tonne-kilometers, 2024)
- IATA members' total cargo (scheduled) – 59 million tonnes in 2024, of which 41 million tonnes were international
- IATA members' total cargo tonne-kilometers (scheduled) – 254 billion tonne-kilometers in 2024, of which 223 billion tonne-kilometers were international
- IATA members' total passengers 2024 (scheduled) – 3.3 billion, of which 1.4 billion were international
- IATA members' total revenue passenger-kilometers 2024 (scheduled) – 7.3 trillion passenger-kilometers, of which 4.7 trillion passenger-kilometers were international

### History

- In April 1945, a group of 57 airlines came together in Havana, Cuba, to create IATA.
- IATA was formally established in Montreal, Canada later that year in December by a Special Act of the Canadian Parliament.



## IATA Offices

- IATA has 56 offices in 53 countries
- Head Office: Montreal, Canada
- Executive Office: Geneva, Switzerland
- Regional Offices in Amman, Beijing, Madrid, Miami, Singapore
- Government Affairs Offices in Brussels and Washington, D.C.

## IATA Annual General Meeting & World Air Transport Summit

- The Association holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year, where member airlines exercise key governance powers
- It is attended by representatives from IATA member airlines, industry partners, international and regional associations, manufacturers, suppliers, and governments
- The first AGM was held in Montreal, Canada, in October 1945
- The 82<sup>nd</sup> AGM is taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 6-8 June 2026, hosted by LATAM Airlines Group

## IATA Financial Services

- In 2025, IATA Financial Settlement Systems (IFSS) processed some USD 492.4 billion, excluding refunds as follows:
  - Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) — USD 242.3 billion (net of USD 19.7 billion in refunds)
  - Cargo Account Settlement Systems (CASS) — USD 47.5 billion
  - IATA Clearing House (ICH) — USD 66.01 billion
  - IATA Currency Clearance Service (ICCS) — USD 43.0 billion
  - Simplified Invoicing and Settlement (SIS) — USD 89.0 billion
  - Enhancement & Financing — USD 4.5 billion

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