



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: some 350 airlines in 126 countries and territories.
- IATA members represent over 80% of total scheduled traffic (revenue tonne-kilometers, 2023)
- 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 a presence in 56 locations in 52 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

- Formalizes industry positions on aviation and public policy issues and provides a focus on emerging issues
- Attended by representatives from IATA member airlines, industry partners, international and regional associations, manufacturers, suppliers, and governments
- The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Montreal, Canada, in October 1945
- The 81st AGM took place in New Delhi, India, on 1-3 June 2025, hosted by IndiGo
- The 82nd AGM will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2026, hosted by LATAM Airlines Group

IATA Financial Services

- In 2024, IATA Financial Settlement Systems (IFSS) processed some \$445.3 billion excluding refunds as follows:
 - Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) — \$232.8 billion (net of \$19.1 billion in refunds)
 - Cargo Account Settlement Systems (CASS) — \$46.6 billion
 - IATA Clearing House (ICH) — \$63.75 billion
 - IATA Currency Clearance Service (ICCS) — \$41.0 billion
 - Simplified Invoicing and Settlement (SIS) — \$83 billion
 - Enhancement & Financing — \$4.2 billion

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