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## February 2002: Actual Traffic Figures Confirm Positive Trend at Frankfurt Airport

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Frankfurt Airport (FRA) continues to experience a clear recovery in passenger traffic demand. Some 3.3 million passengers used Germany's largest airport in February 2002. Although this is a 3.2 percent minus over the same month in 2001, the traffic drop is shrinking continuously. In November and December 2001, Fraport AG still recorded a decline at FRA of 10.9 percent and 7.9 percent, respectively. In January 2002, there was still a minus of 6.2 percent. On some days in February, the passenger volume even exceeded the corresponding month in 2001.

In February 2002, FRA registered 113,810 metric tons of airfreight. In February 2001, FRA handled about 123,762 metric tons of airfreight or eight percent more. As in the past, the global economic downturn made itself felt here. Nevertheless, stabilization of airfreight traffic is also evident, as the corresponding months of February 2001 and 2000 -- both with an average eight percent growth rate -- create a very high basis of comparison.

The number of aircraft movements declined only 0.9 percent to 33,686 in February. However, Maximum Take Off Weights (MTOWs) at FRA dropped by 6.6 percent, as airlines met the economic situation and passenger demand by deploying smaller aircraft. This resulted in a higher seat-load factor, but the average aircraft size still did not reach the old level. The cancellation of some cargo flights due to falling demand also caused the MTOW tonnage to drop more strongly than the number of aircraft movements.

### Frankfurt Airport's Traffic Figures for February 2002

	February 2002	Change (2) Feb. 02/ Feb. 01	Jan. - Feb. 2002	Change (2) Jan. - Feb. 02/01
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Passengers in millions	3.3	-3.2 %	6.5	-4.7 %
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Airfreight  
in thousands of metric tons

113.8	-8.0 %	219.2	-7.7 %
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Airmail  
in thousands of metric tons

11.0	0.3 %	23.4	1.2 %
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Aircraft Movements (1)  
in thousands

33.7	-0.9 %	69.5	-1.7 %
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MTOWs  
in thousands of metric tons

1,781.1 -6.6 % 3,701.6 -6.3 %

Punctuality

share of punctual arrivals  
and departures in percent

75.6 76.9

(1) Excluding military flights

(2) Rate of change based on unrounded numbers

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