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Aircraft movements up by about 4% to more than 394,000:

Munich Airport sets new record of over 42 million passengers in 2016

Munich Airport's robust growth trend continued in 2016 with new records for total passengers and freight turnover. The number of passengers increased by 1.3 million, or 3 percent, over the previous year to a new all-time high of 42.3 million, and the number of aircraft movements was up by almost 4 percent. The total of 394,430 take-offs and landings represented an increase of 14,500. Without last year's strike-related disruptions, which led to cancellations of about 3,000 scheduled flights to and from Munich, the increase in aircraft movements would have been an even more impressive 4.6 percent over the 2015 figure. The strikes affected approximately 330,000 travellers. The airfreight segment posted the strongest growth. The more than 334,000 tons of freight handled at the airport represented a 5 percent year-on-year increase.

"The strong gains in our traffic figures clearly demonstrate once again that growth in demand for mobility is steadily rising. This will continue in the coming year. Based on slot requests submitted by the airlines to date, we expect a 4 percent increase in aircraft movements in 2017," said Dr. Michael Kerkloh, the President and CEO of Munich Airport.



As in previous years, the growth seen in passenger numbers in Munich is based above all on strong gains in international traffic: With about 6.8 million passengers – an increase of 5 percent – the intercontinental segment again posted the strongest gains. Demand was particularly strong for the long-haul routes to Asia, where passenger numbers rose by more than 5 percent as compared with 2015. In 2016, direct routes from Munich to both Asia and North America routes carried more than 3 million passengers (3.3 million and 3.2 million, respectively).

Continental traffic, with a total of 25.8 million passengers in 2016, remained the strongest segment at Munich Airport. This was a 4 percent increase over 2015. Domestic routes within Germany experienced a slight 0.5 percent increase to approximately 10 million passengers.

Once again last year, there were substantial additions to the global route network served from Munich: The 257 destinations – 10 more than in the previous year – was the most extensive range of destinations ever offered to passengers at the Bavarian hub. The number of airlines offering scheduled services in Munich increased by three to 100.



Summary of annual figures of Munich Airport:

Traffic figures	2016	2015	Change
Passenger volume			
Commercial traffic	42,261,309	40,981,522	+3.1 %
Aircraft movements			
Total	394,430	379,911	+3.8 %
Cargo (in tons)			
Airfreight and airmail	353,650	336,162	+5.2 %
Thereof airfreight turnover	334,497	317,387	+5.4 %

FMG (Flughafen München GmbH), incorporated in 1949, operates Munich Airport, which opened at its present site on May 17, 1992. It is jointly owned by the Free State of Bavaria (51 percent), the Federal Republic of Germany (26 percent) and the city of Munich (23 percent). The FMG corporate group, with its 15 subsidiaries, employs more than 8,900 people. With a total workforce of about 35,000, employed by about 550 companies, Munich Airport is one of Bavaria's largest workplaces. Within just a few years of opening, Munich Airport developed into a major air transportation hub and was firmly established as one of Europe's 10 busiest airports. Munich Airport now offers connections to more than 250 destinations all over the world. In 2016 Bavaria's gateway to the world has handled approximately 400,000 flights with over 42 million passengers. In the spring of 2015, Munich became the first airport in Europe to earn the prestigious "Five-Star Airport" designation from the respected London-based Skytrax Institute.



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