



**BOLOGNA AIRPORT: 8.5 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 2022, UP 107.1% ON 2021,
BUT 9.7% LESS THAN 2019**

***Good traffic recovery starting from Spring, but overall levels still lower than before
the pandemic***

After two years - 2020 and 2021 - of great difficulty for the entire air transport sector due to the Covid-19 pandemic, in 2022 the air traffic trend recorded a **progressive improvement, starting from Spring**, with the cessation of the emergency phase and travel restrictions.

In particular, at Bologna Airport, the monthly passenger figures went from -50.6% in January 2022 over January 2019 to +2.4% in June 2022 over June 2019, with figures growing for the entire summer season, to then return to decline in the last two months of the year. The final figure records around 8.5 million passengers overall (exactly: **8,485,290 passengers**), **equal to an increase of 107.1% on 2021, but down by 9.7% on 2019**, the last year pre-Covid.

In particular, in 2022 there were **2,217,001 passengers on domestic flights**, up by 44.3% on 2021 and by 13.2% on 2019, while **passengers on international flights** - more penalized by travel restrictions and with a slower recovery as it was more influenced by global dynamics – **were 6,268,289**, up by 144.8% on 2021, but still down by -15.7% on 2019.

Annual air movements were 65,505, up 72.3% on 2021 and down 10.1% on 2019, while **freight was 42,926 tonnes**, up on both 2021 (+10.5%) and compared to 2019 (+12.9%). Cargo is therefore confirmed as the sector in which Marconi reacted best to the pandemic crisis, thanks also to the vitality of the local economic system.

In the ranking of the "most flown" destinations in 2022 we find Catania, Barcelona and Palermo in the first three places. Followed by: Madrid, Paris Charles de Gaulle, Bari, Tirana, Brindisi, London Heathrow and Frankfurt. Compared to 2021, there is a progressive return of **international and business destinations**, compared to the predominantly national ones that have characterized the last few years.

With reference to the data for the month of December 2022, there are **577,974 passengers overall, equal to a growth of 23.3% on the same month of 2021, but down by 18.4% on December 2019.** Passengers on domestic flights are 142,557 (-10.0% on 2021 and -5.4% on 2019), those on international flights 435,417 (+40.3% on 2021 and -21.9% on 2019). Aircraft movements for the month were 4,645, equal to an increase of 3.7% on 2021, but down by 17.2% on December 2019, while freight was 3,444 tonnes, down by 2.4% on 2021 and up by 13.2% on the same month of 2019.

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Aeroporto Guglielmo Marconi di Bologna, classified as a "strategic airport" in the centre-north area of the National Airports Plan prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, recorded in 2021 - a year affected by the global pandemic – 4.1 million passengers, ranking as the eighth biggest Italian airport by number of passengers (Source: Assaeroporti – Aeroporti2030). Located in the heart of the Emilian food valley and the automotive and packaging industrial districts, the airport has a catchment area of about 11 million inhabitants and around 47,000 companies, with a strong propensity to exports and internationalisation and with commercial expansion policies to Eastern Europe and Asia. As for airport infrastructure, the airport has among its strategic objectives in the next few years an important development plan that mainly concerns the expansion of the terminal, particularly in the parts of security checks and gate area. The company's aim is to make Bologna Airport one of the most modern and functional in Italy, an important gateway to the city and region.

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