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# 2024

## Words, Numbers & Thoughts...

The year 2024 was a record-breaking year for the aviation industry worldwide, with global passenger traffic fully recovering from the pandemic's impact and surpassing 2019 levels, albeit with varying pace and trends across different regions and markets. In a global landscape shaped by evolving travel demand, economic shifts, and geopolitical and operational challenges, AIA achieved an all-time high in traffic performance, surpassing pre-Covid traffic levels by 25%, clearly outpacing European airport trends. This achievement reflects the increased demand for Athens and its attractiveness as a prime leisure and business destination, the resilience of air travel amid global and industry challenges and consumers' prioritisation of experiential spending.

2024 was also a milestone year for the Company, marked by its successful listing on the Athens Exchange on February 7, 2024. In addition, in light of the strong traffic trends, the Company is further accelerating its Airport Expansion Programme, with the ultimate objective of reaching a capacity to serve 40 million passengers annually by 2032. AIA also remains at the forefront of sustainability, maintaining its commitment to achieving Net Zero emissions by the end of 2025 – significantly ahead of industry's set targets.

The Aerostat Handbook 2024, one of AIA's corporate publications now in its 23rd edition, aspires to serve as a comprehensive guide detailing the Airport's traffic evolution throughout the year. Offering valuable insights and information to our customers, business partners, and investors and focusing on key market trends and characteristics, it aims at providing in-depth analysis of major traffic segments, operational processes, passenger profiles, incoming and outgoing tourism traffic, as well as broader market trends in Greece and worldwide.

With change being the only constant in this BANI (Brittle, Anxious/Ambiguous, Non-Linear, Incomprehensible) world, we hope that the information and the data contained herein will prove to be valuable, providing adequate clarity to the characteristics of the Greek and International aviation market.

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CHAPTER – 1

# Catching up with 2024

2024 was a record year for Athens International Airport, as it remained among the fastest-growing major airports in Europe



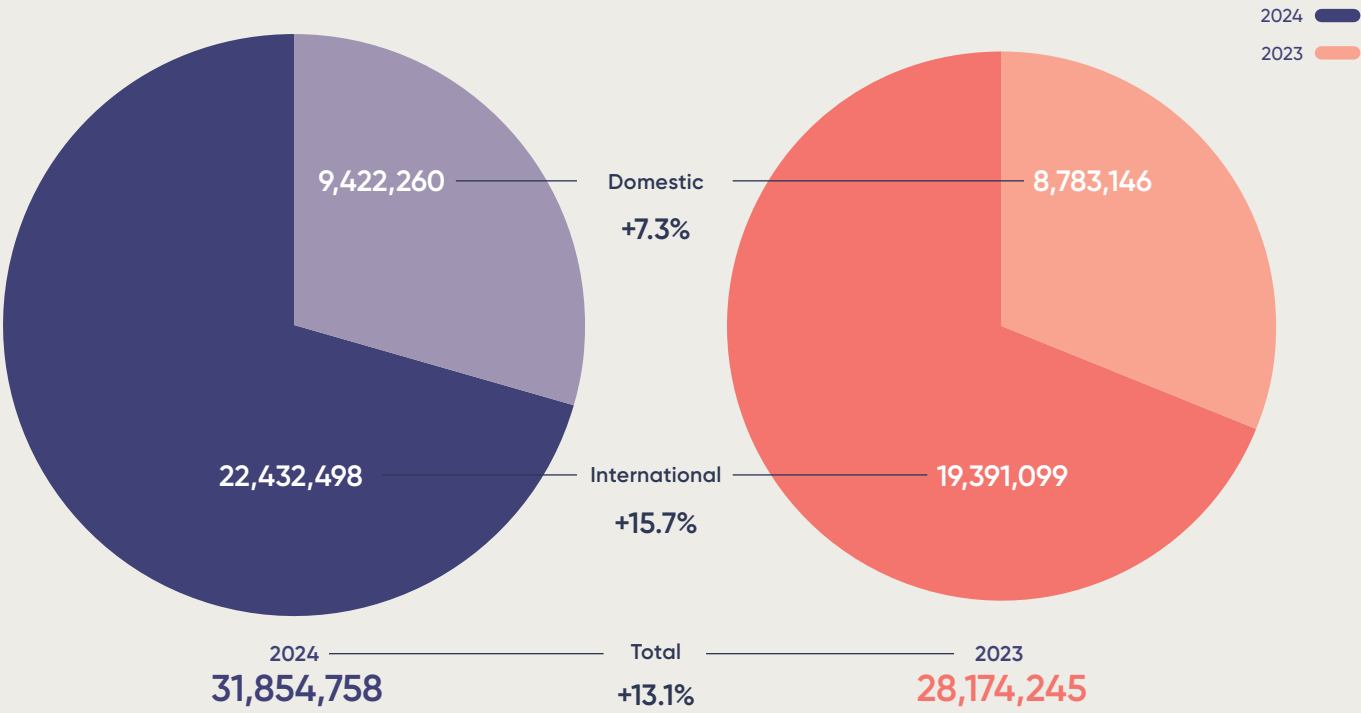
In 2024, the Greek economy maintained its upward momentum despite global uncertainties, with tourism continuing to serve as a key driver of investment and growth. In addition to navigating external challenges, Greece also faced domestic pressures such as inflation. Nevertheless, the tourism sector demonstrated steady expansion, a trend clearly reflected in the annual traffic evolution of Athens International Airport.

Passenger traffic at the Airport increased by 13.1% compared to 2023, reaching a total of 31.85 million travellers. Domestic passenger traffic rose by 7.3% compared to 2023, while international passenger numbers experienced even stronger growth at 15.7%, highlighting the Airport's growing global connectivity and the resilience of Greece's tourism and aviation sectors. With respect to the traffic development throughout the year, the strong momentum of the first quarter, with a 16.5% increase compared to 2023, continued into the second quarter at a similar rate (+15.7%), while growth in the 3rd and 4th quarters was not as strong, however it remained robust at 9.8% and 12.3%, respectively.

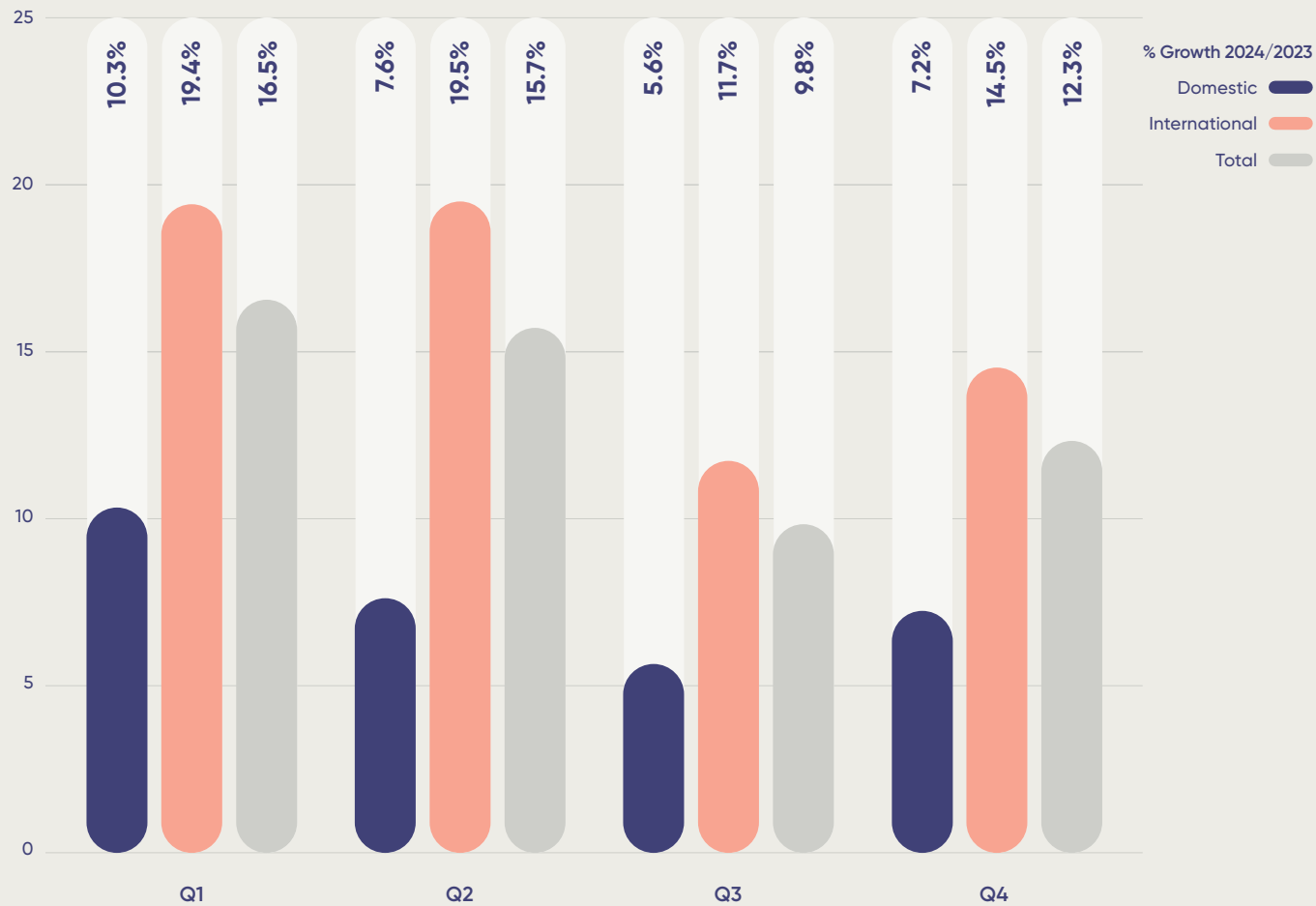
Aircraft movements totalled 268,301, reflecting an 11.0% increase from the previous year and aligning with the upward trend in passenger demand. Both domestic and international flight operations surpassed 2023 figures, with increases of 5.1% and 15.5%, respectively.

2024 also stands out as a significant one for global air cargo volumes, with Athens International Airport recording its most successful performance to date in this sector. Air cargo traffic reached approximately 125 thousand tonnes, marking a substantial 32.9% increase compared to 2023.

Passenger Traffic Development 2024

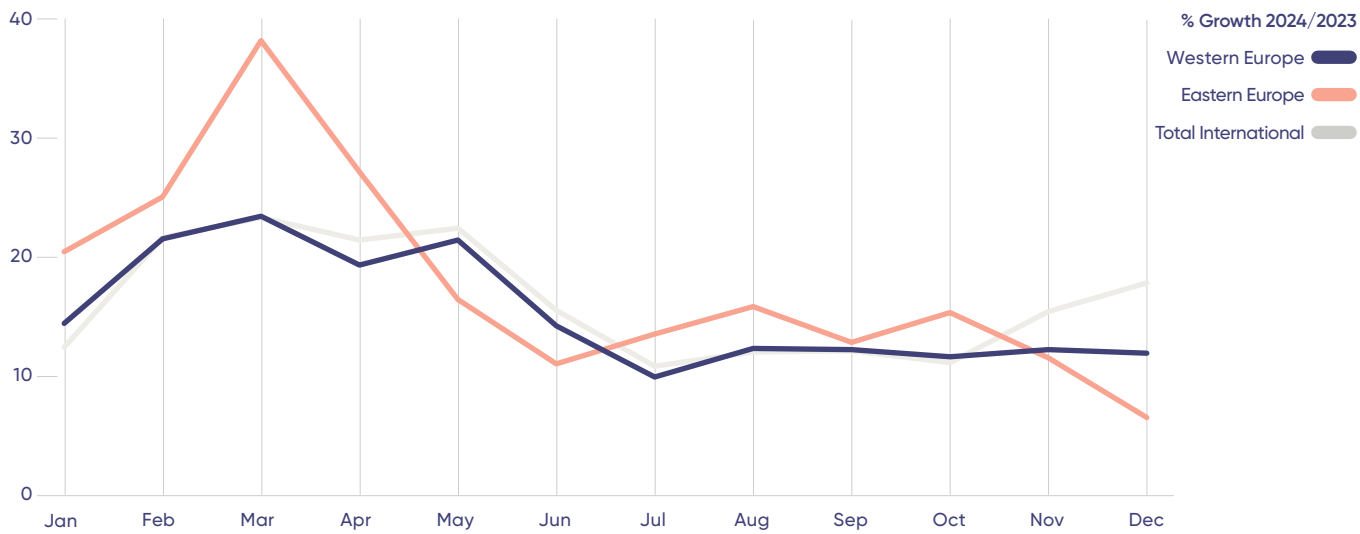


Quarterly Passenger Traffic Development 2024 vs 2023

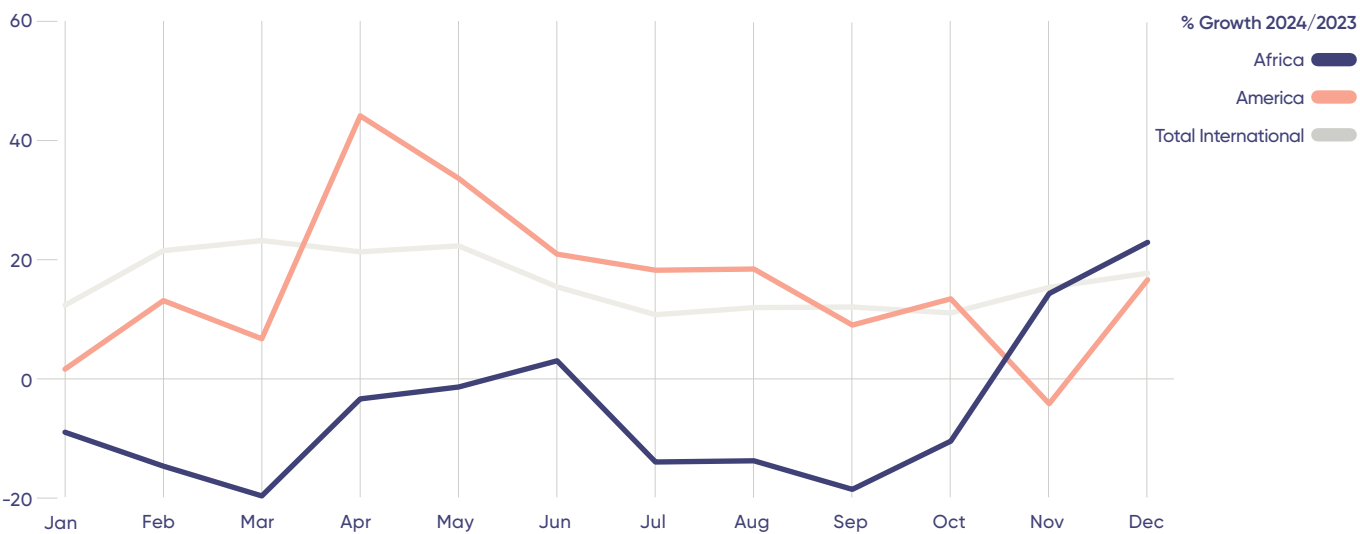


International Passenger Traffic Development 2024 vs 2023

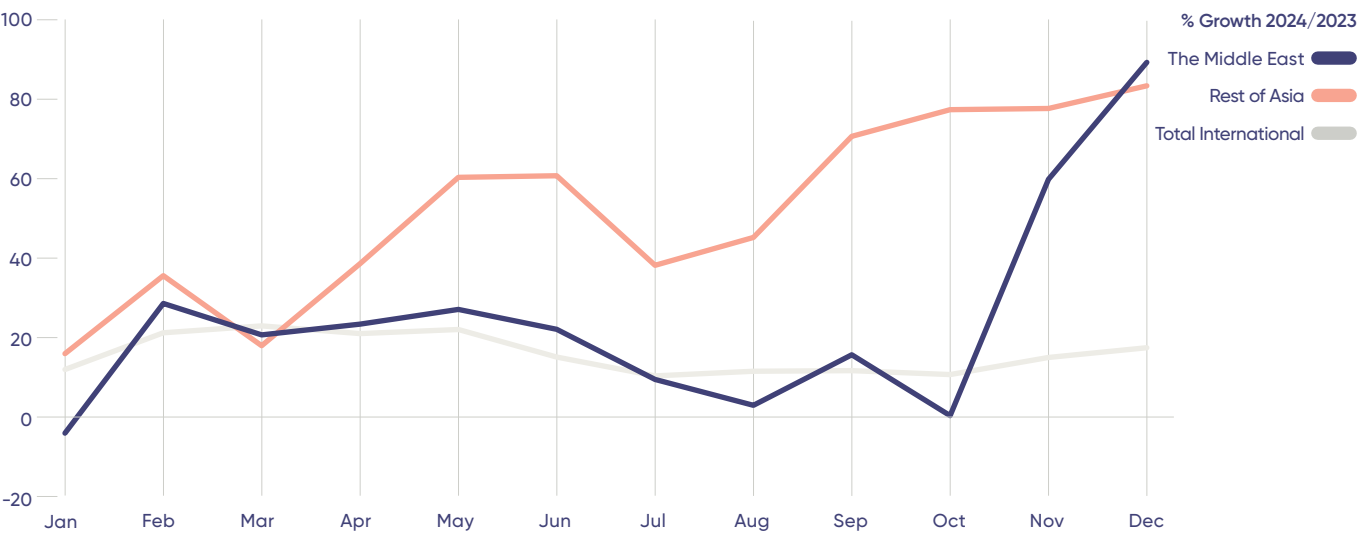
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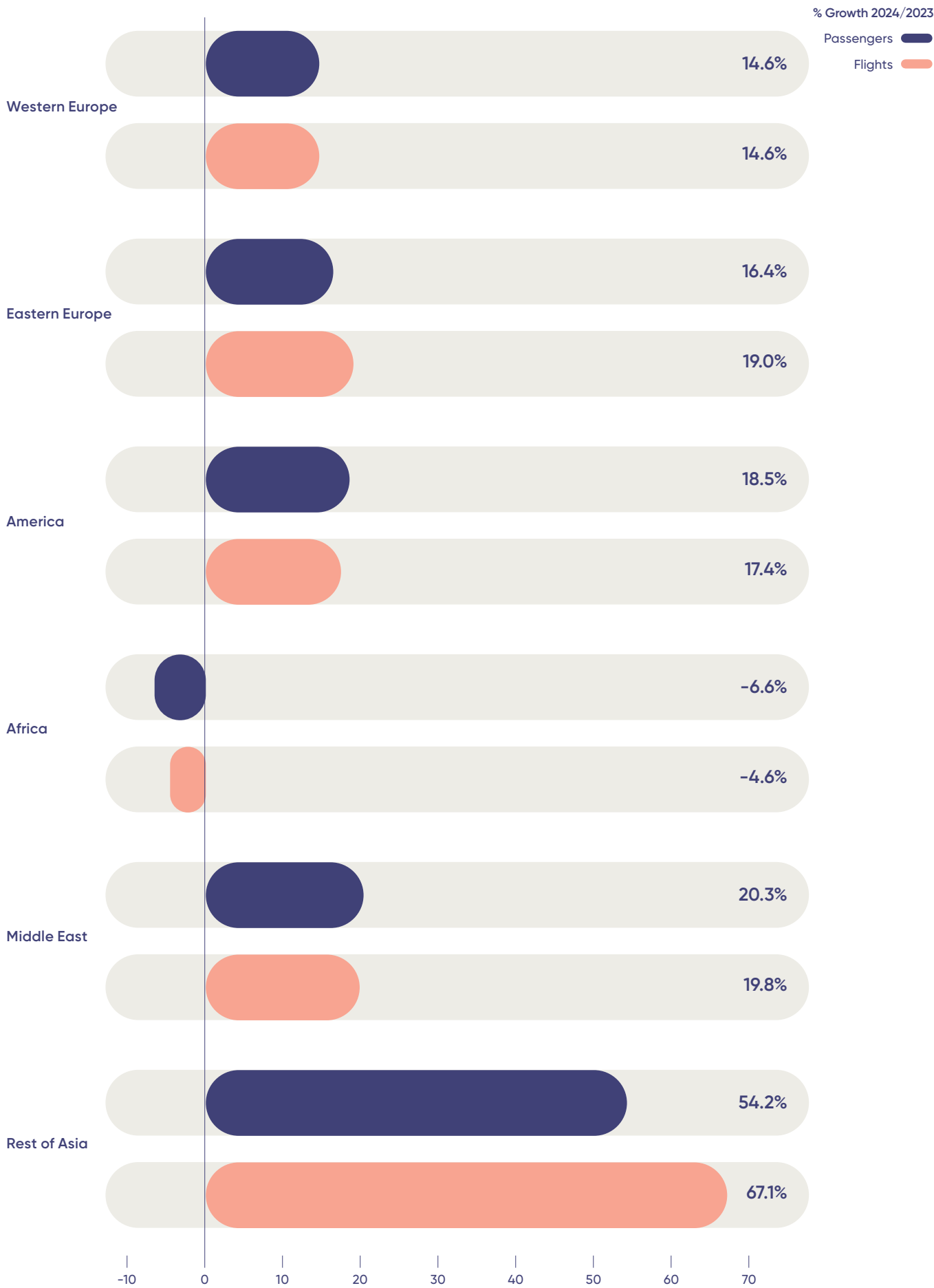
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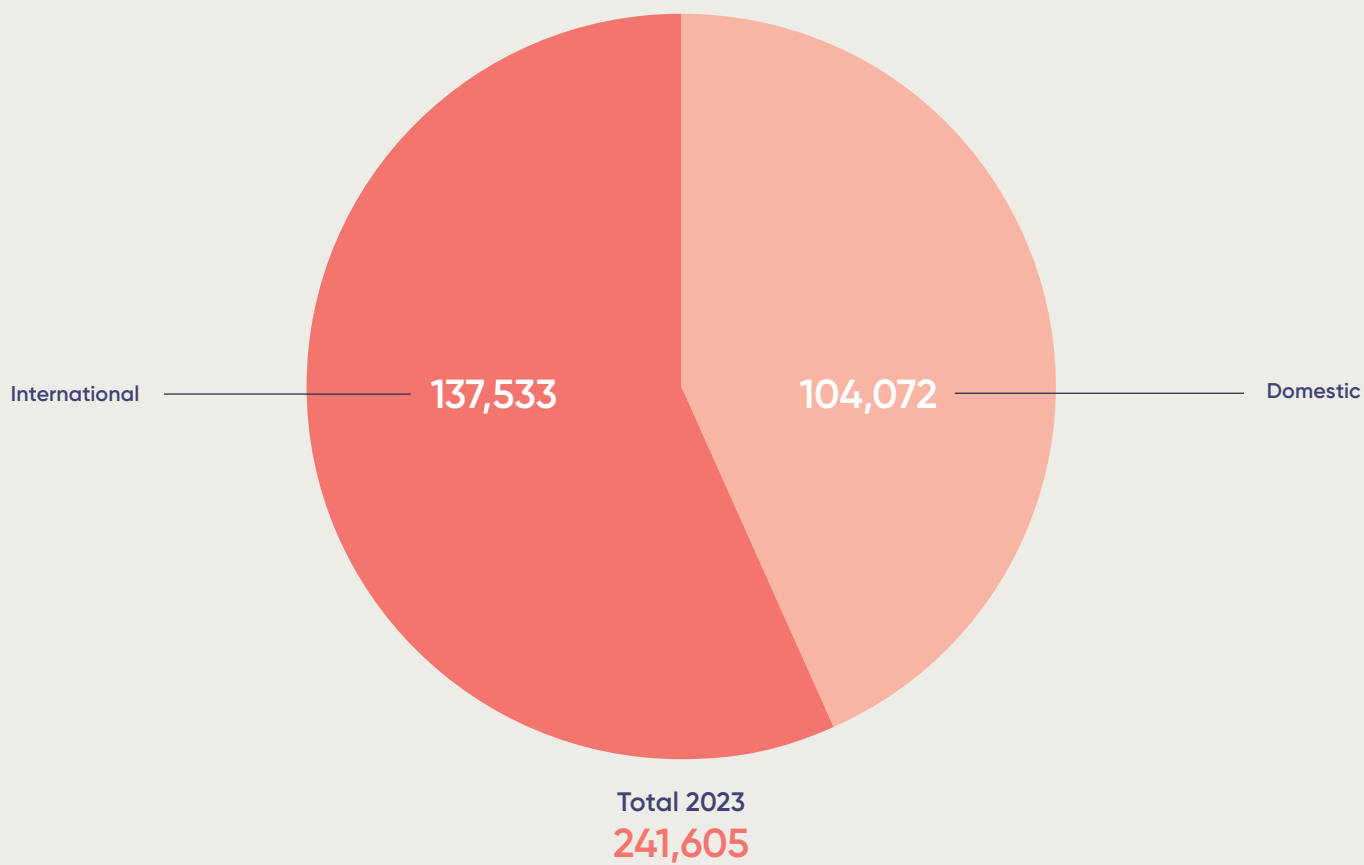
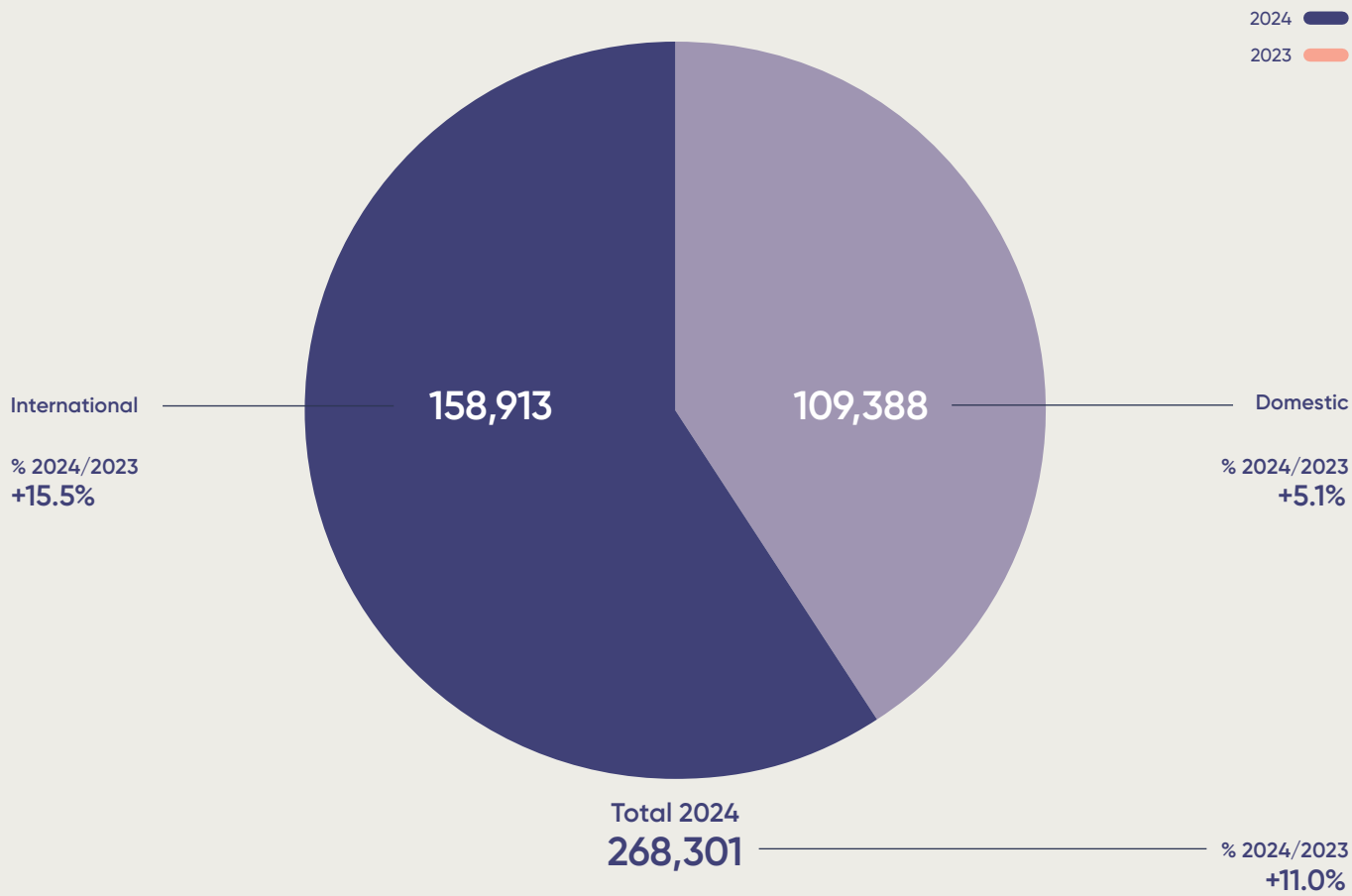
The Middle East - Rest of Asia



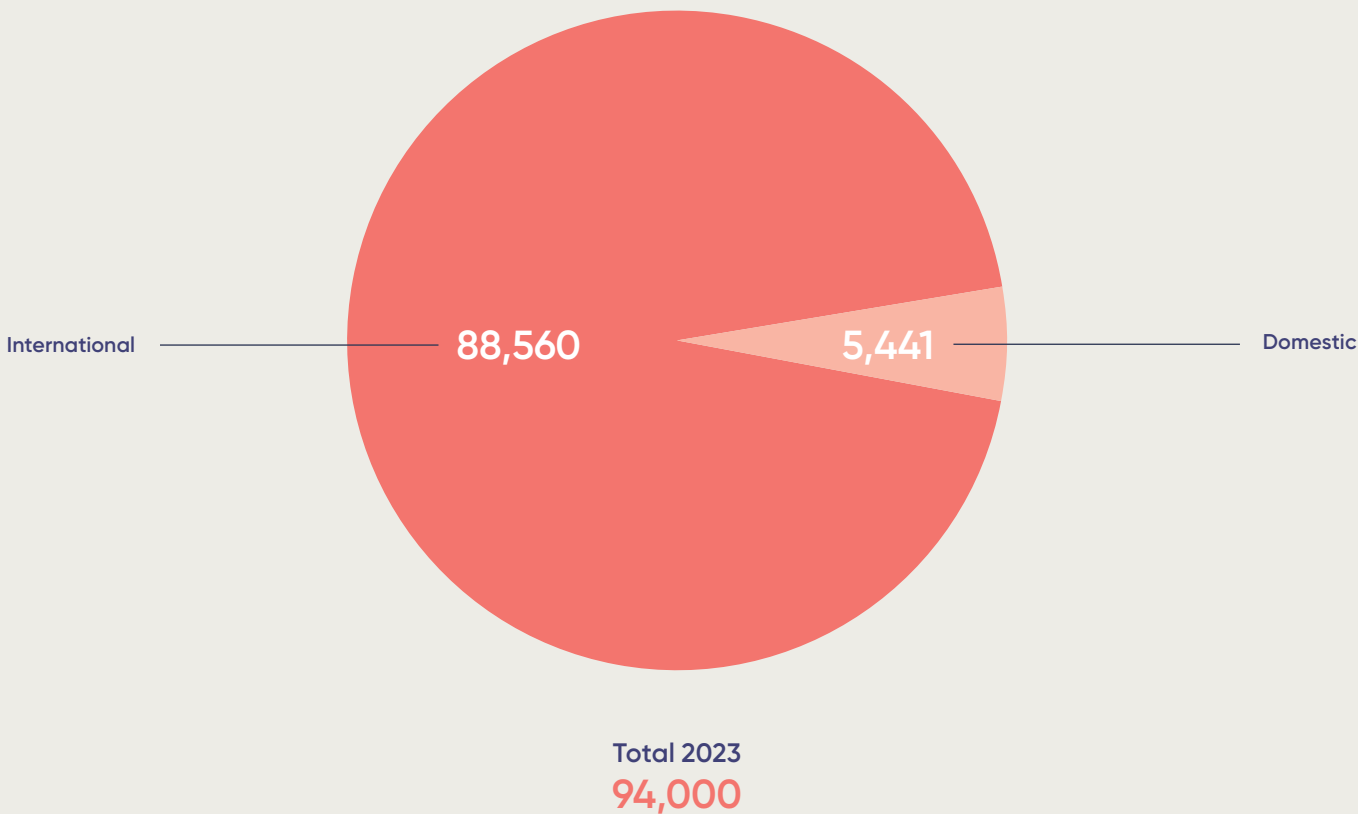
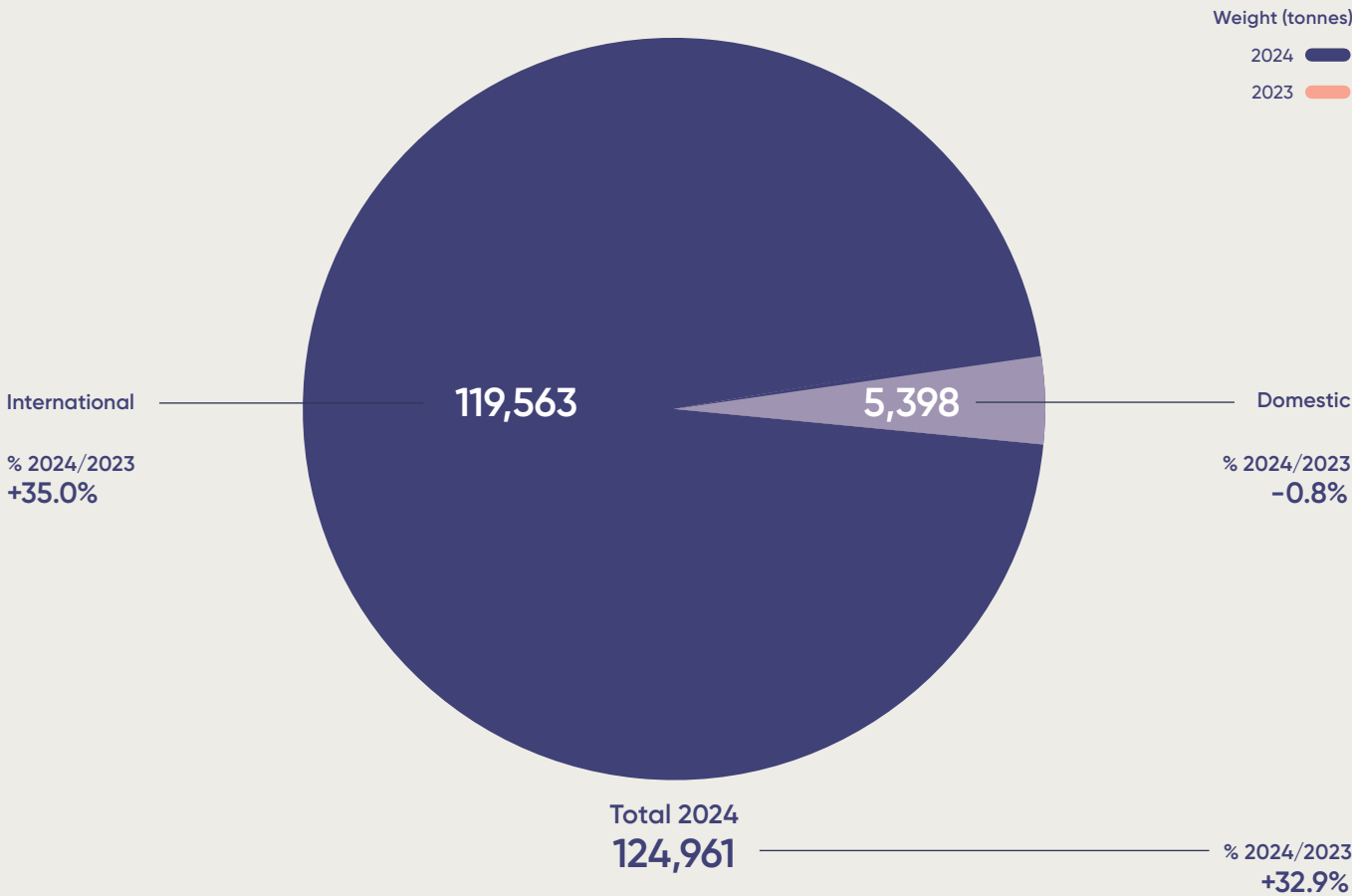
International Traffic Development per Region 2024 vs 2023



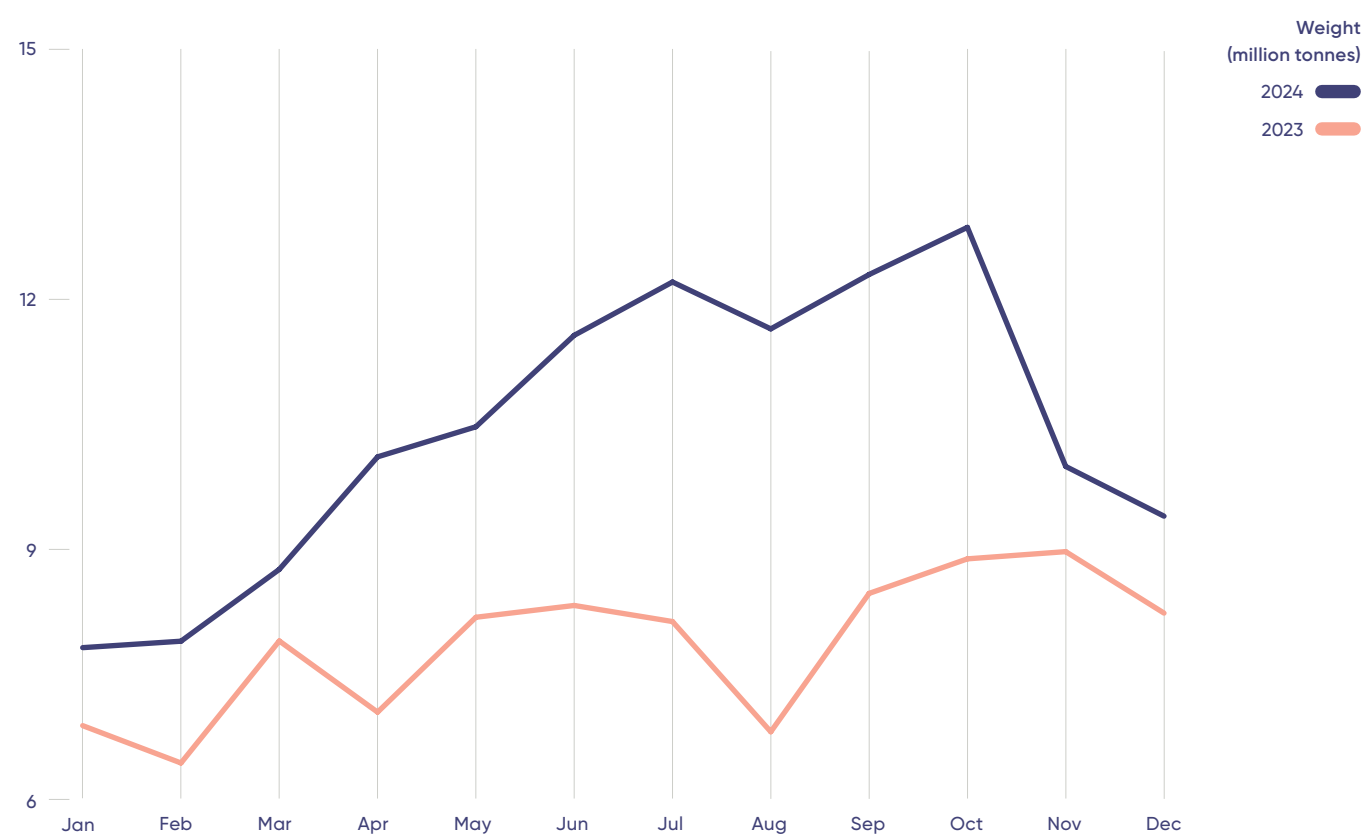
Traffic Development of A/C Movements 2024



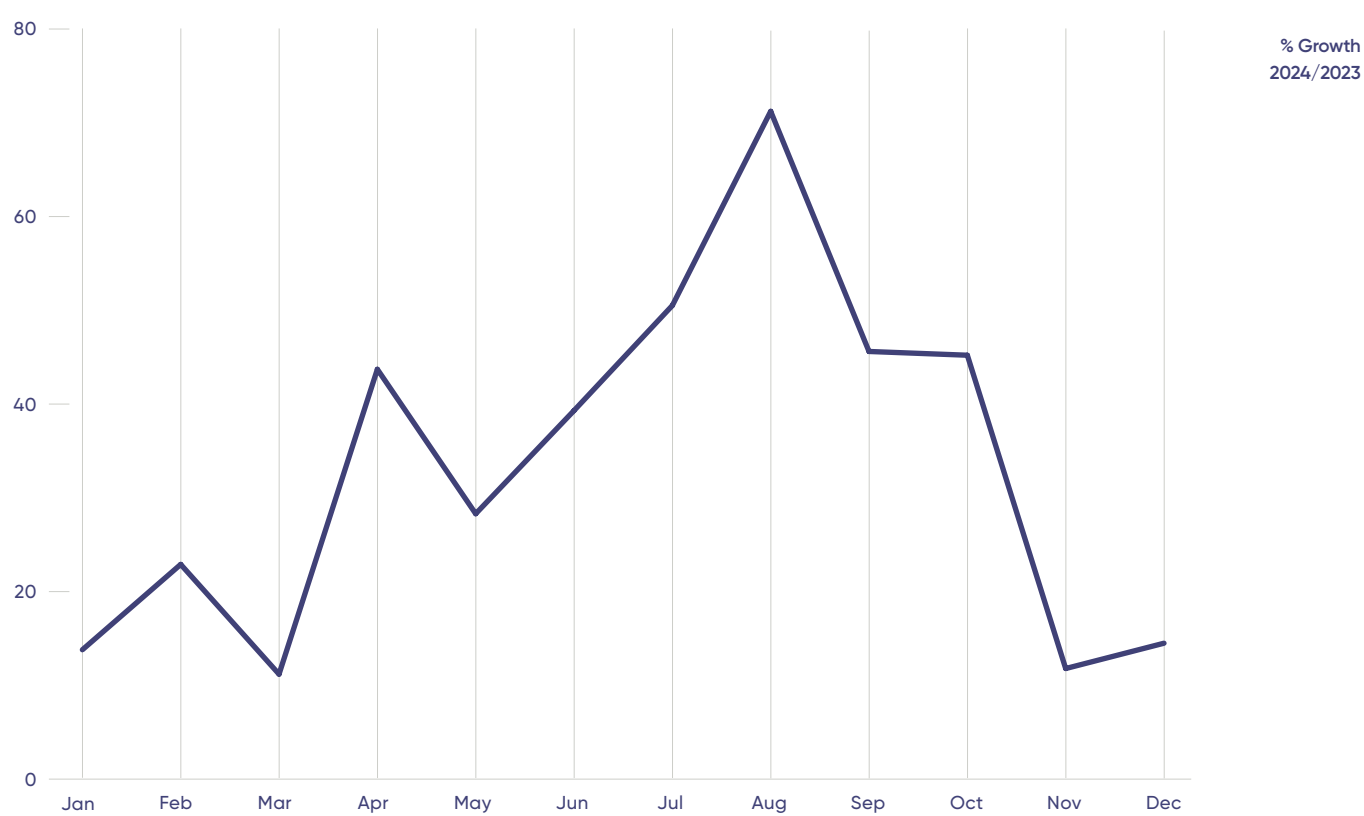
Cargo Uplift Development 2024



Cargo Uplift Development 2024 vs 2023



Cargo Uplift Monthly Variation 2024 vs 2023



CHAPTER – 2

# How many travelled where

In 2024, total passenger traffic at Athens International Airport climbed to 31.85 million, marking a steady upward trend and representing a 13.1% increase over the previous year



Reflecting on the year, Athens International Airport (AIA) experienced an impressive surge in passenger numbers, reaching 31.85 million and solidifying its role as a major airport in the region.

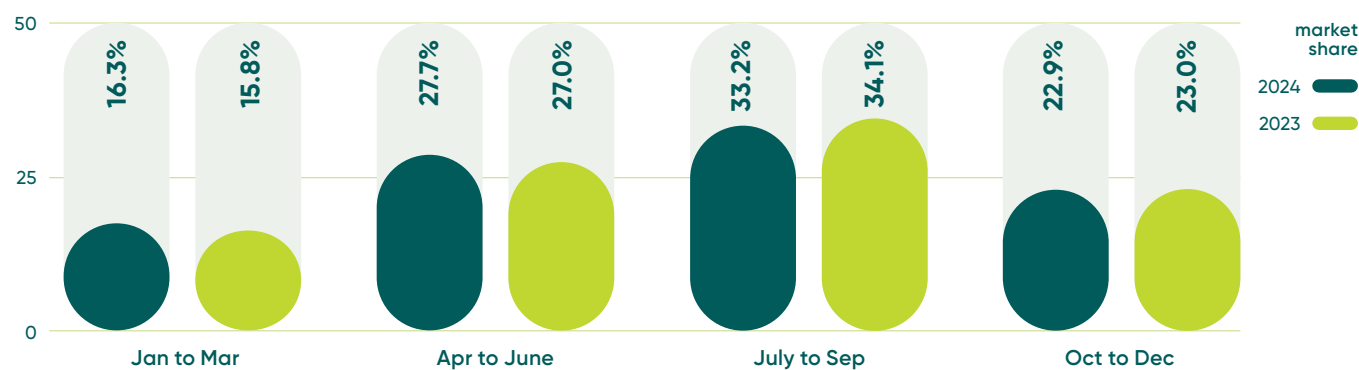
Traffic evolution throughout 2024 reflects strong air travel demand , driven by consumers' prioritisation of experiential spending and the resilience of air travel amid macroeconomic and geopolitical challenges. Passenger traffic posted double-digit growth in most months. Notably, while the summer months continue to drive high volumes, the most significant growth rates were observed outside the traditional peak season—indicating that Greece’s tourism season is steadily expanding beyond the summer window.

Looking at the major international scheduled markets for 2024, Italy took the lead with a 10.2% market share and significant year-on-year growth of 21.5%, overtaking Germany, which now holds 9.7% of the market—slightly down from previous years. The United Kingdom remained a key market with an 8.8% share, showing moderate growth of 5.4%. Notably, both the USA and Turkey recorded strong gains, each holding 5.4% of the market and posting impressive increases of 22.8% and 28.2%, respectively. In 2024, Tel Aviv and New York once again led the rankings for non-European scheduled markets to/from Athens, accounting for 21.4% and 15.4% of the sector, respectively. Tel Aviv remained the top performer, growing by 23.7% compared to 2023, while New York followed with a solid 12.7% increase. Among the Gulf destinations, Doha and Dubai recorded strong growth of 16.7% and 18.8%, respectively, while Abu Dhabi stood out with a remarkable 47.2% year-on-year surge, reflecting a sharp rise in demand and connectivity across the Middle East. Conversely, Cairo and Atlanta experienced slight declines, down 8.3% and 2.2%, respectively. Domestically, all the top 10 destinations surpassed 2023 volumes. Notably, Heraklion and Paros marked the highest growth levels, both at around 12% compared to 2023.

In terms of airline performance, Aegean Airlines/Olympic Air, Sky Express, and Ryanair retained their leading positions in market share at Athens International Airport. Among the top three, Ryanair posted the most significant growth, increasing its passenger volume by nearly 26% compared to the previous year. Other notable performers include Volotea and Turkish Airlines, each recording growth rates above 20%. Overall, the strong performance by both legacy and low-cost carriers reflects a healthy, competitive aviation landscape in 2024.

The peak day of the year occurred on Sunday, July 21st, with a throughput of 125,143 passengers, marking the highest recorded figure since the Airport’s opening in 2001. Peak day passenger throughput was 11.1% higher than that of the respective peak day in 2023.

Terminal Passenger Traffic Share per Quarter of the Year



Transfer Share

	2024	2023
Origin & Destination Passengers	82.6%	81.9%
Connecting Passengers	17.4%	18.1%

Monthly Passenger Distribution: Arrivals/Departures

	Arriving Passengers		Departing Passengers		Transit Passengers		Total Passengers	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	776,848	10.1%	807,162	10.6%	17,992	44.6%	1,602,002	10.7%
February	804,252	18.1%	789,563	18.5%	13,957	25.5%	1,607,772	18.4%
March	1,032,408	20.6%	959,513	19.1%	14,900	67.2%	2,006,821	20.1%
April	1,244,355	14.8%	1,225,443	17.2%	14,839	88.8%	2,484,637	16.2%
May	1,542,729	18.4%	1,457,593	18.7%	10,318	25.2%	3,010,640	18.6%
June	1,678,286	11.8%	1,613,287	14.0%	9,863	32.7%	3,301,436	12.9%
July	1,839,476	9.4%	1,755,434	8.9%	11,944	77.3%	3,606,854	9.3%
August	1,780,528	9.9%	1,845,114	10.7%	14,905	69.3%	3,640,547	10.5%
September	1,628,317	9.9%	1,656,209	9.0%	14,704	108.2%	3,299,230	9.7%
October	1,458,306	9.4%	1,544,131	10.5%	12,682	64.4%	3,015,119	10.1%
November	1,036,008	13.7%	1,094,952	12.4%	19,595	58.4%	2,150,555	13.3%
December	1,080,609	14.4%	1,023,821	14.0%	24,715	48.6%	2,129,145	14.5%
Total	15,902,122	12.8%	15,772,222	13.0%	180,414	56.4%	31,854,758	13.1%

Monthly Terminal Passenger Distribution: Domestic/International

	Domestic Passengers		International Passengers		Total Terminal Passengers	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	485,003	6.2%	1,099,007	12.3%	1,584,010	10.4%
February	492,181	11.9%	1,101,634	21.5%	1,593,815	18.3%
March	592,166	12.7%	1,399,755	23.2%	1,991,921	19.9%
April	685,200	4.0%	1,784,598	21.3%	2,469,798	15.9%
May	892,763	10.6%	2,107,559	22.3%	3,000,322	18.6%
June	991,621	7.4%	2,299,952	15.4%	3,291,573	12.9%
July	1,087,269	5.8%	2,507,641	10.7%	3,594,910	9.2%
August	1,087,748	6.8%	2,537,894	11.9%	3,625,642	10.3%
September	977,312	3.9%	2,307,214	12.0%	3,284,526	9.5%
October	874,547	7.4%	2,127,890	11.0%	3,002,437	10.0%
November	636,469	8.0%	1,494,491	15.3%	2,130,960	13.0%
December	592,577	6.0%	1,511,853	17.7%	2,104,430	14.2%
Total	9,394,856	7.3%	22,279,488	15.4%	31,674,344	12.9%

Monthly Terminal Passenger Distribution: Scheduled/Non-Scheduled

	Commercial Scheduled		Commercial Non-Scheduled		Other Commercial		Non-Commercial	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	1,574,538	10.2%	6,248	31.5%	2,800	179.7%	424	-54.1%
February	1,587,335	18.3%	4,966	66.1%	1,218	65.0%	294	-61.9%
March	1,978,873	19.6%	9,020	62.6%	2,809	775.1%	1,216	4.6%
April	2,455,763	16.2%	10,494	-25.0%	2,359	131.3%	1,179	21.7%
May	2,979,028	18.5%	18,633	29.8%	1,126	-12.0%	1,526	30.5%
June	3,275,039	12.9%	13,881	16.3%	970	1.6%	1,639	7.9%
July	3,573,520	9.2%	17,010	2.4%	1,589	1094.7%	2,758	0.3%
August	3,603,670	10.3%	18,286	17.8%	1,188	9.1%	2,484	7.9%
September	3,267,444	9.5%	12,960	4.3%	2,384	62.3%	1,738	15.1%
October	2,987,834	10.3%	12,594	-28.4%	965	-54.1%	1,044	-56.9%
November	2,117,579	12.6%	5,143	42.5%	7,015	1085.0%	1,208	34.5%
December	2,085,121	14.1%	9,867	-22.9%	8,543	578.0%	873	-8.7%
Total	31,485,744	12.9%	139,102	5.3%	32,966	175.6%	16,383	-5.6%

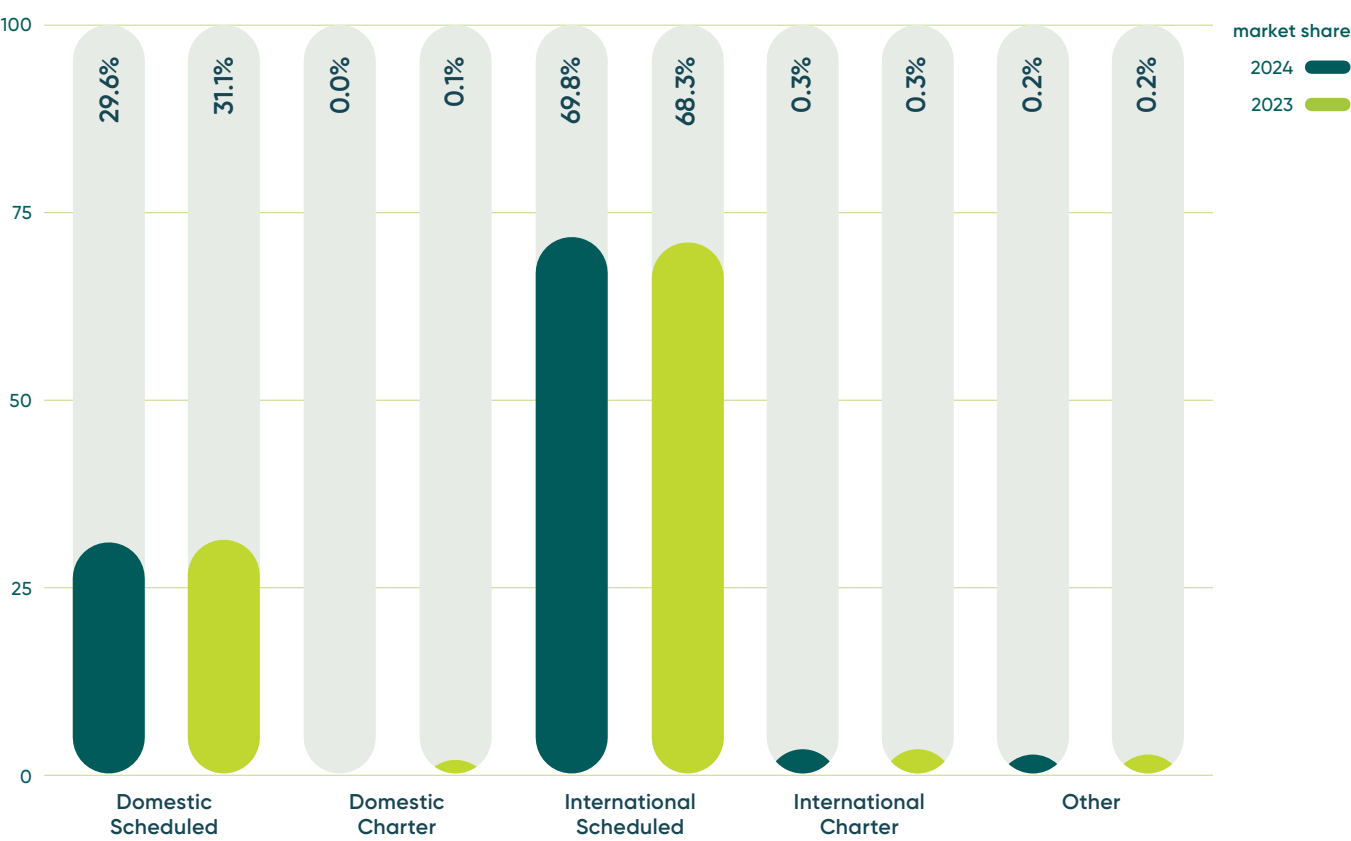
Monthly Terminal Passenger Distribution: Schengen/Non Schengen

	Schengen		Non Schengen		Total Terminal Passengers	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	1,069,701	11.4%	514,309,00	8.4%	1,584,010	10.4%
February	1,074,718	17.8%	519,097,00	19.4%	1,593,815	18.3%
March	1,344,865	20.1%	647,056,00	19.5%	1,991,921	19.9%
April	1,703,842	19.5%	765,956,00	8.8%	2,469,798	15.9%
May	2,059,085	19.6%	941,237,00	16.4%	3,000,322	18.6%
June	2,202,670	13.1%	1,088,903,00	12.5%	3,291,573	12.9%
July	2,454,976	10.9%	1,139,934,00	5.6%	3,594,910	9.2%
August	2,493,804	12.9%	1,131,838,00	4.9%	3,625,642	10.3%
September	2,241,238	11.4%	1,043,288,00	5.6%	3,284,526	9.5%
October	2,048,901	12.4%	953,536,00	5.1%	3,002,437	10.0%
November	1,440,417	12.1%	690,543,00	14.9%	2,130,960	13.0%
December	1,411,251	10.7%	693,179,00	21.9%	2,104,430	14.2%
Total	21,545,468	14.0%	10,128,876	10.6%	31,674,344	12.9%

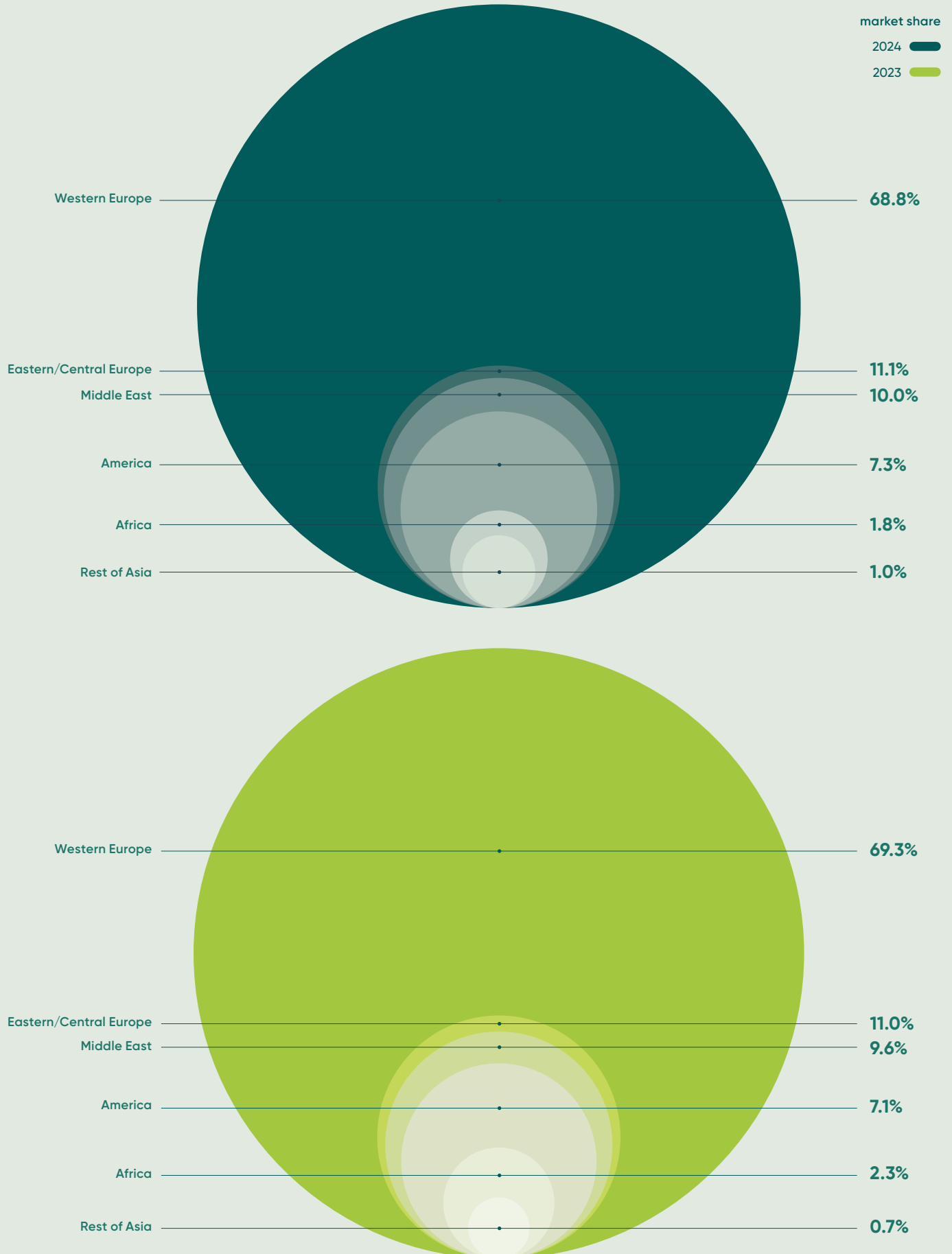
Domestic vs. International / Passenger Traffic



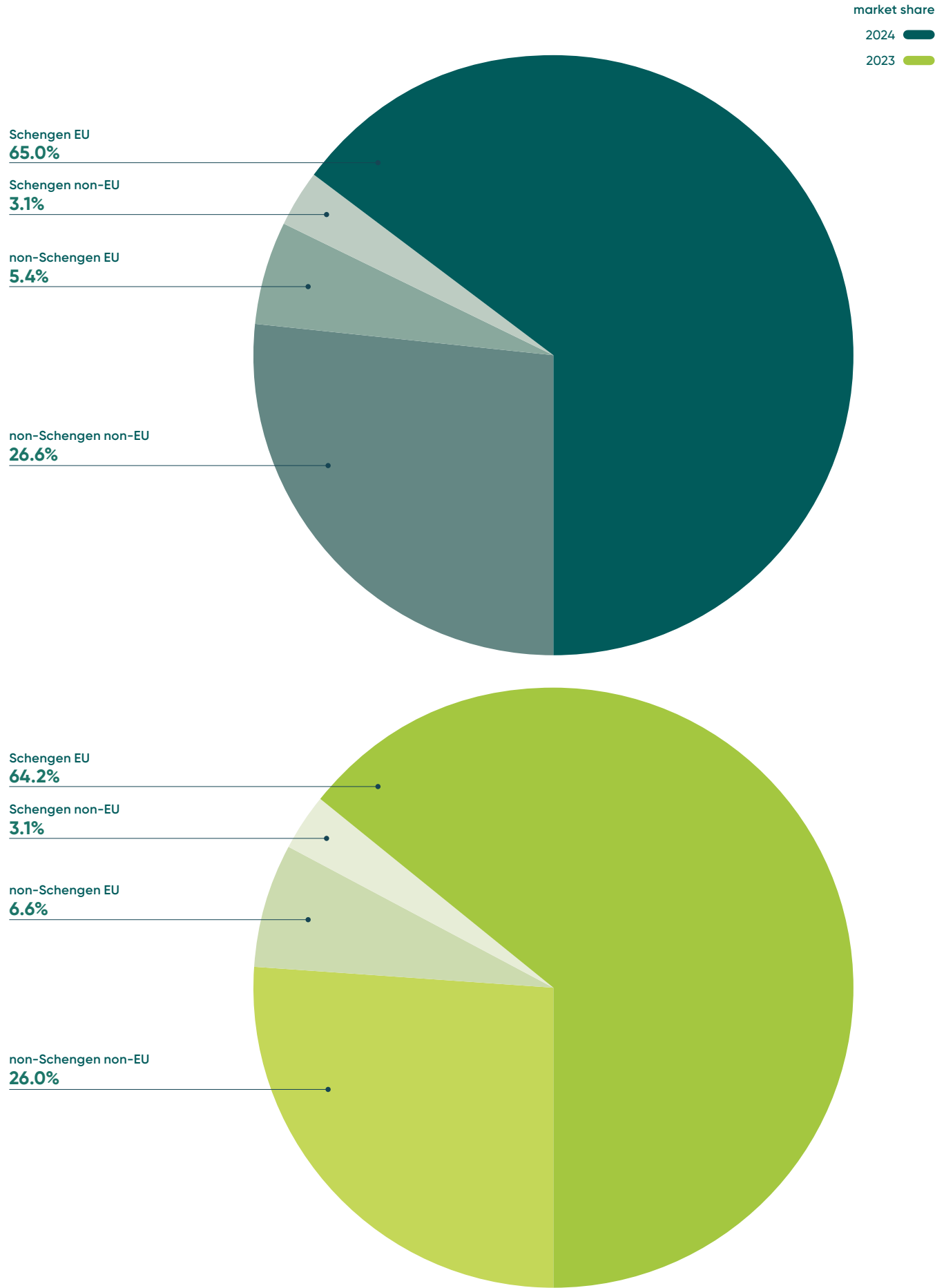
Structure of Passenger Traffic



## Segmentation of International Passenger Traffic by Geographical Region



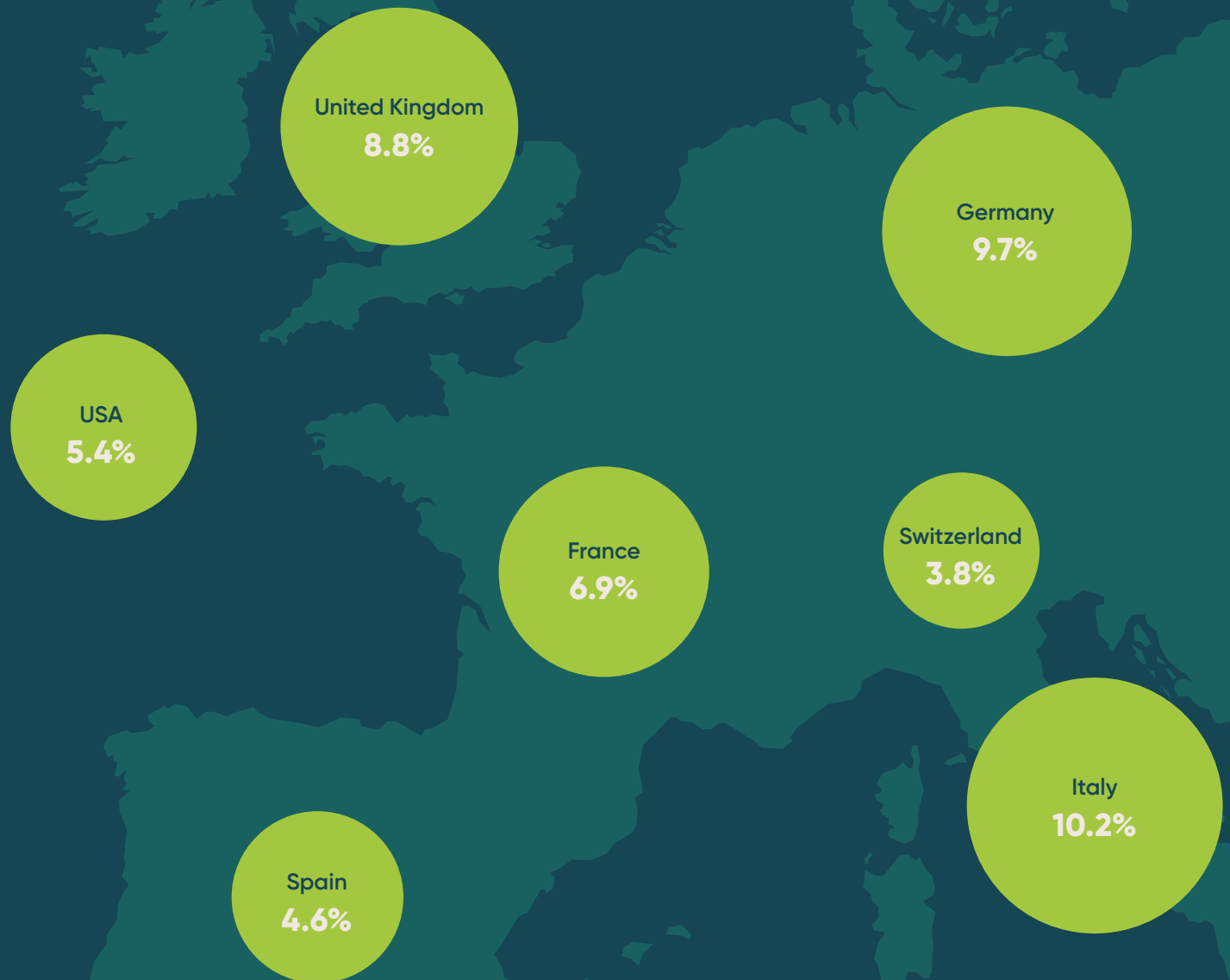
Schengen/EU Passenger Breakdown



Ranking	Country	Scheduled & Charter Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	2,275,764	10.2%	21.9%
2	Germany	2,158,180	9.7%	15.1%
3	United Kingdom	1,959,767	8.8%	5.5%
4	France	1,530,698	6.9%	9.9%
5	Cyprus	1,401,576	6.3%	13.4%
6	USA	1,199,251	5.4%	22.8%
7	Turkey	1,186,404	5.3%	28.2%
8	Spain	1,029,393	4.6%	15.7%
9	Israel	961,552	4.3%	23.7%
10	Switzerland	830,995	3.7%	9.6%
11	Netherlands	690,450	3.1%	15.1%
12	United Arab Emirates	546,470	2.5%	35.8%
13	Austria	524,272	2.4%	20.3%
14	Poland	521,016	2.3%	38.0%
15	Belgium	500,301	2.3%	5.7%
16	Canada	421,792	1.9%	9.2%
17	Romania	327,703	1.5%	-1.1%
18	Egypt	324,646	1.5%	-9.9%
19	Qatar	308,432	1.4%	16.7%
20	Albania	296,461	1.3%	12.7%
21	Denmark	289,717	1.3%	14.5%
22	Hungary	263,635	1.2%	22.8%
23	Portugal	221,159	1.0%	22.9%
24	Serbia	183,350	0.8%	1.2%
25	Sweden	162,224	0.7%	8.5%
26	Malta	161,045	0.7%	49.8%
27	Bulgaria	158,407	0.7%	5.0%
28	Georgia	153,800	0.7%	14.0%
29	Czech Republic	148,380	0.7%	11.4%
30	Republic of Ireland	133,746	0.6%	9.5%

Ranking	Country	Scheduled & Charter Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
31	Croatia	127,049	0.6%	30.9%
32	People's Republic of China	117,187	0.5%	216.3%
33	Saudi Arabia	117,050	0.5%	20.4%
34	Lebanon	116,103	0.5%	-20.7%
35	Norway	114,123	0.5%	12.0%
36	Armenia	95,792	0.4%	-0.7%
37	Singapore	87,747	0.4%	-13.2%
38	Bahrain	85,309	0.4%	8.7%
39	Finland	58,978	0.3%	9.3%
40	Jordan	56,098	0.3%	-13.1%
41	Latvia	48,528	0.2%	2.8%
42	Luxembourg	43,237	0.2%	-3.9%
43	Lithuania	36,286	0.2%	41.9%
44	Ethiopia	32,650	0.1%	-0.2%
45	Morocco	31,794	0.1%	29.5%
46	Moldova	27,362	0.1%	560.4%
47	Iceland	19,465	0.1%	17.5%
48	Estonia	18,823	0.1%	-2.6%
49	Slovakia	18,800	0.1%	72.7%
50	Tunisia	17,823	0.1%	-7.5%
51	Republic of North Macedonia	14,945	0.1%	53.8%
52	Slovenia	14,711	0.1%	42.8%
53	Republic of Korea	12,844	0.1%	334.1%
54	Montenegro	11,989	0.1%	-22.7%
55	Kuwait	11,780	0.1%	52.8%
56	Bosnia and Herzegovina	7,508	0.0%	470.5%
57	Azerbaijan	180	0.0%	-92.1%
58	India	98	0.0%	263.0%
Total		22,214,845	100.0%	15.4%

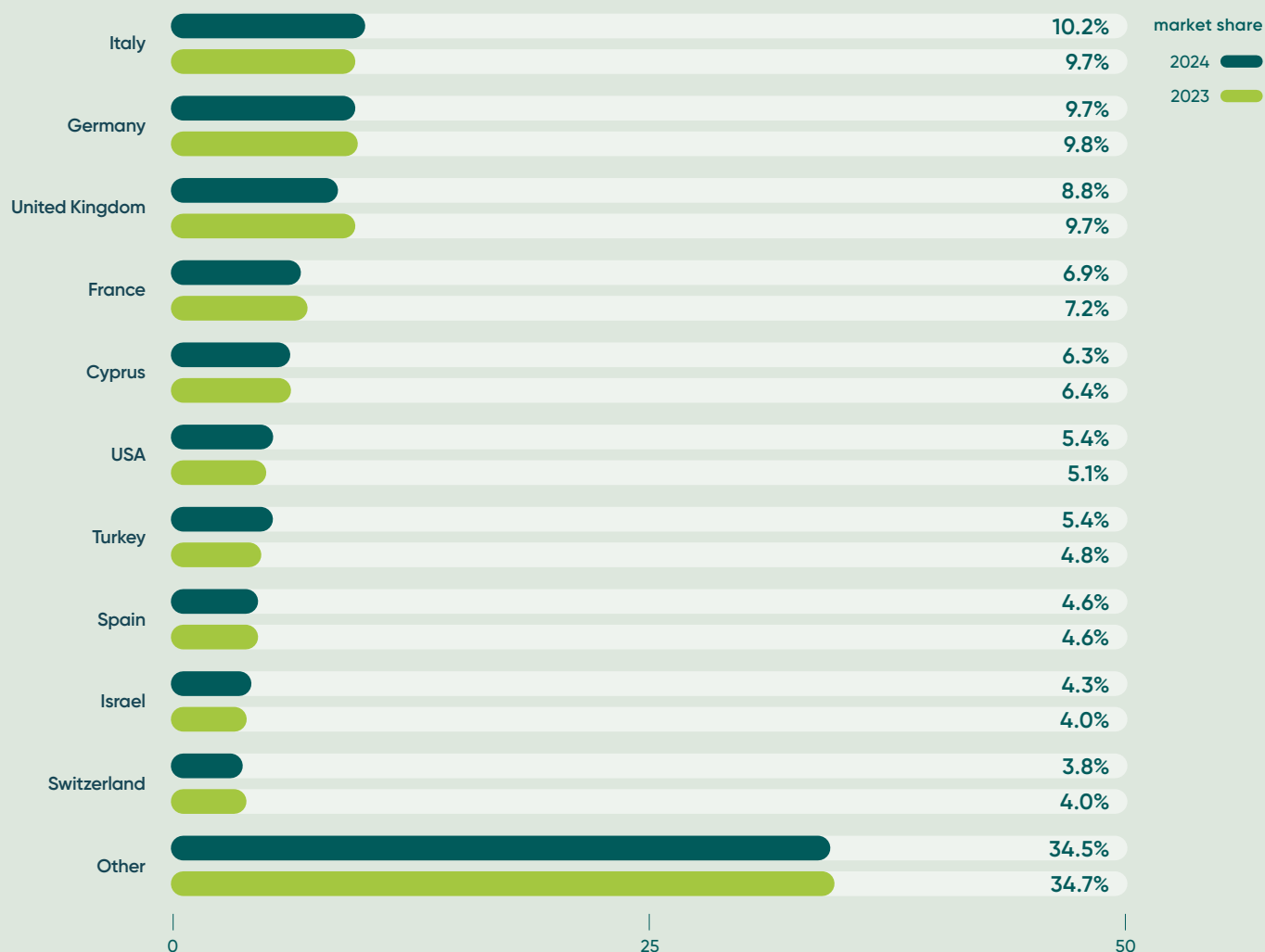
## Top 10 International Scheduled Markets







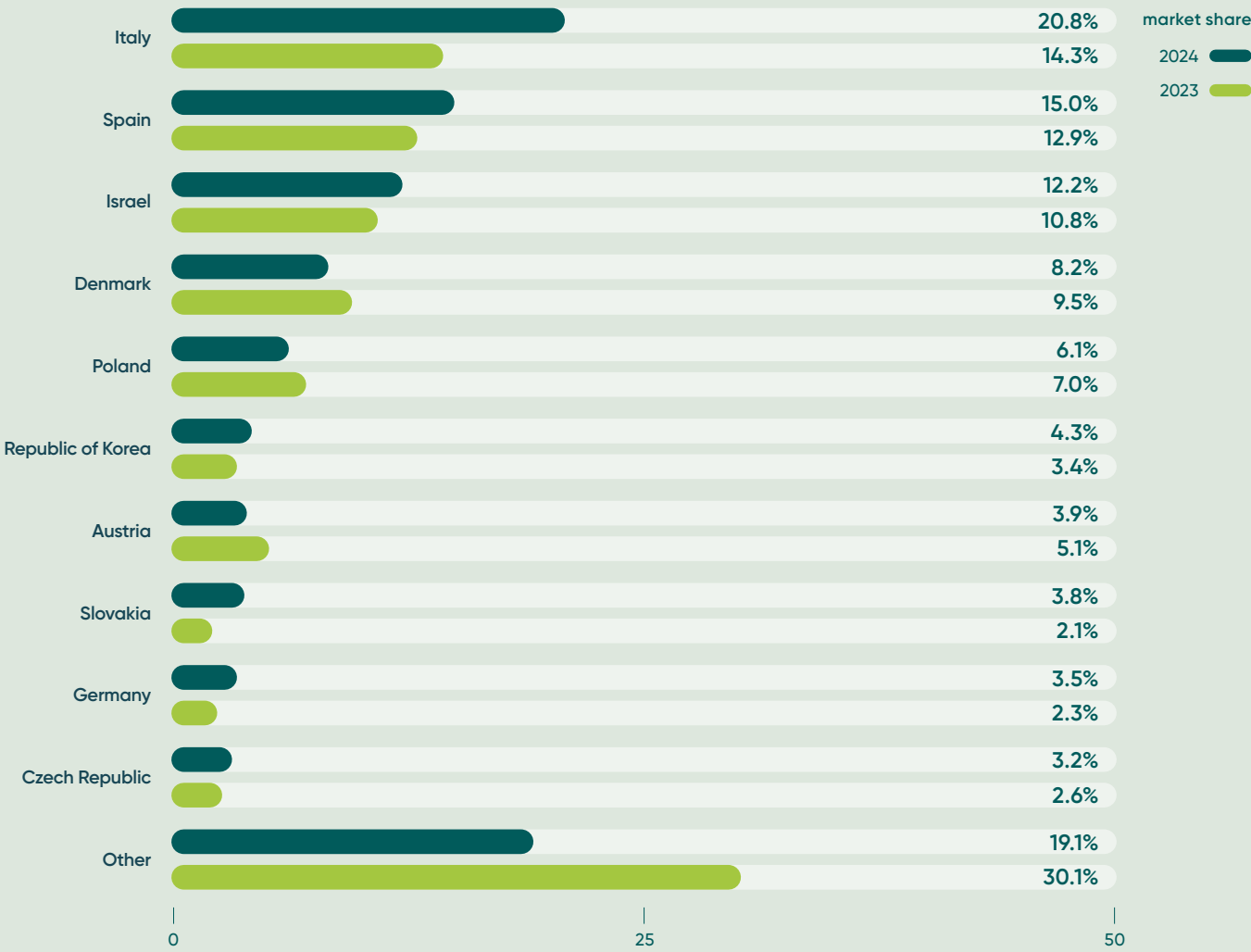
## Top 10 International Scheduled Markets



## Top 10 International Scheduled Markets/Countries

Ranking	Country	Scheduled Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	2,254,842	10.2%	21.5%
2	Germany	2,154,707	9.7%	15.1%
3	United Kingdom	1,956,957	8.8%	5.4%
4	France	1,528,375	6.9%	10.0%
5	Cyprus	1,401,271	6.3%	13.4%
6	USA	1,199,251	5.4%	22.8%
7	Turkey	1,185,376	5.4%	28.2%
8	Spain	1,014,339	4.6%	15.5%
9	Israel	949,291	4.3%	23.6%
10	Switzerland	830,995	3.8%	9.6%
	Other	7,638,998	34.5%	14.8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,114,402</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15.4%</b>

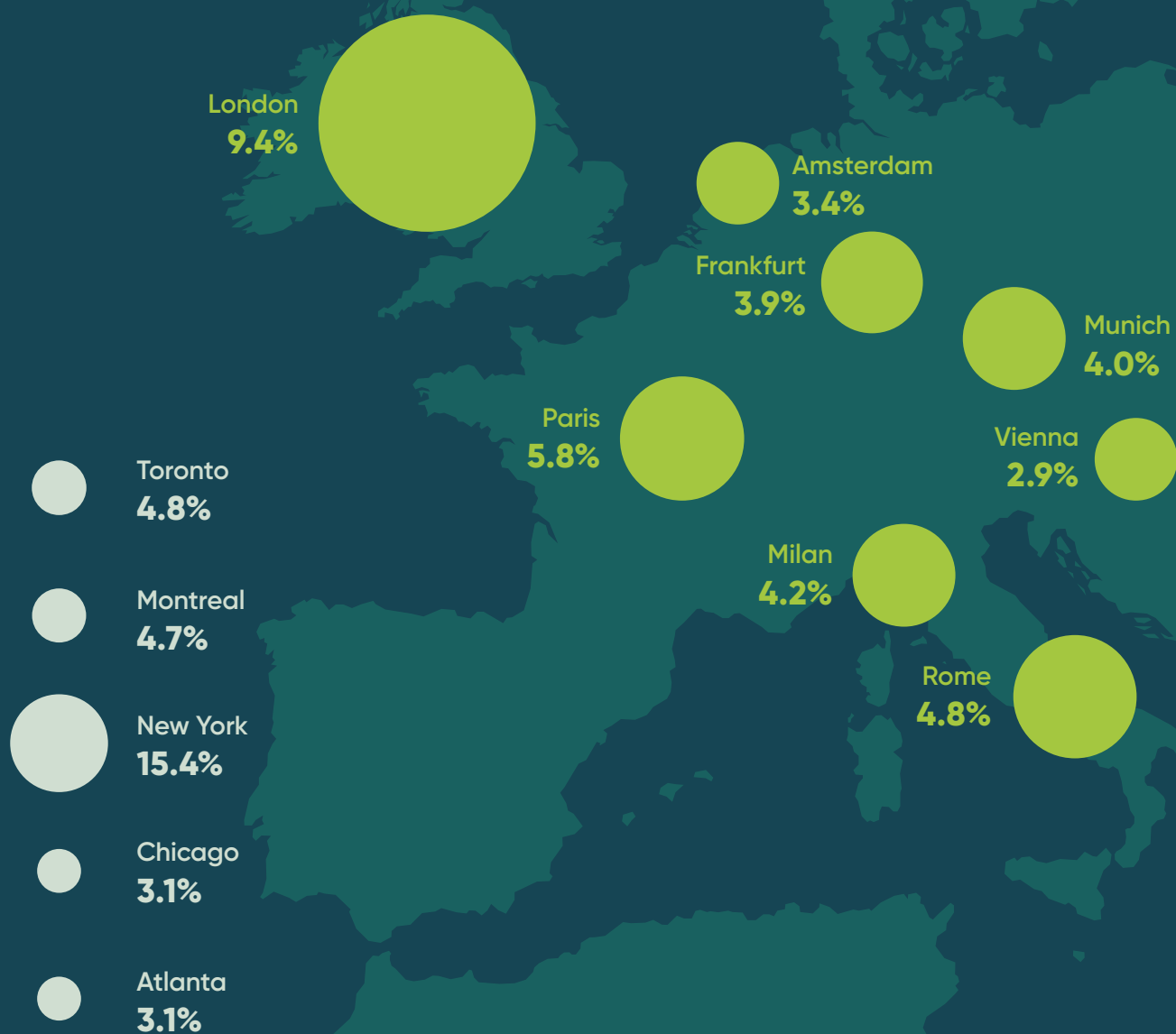
Top 10 International Charter Markets



Top 10 International Charter Markets/Countries

Ranking	Country	Charter Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	20,922	20.8%	69.1%
2	Spain	15,054	15.0%	34.3%
3	Israel	12,261	12.2%	31.5%
4	Denmark	8,271	8.2%	0.9%
5	Poland	6,098	6.1%	1.3%
6	Republic of Korea	4,291	4.3%	45.0%
7	Austria	3,899	3.9%	-11.6%
8	Slovakia	3,854	3.8%	115.4%
9	Germany	3,473	3.5%	74.6%
10	Czech Republic	3,166	3.2%	40.2%
	Other	19,154	19.1%	-26.5%
	Total	100,443	100.0%	16.0%

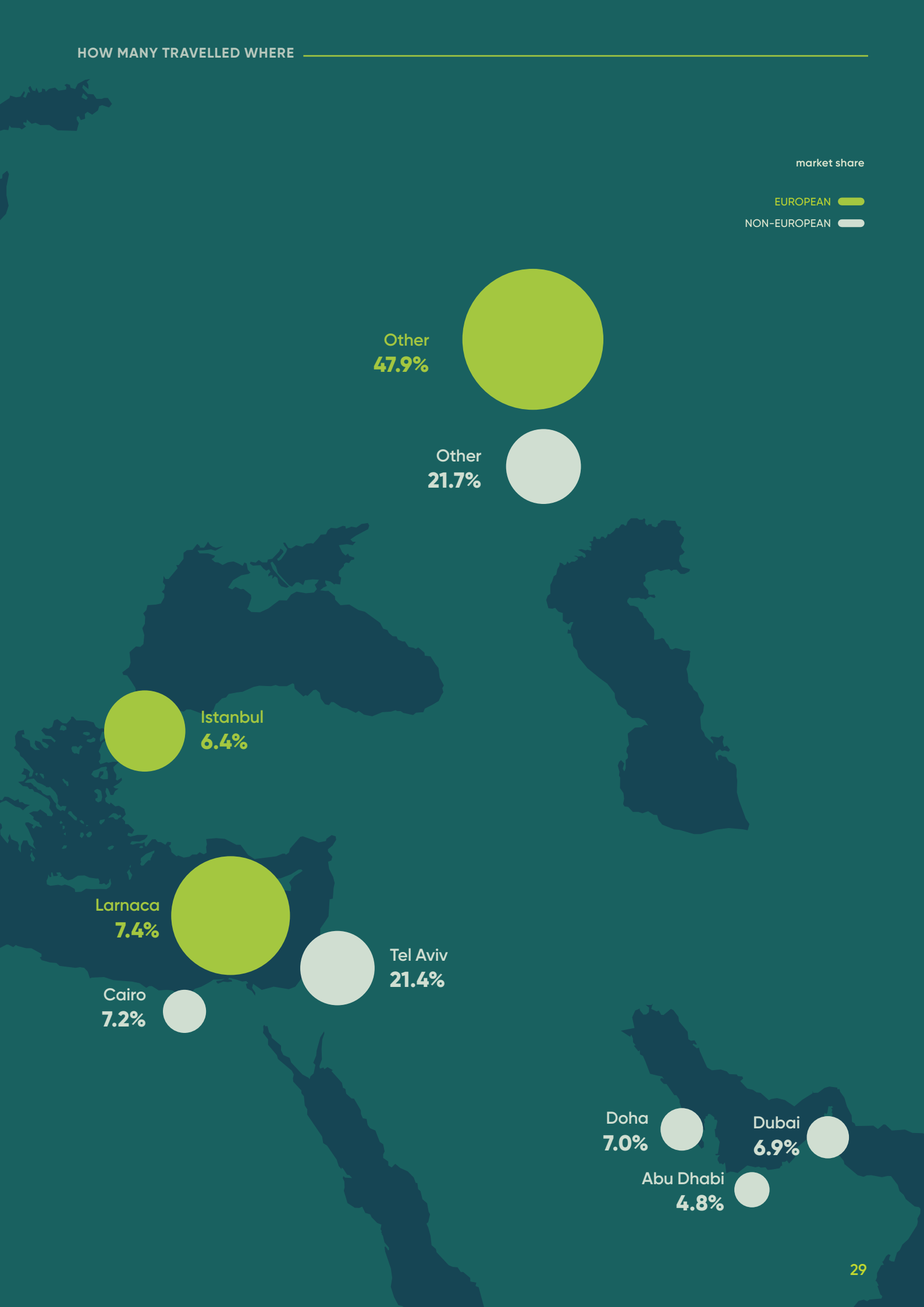
## Top 10 International Scheduled Destinations



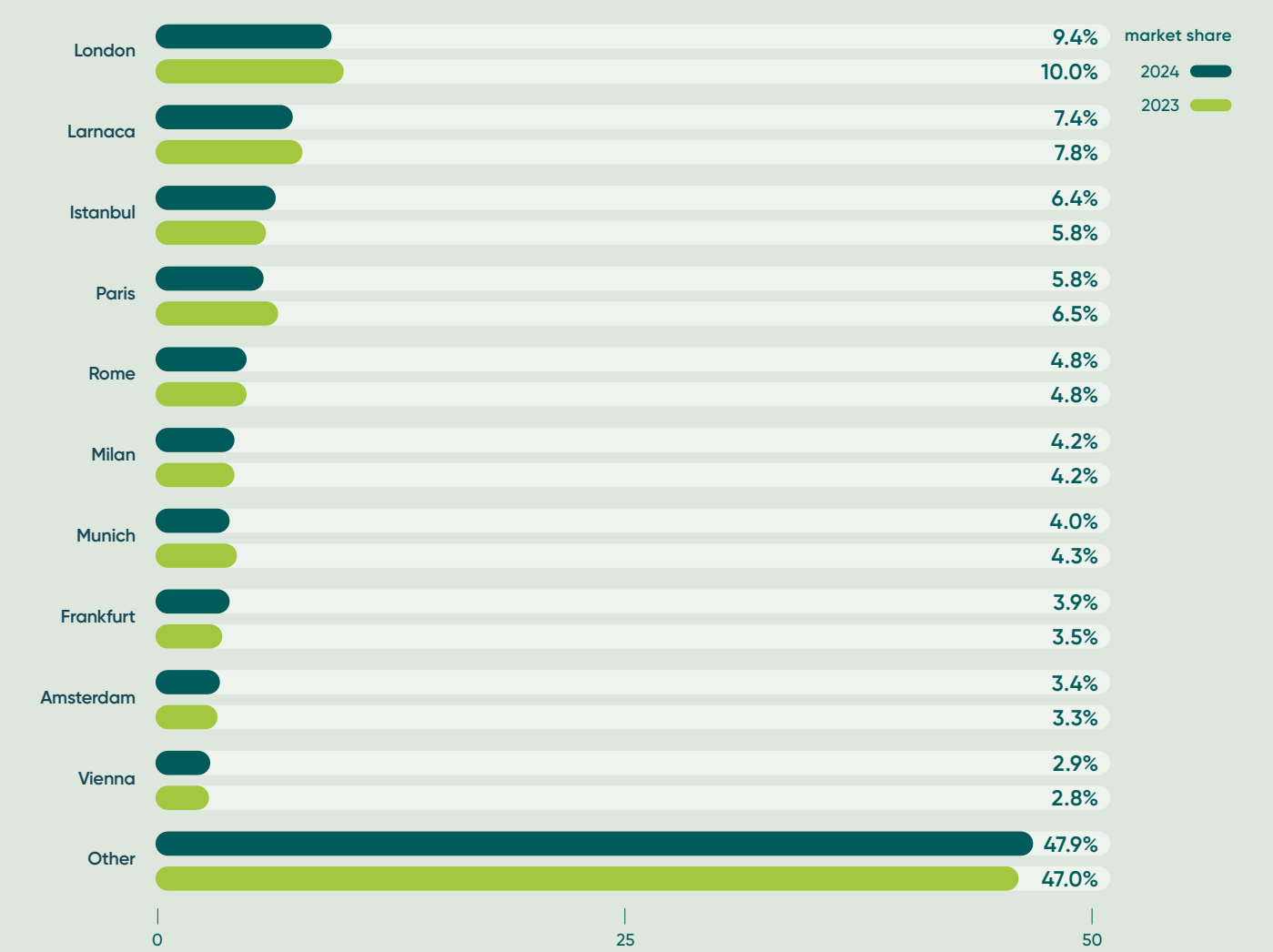
market share

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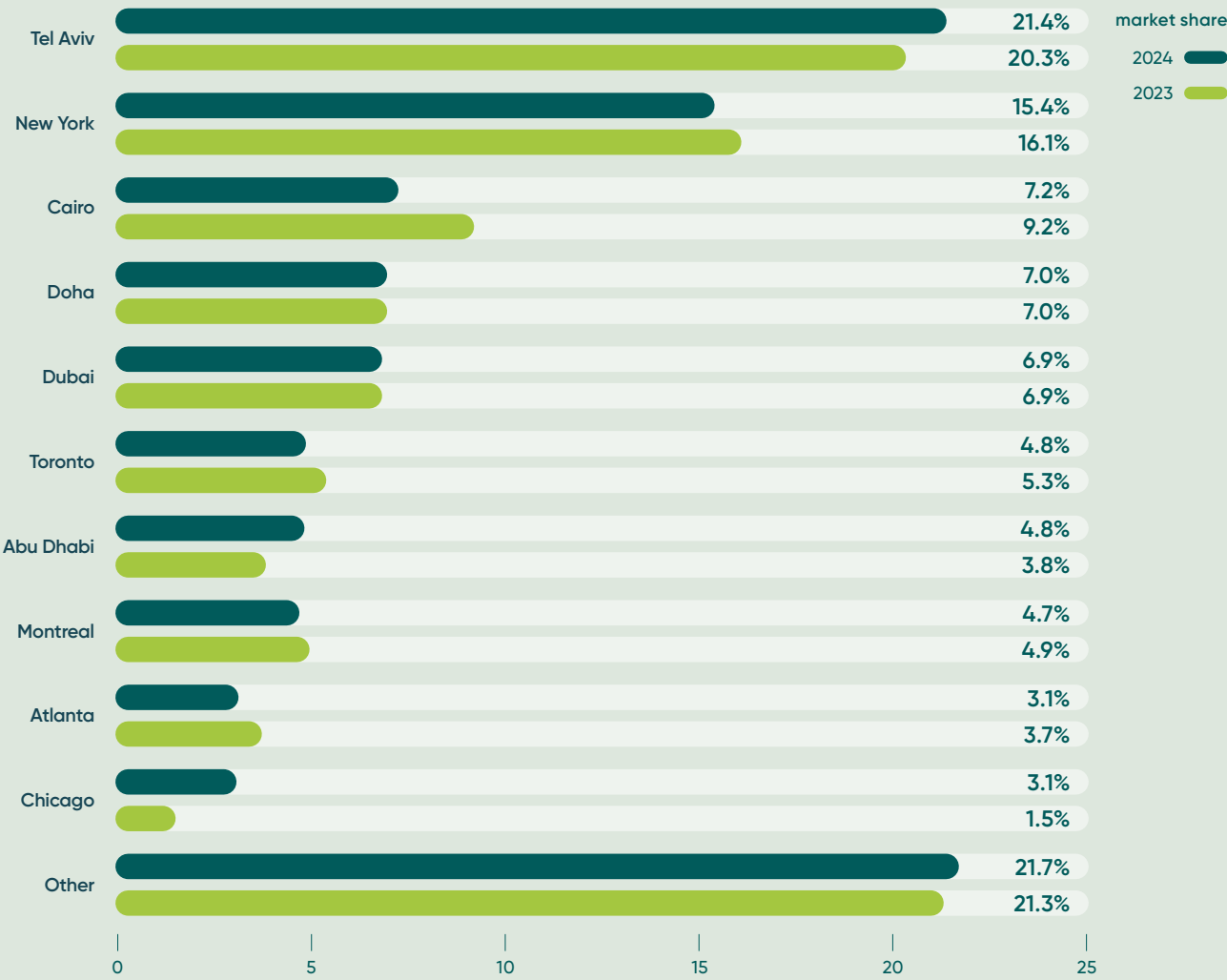
Top 10 European International Scheduled Destinations



Top 10 European International Scheduled Destinations

Ranking	City	Scheduled Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	London	1,666,476	9.4%	7.8%
2	Larnaca	1,300,765	7.4%	8.4%
3	Istanbul	1,134,984	6.4%	28.0%
4	Paris	1,024,354	5.8%	2.5%
5	Rome	842,983	4.8%	13.0%
6	Milan	741,498	4.2%	14.7%
7	Munich	703,730	4.0%	5.4%
8	Frankfurt	681,569	3.9%	27.9%
9	Amsterdam	601,885	3.4%	18.4%
10	Vienna	516,623	2.9%	19.9%
	Other	8,468,258	47.9%	17.0%
	Total	17,683,125	100.0%	14.8%

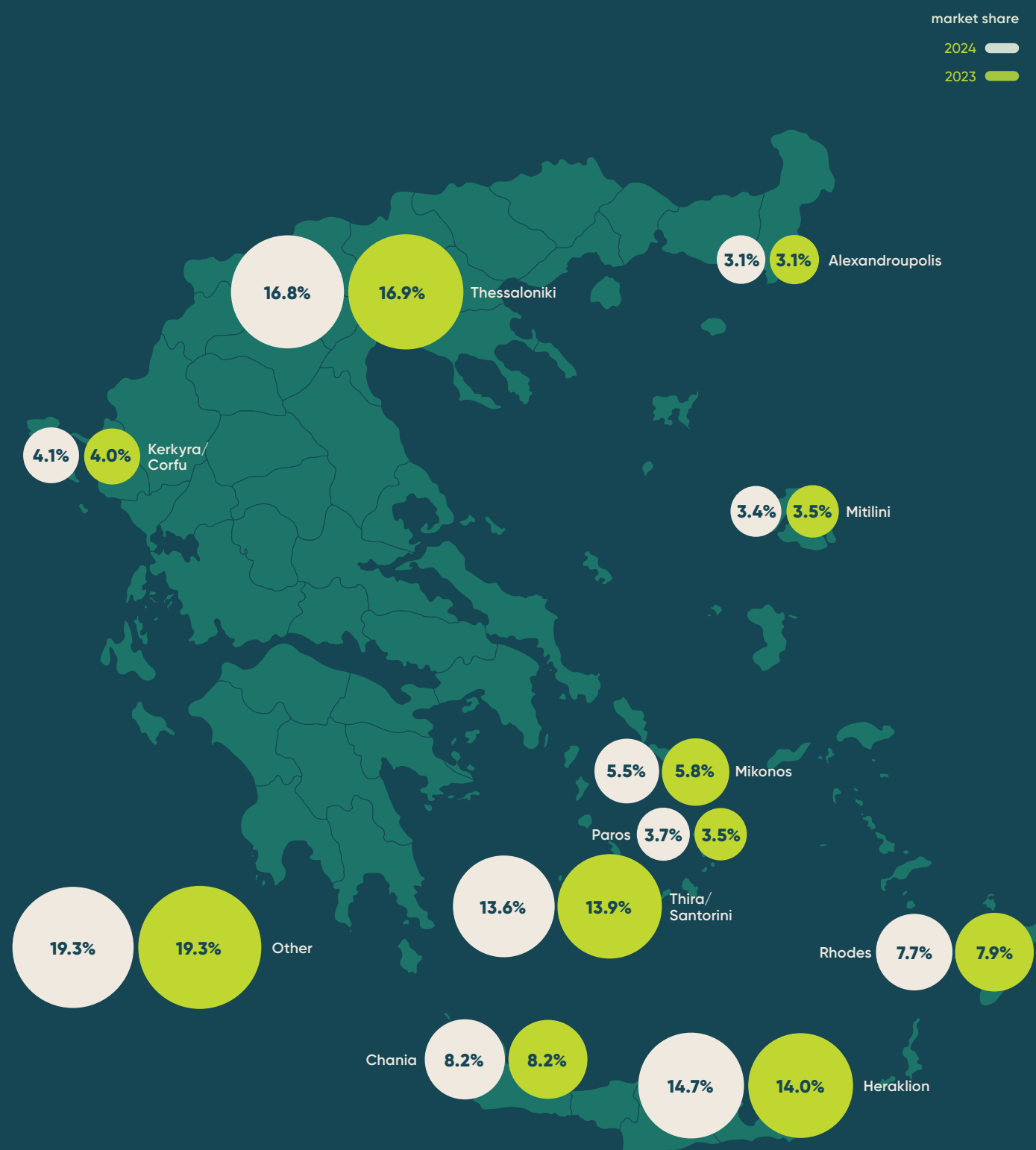
Top 10 Non-European International Scheduled Destinations



Top 10 non-European International Scheduled Destinations

Ranking	City	Scheduled Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Tel Aviv	949,291	21.4%	23.7%
2	New York	683,560	15.4%	12.7%
3	Cairo	317,537	7.2%	-8.3%
4	Doha	308,432	7.0%	16.7%
5	Dubai	307,696	6.9%	18.8%
6	Toronto	214,224	4.8%	6.9%
7	Abu Dhabi	210,841	4.8%	47.2%
8	Montreal	207,335	4.7%	11.9%
9	Atlanta	136,351	3.1%	-2.2%
10	Chicago	135,979	3.1%	140.2%
	Other	960,031	21.7%	19.6%
	Total	4,431,277	100.0%	17.5%

## Top 10 Domestic Destinations

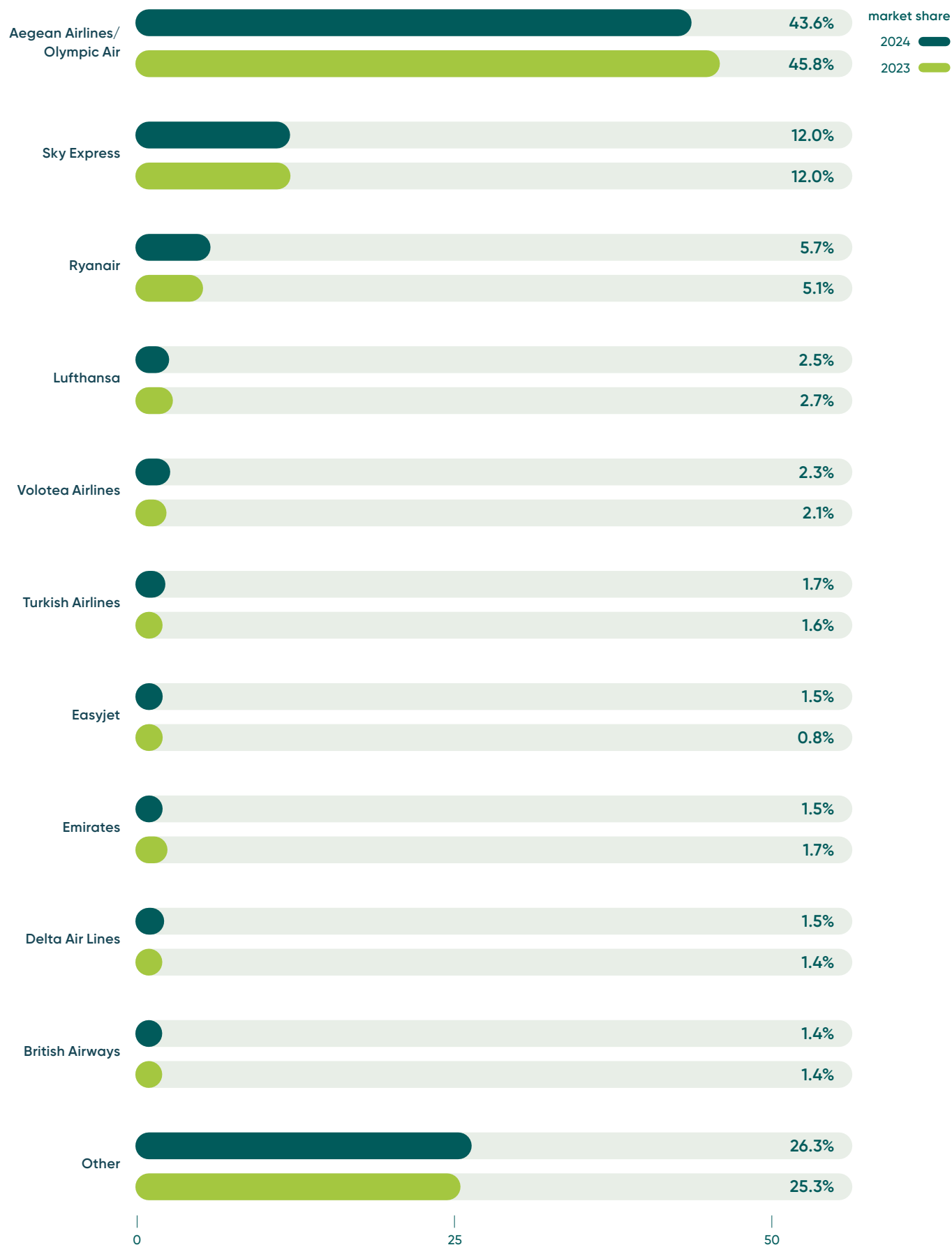




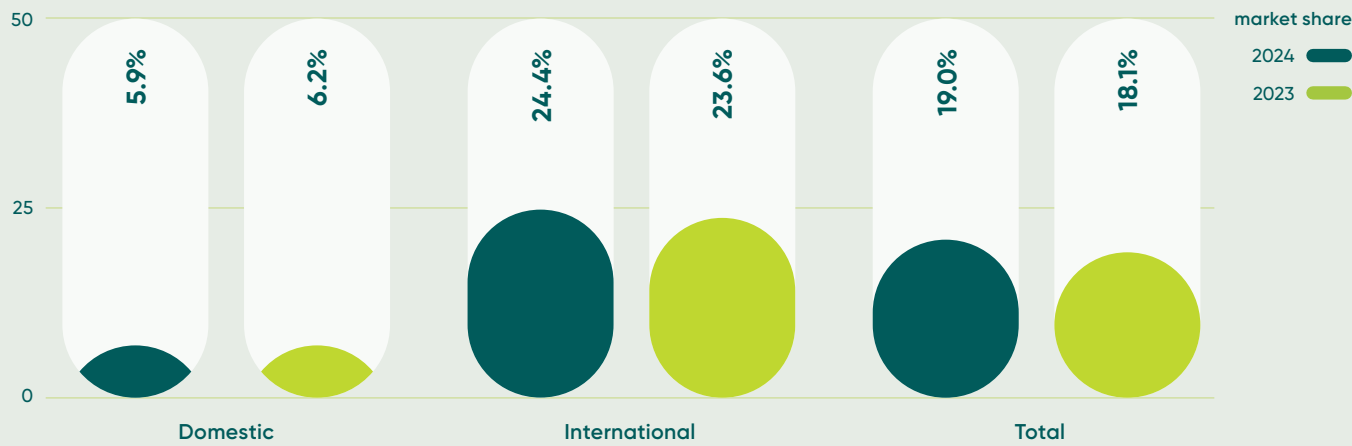
## Ranking of Domestic Destinations According to Passenger Traffic

Ranking	City	Scheduled & Charter Passengers 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Thessaloniki	1,571,903	16.8%	6.6%
2	Heraklion	1,378,143	14.7%	12.3%
3	Thira/Santorini	1,278,848	13.6%	5.2%
4	Chania	772,119	8.2%	8.3%
5	Rhodes	723,593	7.7%	5.0%
6	Mikonos	517,244	5.5%	2.8%
7	Kerkyra/Corfu	380,276	4.1%	7.4%
8	Paros	342,671	3.7%	12.2%
9	Mitilini	314,572	3.4%	2.6%
10	Alexandroupolis	291,671	3.1%	7.5%
11	Kos	290,054	3.1%	6.4%
12	Chios	256,787	2.7%	8.8%
13	Naxos	190,914	2.0%	23.5%
14	Samos	154,879	1.7%	-0.4%
15	Milos	117,312	1.3%	23.2%
16	Kefallonia	102,213	1.1%	-0.2%
17	Zakinthos	100,390	1.1%	13.2%
18	Ioannina	93,162	1.0%	0.4%
19	Limnos	84,413	0.9%	17.5%
20	Karpathos	66,617	0.7%	2.1%
21	Kavala	62,614	0.7%	12.8%
22	Skiathos	58,186	0.6%	-0.5%
23	Ikaria	55,594	0.6%	4.0%
24	Sitia	36,619	0.4%	-2.0%
25	Kithira	34,923	0.4%	4.0%
26	Leros	25,952	0.3%	4.3%
27	Astypalea	21,964	0.2%	-10.4%
28	Syros	15,899	0.2%	6.1%
29	Kalimnos	14,160	0.2%	9.5%
30	Skiros	12,748	0.1%	-33.0%
31	Kalamata	6,726	0.1%	9.7%
32	Kozani	3,779	0.0%	20.5%
33	Kastoria	3,416	0.0%	-1.2%
34	Aktio/Preveza	116	0.0%	
35	Kasos	32	0.0%	-38.5%
36	Kastelorizo	20	0.0%	-75.9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,380,529</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

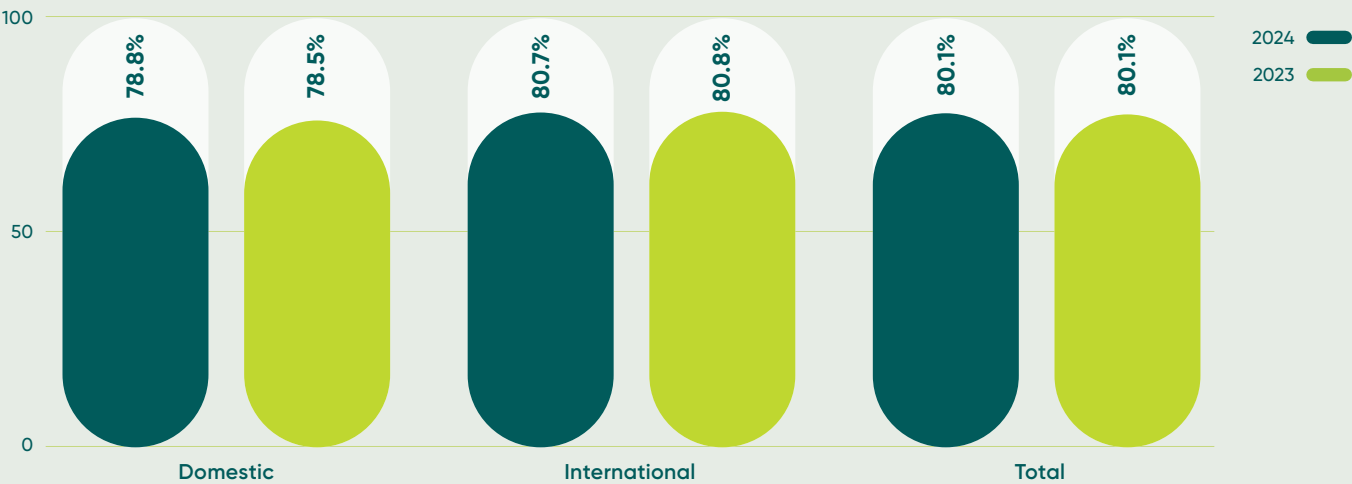
## Top 10 Airlines According to Total Passenger Traffic



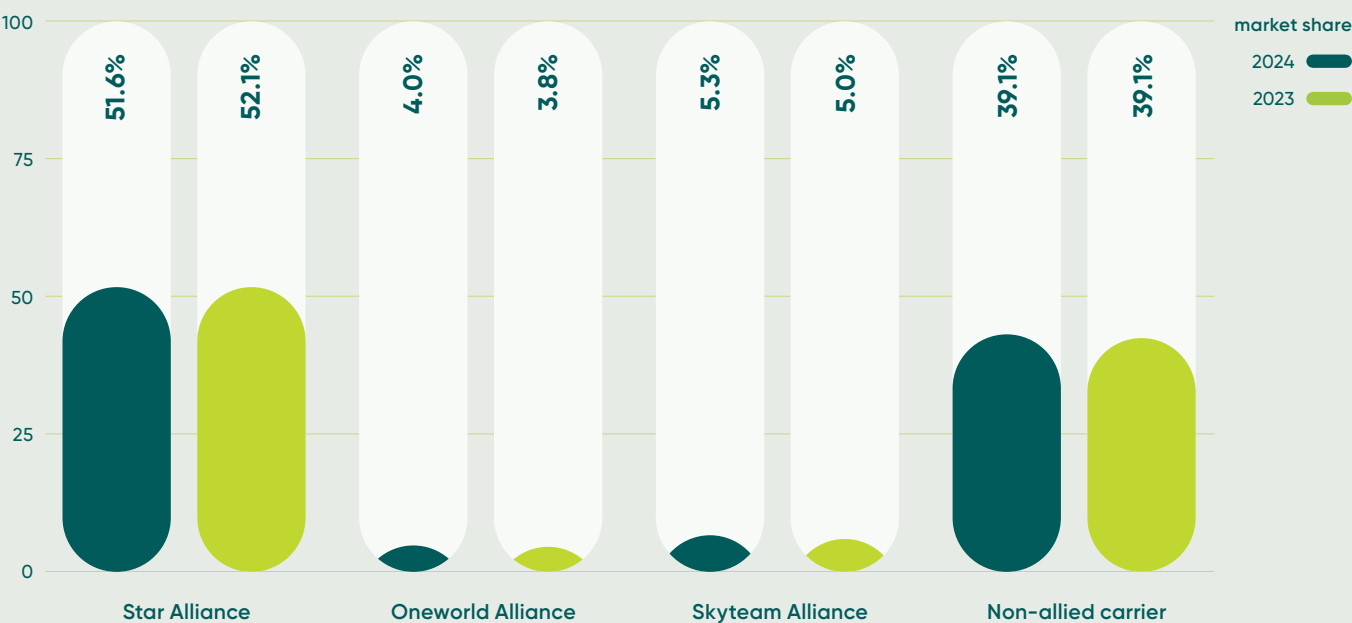
Low-cost carriers' share in passenger traffic



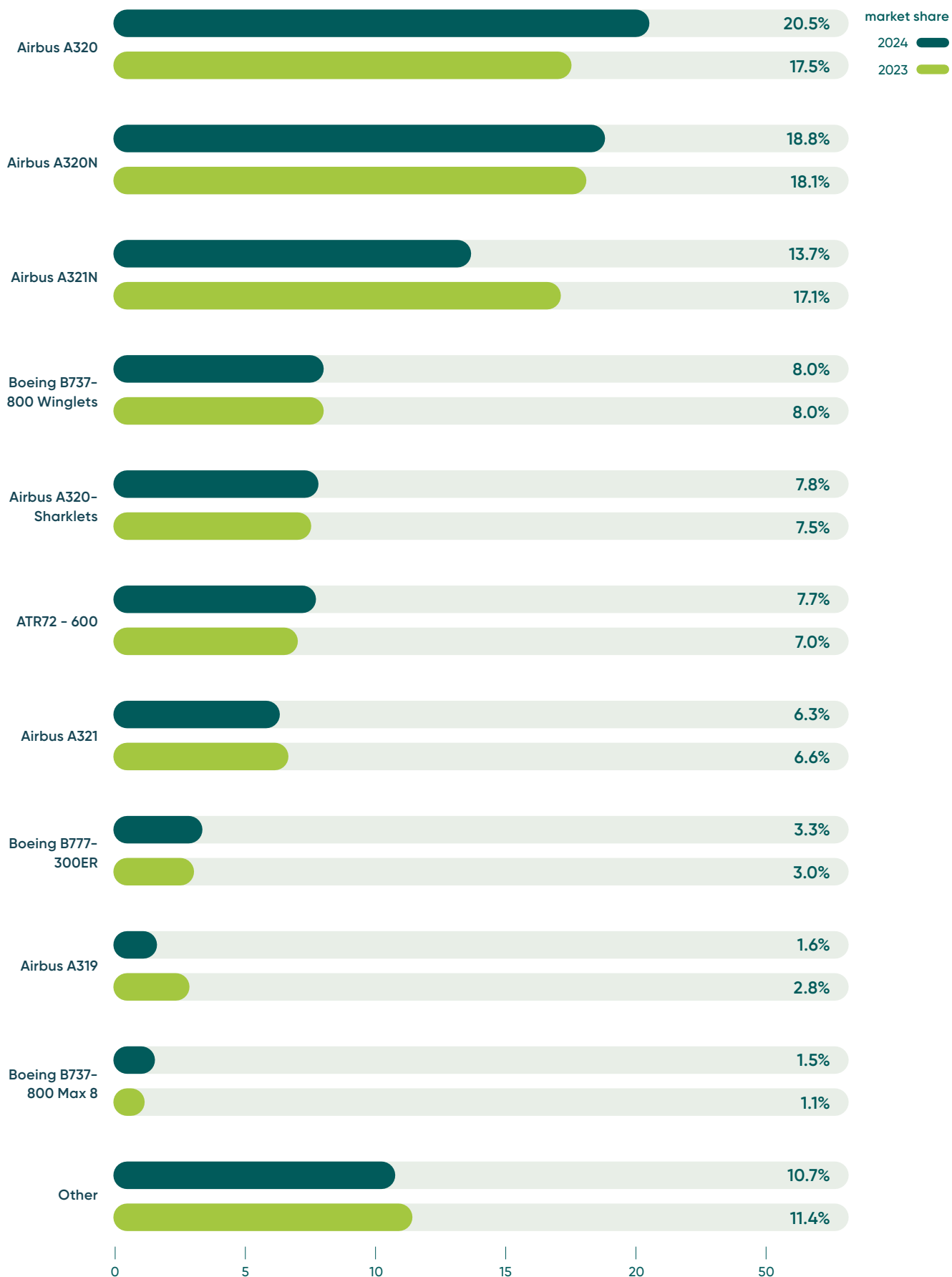
Load Factors of Non-Stop Flights / Annual Development



Alliances' Market Share in Total Passenger Traffic



## Top 10 Aircraft Types According to Passenger Traffic



Airline Awards 2024

Category	Region	Winner	Highly Commended
Fastest Growing Airline by Region	Domestic	Aegean Airlines	Sky Express
	Western Europe	easyJet	Ryanair
	Eastern Europe	Sky Express	Ryanair
	Middle East	Israil	Arkia
	Africa	Egypt Air	
	Asia	Air China	
	America	Emirates	
Fastest Growing Airline by Region - Seasonal	Europe	airBaltic	Brussels Airlines
	America	United	Delta
Overall Traffic Performance - Volume	Overall	Aegean Airlines	Sky Express
Best of the Top 10 Performance	Global	easyJet	

Peak and Average Daily Passenger Traffic

	Ranking	Day	Date	Terminal Passengers
10 Busiest Days	1	Sunday	21/07/2024	125,143
	2	Sunday	18/08/2024	124,304
	3	Sunday	04/08/2024	122,625
	4	Saturday	10/08/2024	122,310
	5	Sunday	14/07/2024	121,776
	6	Sunday	01/09/2024	121,761
	7	Sunday	07/07/2024	121,689
	8	Friday	02/08/2024	121,479
	9	Sunday	28/07/2024	120,708
	10	Sunday	11/08/2024	120,636
30th Busiest Day	30	Tuesday	06/08/2024	117,113
Average Day		Sunday	29/12/2024	86,404
Average Day = Day with passenger traffic closest to the average (31,674,344/366=86,542)				

Daily Passenger Peaks

Busiest Days		Day	Date	Terminal Passengers
Domestic	Arrivals	Sunday	18/08/2024	21,274
	Departures	Friday	21/06/2024	20,401
	Total	Sunday	18/08/2024	38,486
International	Arrivals	Friday	02/08/2024	45,113
	Departures	Saturday	31/08/2024	45,343
	Total	Sunday	21/07/2024	88,615
Total	Arrivals	Sunday	21/07/2024	63,464
	Departures	Saturday	10/08/2024	62,817
	Total	Sunday	21/07/2024	125,143

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# Counting Airplanes

In 2024, aircraft movements reached  
268.3 thousand, exceeding 2023 by 11%

Overall, for the year 2024, Athens International Airport’s number of flights amounted to 268.3 thousand, reflecting an 11.0% rise over 2023. Domestic flights grew by 5.1%, while international flights recorded a strong 15.5% increase compared to the previous year.

Aircraft movements showed stronger growth during the first half of the year, with increases of 12.8% in the first quarter and 13.9% in the second. Growth in the third and fourth quarters moderated to around 9%. As in previous years, the majority of air traffic activity took place in the second and third quarters, which together accounted for 60% of the total annual movements.

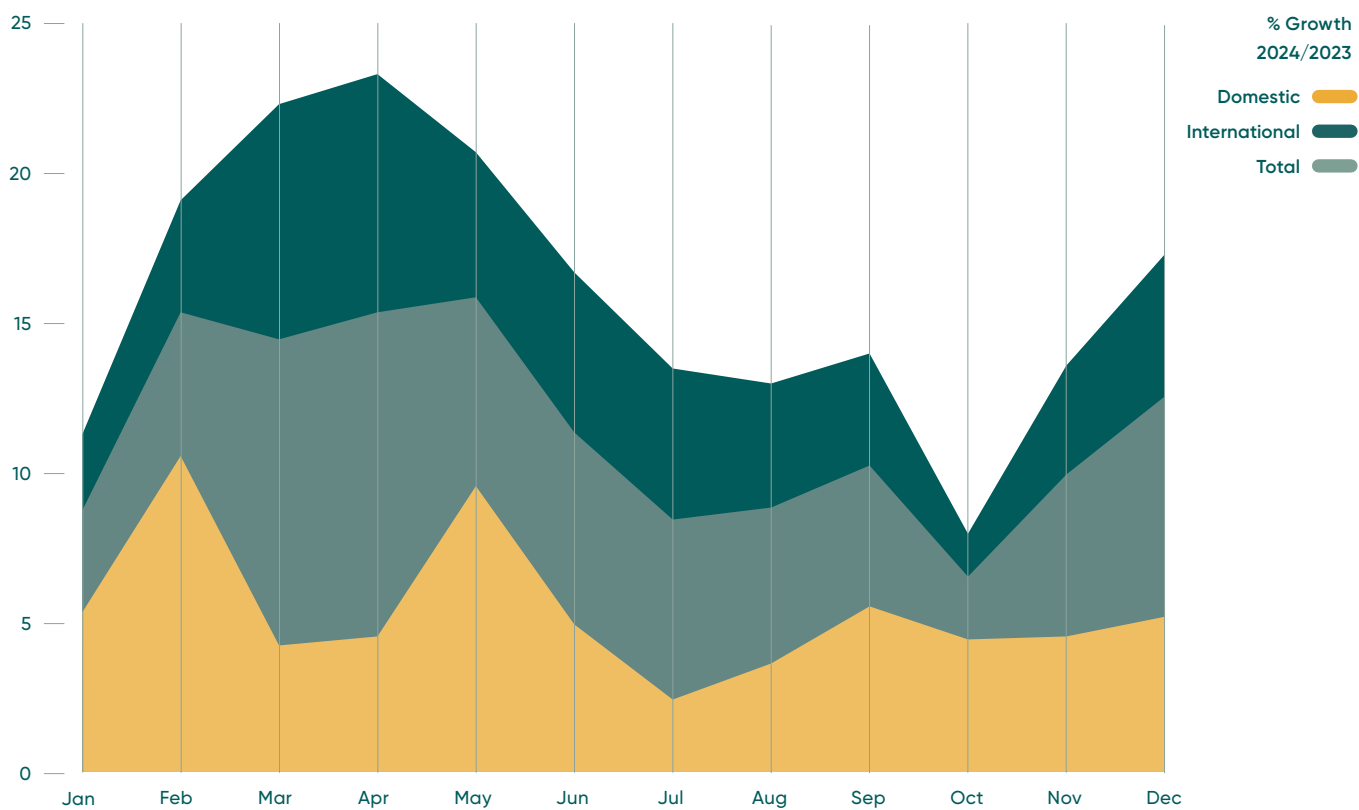
In 2024, Western Europe remained the leading region in terms of international aircraft movements, representing 68.9% of the total. Eastern Europe followed with a 13.2% share, up slightly from 12.8% in 2023. The Middle East accounted for 10.7%, while all other regions individually contributed less than 4% to the total.

All of the top 10 international country markets showed solid momentum in 2024, posting positive growth compared to 2023. Italy stood out as the fastest climber, with a remarkable 23.2% surge in aircraft movements, securing a 10.6% market share. Germany followed closely with a 19.3% rise, while Spain and the USA also achieved strong double-digit gains of 20.6% and 19.7%, respectively. Even traditionally strong markets such as the United Kingdom and France continued their upward trend, albeit at a steadier pace. Overall, this dynamic rebound highlights a robust recovery and growing international connectivity through Athens International Airport.

Aegean Airlines/Olympic Air and Sky Express continued to dominate operations to and from Athens, commanding 45.4% and 19.5% of total aircraft movements, respectively. Ryanair ranked third with a 4.4% market share, up from 3.9% in 2023, signaling steady growth in its operations.

The busiest day of the year in terms of flights was Thursday, August 1st, with 1,029 flights recorded, marking an 8.8% increase compared to the peak day of 2023. The peak day for international flights was July 21st with 593 flights, while for domestic operations it was July 25th with 450 flights.

Monthly A/C Movements Development 2024/2023



## Monthly Distribution of A/C Movements: Arrivals / Departures

	Arrivals		Departures		Total	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	7,510	8.7%	7,521	8.7%	15,031	8.7%
February	7,193	15.3%	7,191	15.4%	14,384	15.3%
March	8,461	14.4%	8,459	14.5%	16,920	14.4%
April	10,557	15.3%	10,555	15.3%	21,112	15.3%
May	12,429	15.8%	12,436	15.8%	24,865	15.8%
June	13,770	11.3%	13,774	11.4%	27,544	11.3%
July	15,251	8.5%	15,243	8.4%	30,494	8.4%
August	15,123	8.8%	15,121	8.8%	30,244	8.8%
September	13,582	10.3%	13,573	10.1%	27,155	10.2%
October	12,060	6.4%	12,069	6.6%	24,129	6.5%
November	9,066	10.0%	9,062	9.8%	18,128	9.9%
December	9,148	12.4%	9,147	12.6%	18,295	12.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,150</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>268,301</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

## Monthly Distribution of A/C Movements: Domestic / International

	Domestic		International		Total	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	6,263	5.3%	8,768	11.2%	15,031	8.7%
February	5,971	10.5%	8,413	19.0%	14,384	15.3%
March	6,640	4.2%	10,280	22.2%	16,920	14.4%
April	8,113	4.5%	12,999	23.2%	21,112	15.3%
May	10,247	9.5%	14,618	20.6%	24,865	15.8%
June	11,656	4.9%	15,888	16.6%	27,544	11.3%
July	12,976	2.4%	17,518	13.4%	30,494	8.4%
August	12,814	3.6%	17,430	12.9%	30,244	8.8%
September	11,471	5.5%	15,684	13.9%	27,155	10.2%
October	9,619	4.4%	14,510	7.9%	24,129	6.5%
November	6,933	4.5%	11,195	13.5%	18,128	9.9%
December	6,685	5.1%	11,610	17.2%	18,295	12.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,388</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>158,913</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>268,301</b>	<b>11.0%</b>



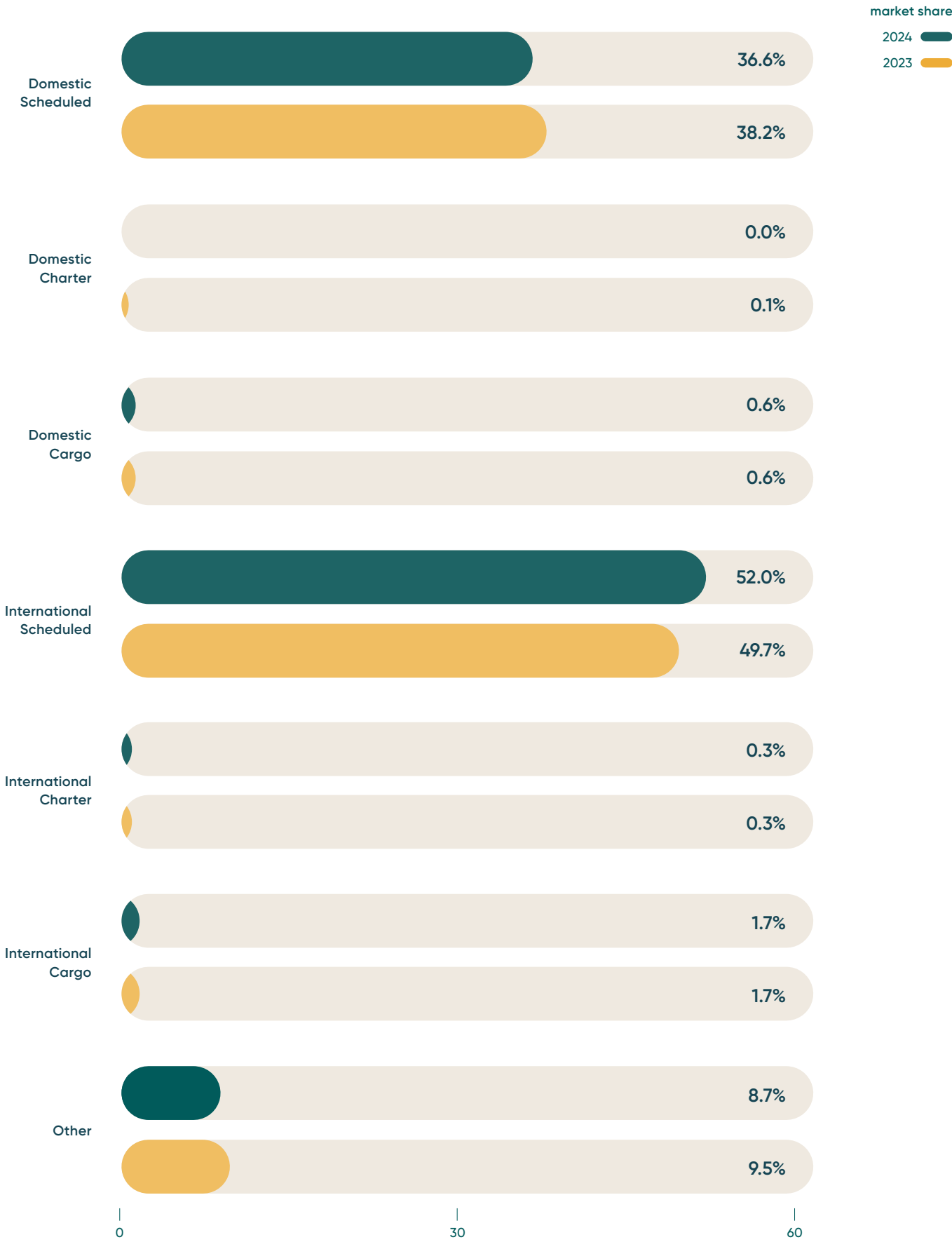
Monthly Distribution of A/C Movements: by Flight Type

Month	Commercial					Non-Commercial	Total
	Scheduled Passengers	Charter Passengers	Scheduled Cargo	Charter Cargo	Other		
January	13,540	52	489	13	495	442	15,031
February	12,873	40	467	7	566	431	14,384
March	15,049	68	477	3	703	620	16,920
April	18,844	73	498	3	991	703	21,112
May	22,091	119	477	23	1,413	742	24,865
June	24,298	78	470	5	1,764	929	27,544
July	26,362	82	516	23	2,365	1,146	30,494
August	26,323	103	499	20	2,202	1,097	30,244
September	23,992	65	503	15	1,719	861	27,155
October	21,584	100	523	21	1,187	714	24,129
November	16,259	44	526	10	758	531	18,128
December	16,568	79	550	26	669	403	18,295
Total	237,783	903	5,995	169	14,832	8,619	268,301

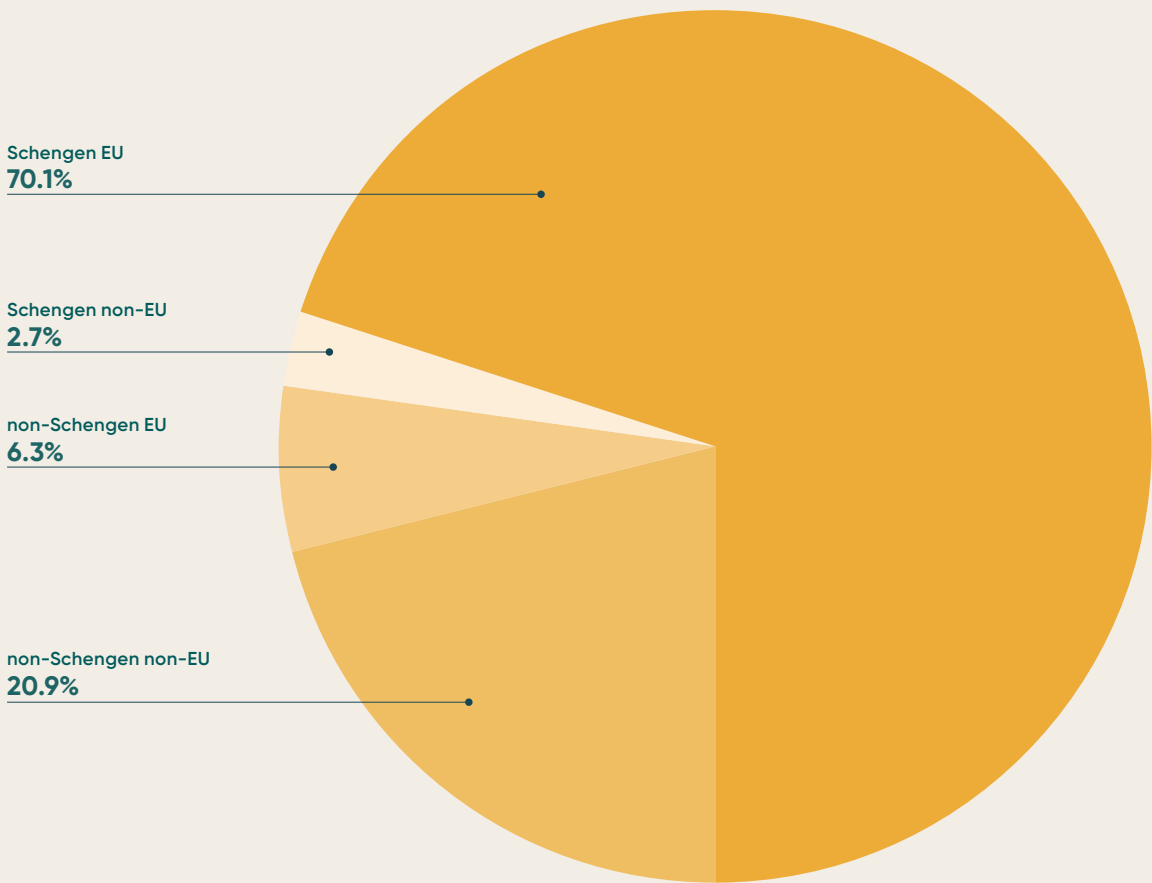
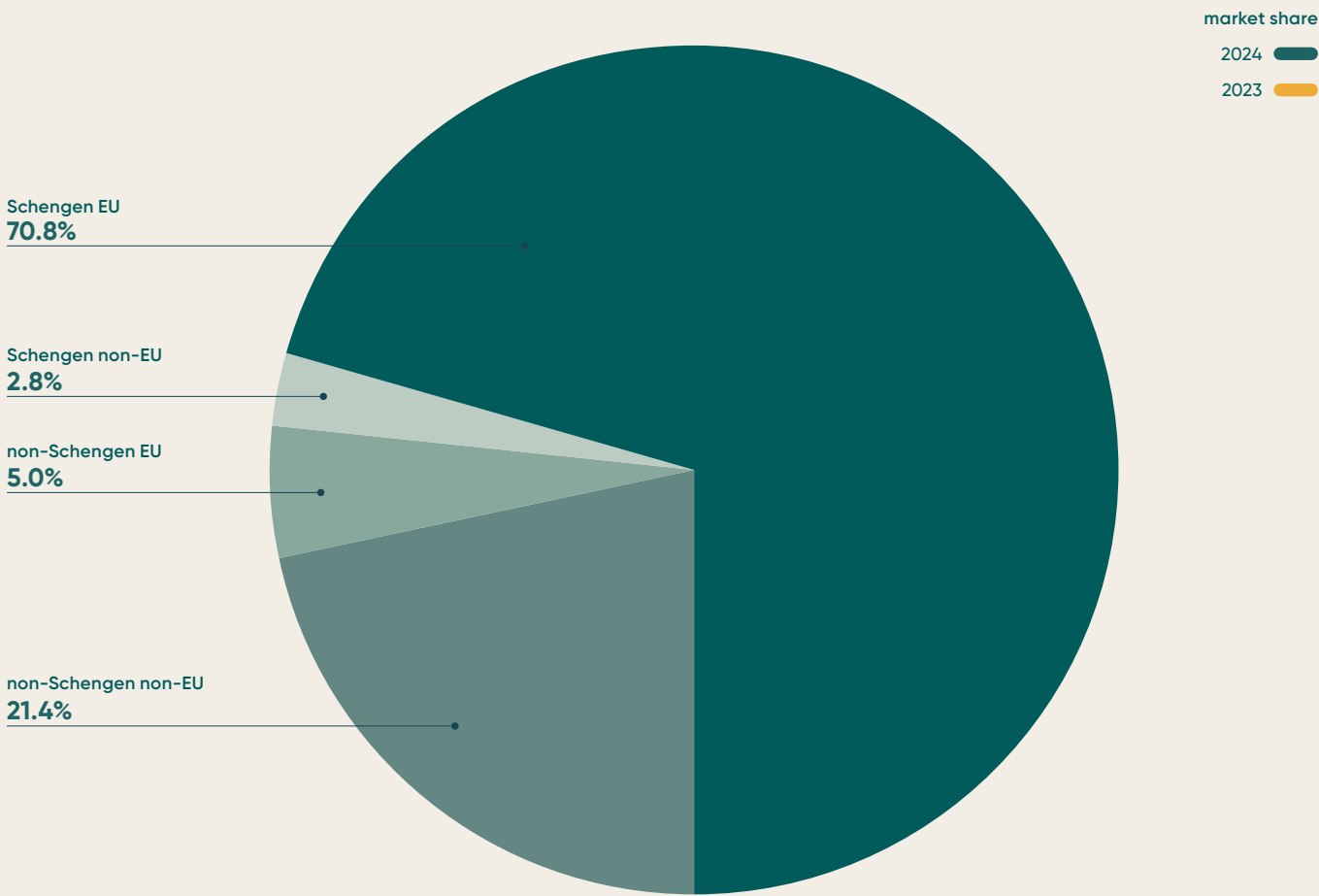
Monthly Distribution of A/C Movements: Schengen / Non Schengen

	Schengen		Non Schengen		Total	
	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
January	10,768	10.3%	4,263	4.7%	15,031	8.7%
February	10,170	15.9%	4,214	14.0%	14,384	15.3%
March	11,938	14.0%	4,982	15.6%	16,920	14.4%
April	15,499	18.1%	5,613	8.2%	21,112	15.3%
May	18,573	18.4%	6,292	8.7%	24,865	15.8%
June	20,503	12.1%	7,041	9.0%	27,544	11.3%
July	23,128	9.2%	7,366	6.1%	30,494	8.4%
August	22,912	10.0%	7,332	5.2%	30,244	8.8%
September	20,452	12.1%	6,703	4.7%	27,155	10.2%
October	17,706	9.5%	6,423	-1.0%	24,129	6.5%
November	12,929	10.0%	5,199	9.7%	18,128	9.9%
December	12,769	9.3%	5,526	20.7%	18,295	12.5%
Total	197,347	12.1%	70,954	8.1%	268,301	11.0%

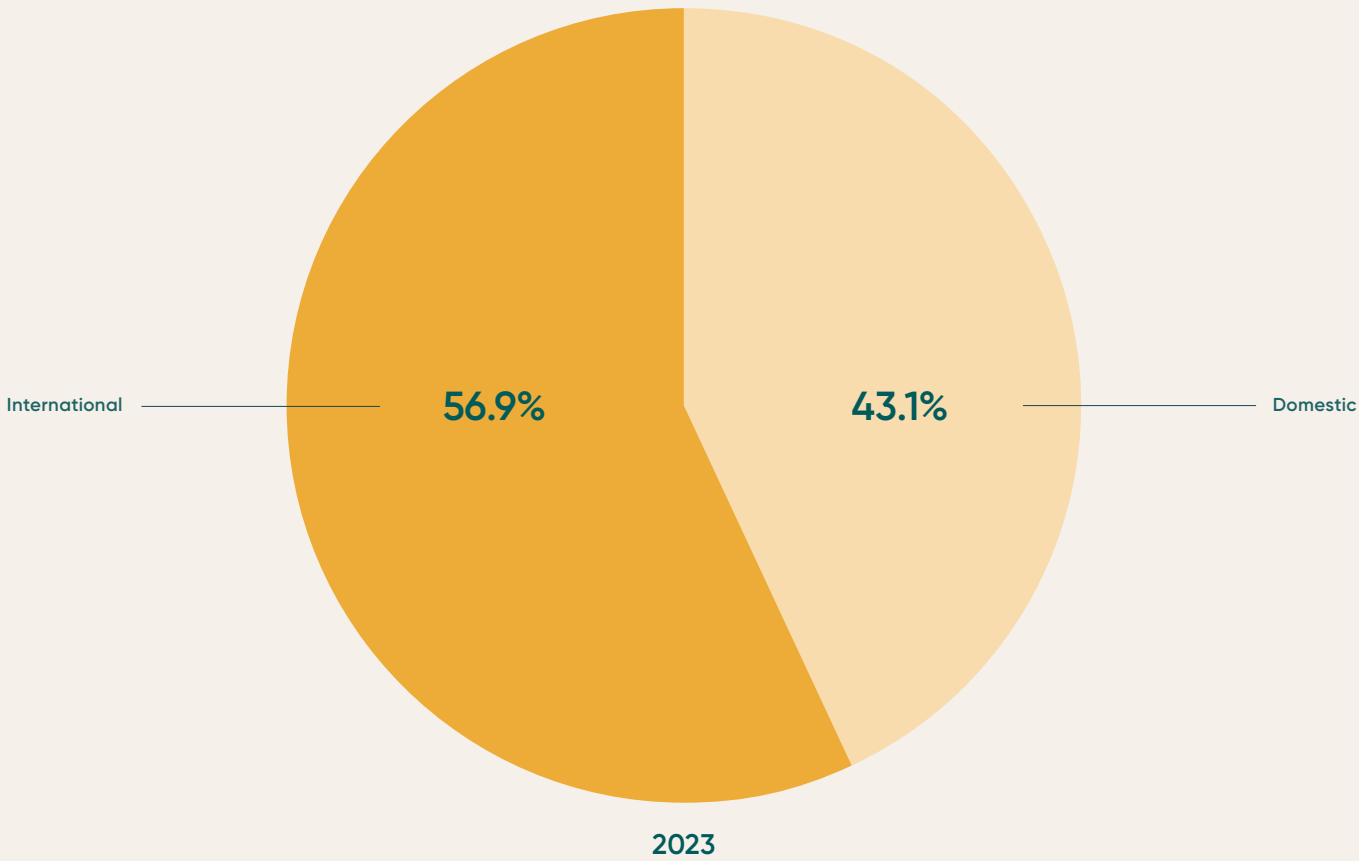
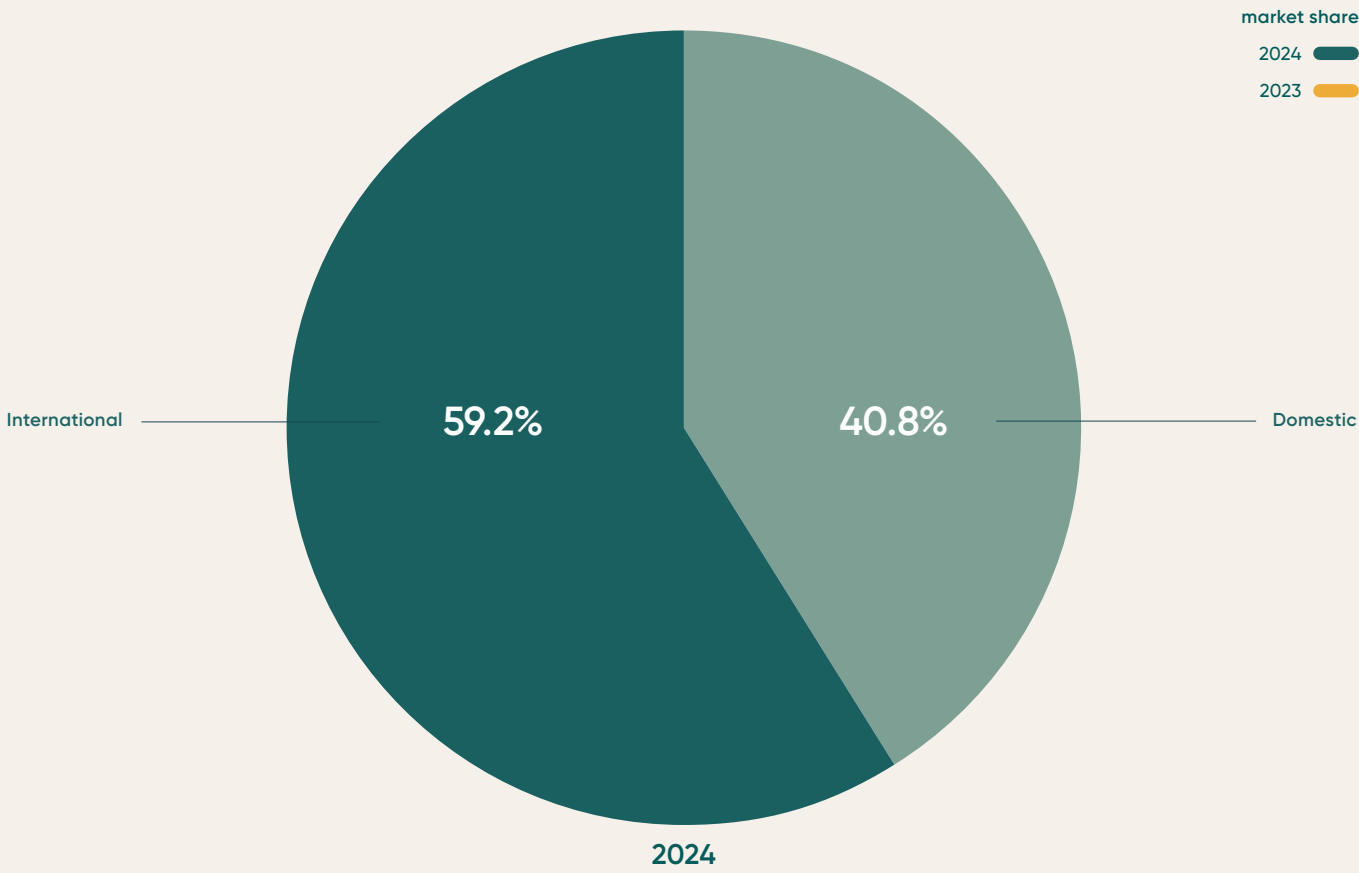
Structure of A/C Movements Traffic



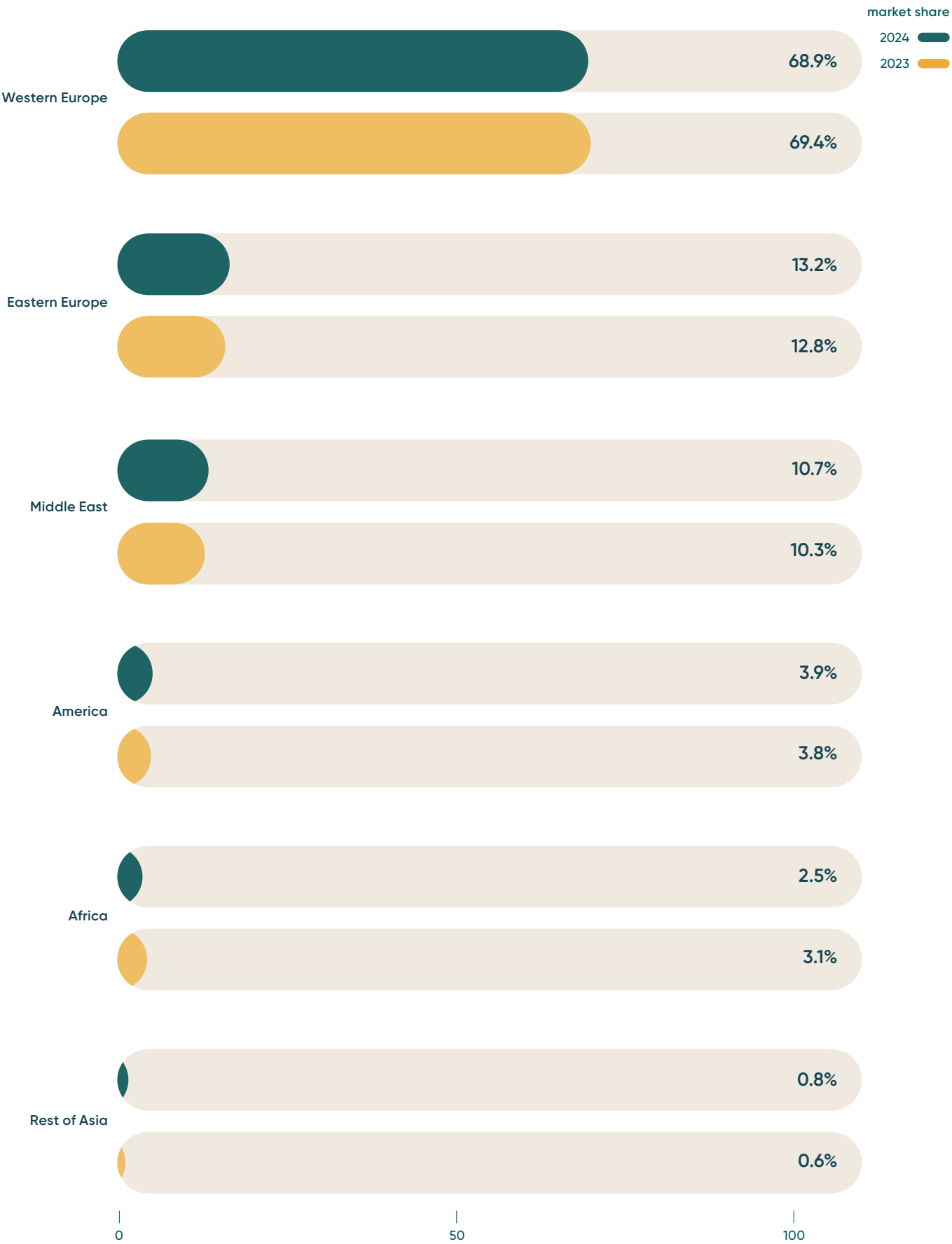
A/C Movements Breakdown Schengen/EU



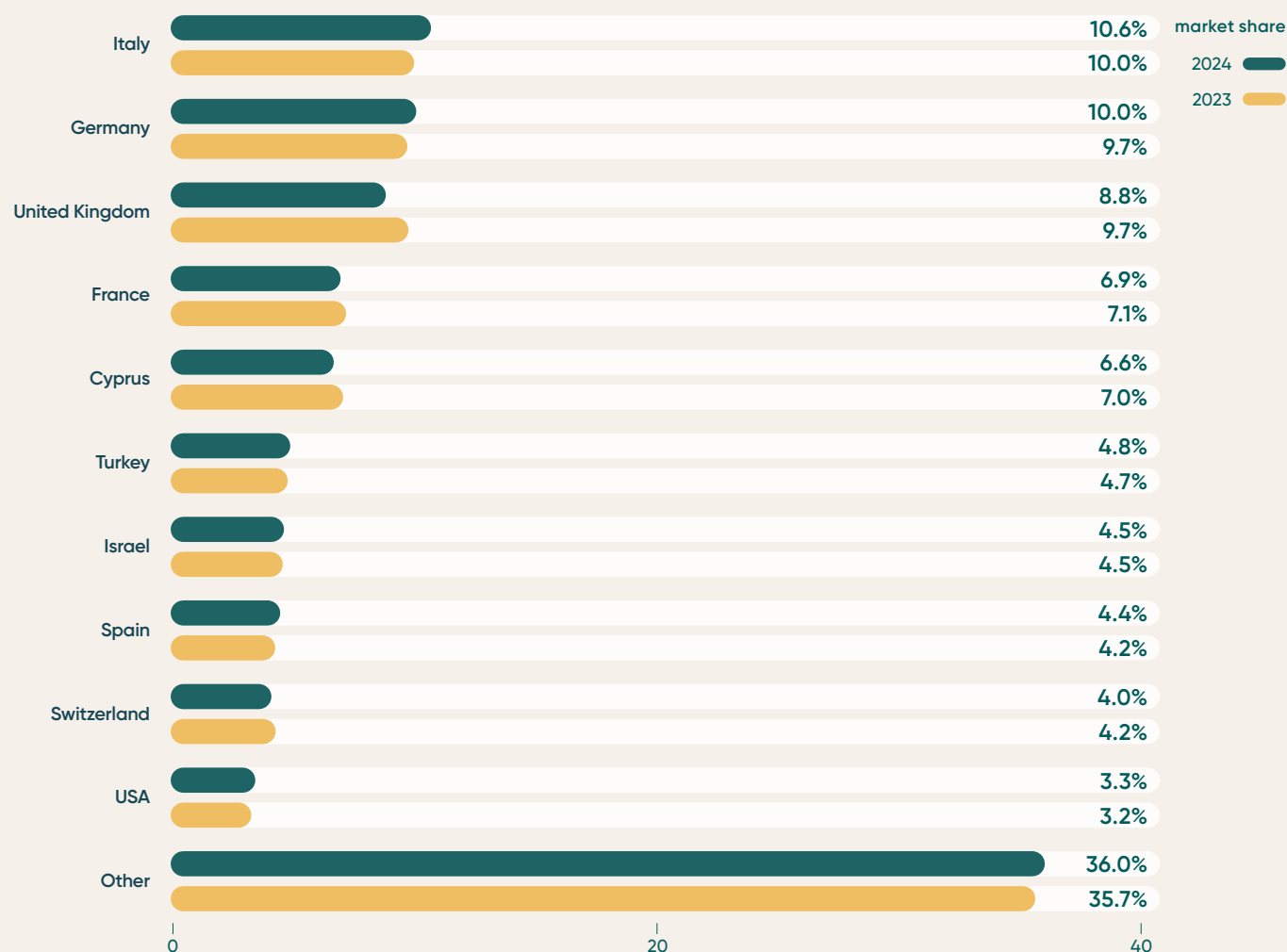
Segmentation of A/C Movements by Domestic/International



Segmentation of International A/C Movements by Geographical Region



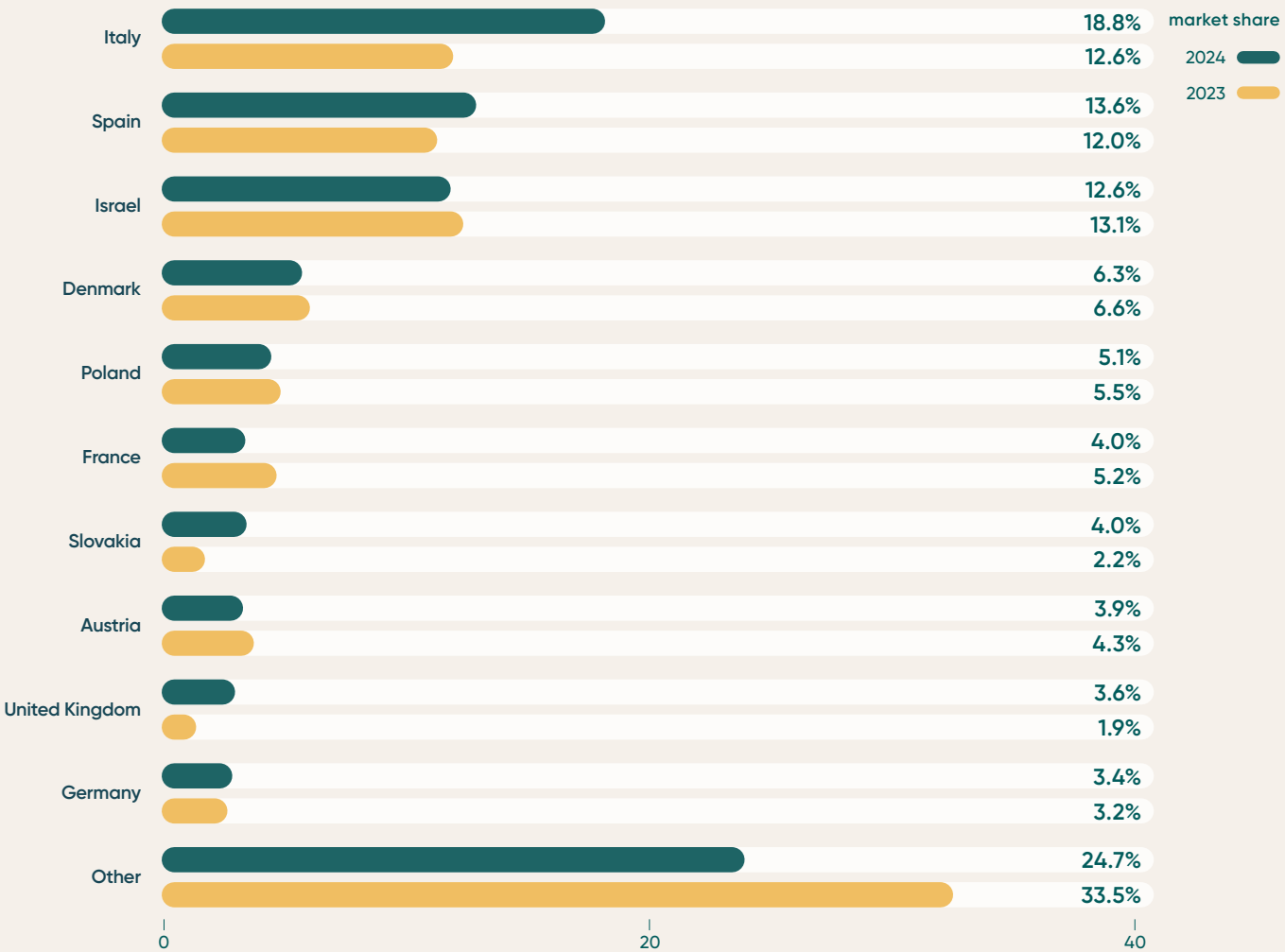
## Top 10 International Markets/Countries for Scheduled Passenger Movements



## Top 10 International Markets/Countries for Scheduled Passenger Movements

Ranking	Country	A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	14,824	10.6%	23.2%
2	Germany	13,898	10.0%	19.3%
3	United Kingdom	12,221	8.8%	5.5%
4	France	9,670	6.9%	13.3%
5	Cyprus	9,230	6.6%	10.3%
6	Turkey	6,757	4.8%	18.7%
7	Israel	6,269	4.5%	16.6%
8	Spain	6,121	4.4%	20.6%
9	Switzerland	5,640	4.0%	12.9%
10	USA	4,597	3.3%	19.7%
	Other	50,273	36.0%	17.3%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>139,500</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>

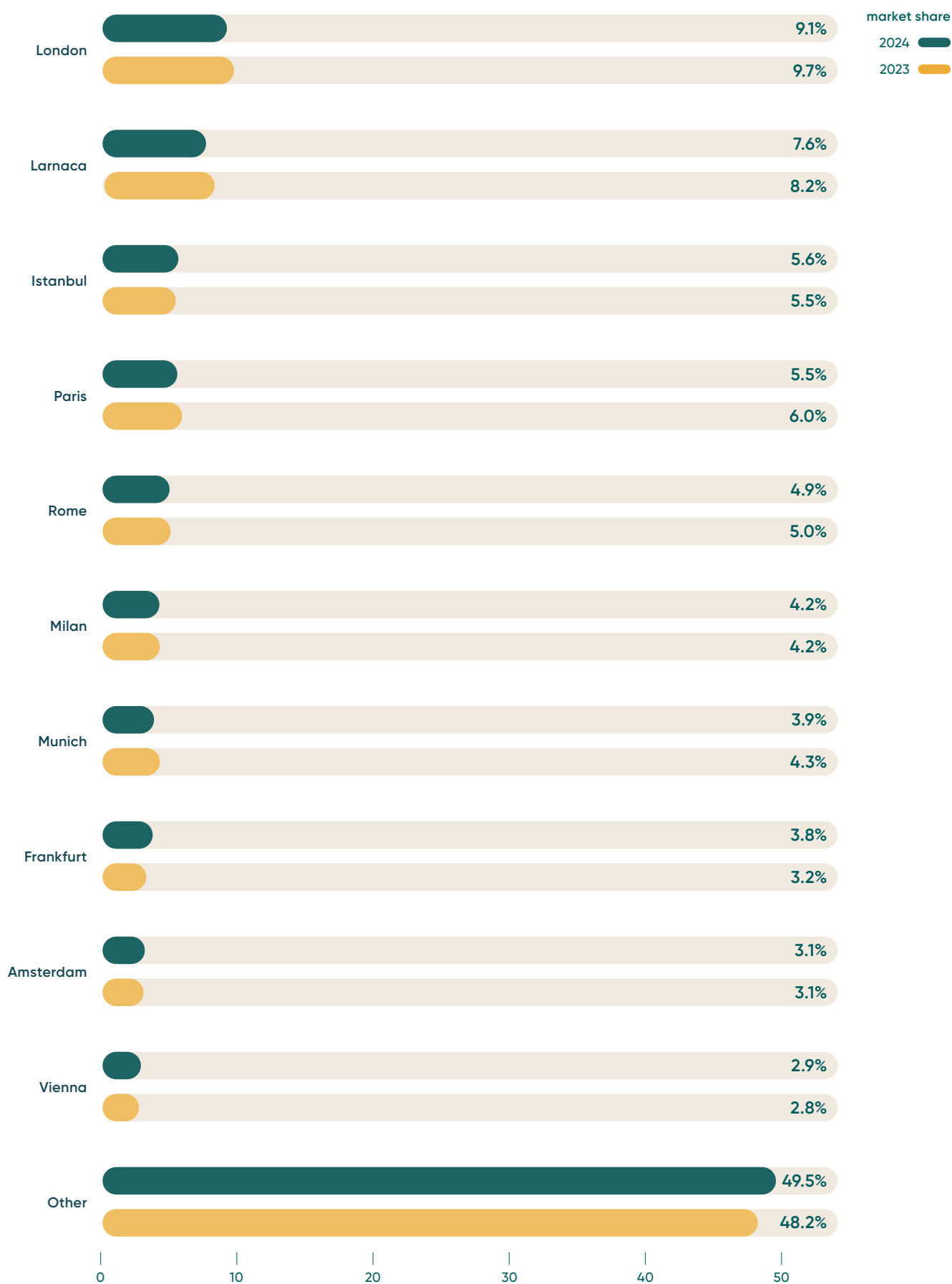
Top 10 International Markets/Countries for Charter Passenger Movements



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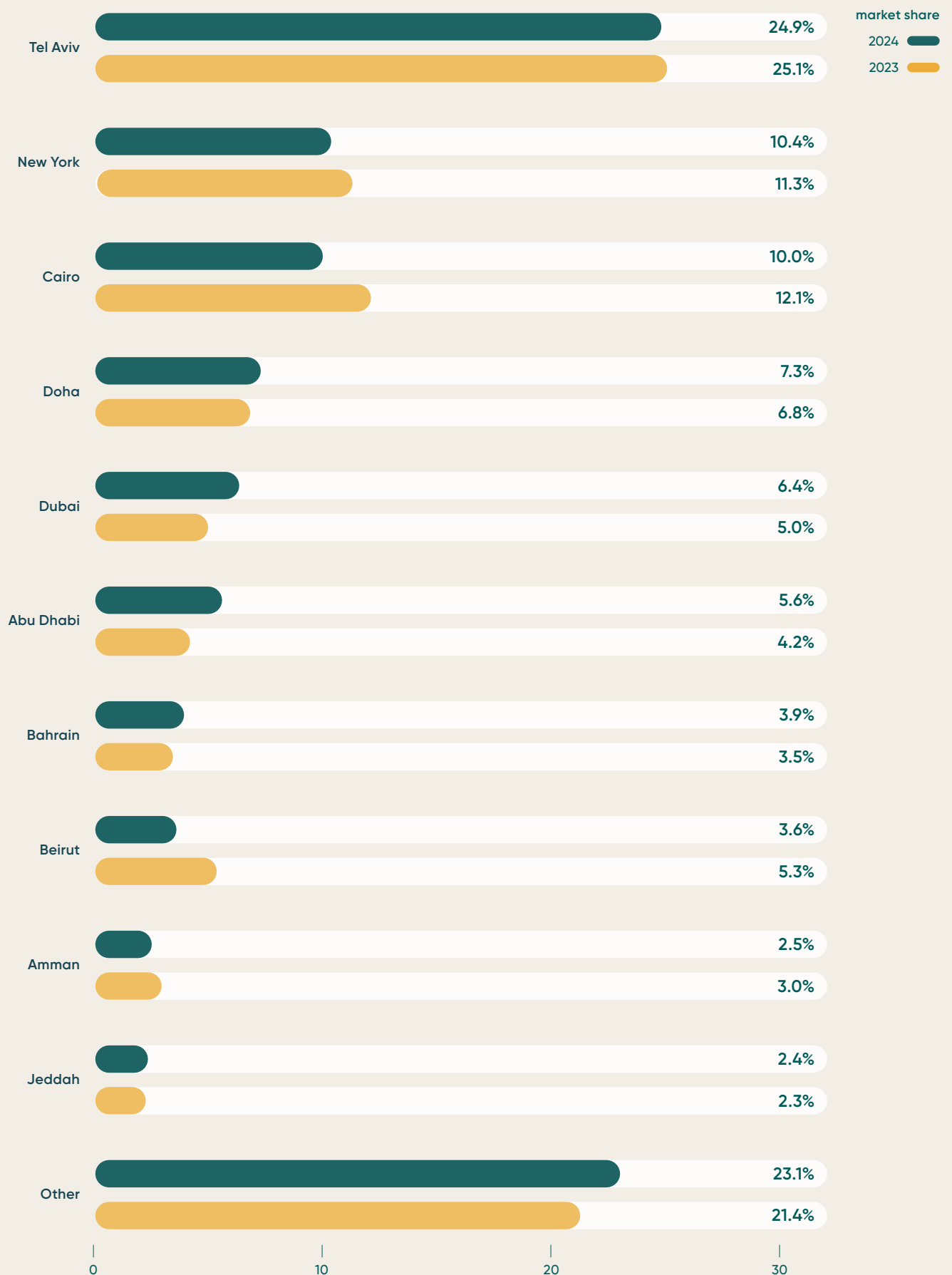
Ranking	Country	A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	145	18.8%	66.7%
2	Spain	105	13.6%	26.5%
3	Israel	97	12.6%	6.6%
4	Denmark	49	6.3%	6.5%
5	Poland	39	5.1%	2.6%
6	France	31	4.0%	-13.9%
7	Slovakia	31	4.0%	106.7%
8	Austria	30	3.9%	0.0%
9	United Kingdom	28	3.6%	115.4%
10	Germany	26	3.4%	18.2%
	Other	191	24.7%	-17.7%
	Total	772	100.0%	11.4%

## Top 10 European Destinations for Scheduled Passenger Movements





## Top 10 Non-European Destinations for Scheduled Passenger Movements



## Ranking of International Markets/Countries According to A/C Movements

Ranking	Country*	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Italy	14,969	10.7%	23.5%
2	Germany	13,924	9.9%	19.3%
3	United Kingdom	12,249	8.7%	5.7%
4	France	9,701	6.9%	13.2%
5	Cyprus	9,234	6.6%	10.3%
6	Turkey	6,770	4.8%	18.6%
7	Israel	6,366	4.5%	16.5%
8	Spain	6,226	4.4%	20.7%
9	Switzerland	5,640	4.0%	12.9%
10	USA	4,597	3.3%	19.7%
11	Netherlands	4,103	2.9%	14.5%
12	Poland	3,441	2.5%	60.8%
13	Austria	3,378	2.4%	21.9%
14	United Arab Emirates	3,262	2.3%	65.5%
15	Belgium	3,254	2.3%	4.2%
16	Egypt	2,573	1.8%	-5.1%
17	Romania	2,370	1.7%	-0.8%
18	Qatar	1,830	1.3%	26.1%
19	Albania	1,825	1.3%	13.8%
20	Denmark	1,824	1.3%	16.2%
21	Serbia	1,724	1.2%	1.3%
22	Bulgaria	1,555	1.1%	0.9%
23	Hungary	1,490	1.1%	25.3%
24	Portugal	1,258	0.9%	16.2%
25	Canada	1,192	0.8%	10.1%
26	Sweden	1,029	0.7%	5.1%
27	Croatia	1,028	0.7%	31.6%
28	Czech Republic	1,016	0.7%	10.4%
29	Saudi Arabia	987	0.7%	11.9%
30	Malta	985	0.7%	48.6%

Ranking	Country*	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
31	Bahrain	982	0.7%	32.0%
32	Lebanon	910	0.6%	-19.0%
33	Georgia	878	0.6%	18.8%
34	Republic of Ireland	838	0.6%	11.0%
35	Norway	738	0.5%	7.9%
36	Armenia	647	0.5%	9.1%
37	Jordan	638	0.5%	-0.3%
38	People's Republic of China	634	0.5%	166.4%
39	Republic of North Macedonia	488	0.3%	45.7%
40	Singapore	434	0.3%	23.6%
41	Finland	394	0.3%	12.3%
42	Ethiopia	378	0.3%	4.7%
43	Latvia	358	0.3%	3.5%
44	Luxembourg	293	0.2%	-3.6%
45	Moldova	236	0.2%	594.1%
46	Lithuania	234	0.2%	56.0%
47	Morocco	220	0.2%	22.2%
48	Montenegro	171	0.1%	-14.5%
49	Slovakia	169	0.1%	92.0%
50	Kuwait	150	0.1%	1.4%
51	Tunisia	142	0.1%	-6.6%
52	Estonia	142	0.1%	7.6%
53	Iceland	130	0.1%	8.3%
54	Slovenia	123	0.1%	57.7%
55	Bosnia and Herzegovina	89	0.1%	423.5%
56	Republic of Korea	51	0.0%	264.3%
57	Azerbaijan	2	0.0%	-94.7%
58	India	2	0.0%	100.0%
59	Libya	1	0.0%	-95.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>140,272</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

\* The country of first origin for arrivals and of last destination for departures.

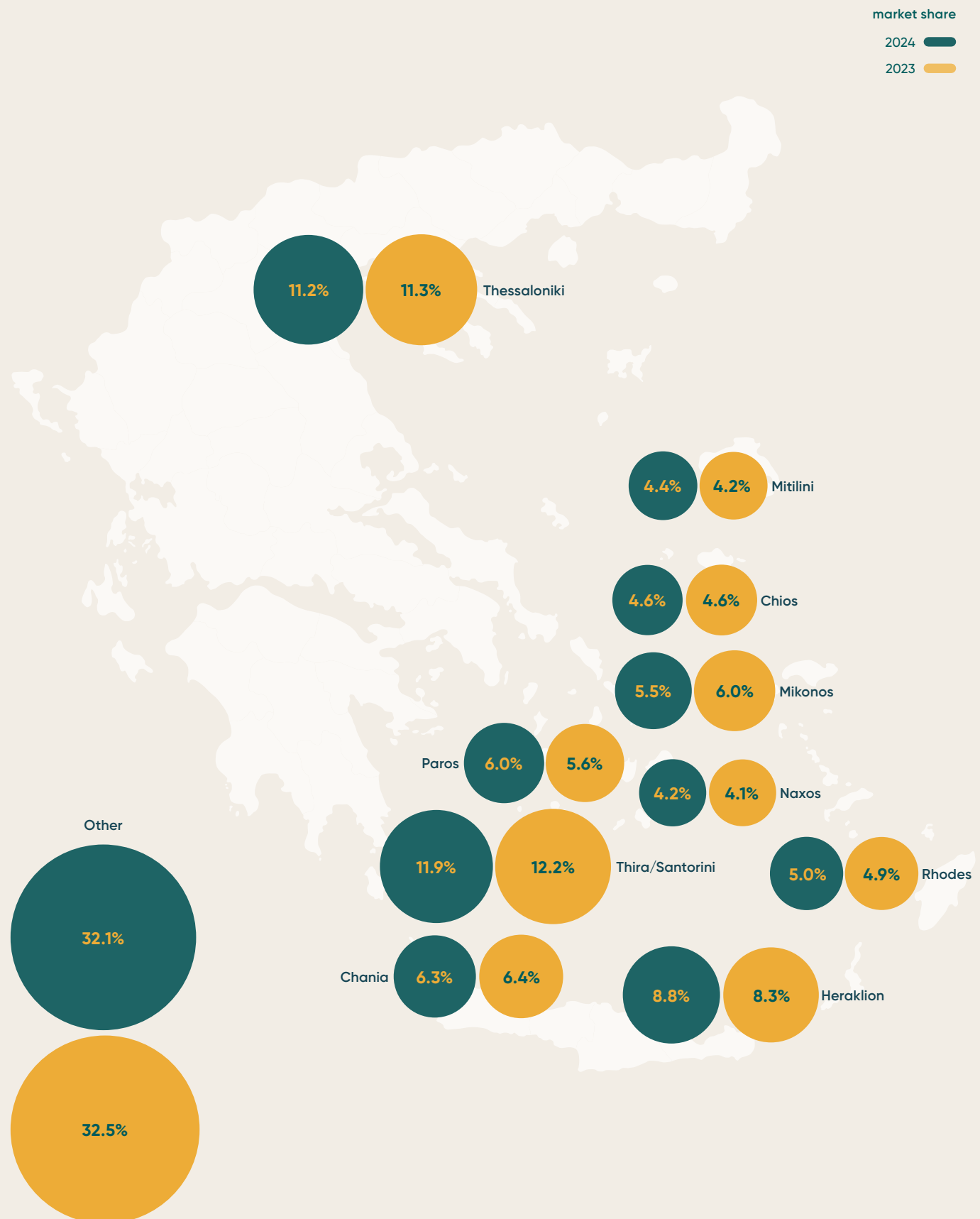
## Ranking of International Destinations according to A/C Movements

Ranking	City	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023	Ranking	City	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	London	10,402	7.4%	8.4%	42	Oslo	738	0.5%	7.9%
2	Larnaca	8,663	6.2%	6.5%	43	Lyon	717	0.5%	54.5%
3	Istanbul	6,406	4.6%	18.7%	44	Katowice	682	0.5%	21.4%
4	Tel Aviv	6,366	4.5%	16.7%	45	Nice	659	0.5%	40.8%
5	Paris	6,294	4.5%	5.9%	46	Yerevan	647	0.5%	9.1%
6	Rome	5,592	4.0%	13.9%	47	Amman	638	0.5%	-0.3%
7	Milan	4,800	3.4%	16.9%	48	Jeddah	611	0.4%	24.7%
8	Munich	4,449	3.2%	6.0%	49	Montreal	598	0.4%	12.8%
9	Frankfurt	4,357	3.1%	39.4%	50	Toronto	594	0.4%	7.4%
10	Amsterdam	3,552	2.5%	17.3%	51	Hamburg	581	0.4%	3.9%
11	Vienna	3,341	2.4%	20.7%	52	Paphos	571	0.4%	139.9%
12	Brussels	3,254	2.3%	4.3%	53	Stuttgart	562	0.4%	-1.9%
13	Zurich	3,220	2.3%	5.2%	54	Eindhoven	551	0.4%	-0.4%
14	Madrid	2,811	2.0%	23.0%	55	Marseille	547	0.4%	21.6%
15	New York	2,622	1.9%	8.3%	56	Chicago	535	0.4%	114.0%
16	Cairo	2,510	1.8%	-2.6%	57	Tbilisi	514	0.4%	38.9%
17	Barcelona	2,436	1.7%	15.9%	58	Skopje	488	0.3%	45.7%
18	Bucharest	2,368	1.7%	-0.9%	59	Bordeaux	480	0.3%	51.9%
19	Warsaw	2,046	1.5%	104.8%	60	Catania	456	0.3%	30.3%
20	Geneva	2,002	1.4%	25.1%	61	Krakow	446	0.3%	55.9%
21	Berlin	1,857	1.3%	47.4%	62	Singapore	434	0.3%	23.6%
22	Doha	1,830	1.3%	26.1%	63	Atlanta	422	0.3%	-2.3%
23	Tirana	1,825	1.3%	13.8%	64	Basel	418	0.3%	25.5%
24	Copenhagen	1,776	1.3%	16.4%	65	Dubrovnik	415	0.3%	37.0%
25	Belgrade	1,668	1.2%	1.4%	66	Edinburgh	410	0.3%	6.2%
26	Dubai	1,608	1.1%	51.0%	67	Zagreb	407	0.3%	8.8%
27	Dusseldorf	1,554	1.1%	14.5%	68	Nantes	405	0.3%	-5.4%
28	Sofia	1,553	1.1%	0.8%	69	Beijing	404	0.3%	77.2%
29	Budapest	1,490	1.1%	25.3%	70	Boston	394	0.3%	99.0%
30	Abu Dhabi	1,418	1.0%	56.7%	71	Helsinki	388	0.3%	12.5%
31	Naples	1,242	0.9%	76.2%	72	Washington	385	0.3%	10.6%
32	Lisbon	1,114	0.8%	15.3%	73	Addis Ababa	378	0.3%	4.7%
33	Bologna	1,052	0.7%	15.0%	74	Riyadh	376	0.3%	5.0%
34	Prague	1,016	0.7%	10.7%	75	Cologne	372	0.3%	-9.0%
35	Stockholm	1,015	0.7%	5.0%	76	Kutaisi	364	0.3%	-1.1%
36	Manchester	1,008	0.7%	13.4%	77	Izmir	362	0.3%	19.9%
37	Malta	985	0.7%	48.6%	78	Riga	358	0.3%	3.5%
38	Bahrain	982	0.7%	32.0%	79	Malaga	298	0.2%	109.9%
39	Venice	919	0.7%	66.8%	80	Luxembourg	293	0.2%	-3.6%
40	Beirut	910	0.6%	-19.0%	81	Bilbao	284	0.2%	-11.8%
41	Dublin	838	0.6%	11.0%	82	Wroclaw	264	0.2%	-9.3%

Ranking	City	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
83	Bari	240	0.2%	196.3%
84	Philadelphia	239	0.2%	24.5%
85	Chisinau	236	0.2%	594.1%
86	Sharjah	233	0.2%	
87	Shanghai	230	0.2%	2200.0%
88	Vilnius	226	0.2%	72.5%
89	Marrakech	220	0.2%	22.2%
90	Split	206	0.1%	98.1%
91	Toulouse	202	0.1%	-7.3%
92	Florence	185	0.1%	11.4%
93	Birmingham	177	0.1%	-43.8%
94	Podgorica	171	0.1%	-14.5%
95	Bratislava	169	0.1%	101.2%
96	Palermo	166	0.1%	74.7%
97	Kuwait	150	0.1%	1.4%
98	Bristol	146	0.1%	-54.9%
99	Porto	144	0.1%	26.3%
100	Tunis	142	0.1%	-6.6%
101	Tallinn	142	0.1%	7.6%
102	Reykjavik	130	0.1%	8.3%
103	Palma Mallorca	125	0.1%	60.3%
104	LjubljanaB	123	0.1%	57.7%
105	Lille	118	0.1%	-40.1%
106	Montpellier	116	0.1%	222.2%
107	Brest	114	0.1%	
108	Valencia	99	0.1%	12.5%
109	Seville	98	0.1%	28.9%
110	Newcastle	96	0.1%	12.9%
111	Nuremberg	94	0.1%	3.3%
112	Hanover	92	0.1%	0.0%
113	Verona	77	0.1%	-8.3%
114	Ancona	74	0.1%	
115	Sarajevo	66	0.0%	
116	Olbia	62	0.0%	26.5%
117	Alexandria	60	0.0%	-46.4%
118	Nis	56	0.0%	0.0%
119	Seoul	51	0.0%	264.3%
120	Ibiza	48	0.0%	9.1%
121	Billund	48	0.0%	9.1%
122	Strasbourg	46	0.0%	21.1%
123	Forli	42	0.0%	4100.0%

Ranking	City	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
124	Innsbruck	34	0.0%	750.0%
125	Cagliari	34	0.0%	-56.4%
126	Pisa	26	0.0%	44.4%
127	Banja Luka	23	0.0%	35.3%
128	Gothenburg	12	0.0%	0.0%
129	Kaunas	8	0.0%	-57.9%
130	Vitoria	7	0.0%	75.0%
131	Rovaniemi	6	0.0%	0.0%
132	Zaragoza	6	0.0%	
133	Santiago de Compostela	4	0.0%	
134	Asturias	4	0.0%	
135	Glasgow	4	0.0%	300.0%
136	Al Maktoum	3	0.0%	200.0%
137	Salzburg	3	0.0%	
138	East Midlands	3	0.0%	
139	Craiciva	2	0.0%	
140	Liverpool	2	0.0%	
141	Munster	2	0.0%	
142	Baku	2	0.0%	-94.7%
143	Malmo	2	0.0%	
144	Valladolid	2	0.0%	-60.0%
145	Sharm el Sheikh	2	0.0%	-90.5%
146	Plovdiv	2	0.0%	
147	Bastia	2	0.0%	
148	Poznan	2	0.0%	
149	La Rioja/Logro	2	0.0%	
150	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	2	0.0%	
151	Pamplona	2	0.0%	
152	Deauville	1	0.0%	
153	Bangalore	1	0.0%	
154	Delhi	1	0.0%	
155	Memmingen	1	0.0%	-50.0%
156	Benghazi	1	0.0%	-95.5%
157	Rzeszow	1	0.0%	
158	Perugia	1	0.0%	
159	Paderborn	1	0.0%	
160	Hurghada	1	0.0%	0.0%
161	Samsun	1	0.0%	
162	Dalaman	1	0.0%	-50.0%
163	Lamezia Terme	1	0.0%	
164	Farnborough	1	0.0%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>140,272</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>

## Top 10 Domestic Destinations for Scheduled Passenger Movements

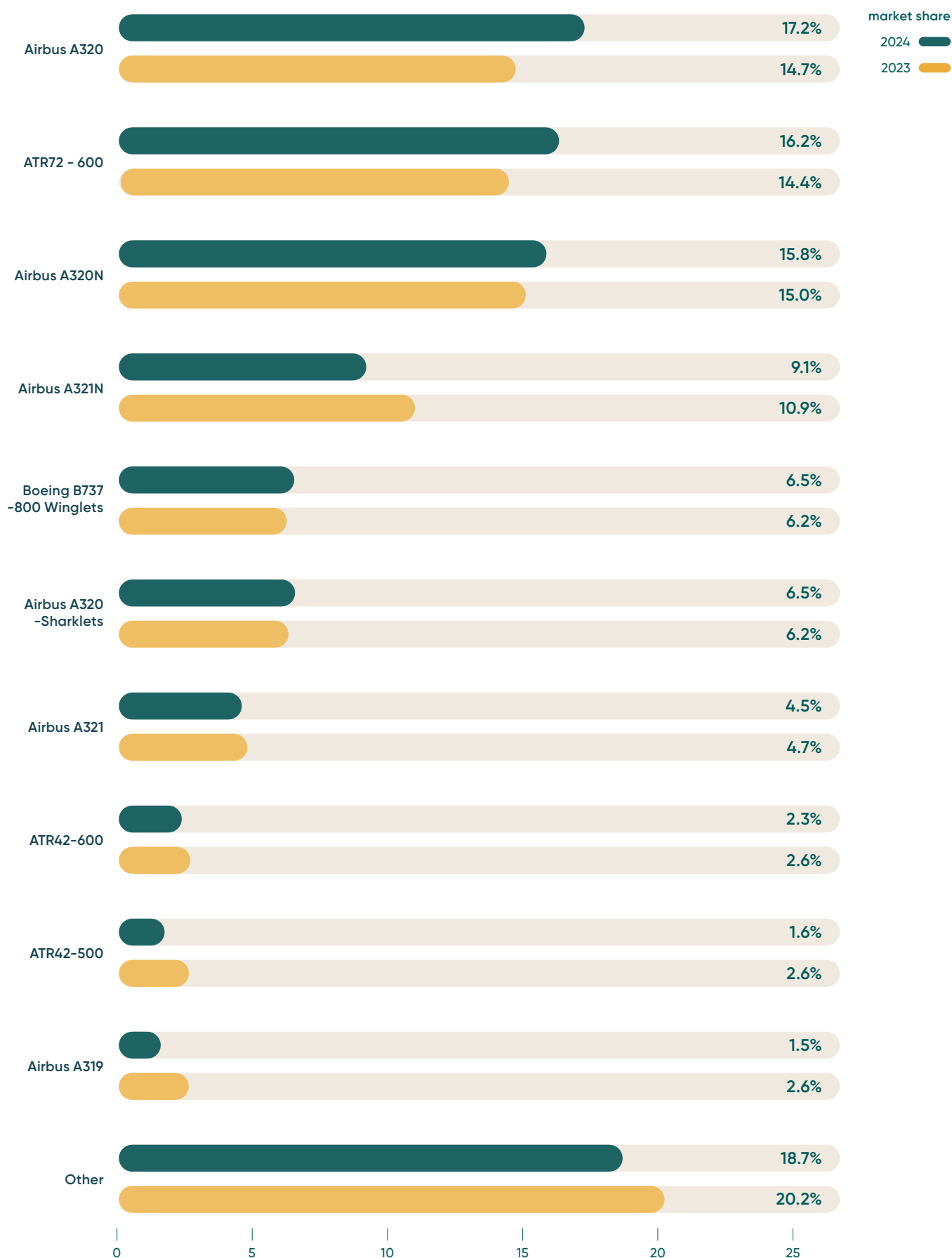


## Ranking of Domestic Destinations According to A/C Movements

Ranking	City*	Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements 2024	Market Share 2024	% 2024 / 2023
1	Thira/Santorini	11,674	11.9%	3.5%
2	Thessaloniki	11,101	11.3%	6.2%
3	Heraklion	8,617	8.8%	12.1%
4	Chania	6,220	6.3%	6.0%
5	Paros	5,911	6.0%	14.6%
6	Mikonos	5,415	5.5%	-1.6%
7	Rhodes	4,909	5.0%	8.1%
8	Chios	4,515	4.6%	6.3%
9	Mitilini	4,300	4.4%	10.1%
10	Naxos	4,141	4.2%	9.2%
11	Kos	3,892	4.0%	10.1%
12	Kerkyra/Corfu	3,564	3.6%	5.7%
13	Alexandroupolis	3,554	3.6%	6.0%
14	Milos	3,184	3.2%	29.6%
15	Samos	2,382	2.4%	-5.1%
16	Zakynthos	1,600	1.6%	1.5%
17	Limnos	1,583	1.6%	7.5%
18	Kefallonia	1,483	1.5%	-3.7%
19	Ioannina	1,406	1.4%	0.1%
20	Karpathos	1,267	1.3%	4.5%
21	Skiathos	1,075	1.1%	-4.8%
22	Ikaria	991	1.0%	2.7%
23	Kavala	941	1.0%	6.0%
24	Leros	786	0.8%	2.6%
25	Kithira	699	0.7%	-0.6%
26	Sitia	622	0.6%	15.4%
27	Astypalea	580	0.6%	-15.6%
28	Syros	444	0.5%	0.2%
29	Skiros	442	0.4%	1.4%
30	Kalimnos	421	0.4%	1.2%
31	Kastoria/Kozani	299	0.3%	0.0%
32	Kalamata	204	0.2%	7.4%
33	Kastelorizo	2	0.0%	-50.0%
34	Aktio/Preveza	2	0.0%	
35	Kasos	1	0.0%	-50.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>98,414</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

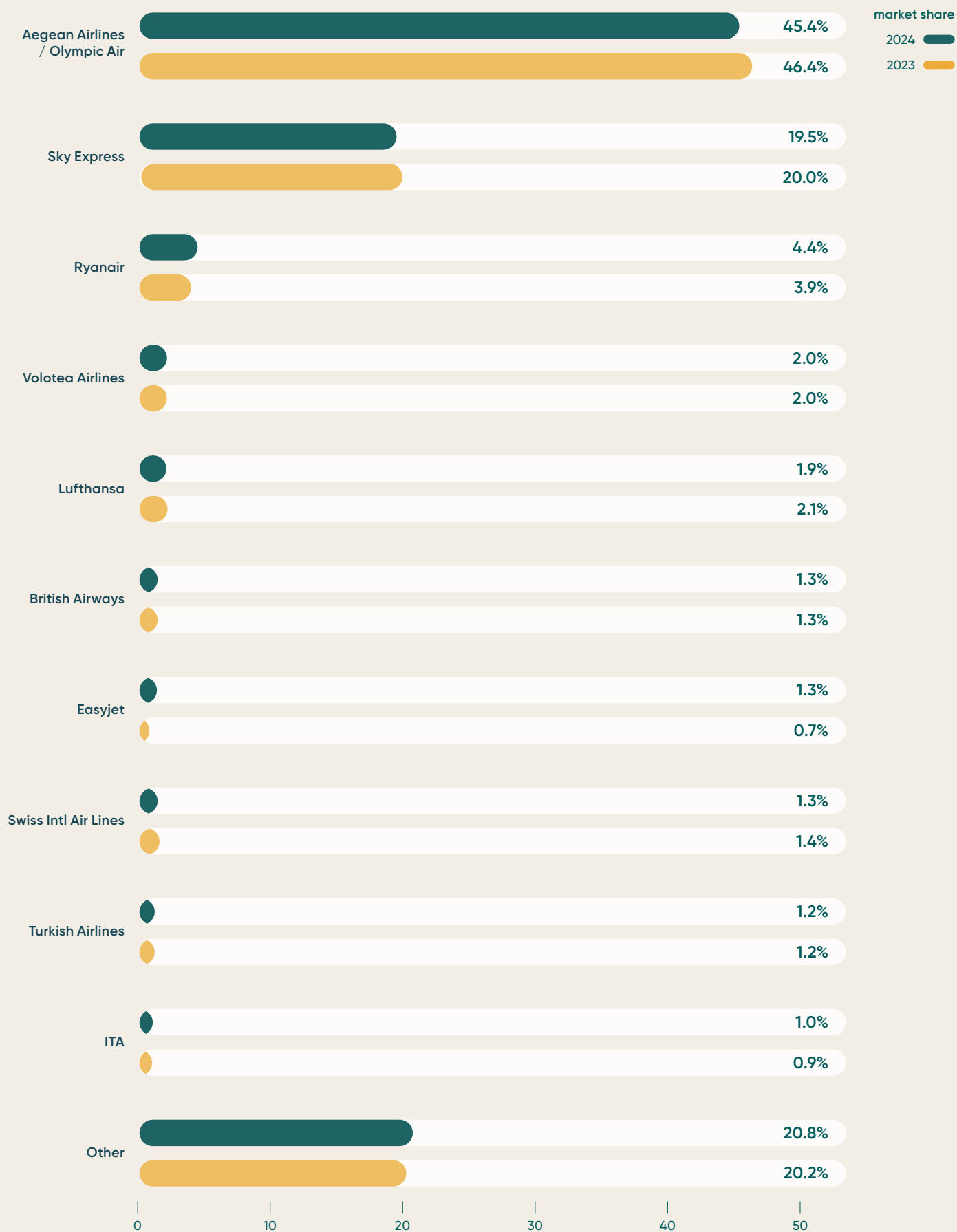
\*In the cases of domestic flights with intermediate stop(s), the cities included in the routing are represented together

## Top 10 A/C Types According to Number of Flights

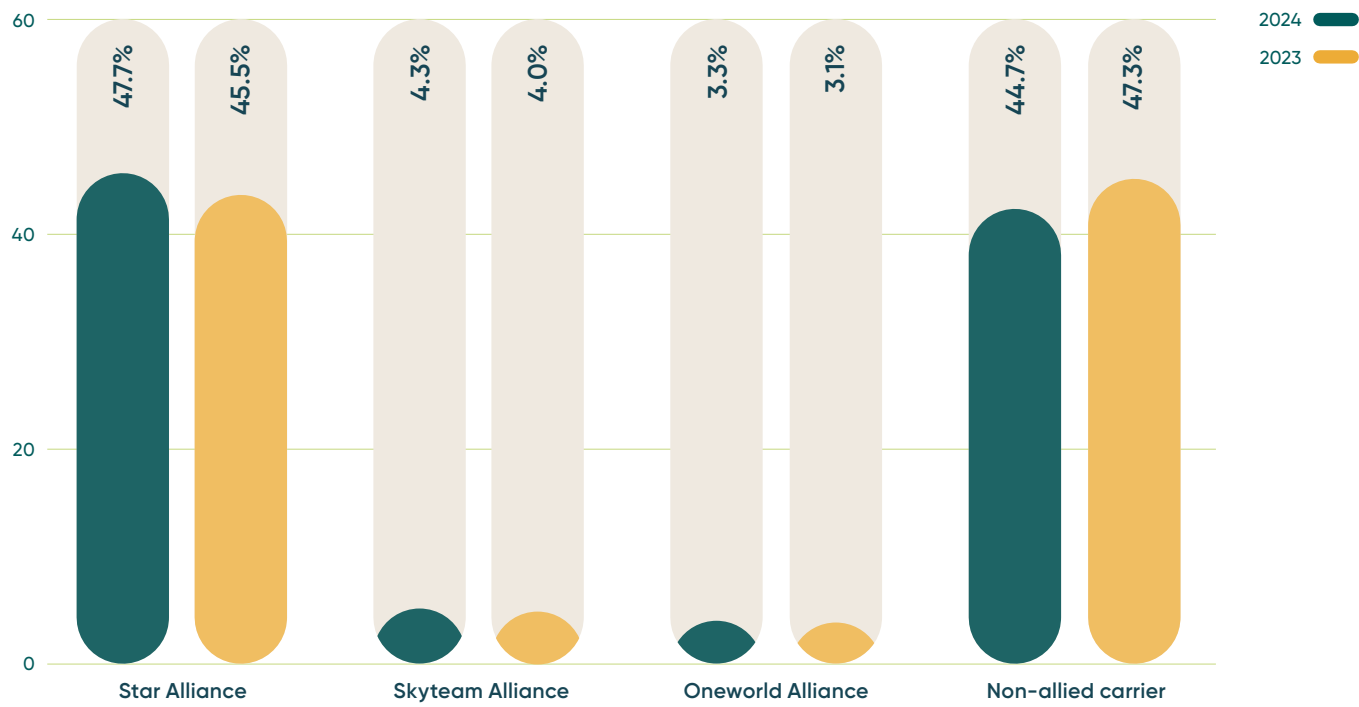




## Top 10 Airlines According to Scheduled & Charter Passenger A/C Movements

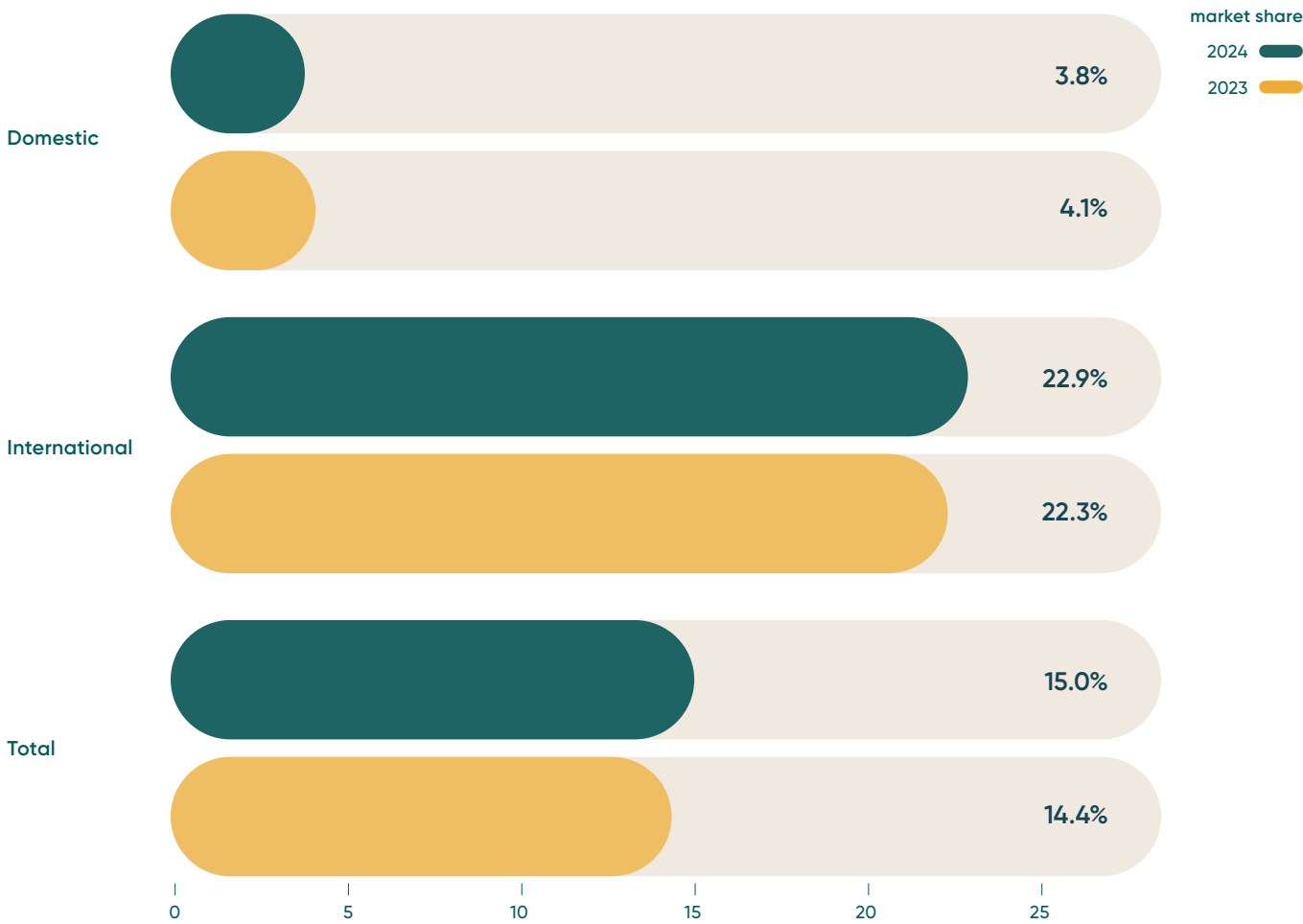


Alliances’ Market Share in Scheduled A/C Movements



Note: 2023 figures restated compared to Aerostat 2023

Low-cost carriers’ share in Scheduled A/C movements



Note: 2023 figures restated compared to Aerostat 2023

Monthly Distribution of MTOW by Flight Type (in tonnes)

Month	Commercial					Non-Commercial	Total
	Scheduled Passengers	Charter Passengers	Scheduled Cargo	Charter Cargo	Other		
January	937,614	3,743	36,738	1,347	12,778	10,479	1,002,699
February	884,205	2,754	35,876	479	14,873	15,675	953,862
March	1,061,883	4,820	35,915	94	19,822	18,704	1,141,238
April	1,405,423	5,613	38,843	996	24,863	26,753	1,502,491
May	1,679,516	9,613	36,351	2,562	22,274	25,021	1,775,339
June	1,845,559	5,667	35,879	374	28,239	26,622	1,942,340
July	1,981,085	6,224	41,015	2,286	37,381	34,862	2,102,854
August	1,993,356	8,630	38,324	2,750	33,920	35,093	2,112,073
September	1,784,961	6,643	38,312	2,784	30,829	30,450	1,893,979
October	1,617,843	8,265	41,555	3,398	25,313	29,188	1,725,561
November	1,165,787	2,865	41,360	1,596	22,305	17,686	1,251,599
December	1,165,537	5,233	43,352	2,258	25,183	17,630	1,259,191
Total	17,522,770	70,070	463,520	20,923	297,780	288,163	18,663,225

Peak and Average Daily A/C Movements

	Ranking	Day	Date	Terminal Passengers
10 Busiest Days	1	Thursday	01/08/2024	1,029
	2	Sunday	21/07/2024	1,028
	3	Monday	15/07/2024	1,025
	4	Sunday	04/08/2024	1,021
	5	Thursday	25/07/2024	1,017
	6	Wednesday	24/07/2024	1,015
	7	Friday	26/07/2024	1,013
	8	Sunday	07/07/2024	1,010
	9	Tuesday	16/07/2024	1,003
	10	Monday	22/07/2024	1,003
30th Busiest Day	30	Sunday	14/04/2024	732
Average Day		Tuesday	23/04/2024	661
Average Day = Day with a/c movements traffic closest to the average (268,301/366=733)				

Daily A/C Movements Peaks

Busiest Days		Day	Date	Terminal Passengers
Domestic	Arrivals	Friday	26/07/2024	227
	Departures	Friday	19/07/2024	225
	Total	Friday	26/07/2024	450
International	Arrivals	Thursday	01/08/2024	301
	Departures	Friday	21/07/2024	306
	Total	Sunday	21/07/2024	593
Total Traffic	Arrivals	Thursday	01/08/2024	521
	Departures	Sunday	21/07/2024	520
	Total	Thursday	01/08/2024	1,029

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# Tonnes Up in the Sky

Total flown cargo uplift noted almost 125,000 tonnes, marking its best year since 2008 and representing a 32.9% increase compared to 2023

According to IATA's market analysis, global cargo traffic, measured in Cargo Tonne Kilometers (CTK), registered 17 consecutive months of growth, reaching an all-time high in 2024. Traffic surpassed 2023 levels by 11.3%, exceeding the previous record set in 2021 by 0.5%. Despite persistent global challenges such as the war in Ukraine and conflict in the Middle East, which restricted airspace access, most regions and trade lanes experienced annual growth above 5%. This growth was largely fuelled by surging cross-border e-commerce demand, constrained air cargo capacity from/to Asia, and ongoing disruptions in maritime shipping. Global air cargo capacity, measured in Available Cargo Tonne-Kilometers (ACTK), grew by 7.4% compared to 2023, while the average annual cargo load factor rose to 45.9% (+1.6% vs 2023). By the end of the year, air cargo yields remained 53.4% above 2019 levels, and bellyhold capacity (cargo transported in passenger aircraft) accounted for 54.8% of total market capacity, up from 52.5% in 2023.

In line with global trends, Athens International Airport recorded a milestone year in 2024: flown cargo volumes reached approximately 125,000 tonnes, an increase of 32.9% over 2023, exceeding the previous record in 2008. Specifically, freight grew by 34.8% and reached approximately 121,300 tonnes, while mail volumes declined by 8.6%, down to 3,663 tonnes.

International flown cargo volumes increased by 35% compared to 2023, with robust growth in both inbound and outbound traffic. This surge was mainly fuelled by a 47.4% increase in inbound flows, largely linked to the growth in cross-border e-commerce and transit volumes, as well as a 26% increase in outbound flows, boosted by rising transit volumes from neighbouring countries and AIA's extensive scheduled network to North America. Freighter uplift increased by 34.3%, accounting for 38.6% of international cargo volumes (compared to 38.8% in 2023).

Domestic flown cargo volumes remained broadly stable, with a marginal decline of 0.8%. Inbound volumes increased by 1.8% while outbound flows declined by 1.4%. Freighters' market share in domestic traffic rose to 38.2%, up from 36.8% in 2023.

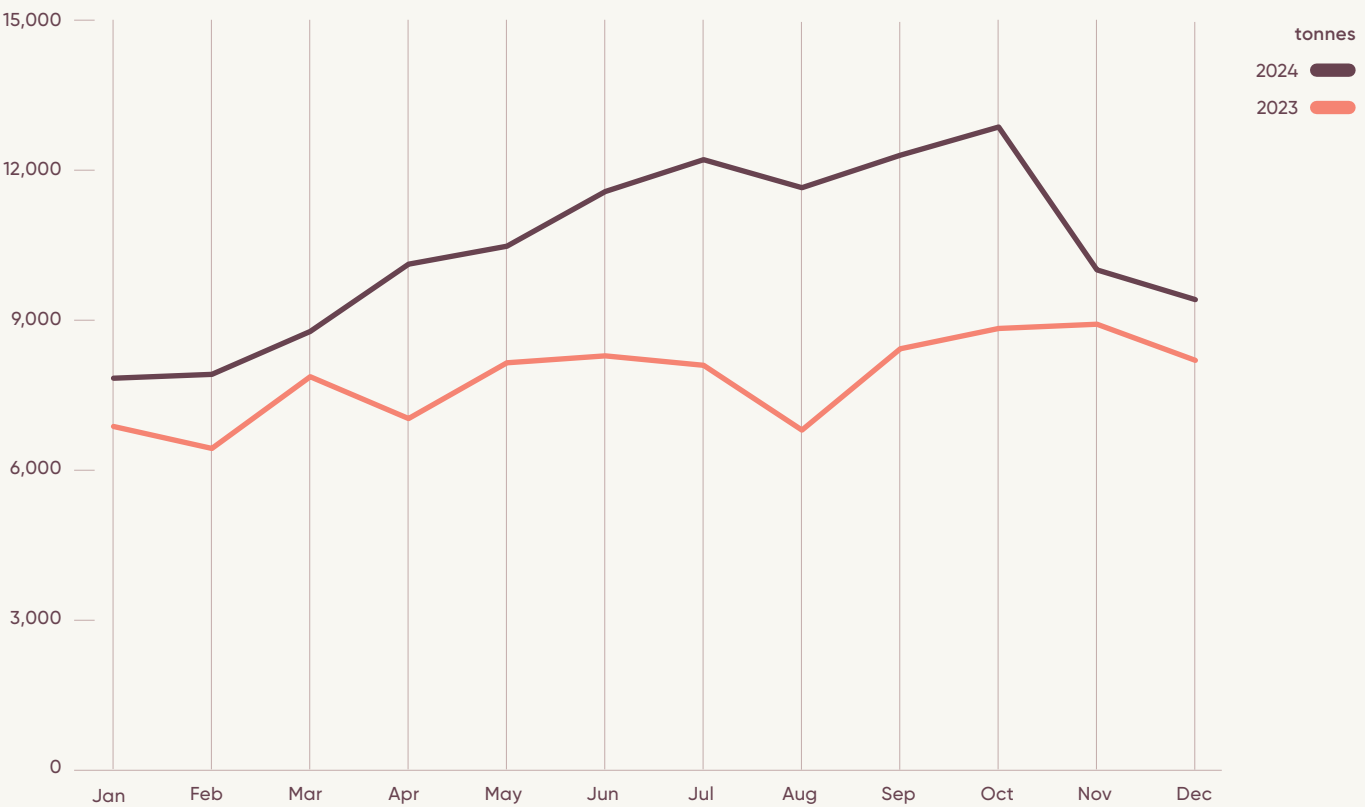
Further market highlights include:

- Transfer flown freight nearly doubled, increasing by 94.1%, and accounted for 13.1% of flown volumes (compared to 9.2% in 2023), largely due to increased connectivity with North America.
- International trucked cargo volumes increased by 19.3%, mainly driven by flows from the Balkans and Turkey, as well as the economy services of the international courier companies / integrators (DHL, FedEx and UPS). Transfer trucked volumes increased by 24.3%, now representing 33.7% of total trucked cargo (vs. 32% in 2023).
- Ten airlines carried 75.6% of international cargo volumes: EAT/DHL, Emirates, Turkish Airlines, Aegean Airlines, Qatar Airways, FedEx, UPS (Star Air), United Airlines, Air China, and Lufthansa.
- Five airlines shared the domestic market: Aegean Airlines, EAT/DHL, Sky Express, Swiftair Hellas, and Olympic Air.
- Integrators' market share rose to 31.9% (up from 30.8% in 2023).
- Six cargo airlines operated scheduled services to/from AIA: EAT/DHL, FedEx, UPS (Star Air), EL AL (as of May 2024), Lufthansa Cargo (as of March 2023), and Swiftair Hellas.

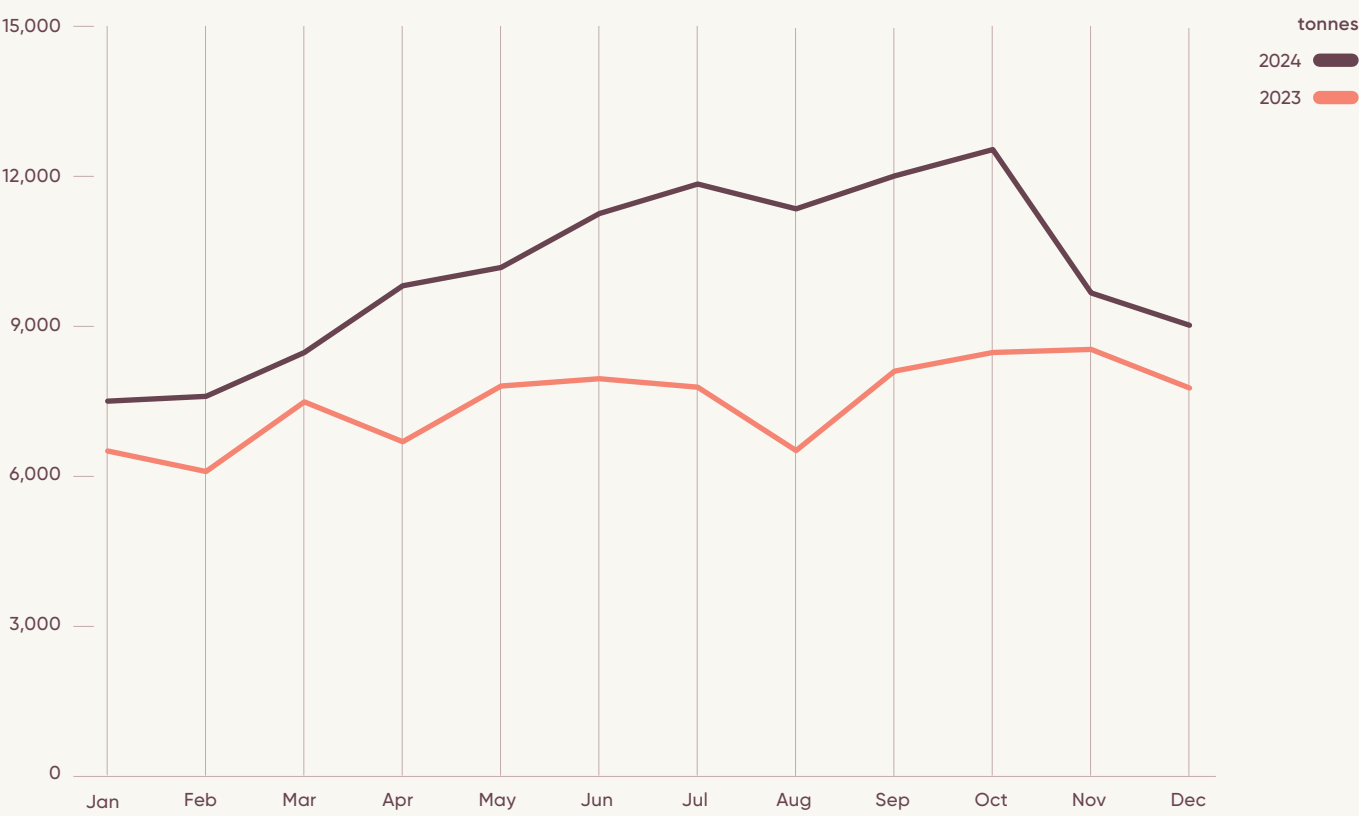
At the start of 2025, IATA projected a 5.8% increase in cargo volumes, attributed mainly to continued disruptions in sea transport and the booming e-commerce originating in Asia. However, geopolitical tensions and escalating global trade conflicts may pose risks to this optimistic forecast.

Total Cargo monthly uplift (flown)

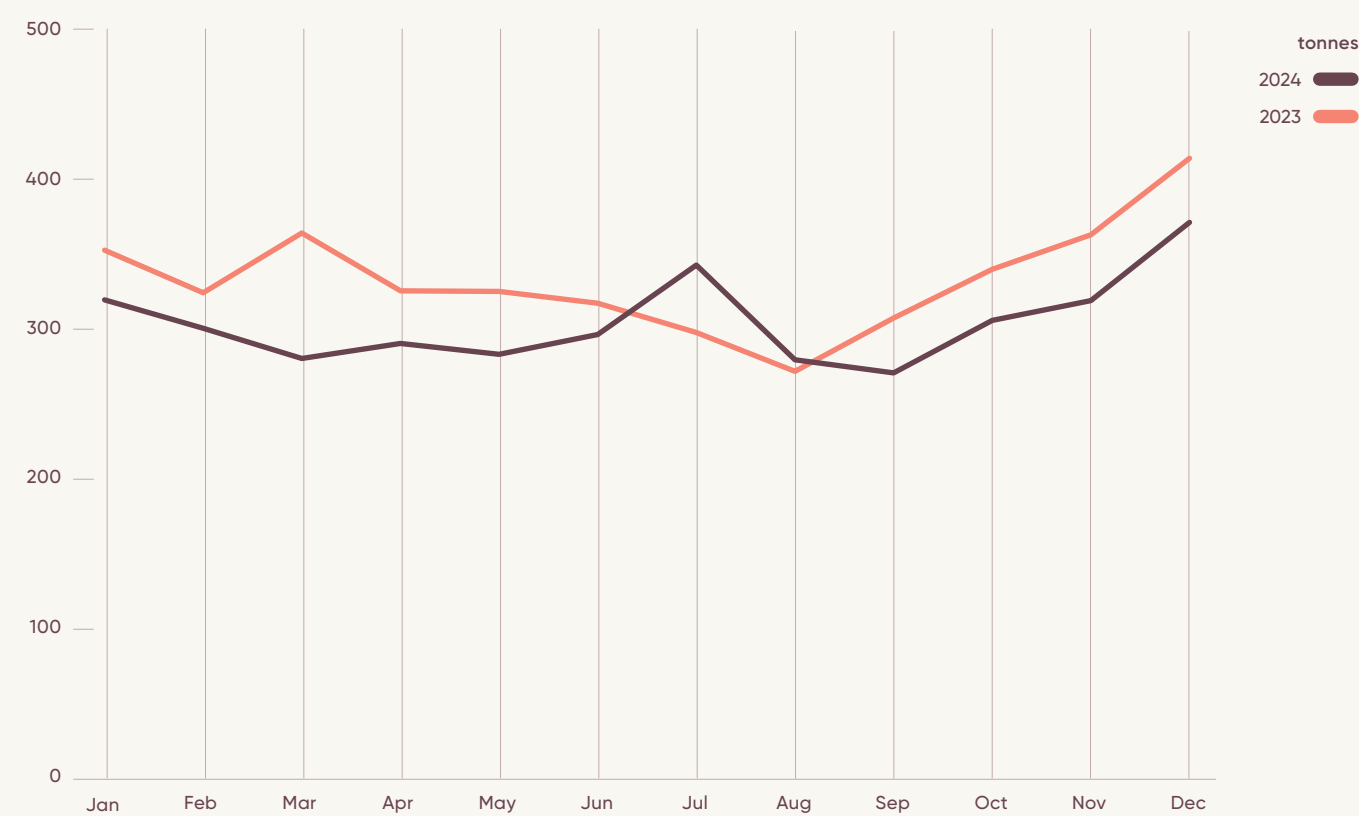
In Tonnes						
	Freight	% 2024 /2023	Mail	% 2024 /2023	Total Cargo	% 2024 /2023
January	7,500.7	15.1%	319.9	-9.4%	7,820.6	13.8%
February	7,597.1	24.5%	300.8	-7.3%	7,897.9	22.9%
March	8,476.8	12.8%	280.5	-23.0%	8,757.3	11.2%
April	9,814.0	46.4%	290.6	-10.8%	10,104.6	43.7%
May	10,181.1	30.0%	283.3	-12.9%	10,464.5	28.3%
June	11,262.7	41.1%	296.6	-6.6%	11,559.3	39.3%
July	11,854.2	51.8%	343.3	15.2%	12,197.5	50.5%
August	11,356.8	74.0%	279.6	2.8%	11,636.4	71.2%
September	12,016.0	47.7%	270.8	-12.0%	12,286.8	45.6%
October	12,545.6	47.4%	306.1	-10.0%	12,851.7	45.2%
November	9,670.6	12.8%	319.4	-12.1%	9,990.0	11.8%
December	9,022.8	15.8%	372.0	-10.3%	9,394.8	14.5%
Total	121,298.3	34.8%	3,663.0	-8.6%	124,961.3	32.9%
Market share	97%		3%		100%	



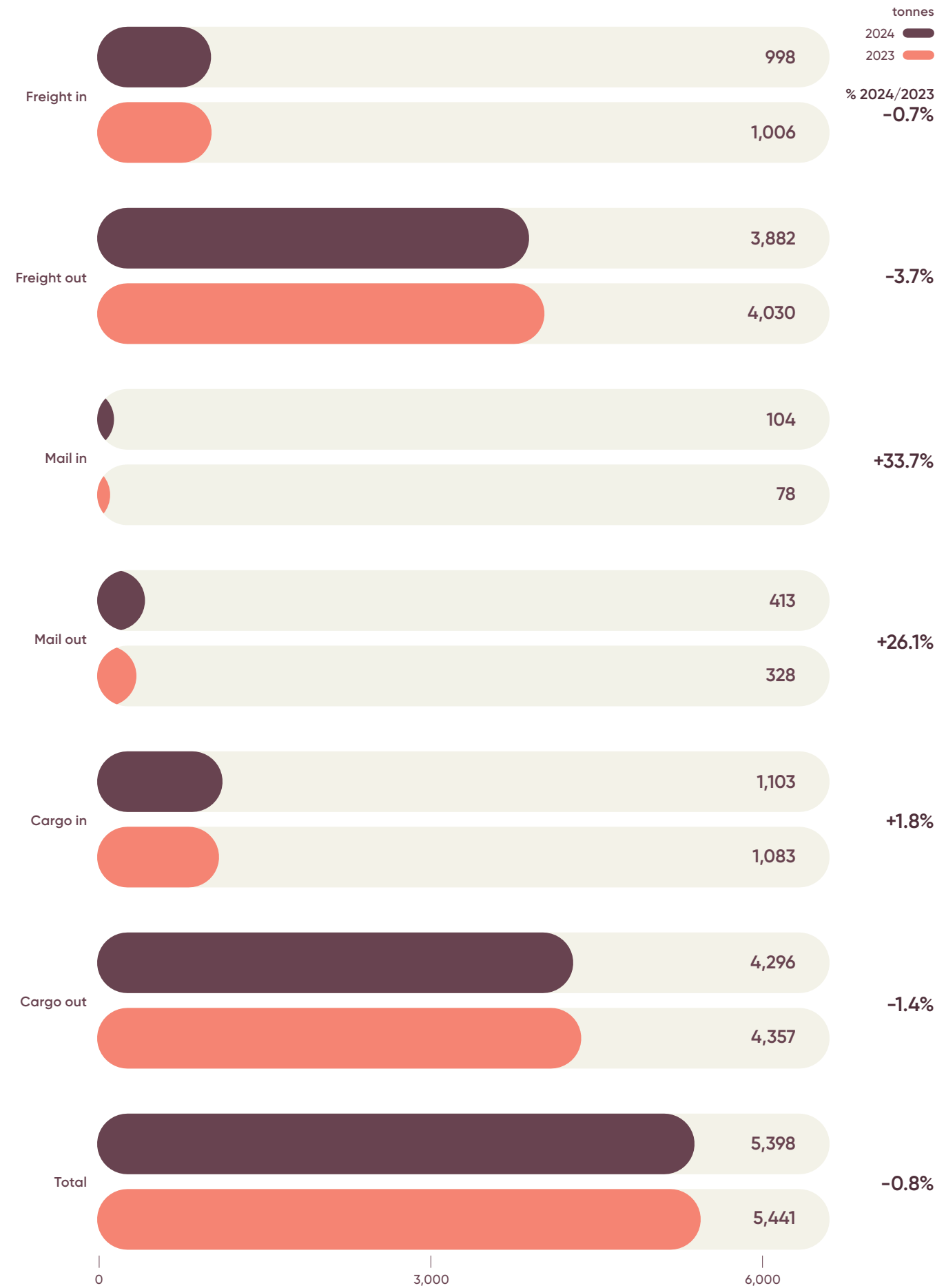
Freight monthly uplift (flown)



Mail monthly uplift (flown)

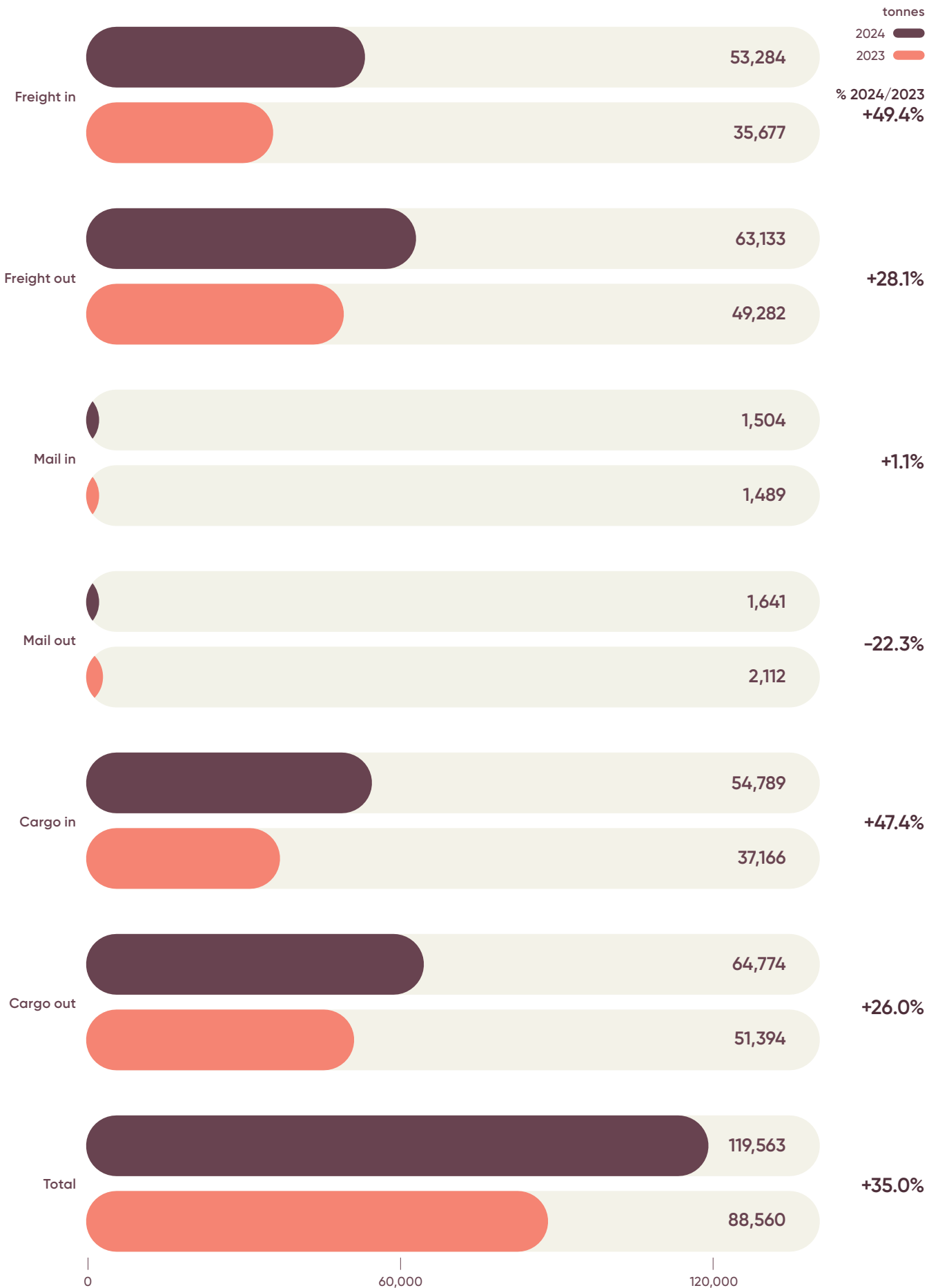


Domestic Cargo uplift (flown)

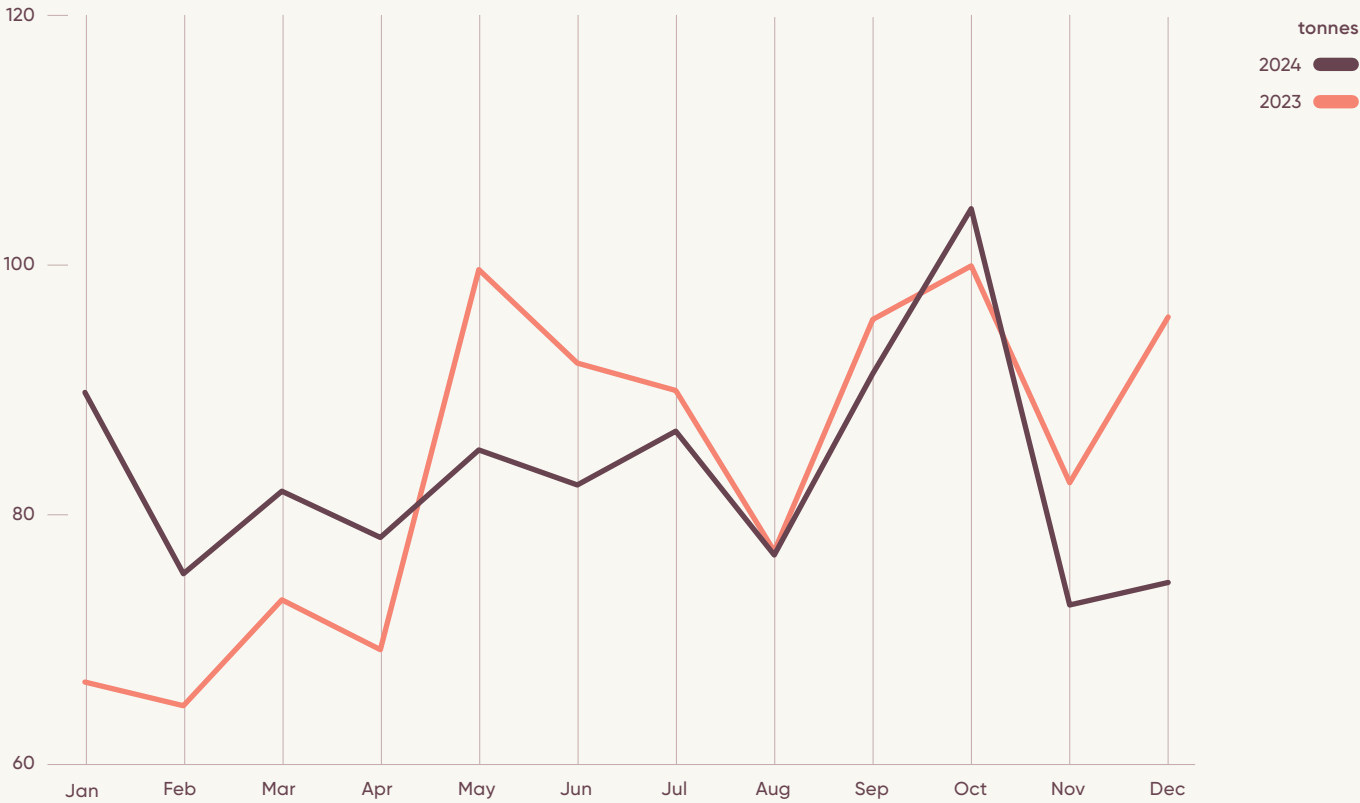




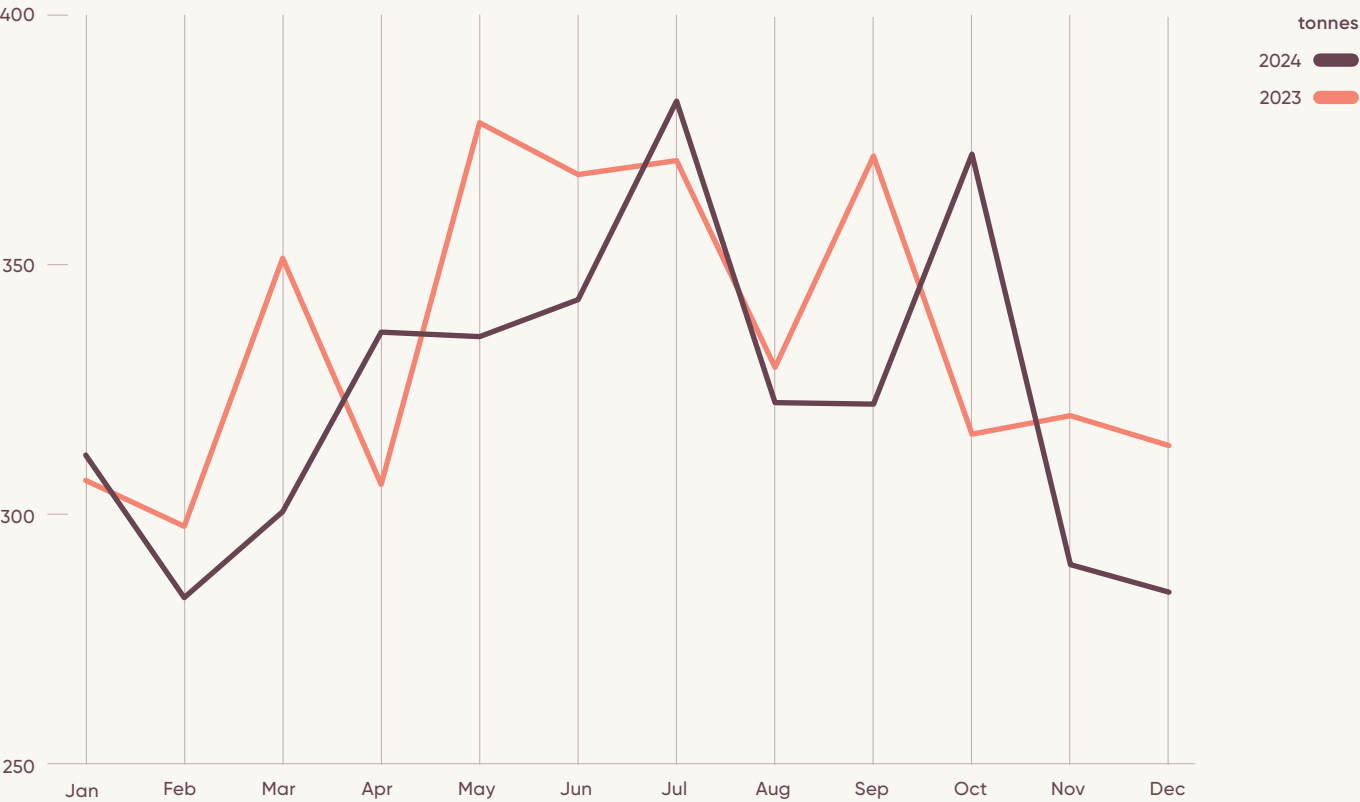
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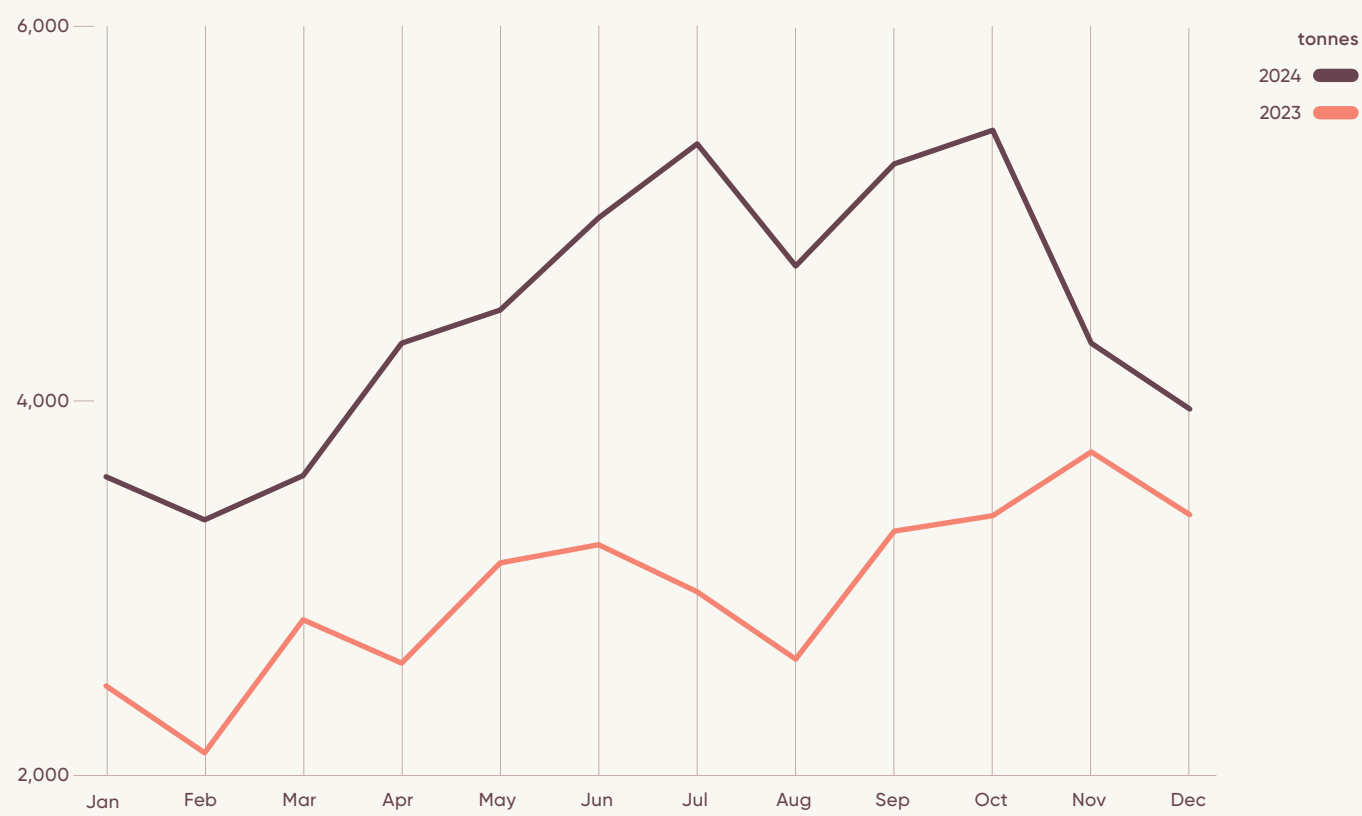
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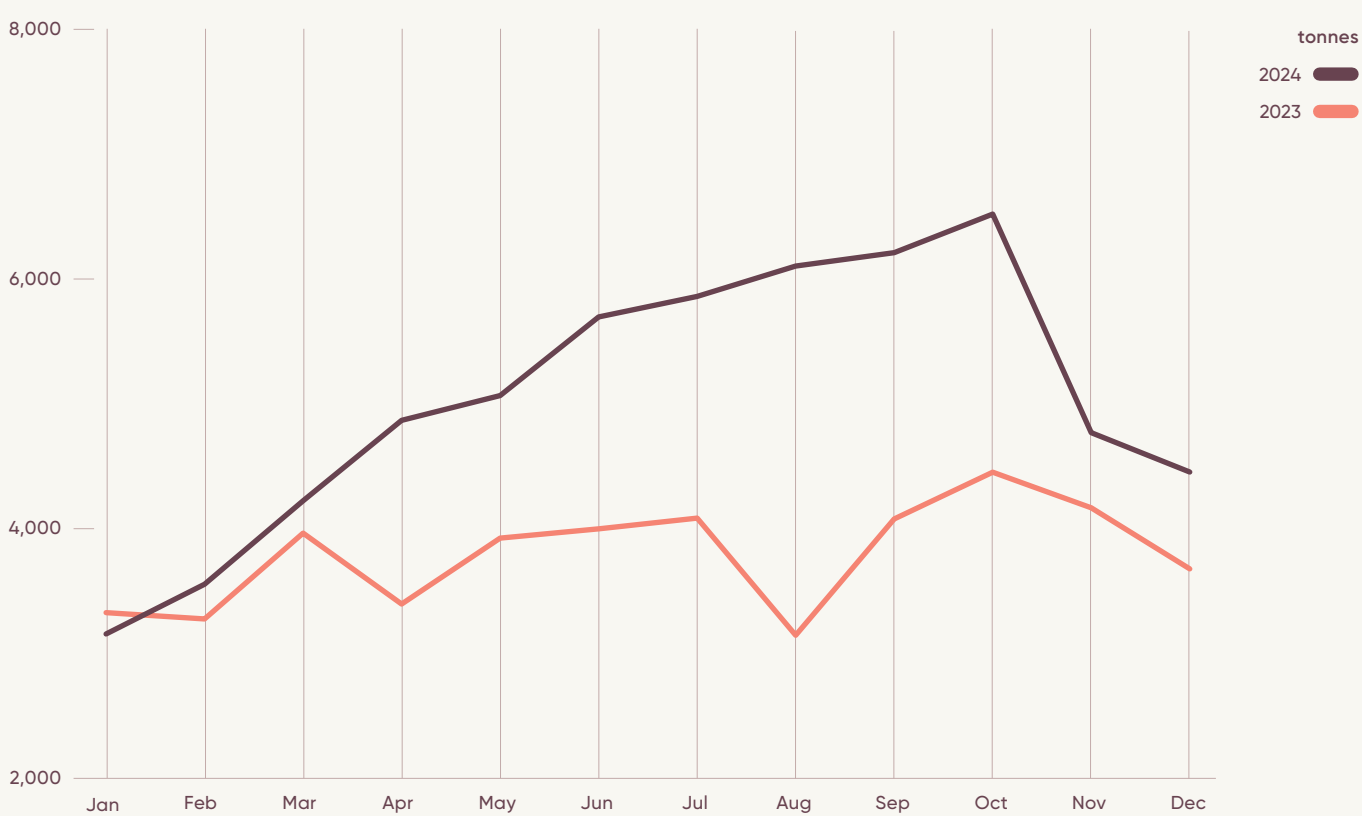
Domestic Outbound Freight (flown)



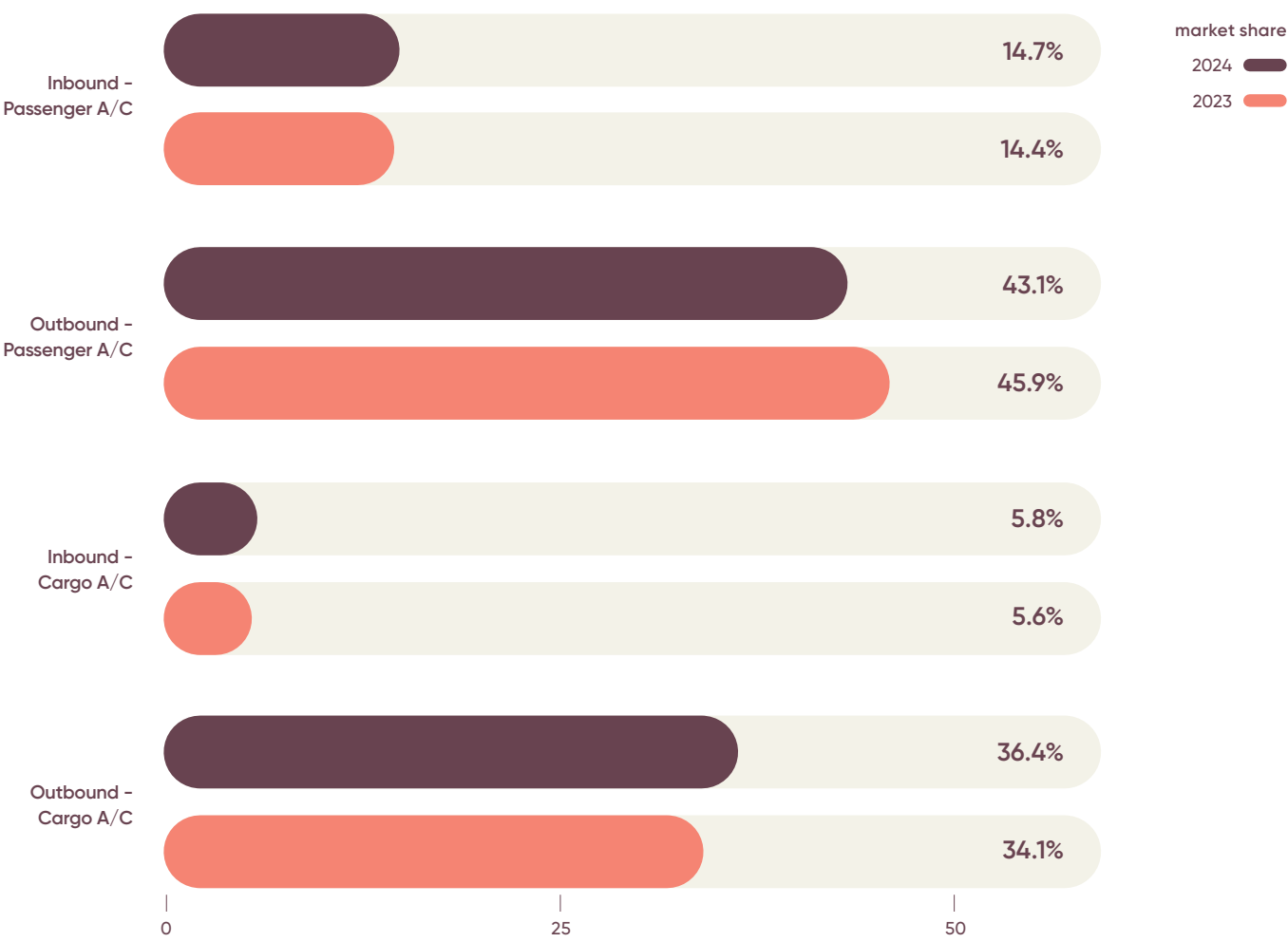
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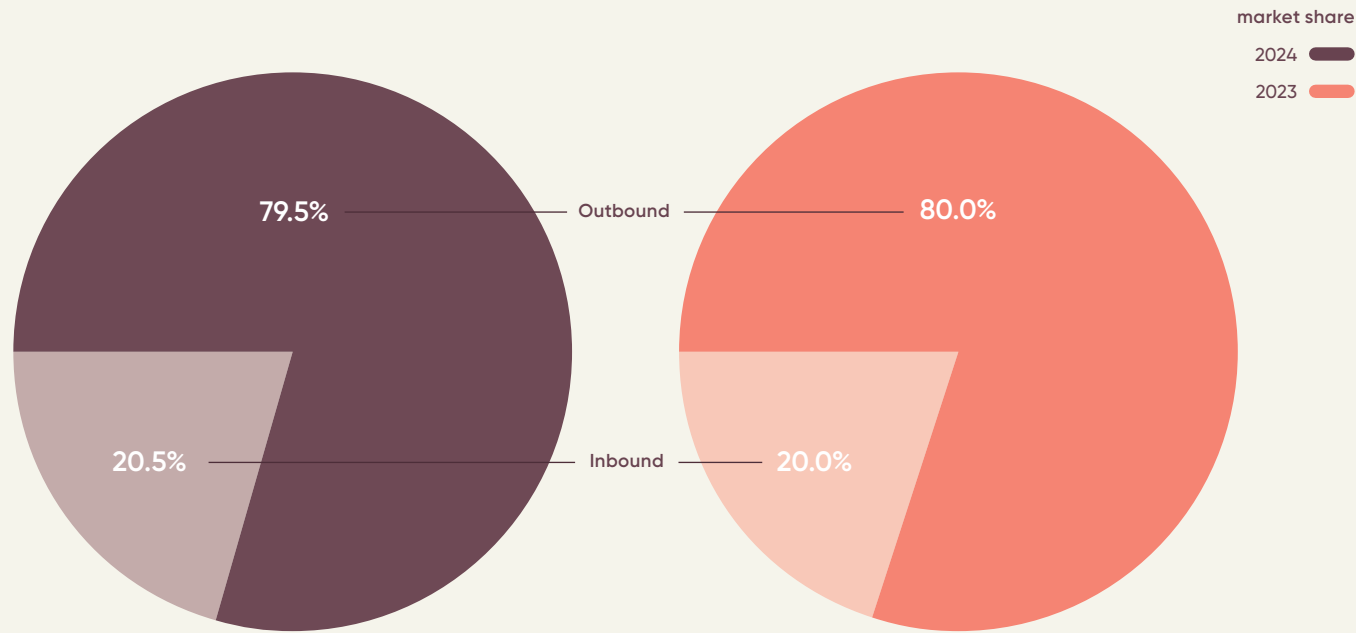
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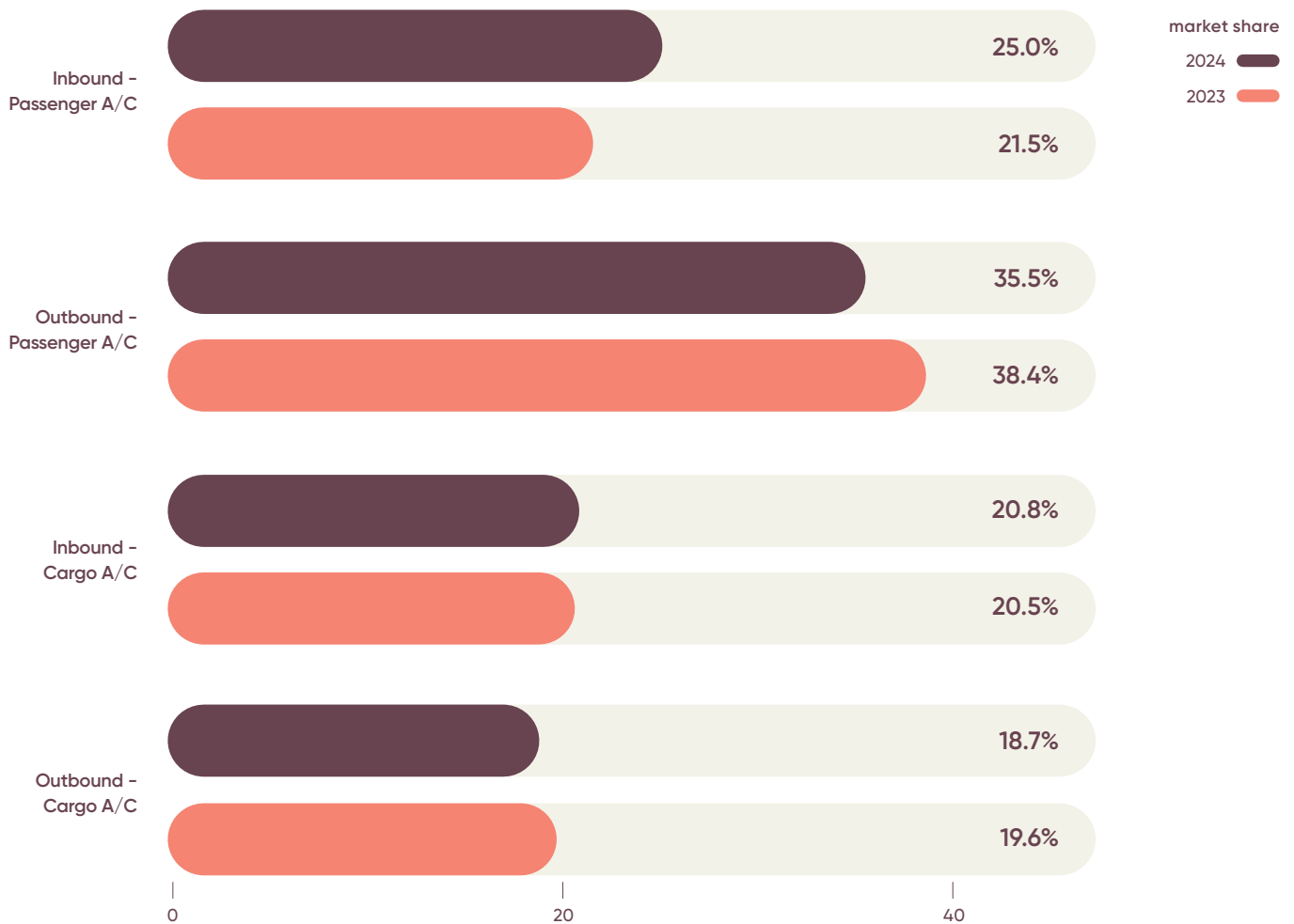
Structure of Domestic Freight uplift (flown)



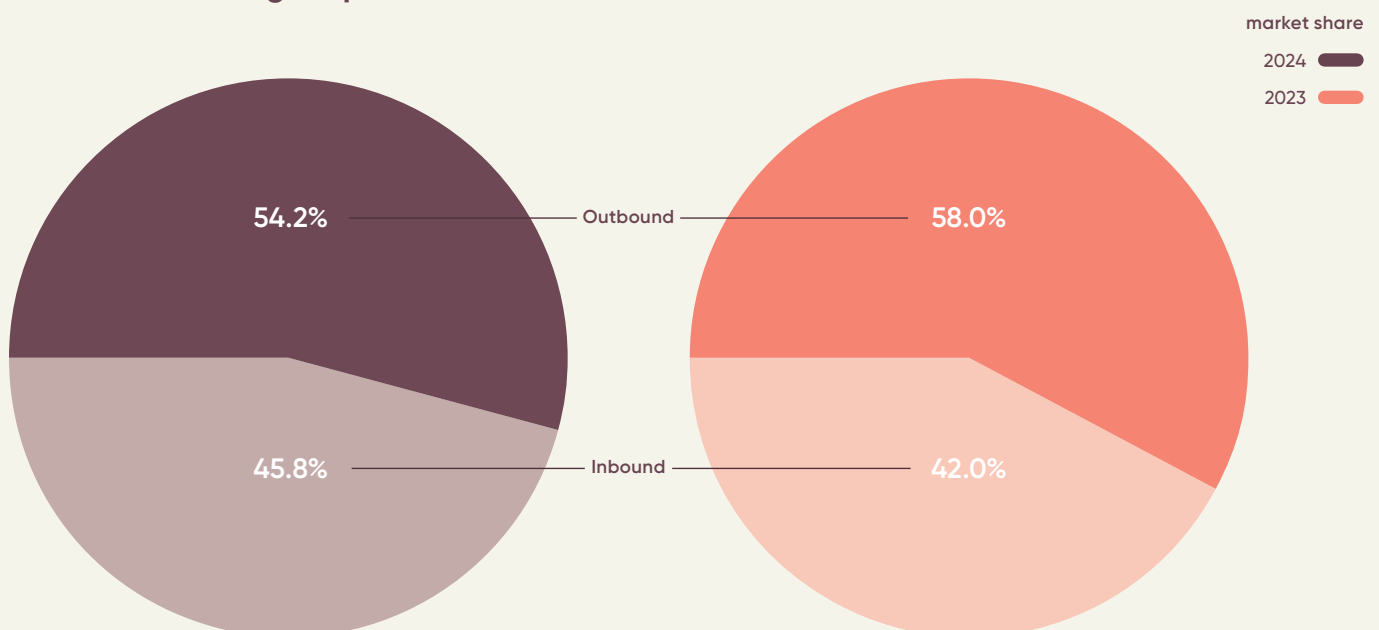
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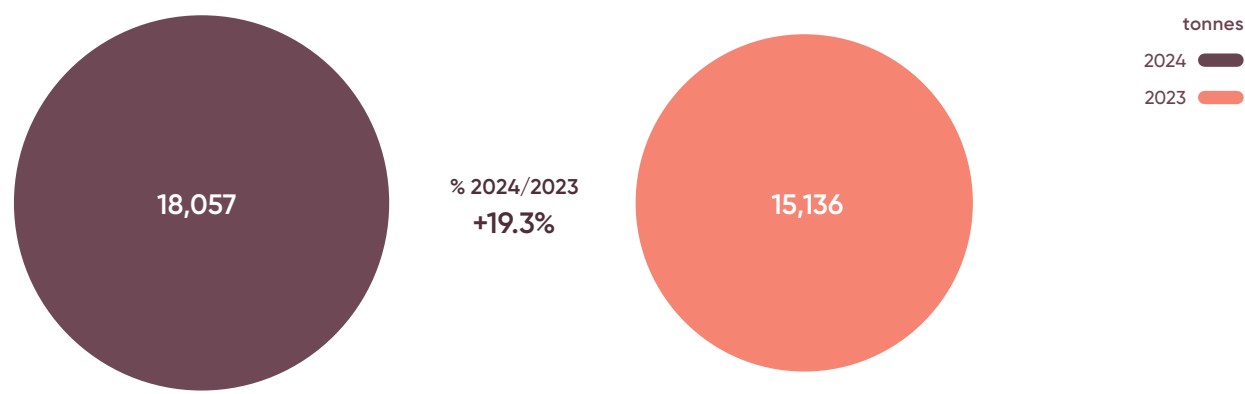
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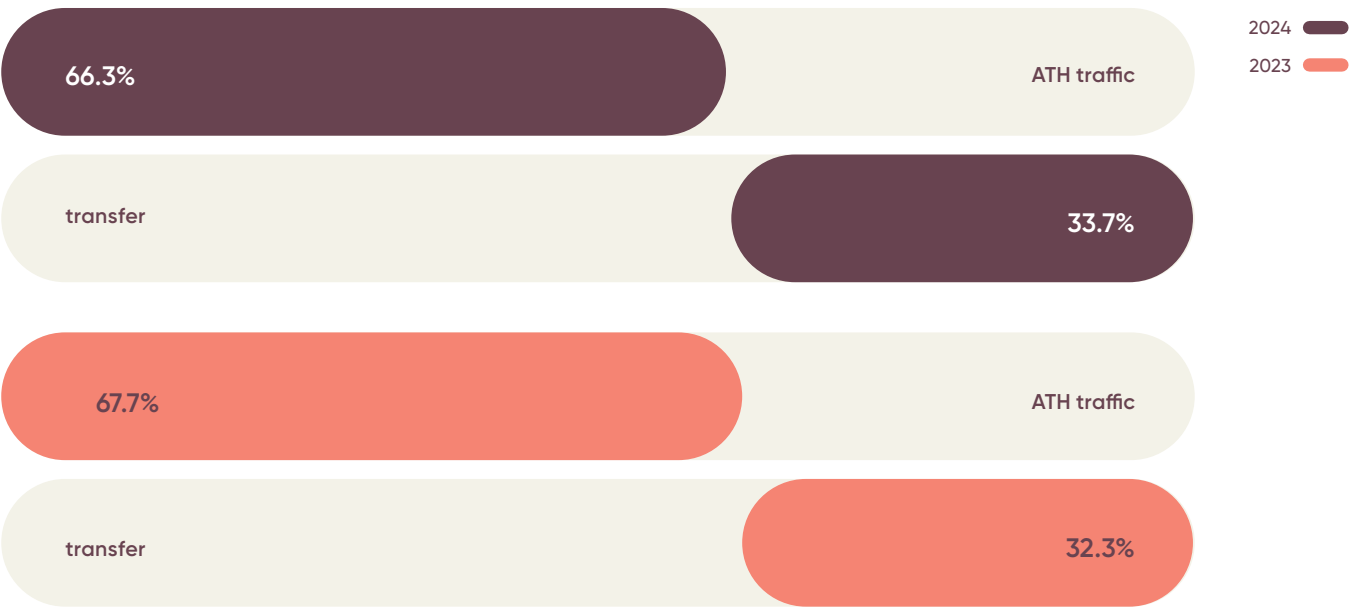
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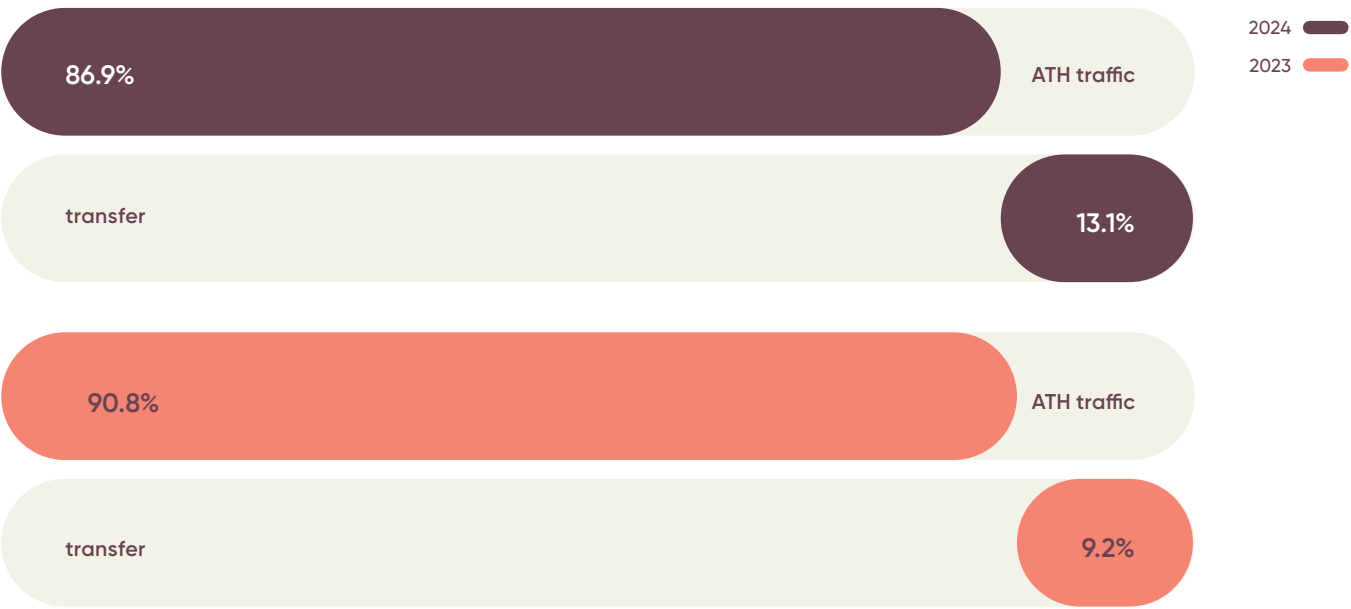
Road service - Cargo volumes



Total trucked freight - ATH vs. transfer traffic



Total flown freight - ATH vs. transfer traffic



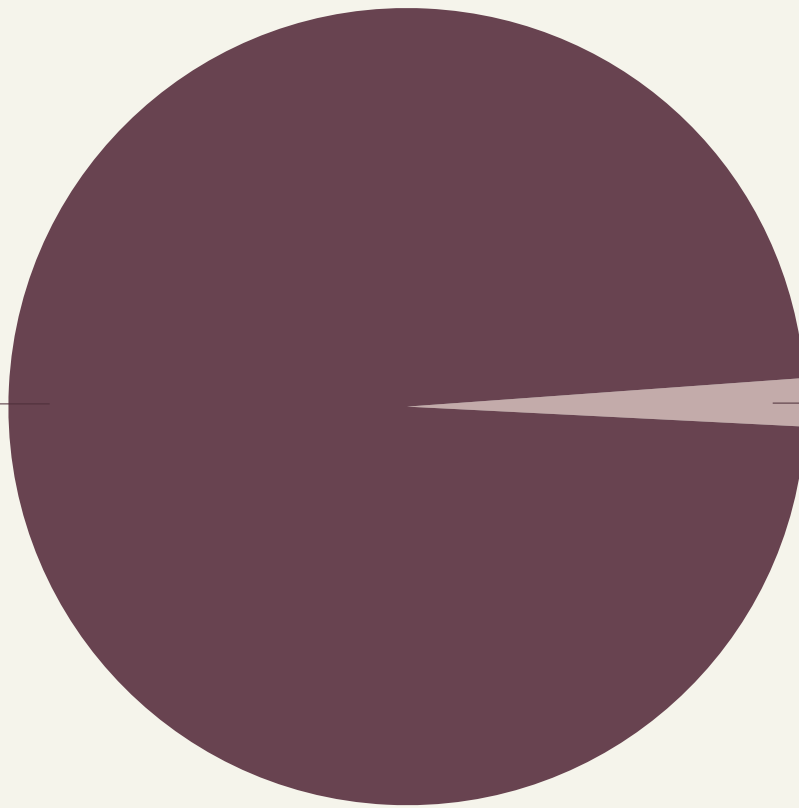
## Scheduled vs. Charter Cargo uplift (flown)

market share

2024

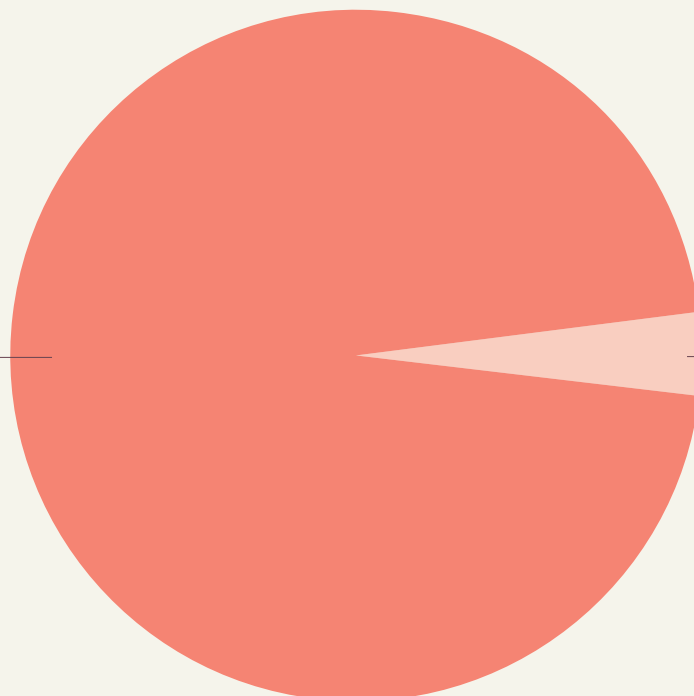
2023

Scheduled  
**98.1%**



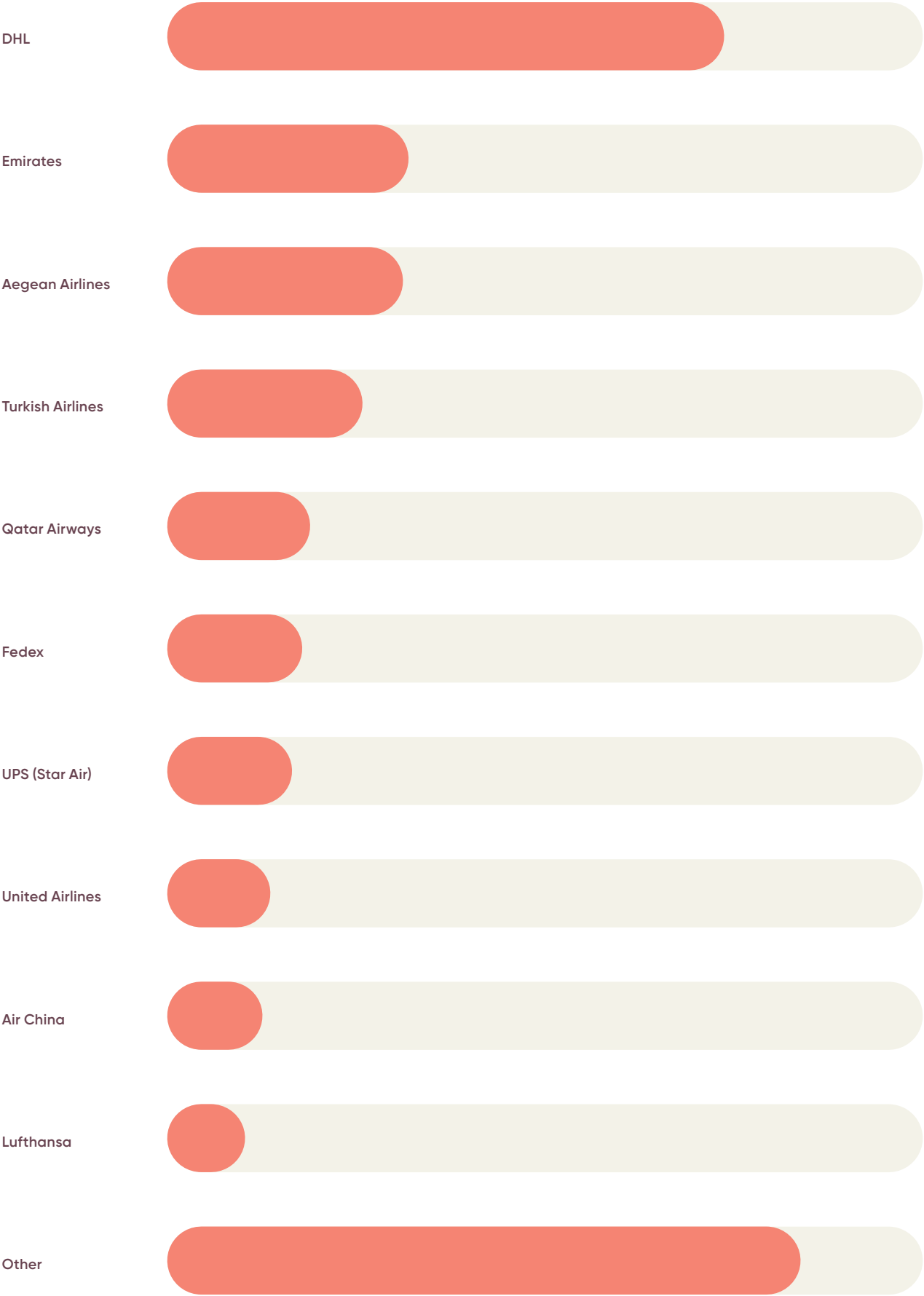
Charter  
**1.9%**

Scheduled  
**96.3%**



Charter  
**3.7%**

Cargo uplift (flown) – Top 10 Airlines 2024





## Origin and destination of shipments – Top 10 airports

### Top 10 origin airports

Hong Kong	China
Beijing	China
Guangzhou	China
Shanghai	China
Seoul	S. Korea
New York (JFK)	USA
Delhi	India
Shenzhen	China
Mumbai	India
Chicago	USA

### Top 10 destination airports

New York (EWR)	USA
Dubai	UAE
Larnaca	Cyprus
Singapore	Singapore
Los Angeles	USA
Seoul	S. Korea
Toronto	Canada
Johannesburg	South Africa
Osaka	Japan
Hong Kong	China

Source: IATA Cargo IS, chargeable weight

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# The network worksheet

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In 2024, Athens was directly connected with scheduled services to 157 destinations–cities (compared to 156 in 2023), across 55 countries (from 57 in 2023), operated by 68 carriers (up from 66 in 2023), including 27 low-cost carriers.

The Airport’s route network was further expanded with the introduction of six New Destinations and the addition of five New Airlines providing services to Athens. Aegean Airlines inaugurated routes connecting Athens to Sarajevo and Innsbruck; Volotea Airlines commenced services to Brest and Ancona; Air Arabia launched operations to Sharjah; and Juneyao Airlines started flights to Shanghai.

The steady recovery and continuous enhancement of Athens’ network connectivity, combined with the impressive growth in passenger traffic and excellence in aviation marketing strategy, were recognised by the airline community. As a result, Athens International Airport was named the best among European airports in the highly competitive category of airports with over 20 million passengers annually at the prestigious “ROUTES EUROPE 2024” awards.

5 New Airlines 2024

Air Arabia	LOT Polish Airlines	Travel Service/SmartWings
Juneyao Airlines	Norse Atlantic	

6 New Destinations 2024

Ancona	Insbruck	Shanghai
Brest	Sarajevo	Sharjah

# 33 Domestic Scheduled Destinations



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Alexandroupolis	Kavala	Naxos
Astypalea	Kefallonia	Paros
Chania	Kerkyra/Corfu	Rhodes
Chios	Kithira	Samos
Heraklion	Kos	Sitia
Ikaria	Kozani	Skiathos
Ioannina	Leros	Skiros
Kalamata	Limnos	Syros
Kalimnos	Mikonos	Thessaloniki
Karpathos	Milos	Thira/Santorini
Kastoria	Mitilini	Zakynthos

## 68 Airlines Operating Scheduled Passenger Flights

Aegean Airlines	easyjet Switzerland	Pegasus Airlines
Aer Lingus	Egypt Air	Qatar Airways
Air Arabia	El Al Israel Airlines	Royal Jordanian
Air Baltic	Emirates	Ryanair
Air Canada	Ethiopian Airlines	Saudi Arabian Airlines
Air China International	Etihad	Scandinavian Airlines
Air Europa	Eurowings	Scot
Air France	Fly Play	Sky Express
Air Mediterranean	Gulf Air	Swiss Intl Air Lines
Air Serbia	Iberia	Tarom Romania
Air Transat	Israir	Transavia Airlines
American Airlines	ITA	Transavia France
Arkia Israeli Airlines	Jet2.Com	Travel Service Airlines - Smartwings
Austrian Airlines	Juneyao Airlines	Turkish Airlines
Bluebird Airways	KLM	TUS Airways
British Airways	Kuwait Airways	United Airlines
Brussels Airlines	Lot Polish Airlines	Volotea Airlines
Bulgaria Air	Lufthansa	Vueling Airlines
Croatia Airlines	MEA	Wizzair
Cyprus Airways	Norse Atlantic Airways	Wizzair Abu Dhabi
Delta Air Lines	Norwegian Air International	Wizzair Malta
easyjet	Norwegian Air Shuttle	Wizzair UK
easyjet Europe	Olympic Air	

## 6 Airlines Operating Scheduled Cargo Flights

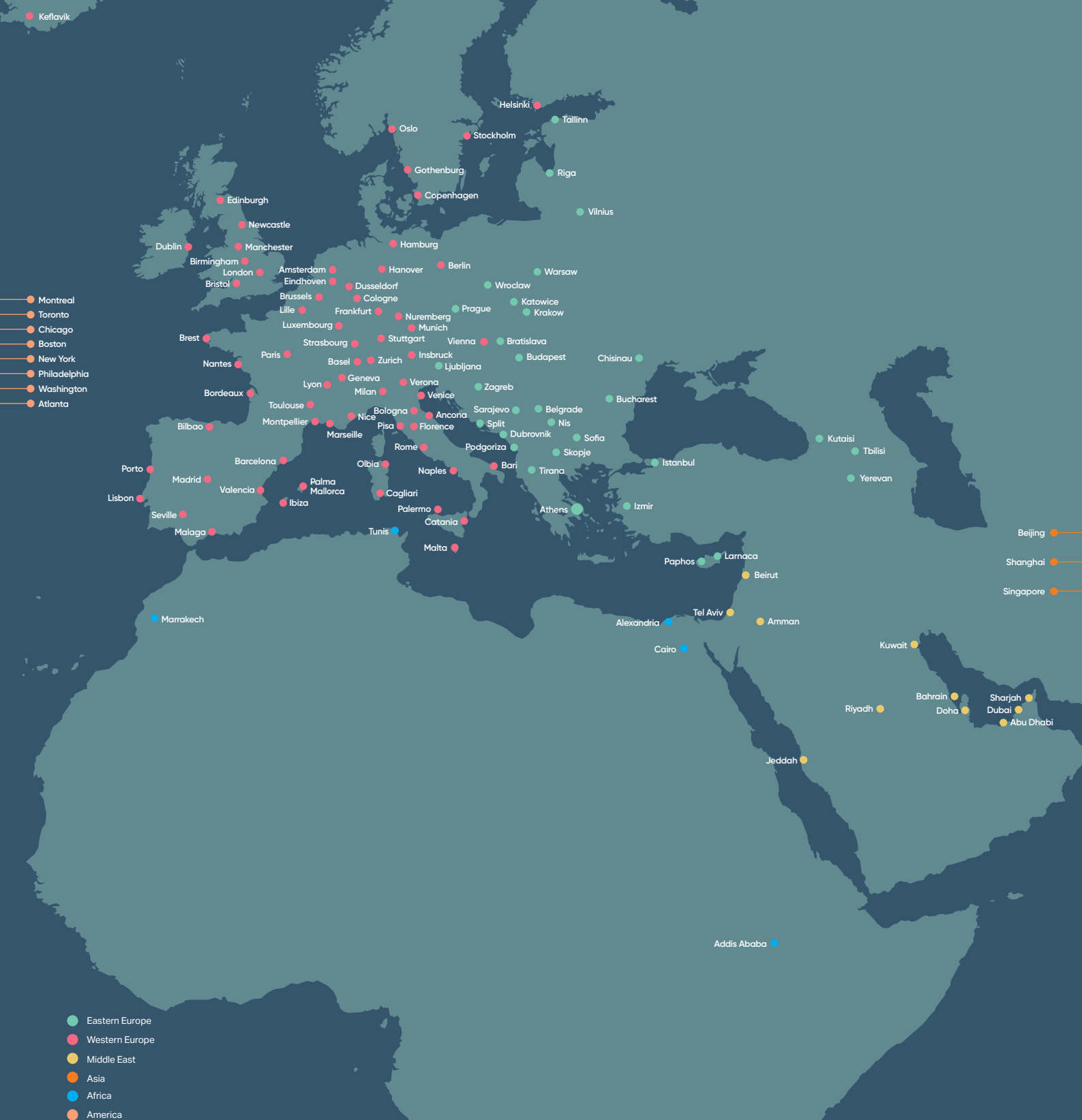
Airline	Country
DHL Aviation	Germany
EL AL	Israel
FedEx Express	Belgium
Lufthansa Cargo	Germany
Star Air (on behalf of UPS)	Denmark
Swiftair Hellas	Greece

## 36 Airlines Operating Charter Passenger Flights

2Excel Aviation	Anima Wings Aviation	Fly Lili	Malta Medair
4 Airways	Avion Express Malta	Freebird Airlines	Myway Airlines
Aero4M	Carpatair	Georgian Airways	Neos
Aeroitalia	Comlux Aviation Malta	German Airways	Privilege Style
Air Explore	Copenhagen Airtaxi	Global Reach Aviation	Ryanair Sun
Air Horizon	Corendon Airlines Europa	Klass Jet Uab	Silkair
Air Nostrum	Eastern Airlines	Korean Air	Skyalps
Alba Star	Enter Air	Luxwing	Tailwind Havayollari
Amelia	Evelop Airlines	Malta Air	Trade Air

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## International Scheduled Destinations



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Abu Dhabi	Budapest	Izmir	New York	Skopje
Addis Ababa	Cagliari	Jeddah	Newcastle	Sofia
Alexandria	Cairo	Katowice	Nice	Split
Amman	Catania	Krakow	Nis	Stockholm
Amsterdam	Chicago	Kutaisi	Nuremberg	Strasbourg
Ancona	Chisinau	Kuwait	Olbia	Stuttgart
Atlanta	Cologne	Larnaca	Oslo	Tallinn
Bahrain	Copenhagen	Lille	Palermo	Tbilisi
Barcelona	Doha	Lisbon	Palma Mallorca	Tel Aviv
Bari	Dubai	Ljubljana	Paphos	Tirana
Basel	Dublin	London	Paris	Toronto
Beijing	Dubrovnik	Luxembourg	Philadelphia	Toulouse
Beirut	Dusseldorf	Lyon	Pisa	Tunis
Belgrade	Edinburgh	Madrid	Podgorica	Valencia
Berlin	Eindhoven	Malaga	Porto	Venice
Bilbao	Florence	Malta	Prague	Verona
Birmingham	Frankfurt	Manchester	Reykjavik	Vienna
Bologna	Geneva	Marrakech	Riga	Vilnius
Bordeaux	Göteborg	Marseille	Riyadh	Warsaw
Boston	Hamburg	Milan	Rome	Washington
Bratislava	Hanover	Montpellier	Sarajevo	Wrocław
Brest	Helsinki	Montreal	Seville	Yerevan
Bristol	Ibiza	Munich	Shanghai	Zagreb
Brussels	Innsbruck	Nantes	Sharjah	Zurich
Bucharest	Istanbul	Naples	Singapore	

## 81 International Charter Destinations

Abu Dhabi	Brussels	Katowice	Nantes	Seville
Alexandria	Bucharest	Kaunas	Nice	Sofia
Al Maktoum	Budapest	La Rioja/Logro	Palermo	Stockholm
Amsterdam	Catania	Larnaca	Palma Mallorca	Tbilisi
Asturias	Copenhagen	Lille	Pamplona	Tel Aviv
Bangalore	Dublin	Liverpool	Paris	Toronto
Banja Luka	Dubrovnik	Ljubljana	Perugia	Valencia
Barcelona	Dusseldorf	London	Pisa	Verona
Bastia	East Midlands	Luxembourg	Plovdiv	Vienna
Beirut	Farnborough	Lyon	Prague	Vitoria
Belgrade	Florence	Madrid	Rome	Yerevan
Berlin	FORLI	Malaga	Rovaniemi	Zagreb
Bilbao	Glasgow	Malmo	Rzeszow	Zaragoza
Billund	Helsinki	Malta	Salzburg	
Birmingham	Istanbul	Milan	Samsun	
Bologna	Izmir	Munich	Santiago de Compostela	
Bratislava	Karlsruhe/Baden Baden	Münster	Seoul	

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# Exercises on punctuality

In 2024, 38.7% of departing flights  
experienced delays exceeding 15 minutes



During 2024, 38.7% of all departing flights experienced delays of more than 15 minutes, compared to 36.5% in 2023. The share of delayed domestic scheduled passenger services remained relatively stable at 31%, compared to 30% in 2023. Meanwhile, the percentage of delayed European departures rose from 41.8% in 2023 to 44% in 2024; and delayed Intercontinental scheduled passenger services increased to 44%, up from 37.9% the previous year. The significant increase in the number of flights during 2024 was the key contributing factor behind these developments.

The average delay time for all departing flights remained at 41 minutes, the same as in 2023. For domestic scheduled passenger services, the average delay time also remained steady at 37 minutes. For European scheduled passenger services, the average delay time slightly improved, dropping from 42 minutes in 2023 to 41 minutes in 2024. Conversely, Intercontinental departures recorded a minor increase, reaching 50 minutes in 2024 compared to 49 minutes the previous year.

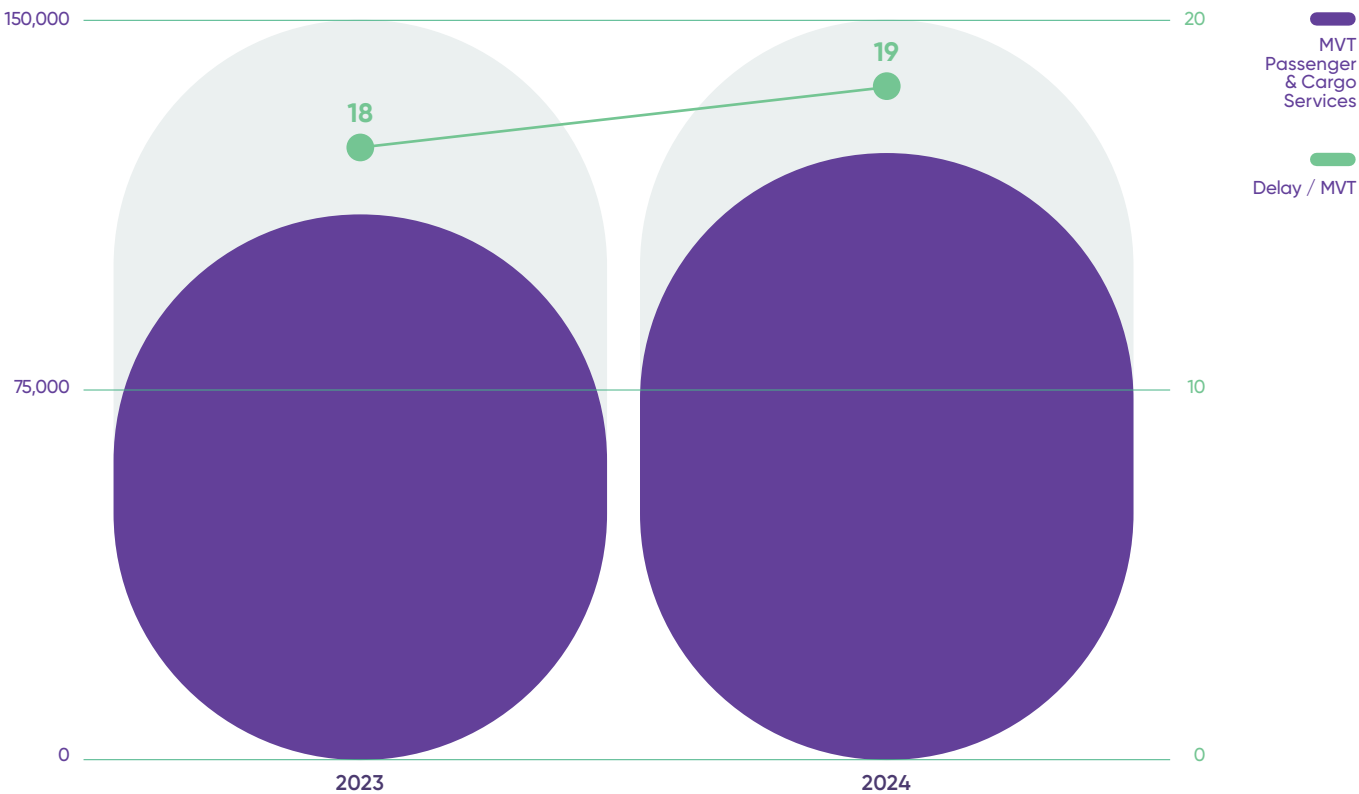
As in previous years, July recorded the highest percentage of delayed departing flights, at 62.6%, followed by June with 56.5% and August with 56.2%. The corresponding average delay times were 45 minutes for July, 43 minutes for June and 42 minutes for August.

In terms of causes, reactionary reasons remained the leading cause of delayed departures, accounting for 38.0% – although this was a significant improvement compared to 41.2% in 2023. Other major reasons for delays in 2024 included:

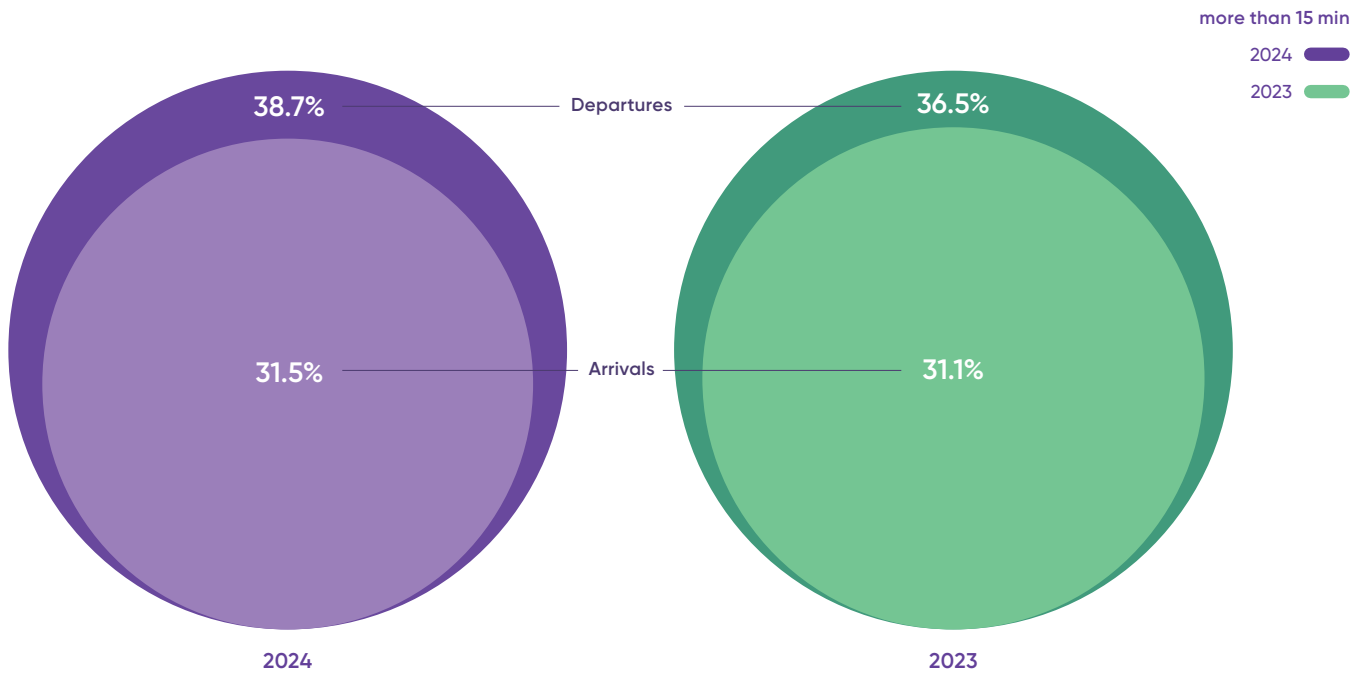
- “Air Traffic Flow Management” with 22.6%, up from 19.0% in 2023.
- “Restrictions at the Airport of Departure” affected 19.4% of delayed departures, compared to 14.7% in 2023, while only 2.4% of delayed departures were attributed to “Airport Facilities” issues.

Finally, the average delay minutes per movement in 2024 stood at 19 mm:ss.

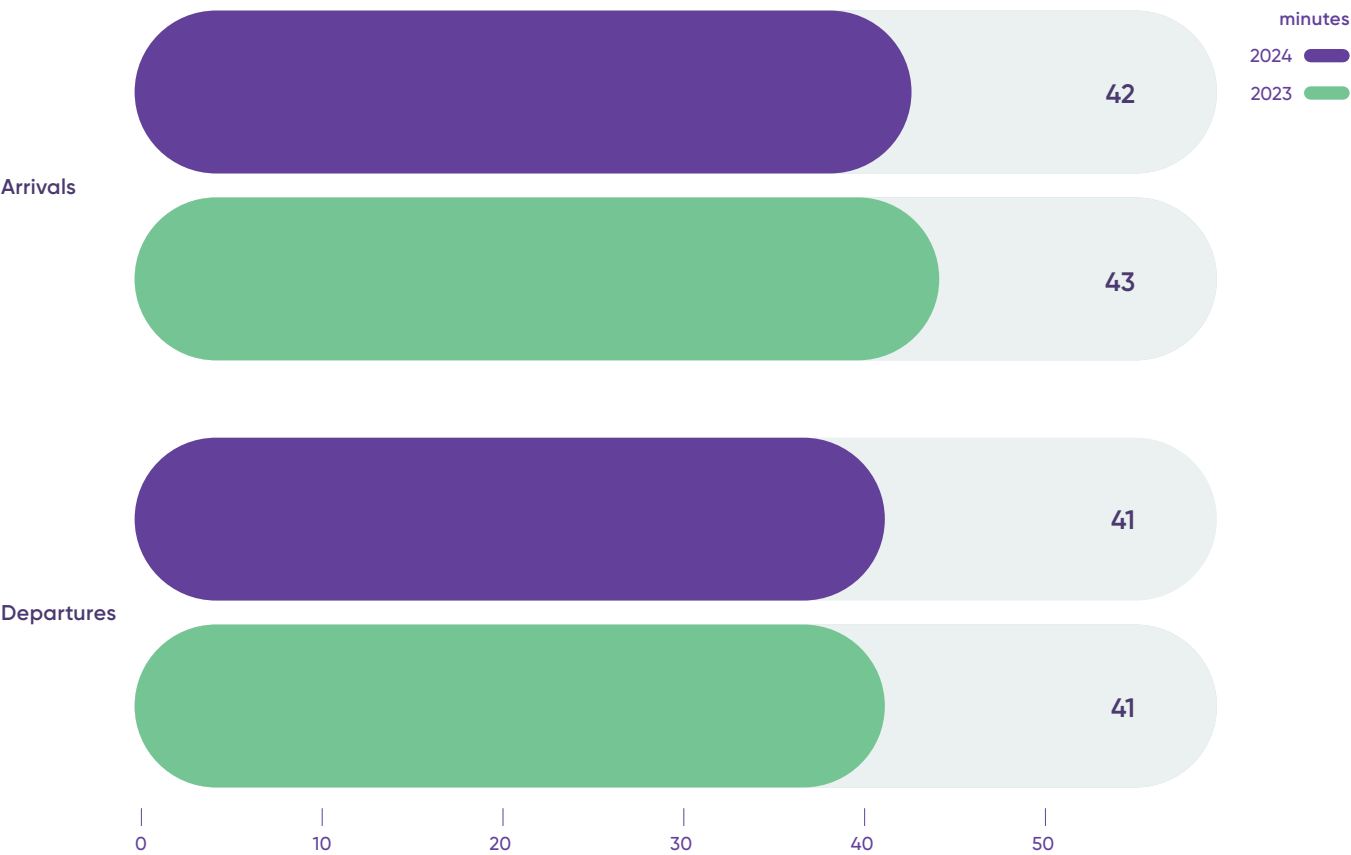
Departure Traffic & Average Delay per Movement for Passenger & Cargo Services



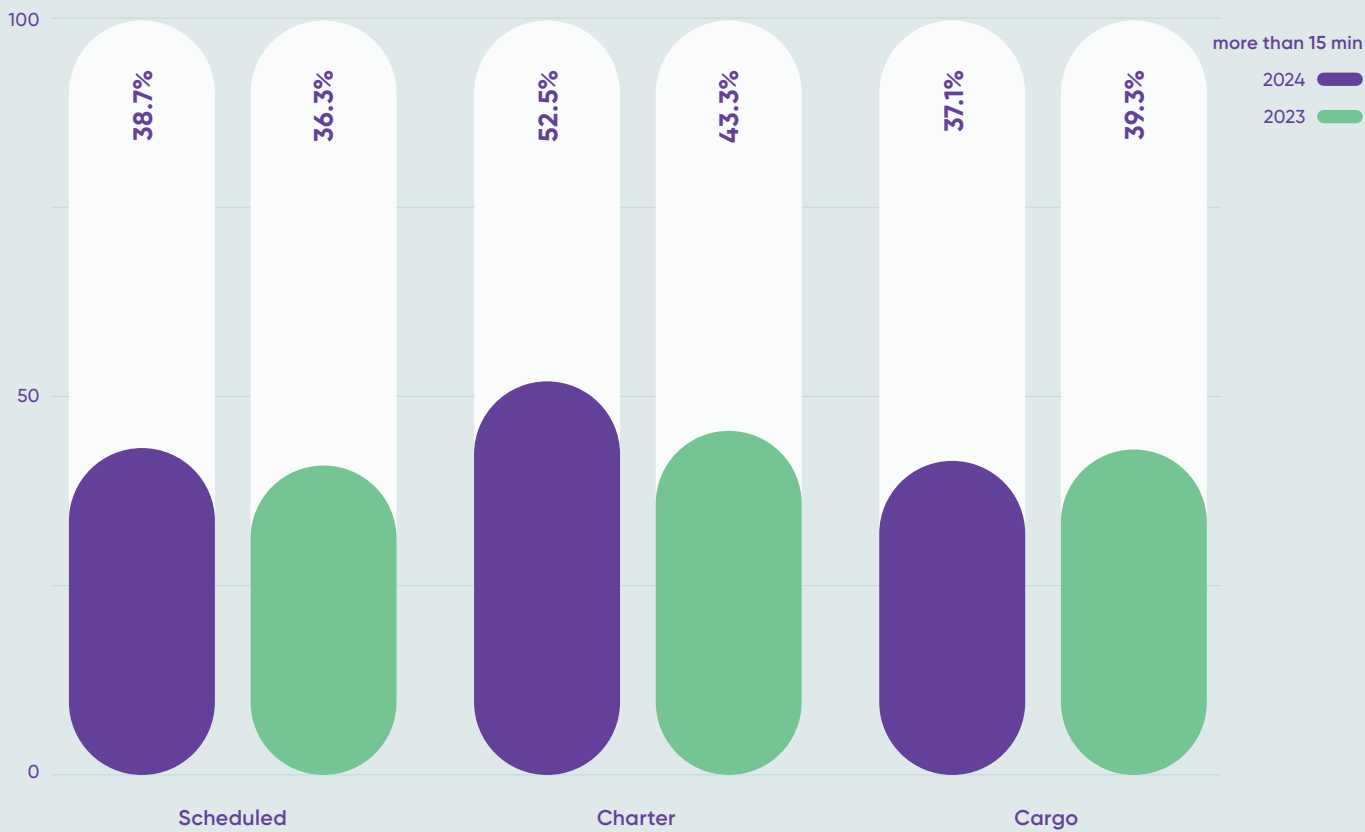
Proportion of Delayed Flights



Average Delay per Delayed Flight



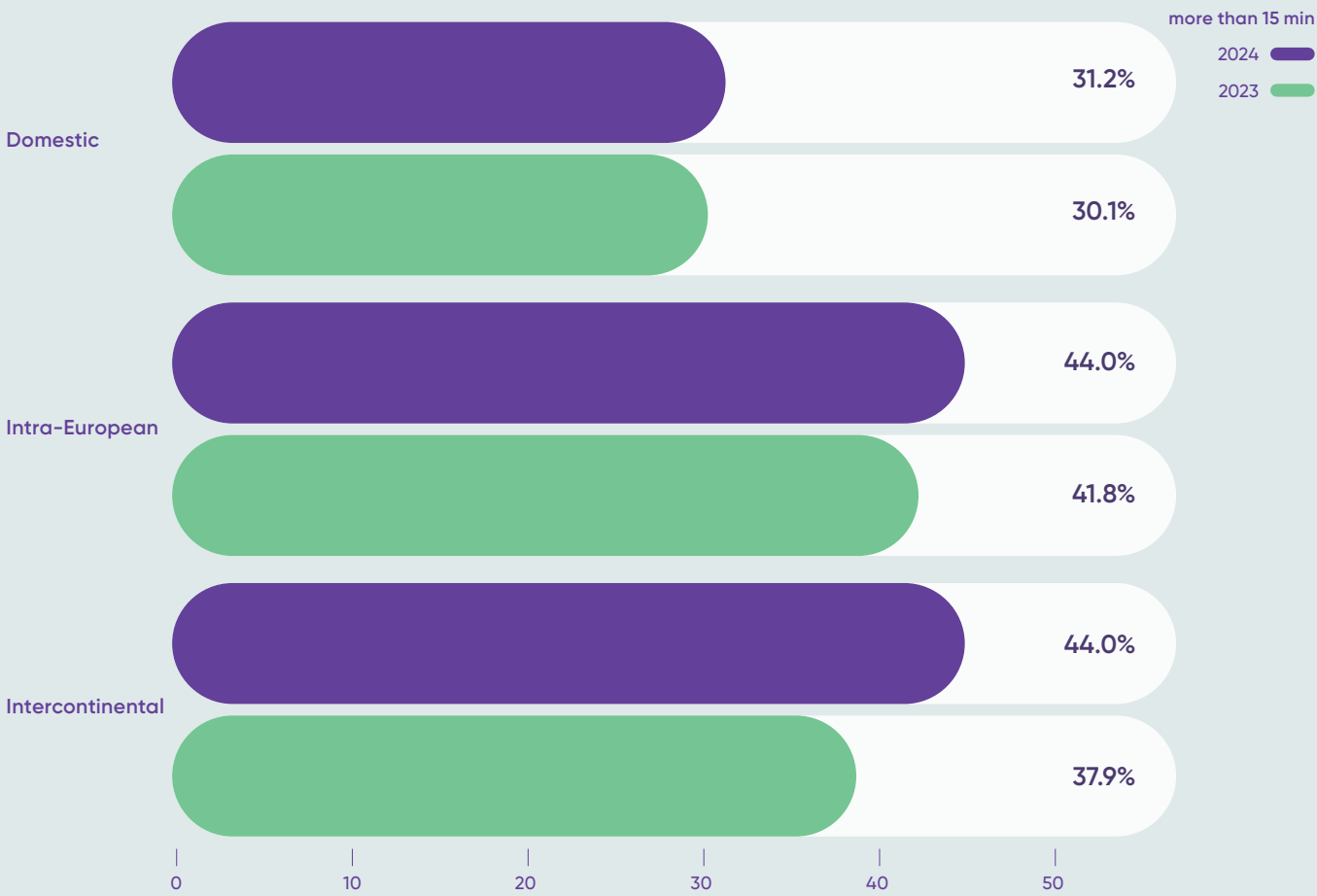
Proportion of Delayed Departures



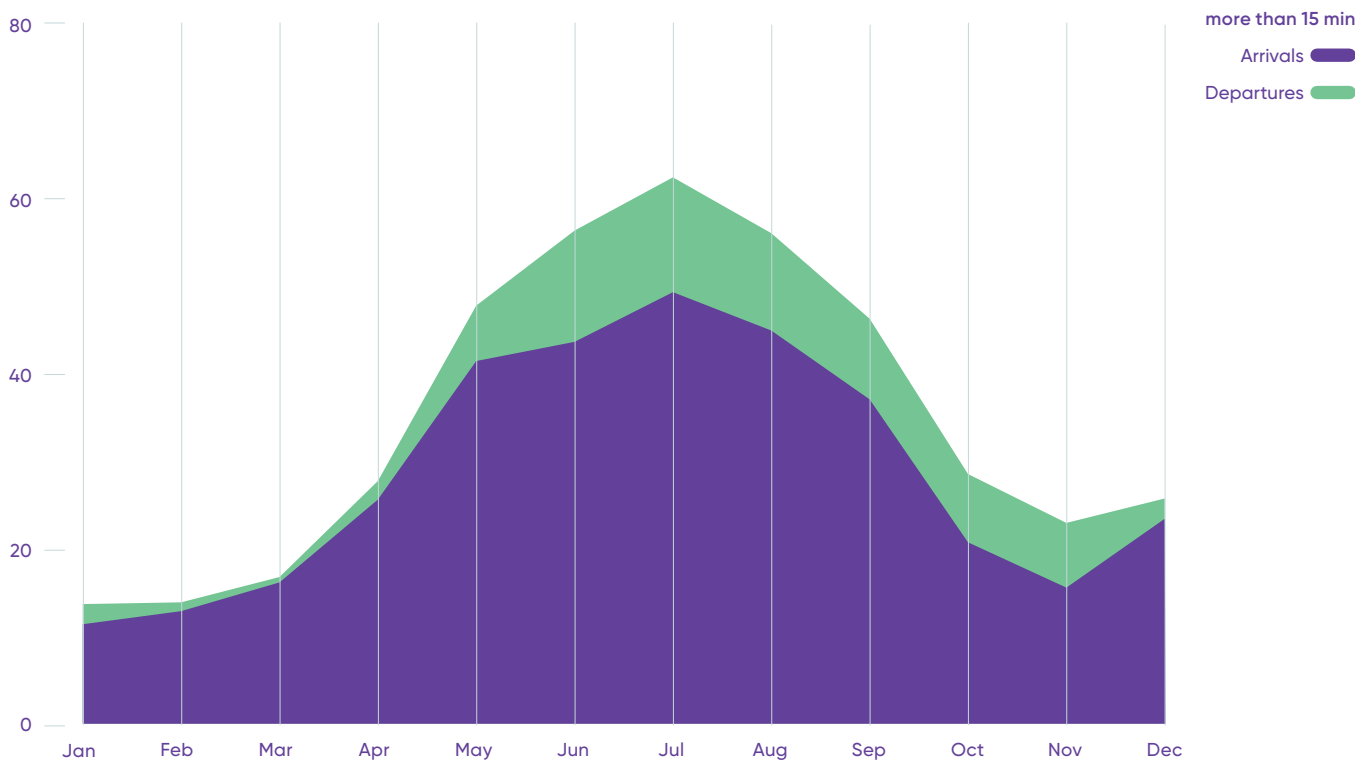
Average Delay per Delayed Departure



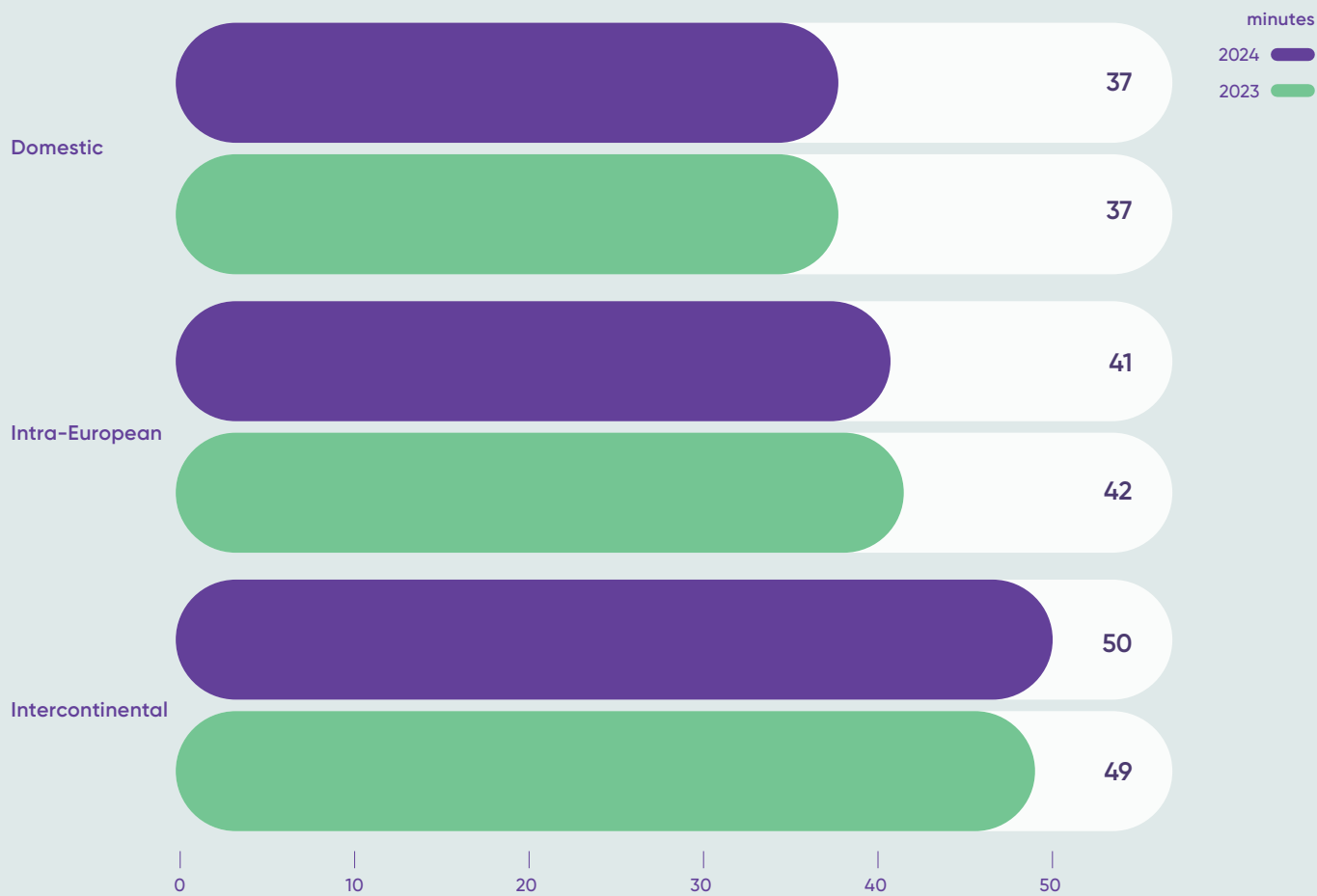
Departing Scheduled Flights / Proportion of Delayed Departures



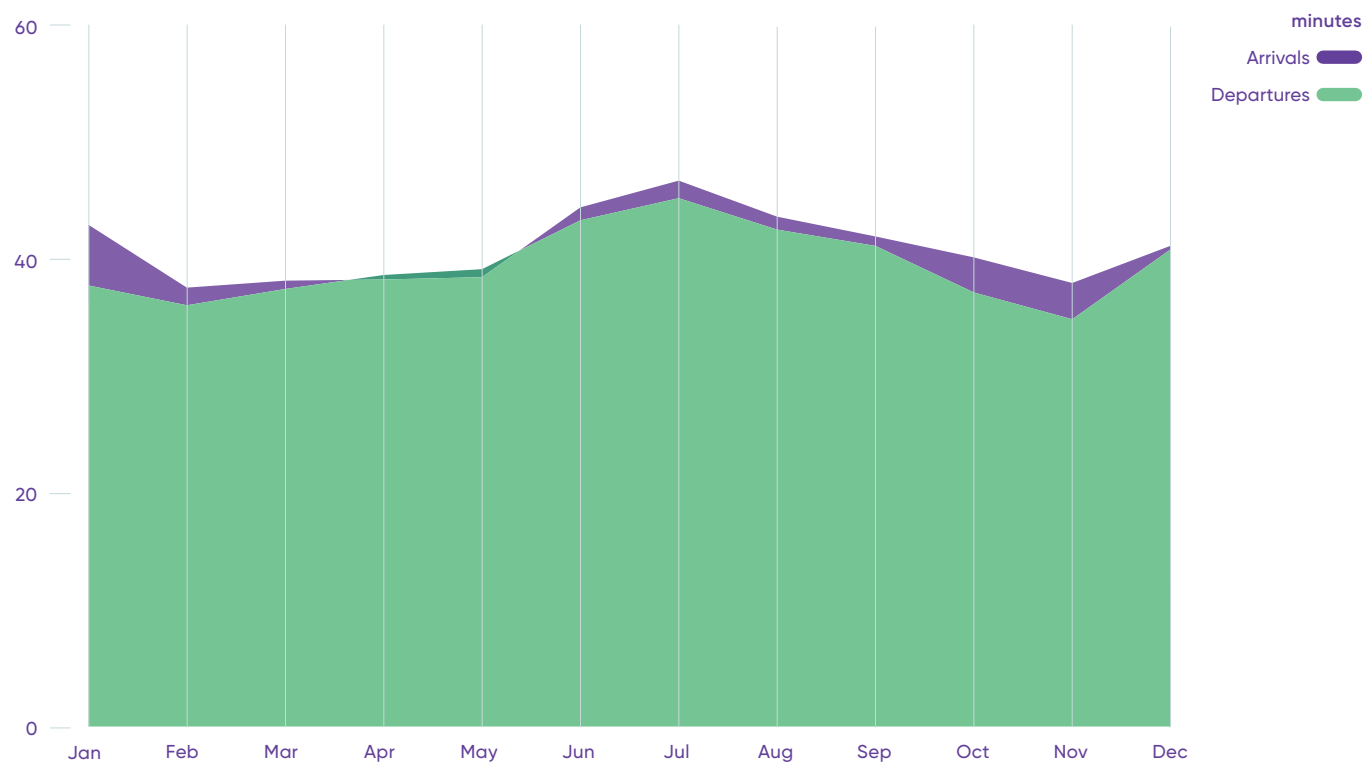
Proportion of Delayed Flights 2024



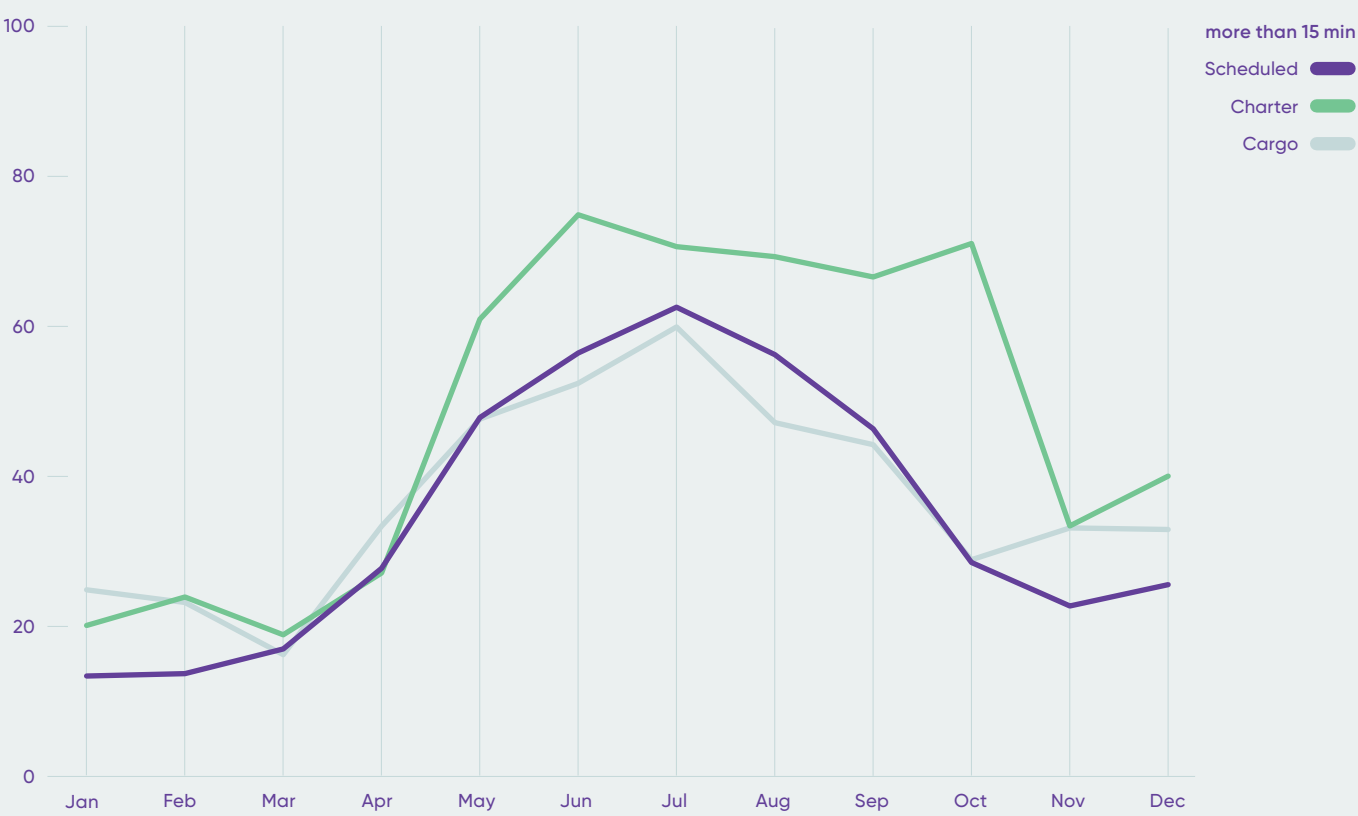
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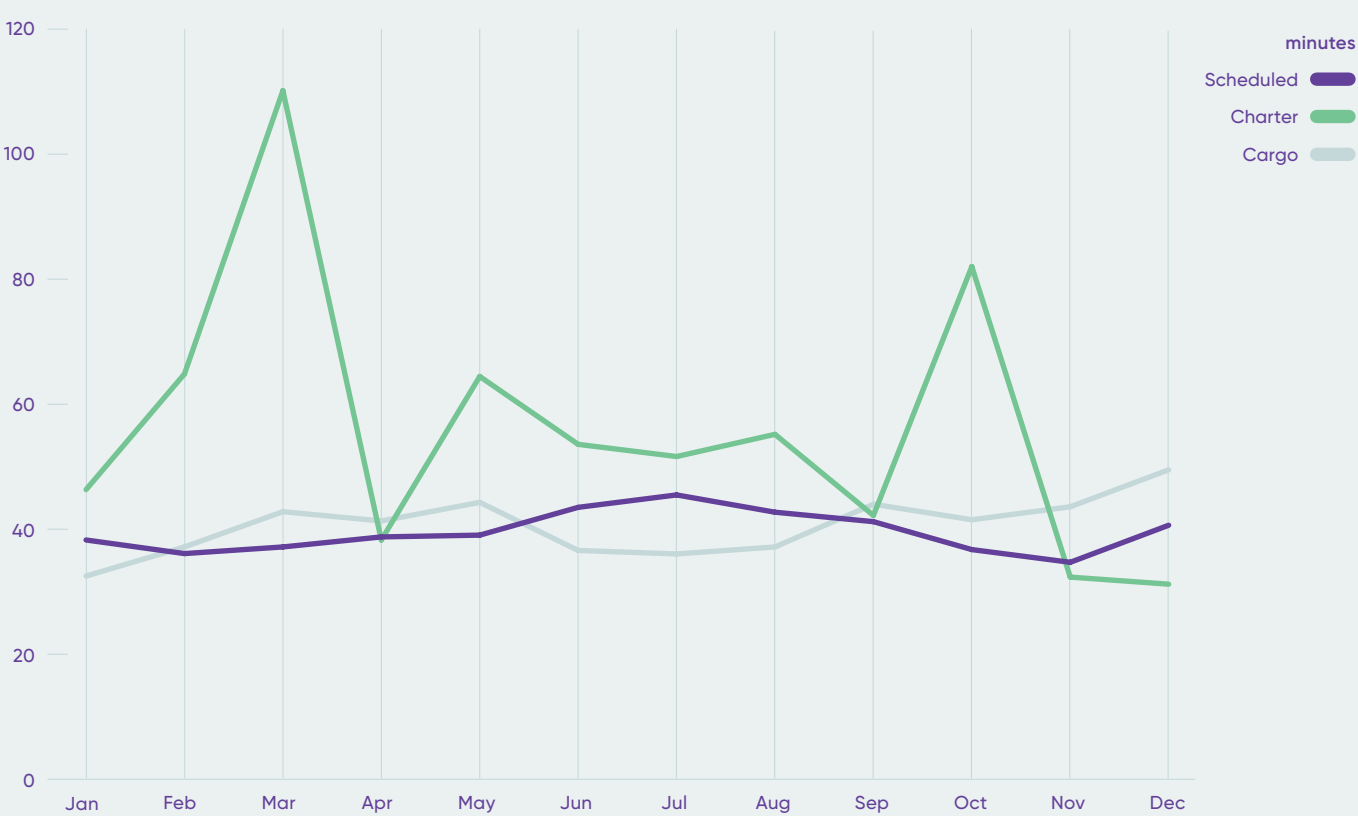
Average Delay per Delayed Flight 2024



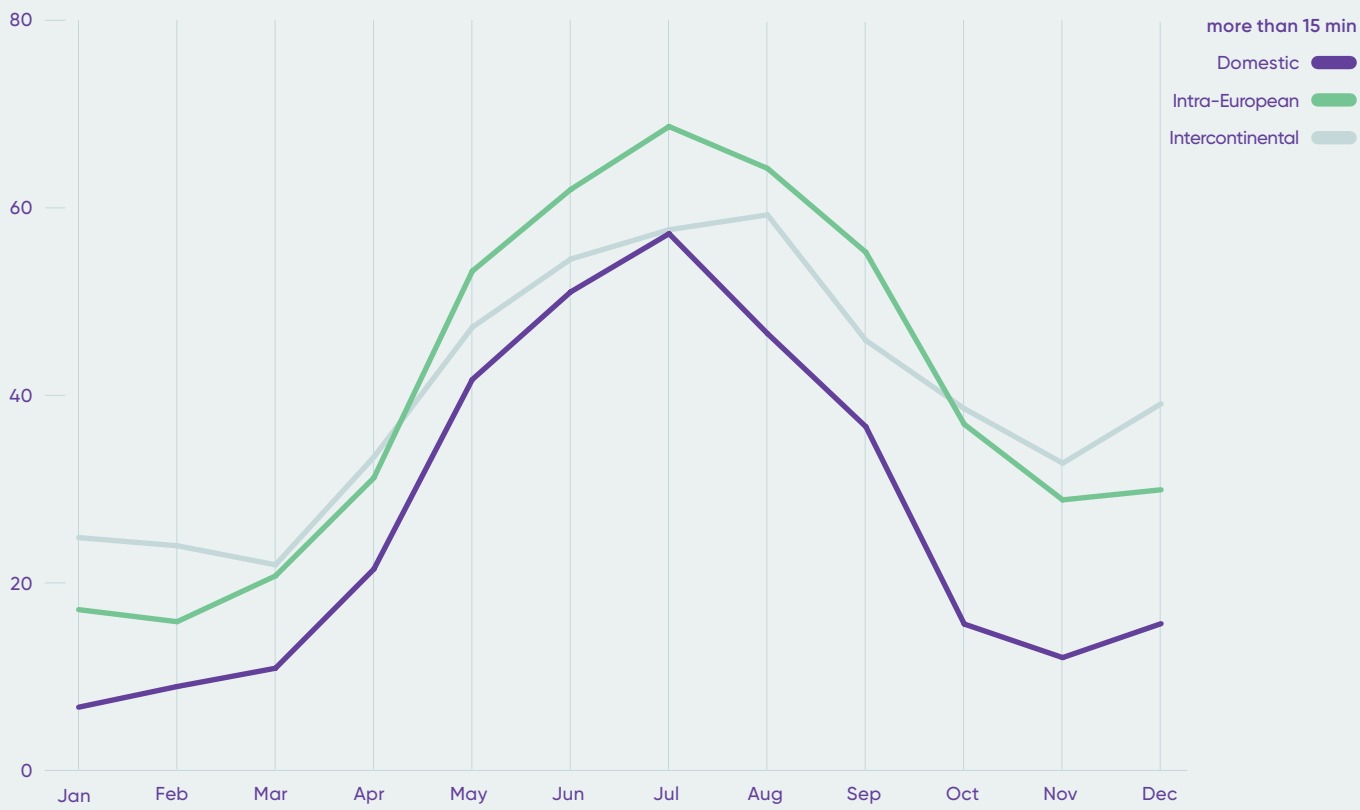
Proportion of Delayed Departures 2024



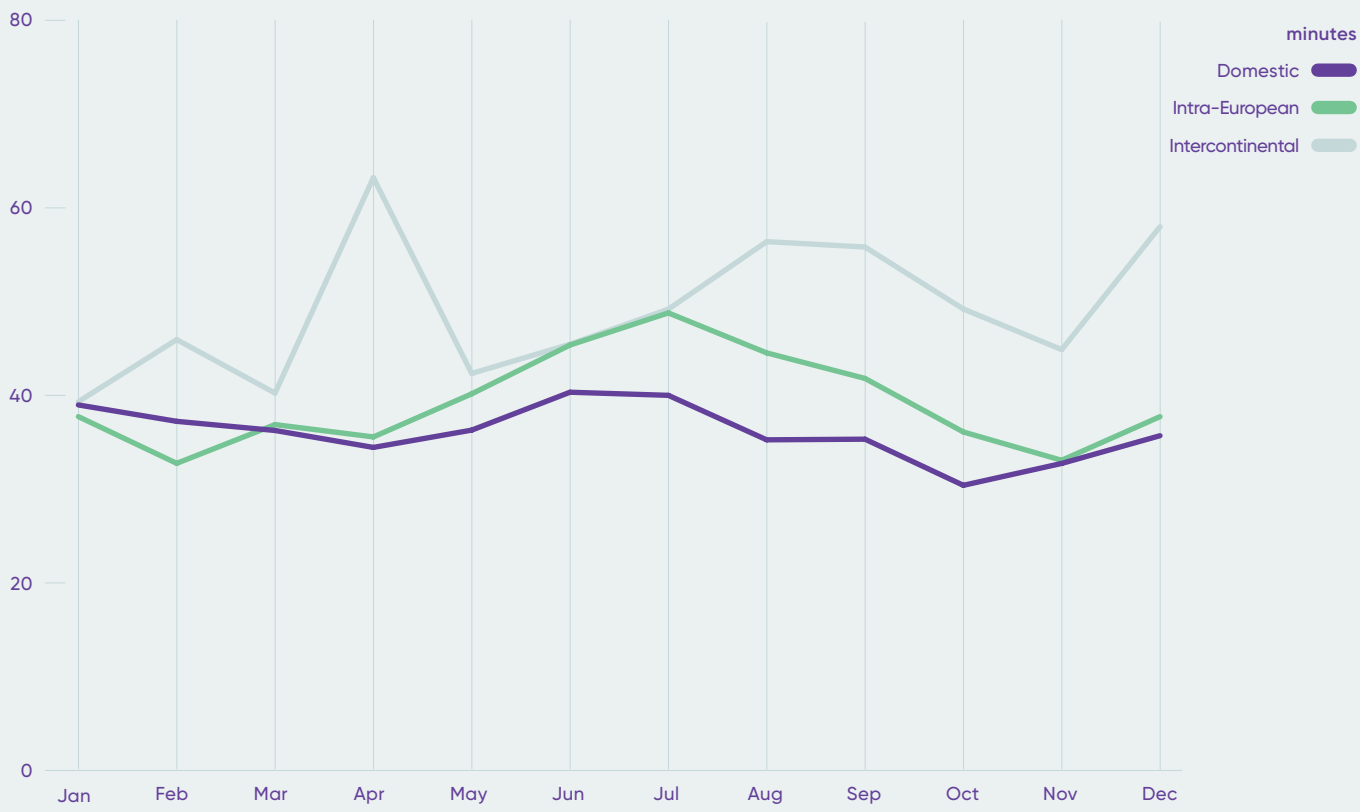
Average Delay per Delayed Departure 2024



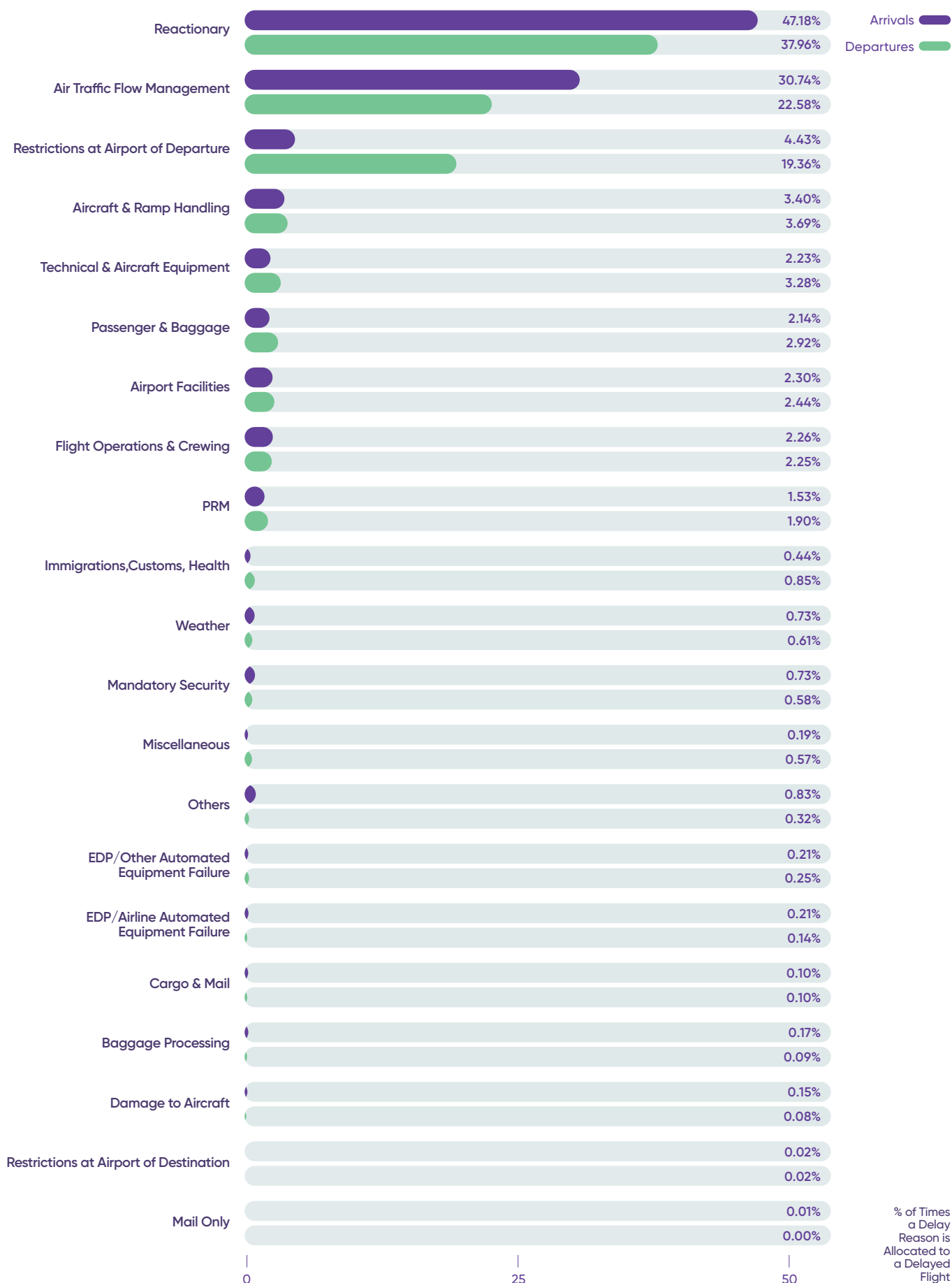
Departing Scheduled Flights 2024 / Proportion of Delayed Flights per Region



Departing Scheduled Flights 2024 / Average Delay per Delayed Flight per Region



## Proportion of Delay Reasons





## Monthly Punctuality Statistics

	Departing Flights		Arriving Flights	
	Proportion of Delayed Flights for more than 15 minutes	Average Delay (min) of Flights Delayed for more than 15 minutes	Proportion of Delayed Flights for more than 15 minutes	Average Delay (min) of Flights Delayed for more than 15 minutes
January	13.7%	37.8	11.4%	43.0
February	13.9%	36.1	12.9%	37.6
March	16.8%	37.5	16.2%	38.2
April	27.8%	38.7	25.7%	38.3
May	47.9%	39.2	41.6%	38.5
June	56.5%	43.4	43.8%	44.5
July	62.6%	45.3	49.5%	46.8
August	56.2%	42.6	45.1%	43.7
September	46.4%	41.2	37.2%	42.0
October	28.6%	37.2	20.8%	40.2
November	23.0%	34.9	15.6%	38.0
December	25.8%	40.9	23.5%	41.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31.5%</b>	<b>41</b>

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# Our Grade Report

In 2024, AIA maintained high levels of customer satisfaction, while queue waiting times were sustained and even reduced compared to the previous year, despite a continuous rise in passenger volumes

Athens International Airport regularly assesses the quality of services provided to passengers through a number of tools, including the systematic monitoring of queues at several key operational Airport service points, such as check-in, ticketing, passport control, and security screening, complemented by surveys and direct passenger feedback. To further enhance the passenger experience, AIA initiated the iMind programme, through which staff members conduct regular checks of terminal and parking areas to ensure consistent service quality. Analysis of this data enables both AIA and its business partners to assess and further improve service standards.

Despite a record-breaking year in terms of passenger traffic, no significant operational issues were observed, with queue waiting times being at similar or even lower levels compared to 2023 for most processes.

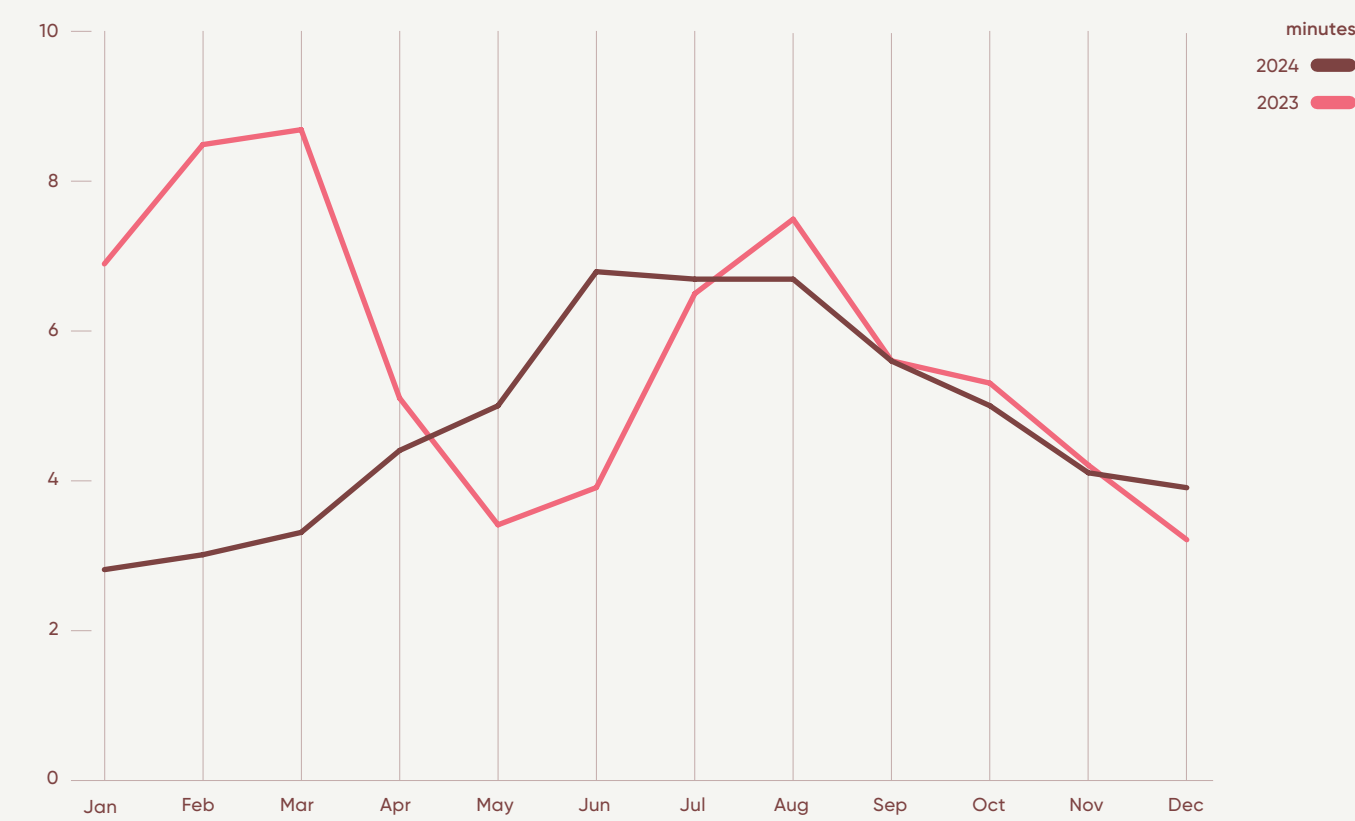
In 2024, AIA personnel focused on ensuring smooth Terminal Operations & Passenger Experience, responding to more than 8 million passenger and visitor queries, a 20% increase compared to 2023. The Airport Call Centre handled approximately 325,000 telephone inquiries, with nearly 93% of callers served within the first 20 seconds. Additionally, about 5,500 enquiries were received and processed electronically via email. Facilitating elite clientele requirements, over 45,000 passengers were processed through the General Aviation Facility.

Passenger feedback remains a key metric for evaluating the quality of airport facilities and services. Throughout 2024, AIA maintained consistently high passenger satisfaction levels, despite unprecedented traffic growth. Core service areas, including cleanliness and commercial facilities, consistently scored above the "4-Good" benchmark on a 5-point scale, demonstrating both sustained service excellence and operational resilience.

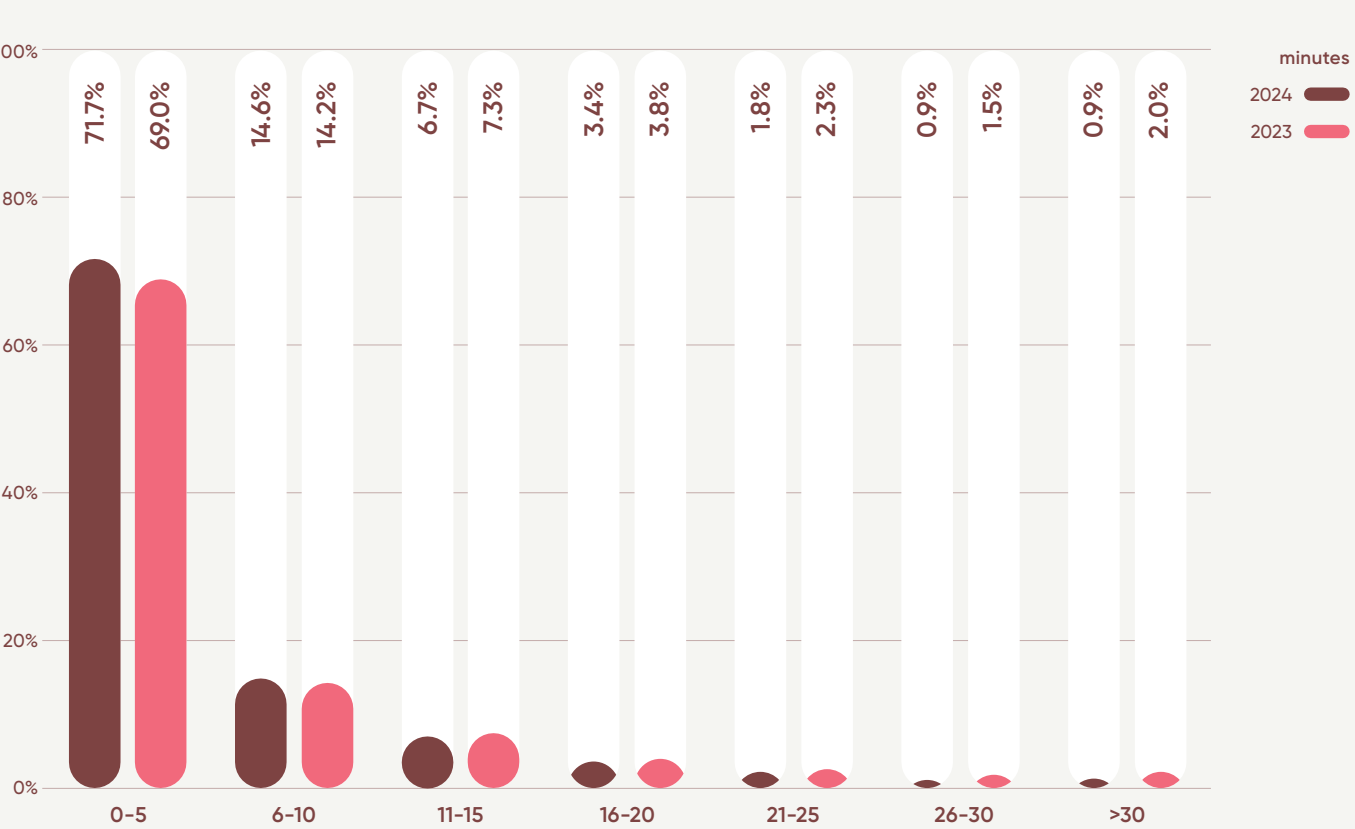
In line with its Commitment to service improvement, AIA placed a strong emphasis on passenger comment management. In 2024, 1,864 comments (complaints/requests/positive/suggestions) were received from 833 passengers, compared to 4,490 comments from 963 passengers in 2023, marking a significant drop from the previous year. This remarkable drop is mainly attributed to the decrease in the number of requests as recorded to our call center in relation to STB facilities and to "curbside rules enforcement". The main area of dissatisfaction for 2024 identified was "lost & found telephone response". A total of 553 letters of response were issued, with 99.99% being personalised. The average response time was 10.8 days.

Through the iMind programme, 2,668 inspections were carried out by 501 employees during 2024, further reinforcing AIA's commitment to maintaining and enhancing service quality. There were 138 "Alerts" raised (cases where immediate action is required).

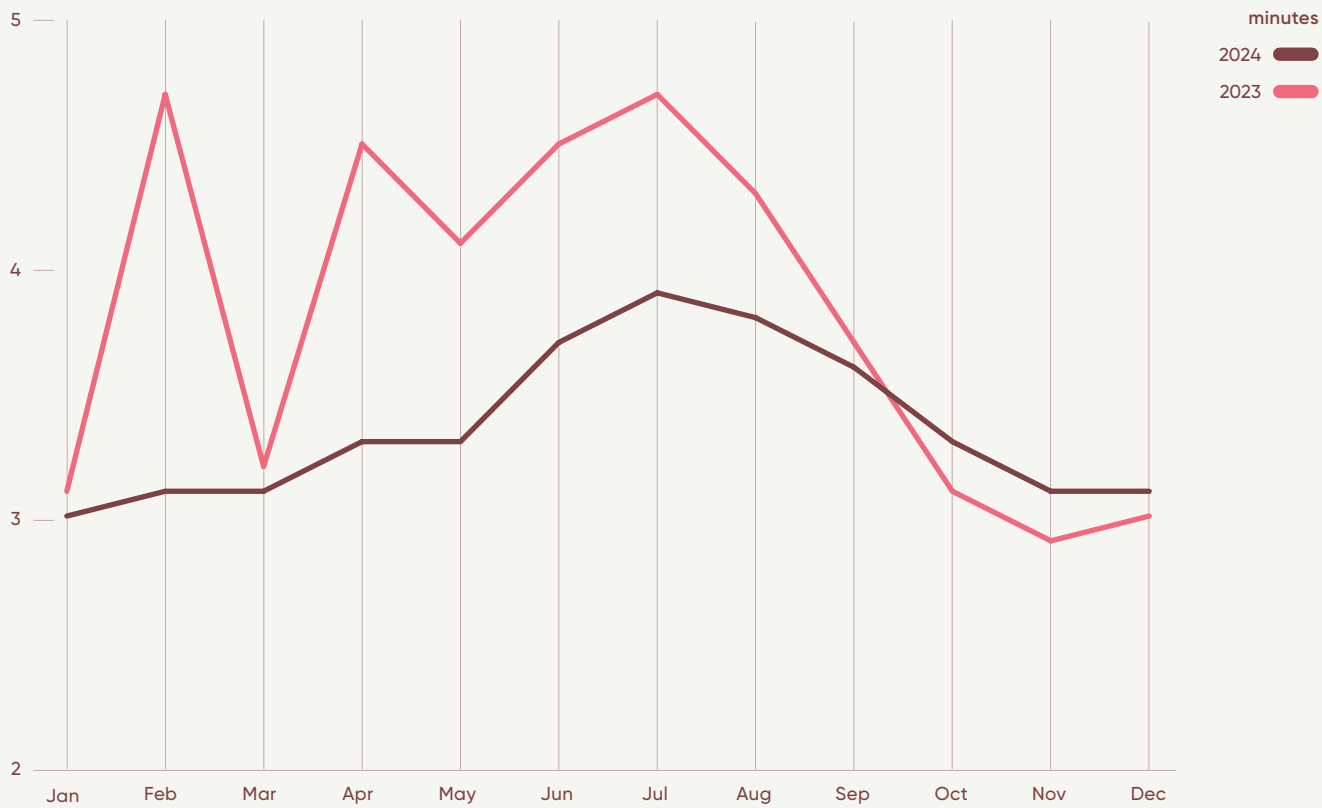
Check-in Queues - All Airlines / Average Check-in Queuing Time per Month



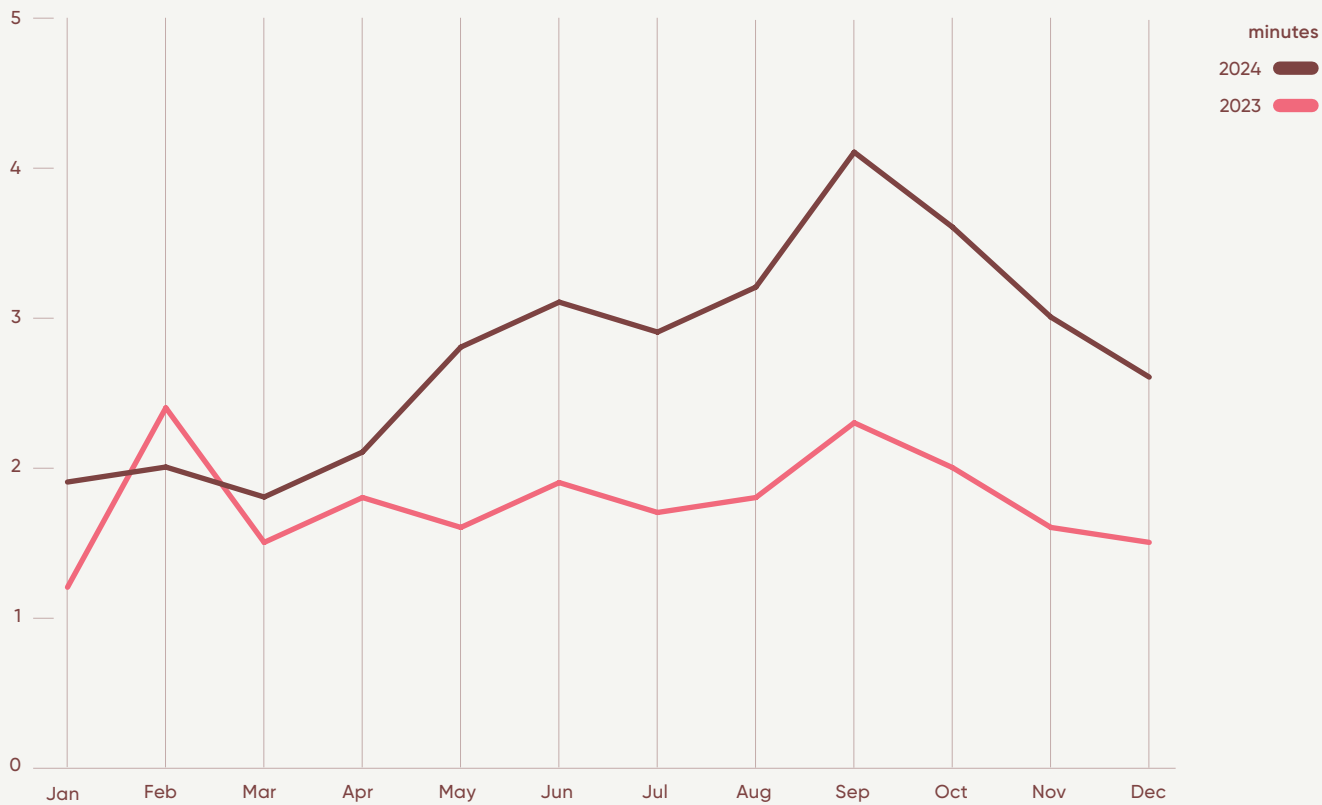
Check-in Queues - All Airlines / Queuing Time Distribution



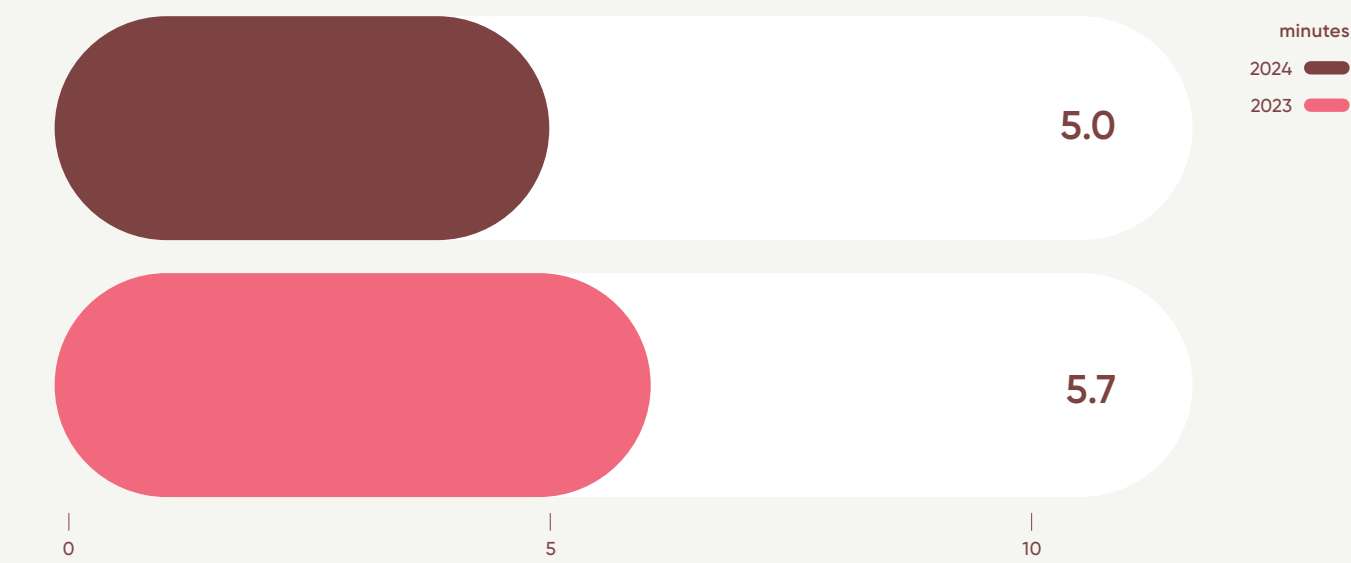
Ticket Desk Queue - All Airlines / Average Ticket Desk Queuing Time per Month



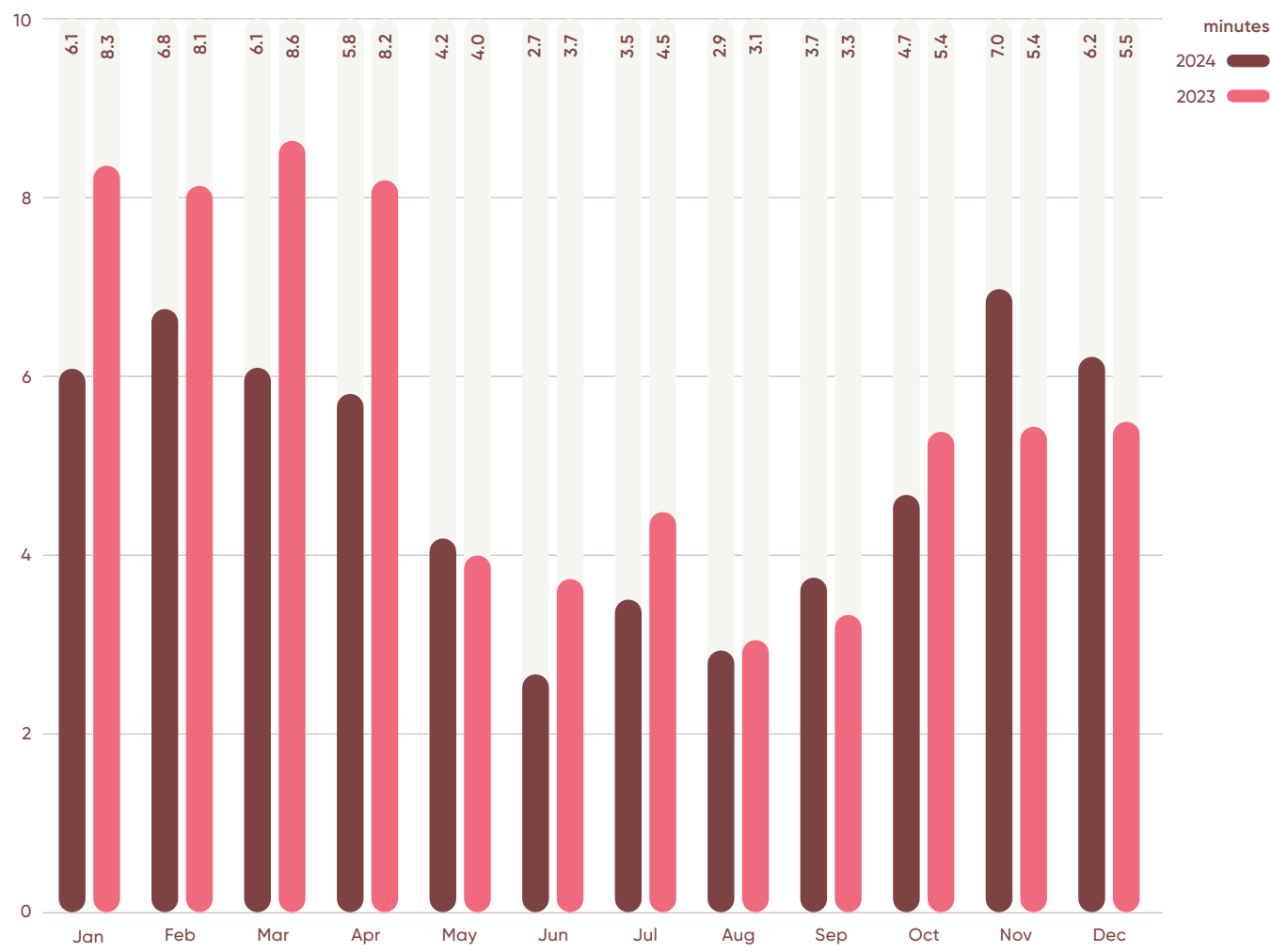
Security Screening (Passengers & Handbags)  
Average Queuing Time per Month (All Screening Points)



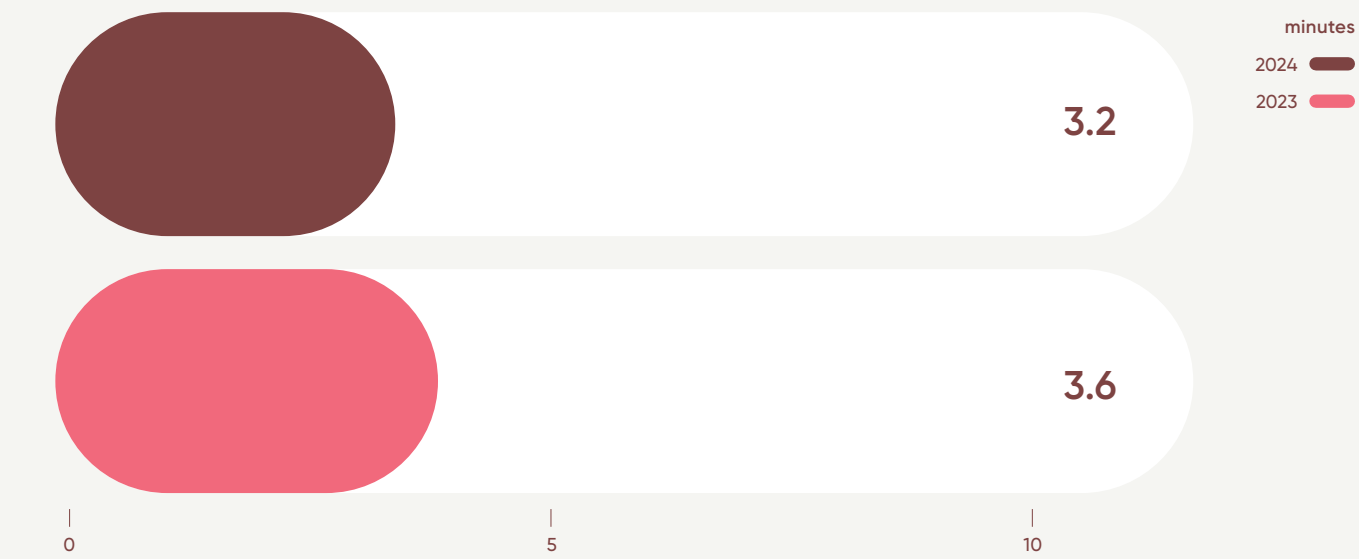
Passport Control at Arrivals / Yearly Average Queuing Time



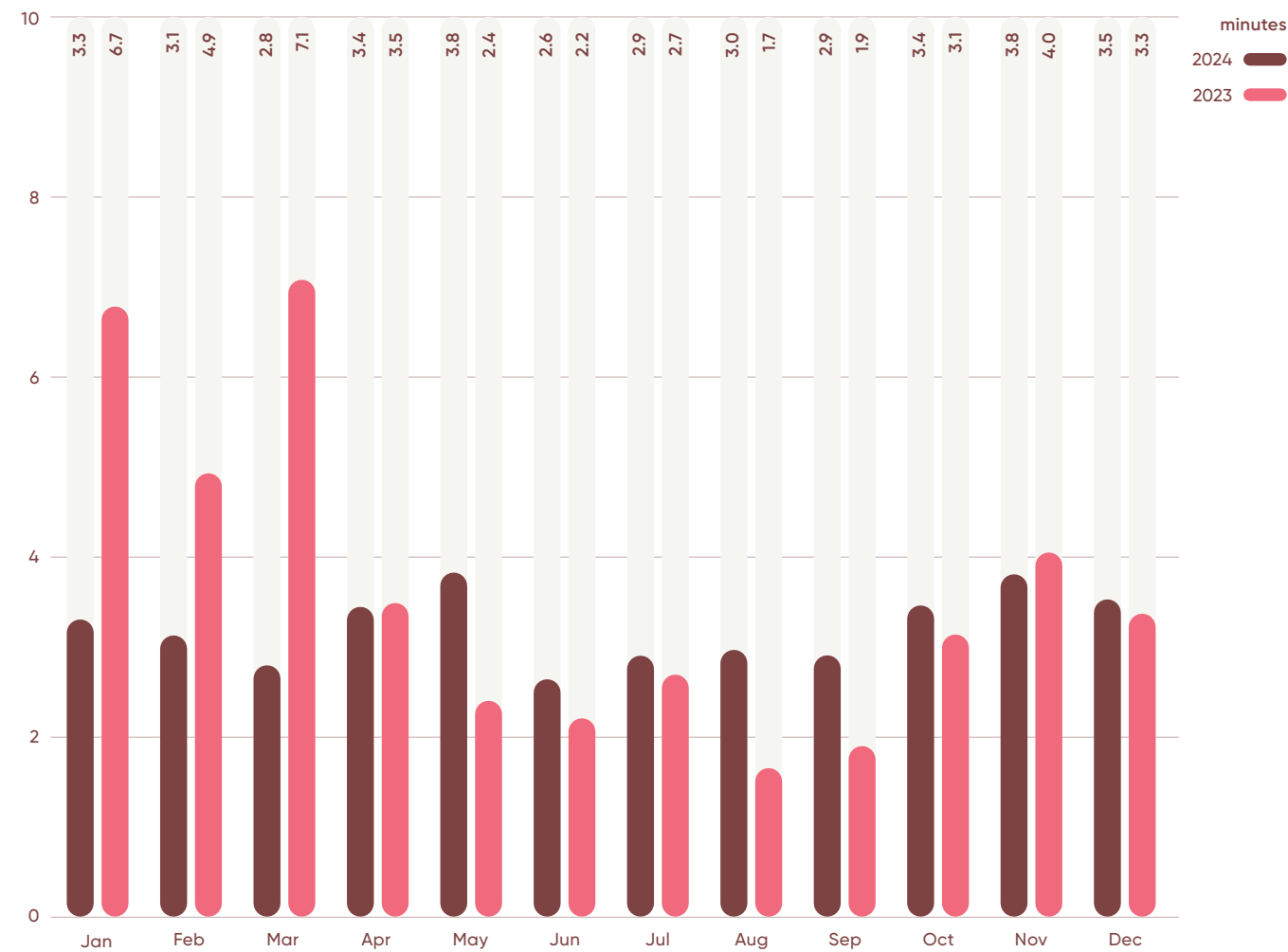
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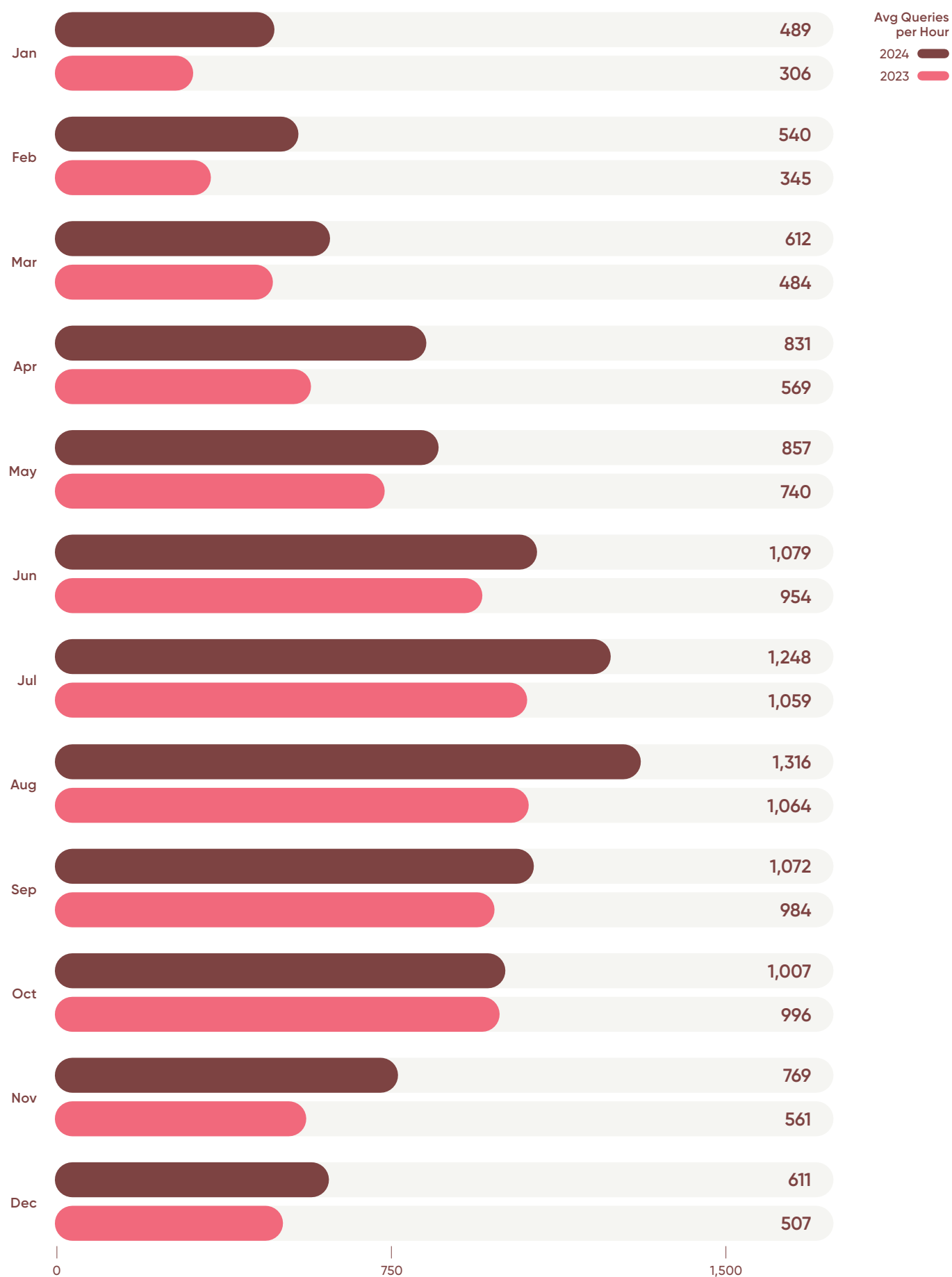
Passport Control at Departures / Yearly Average Queuing Time



Passport Control at Departures / Average Queuing Time per Month



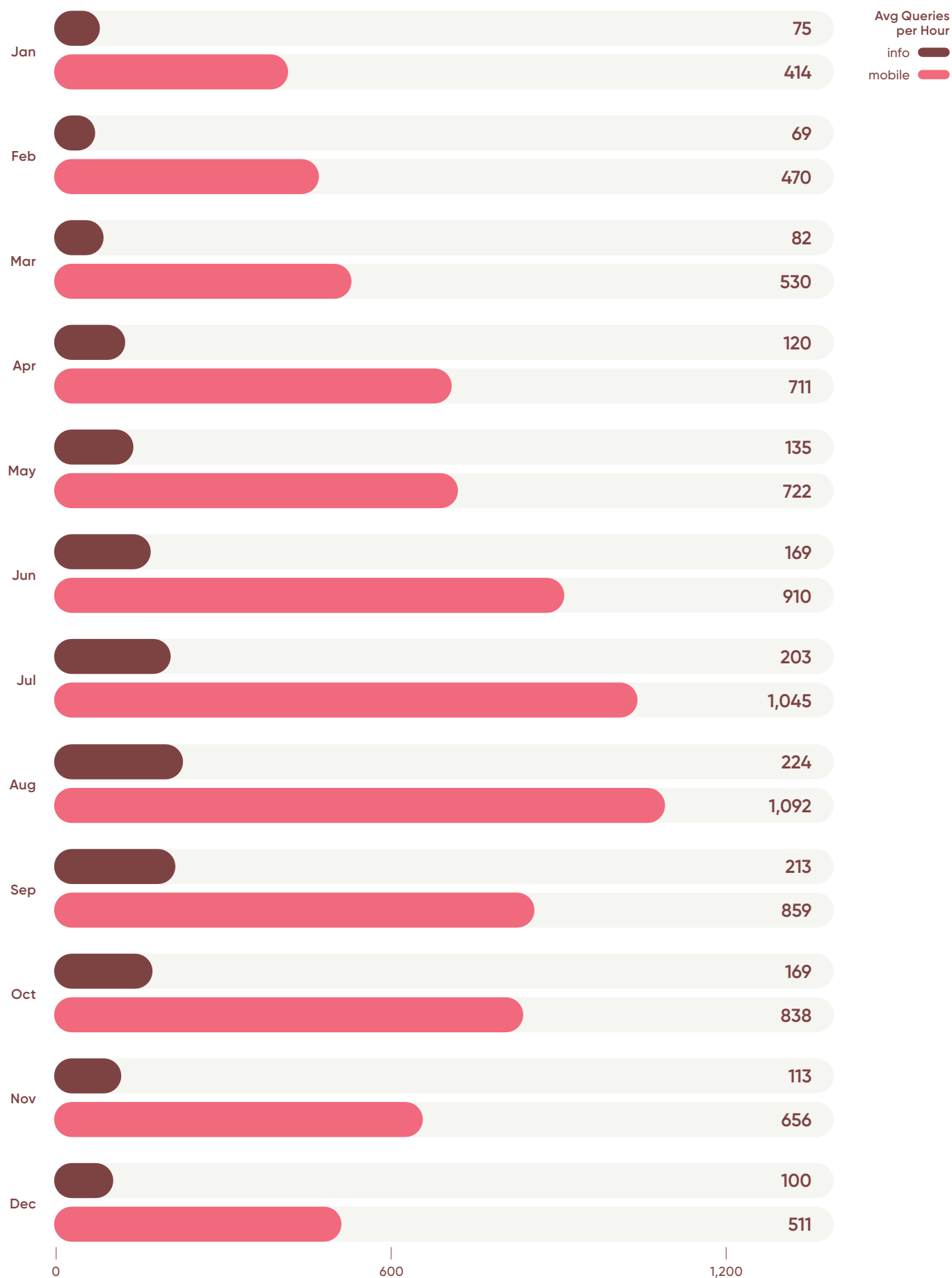
## Information Provision / Queries at the Info Desks 2024



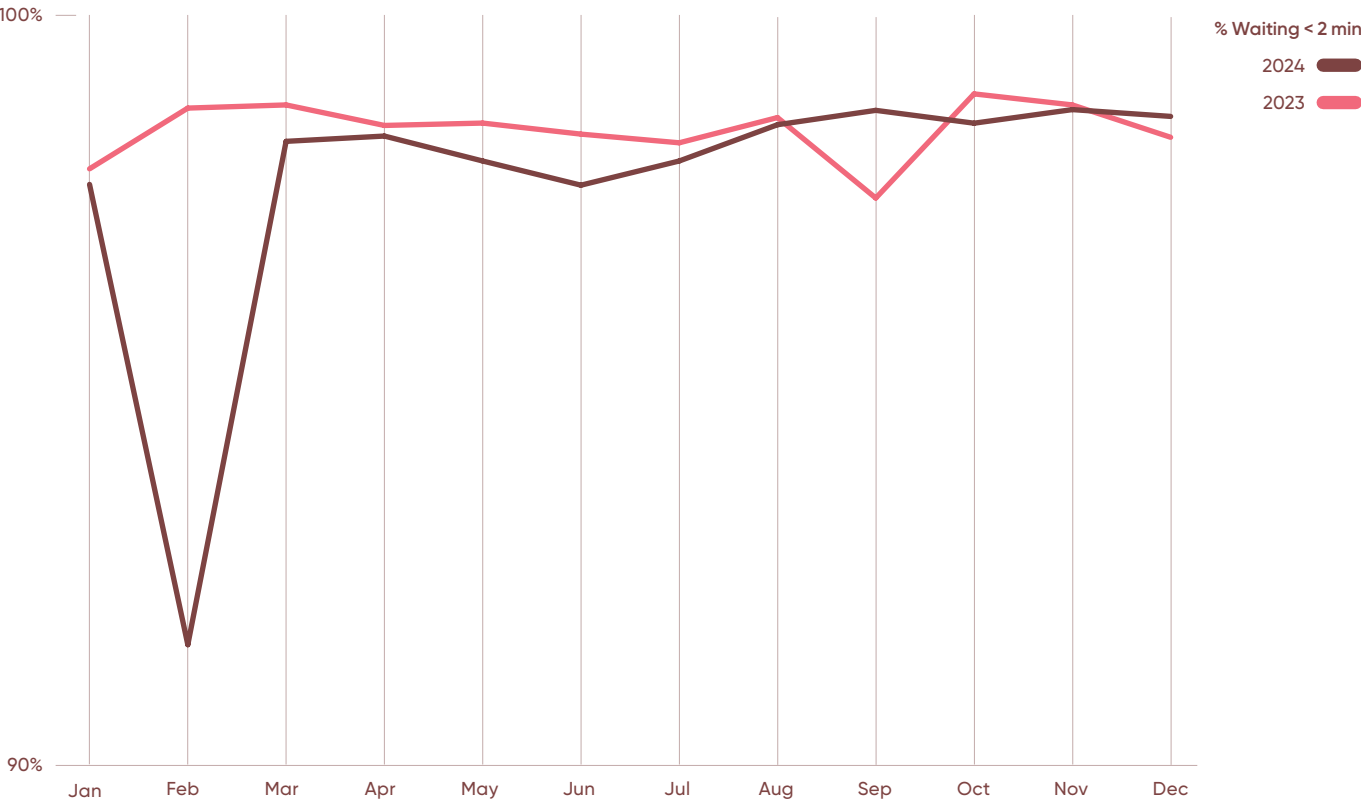
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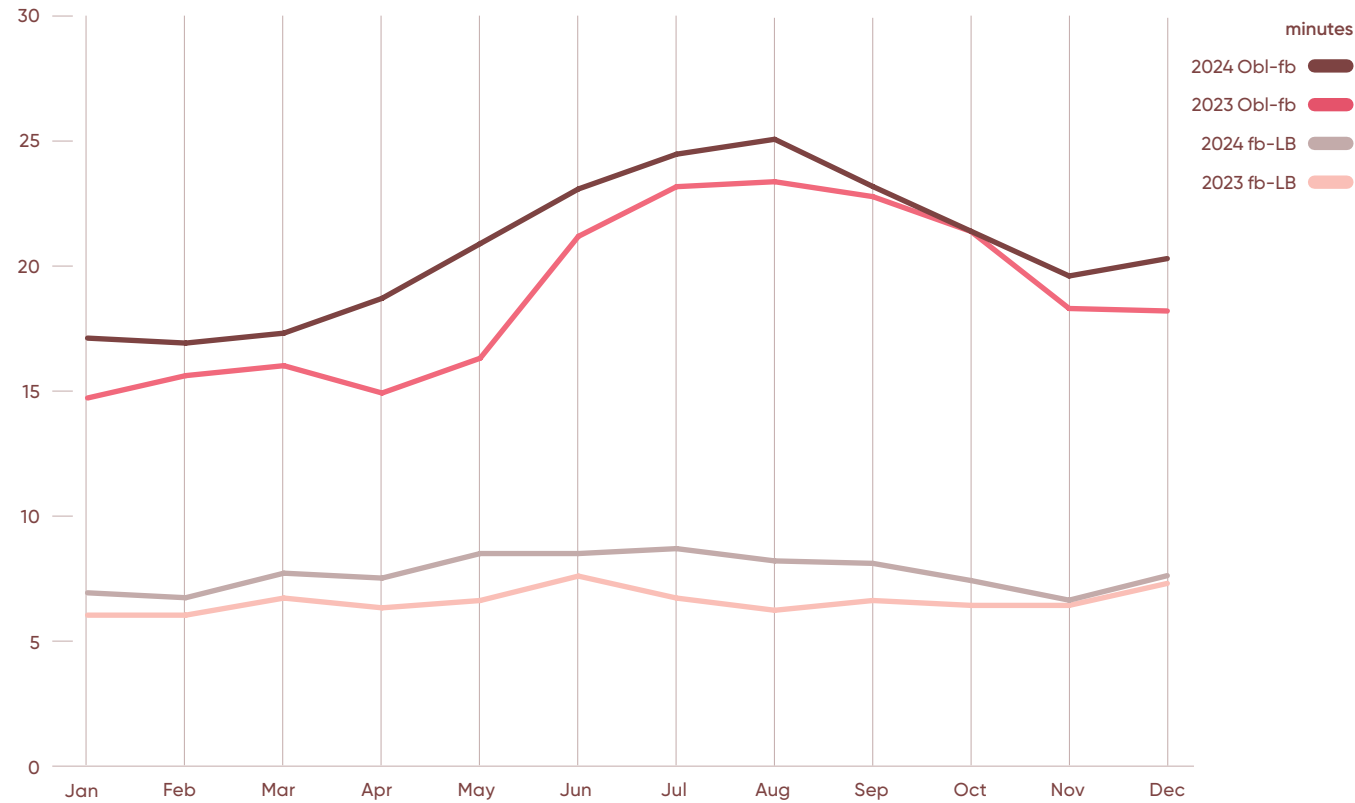


Call Centre Waiting Time Under 2 min

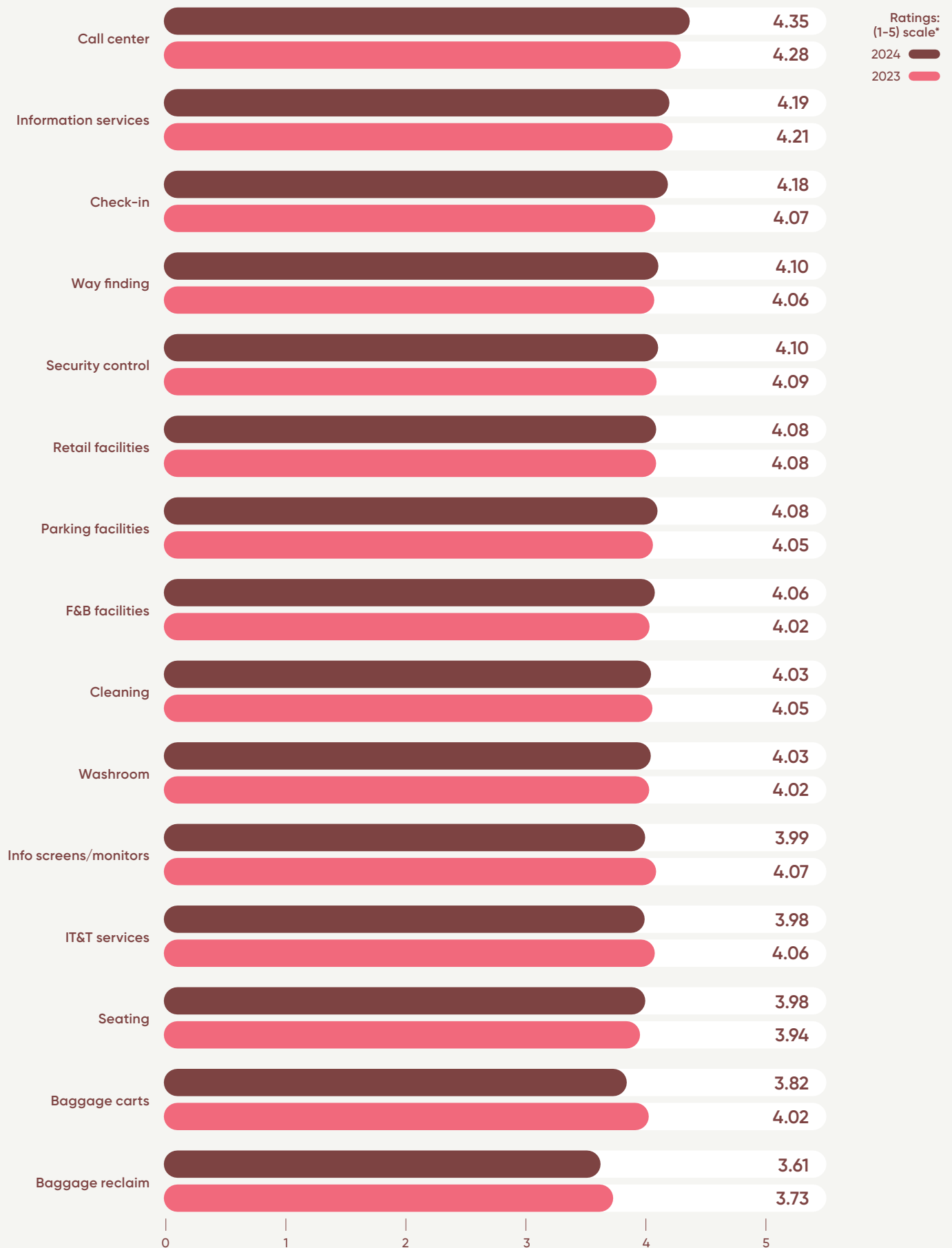


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Baggage Delivery Service / Average Time for First and Last Bag from “on-blocks” Time

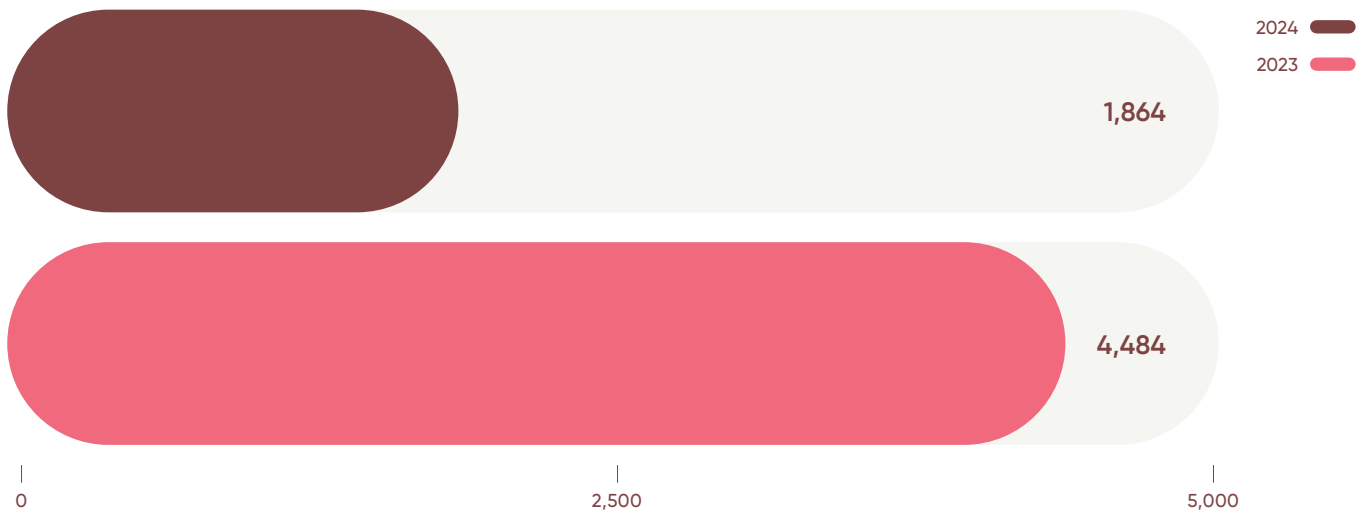


## Airport Services Evaluation / Average Rating of Services

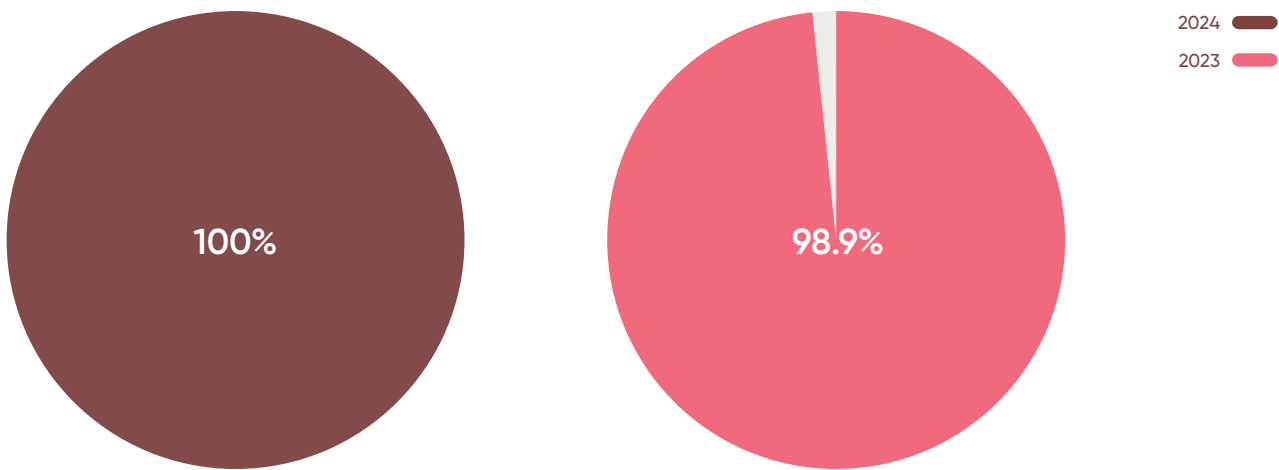


\* 1: Poor, 5: Excellent

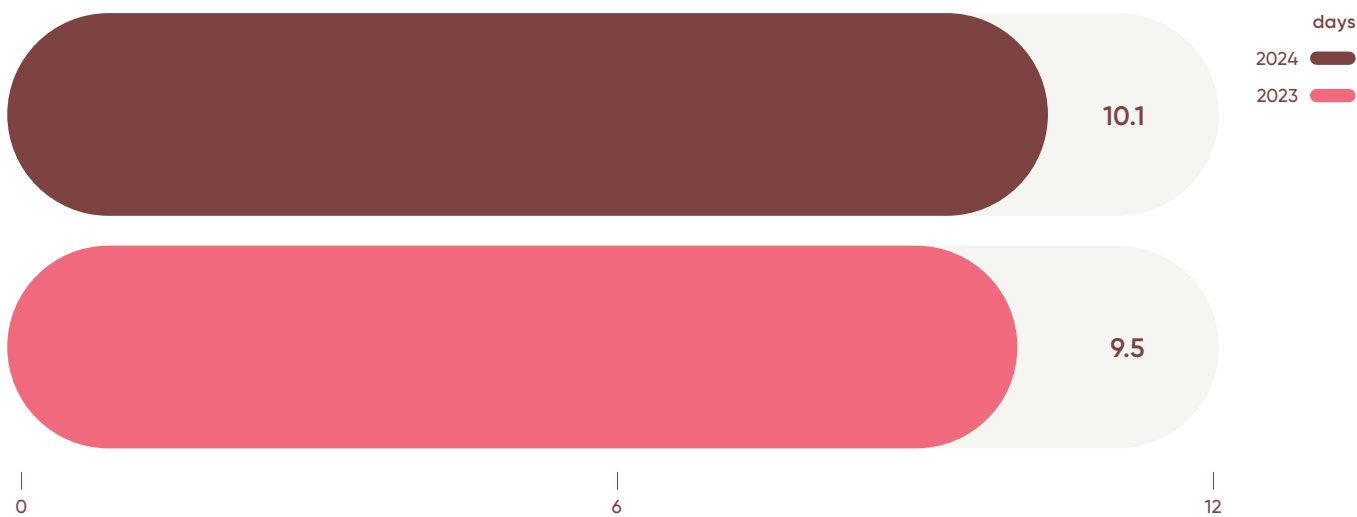
Total Comment Items



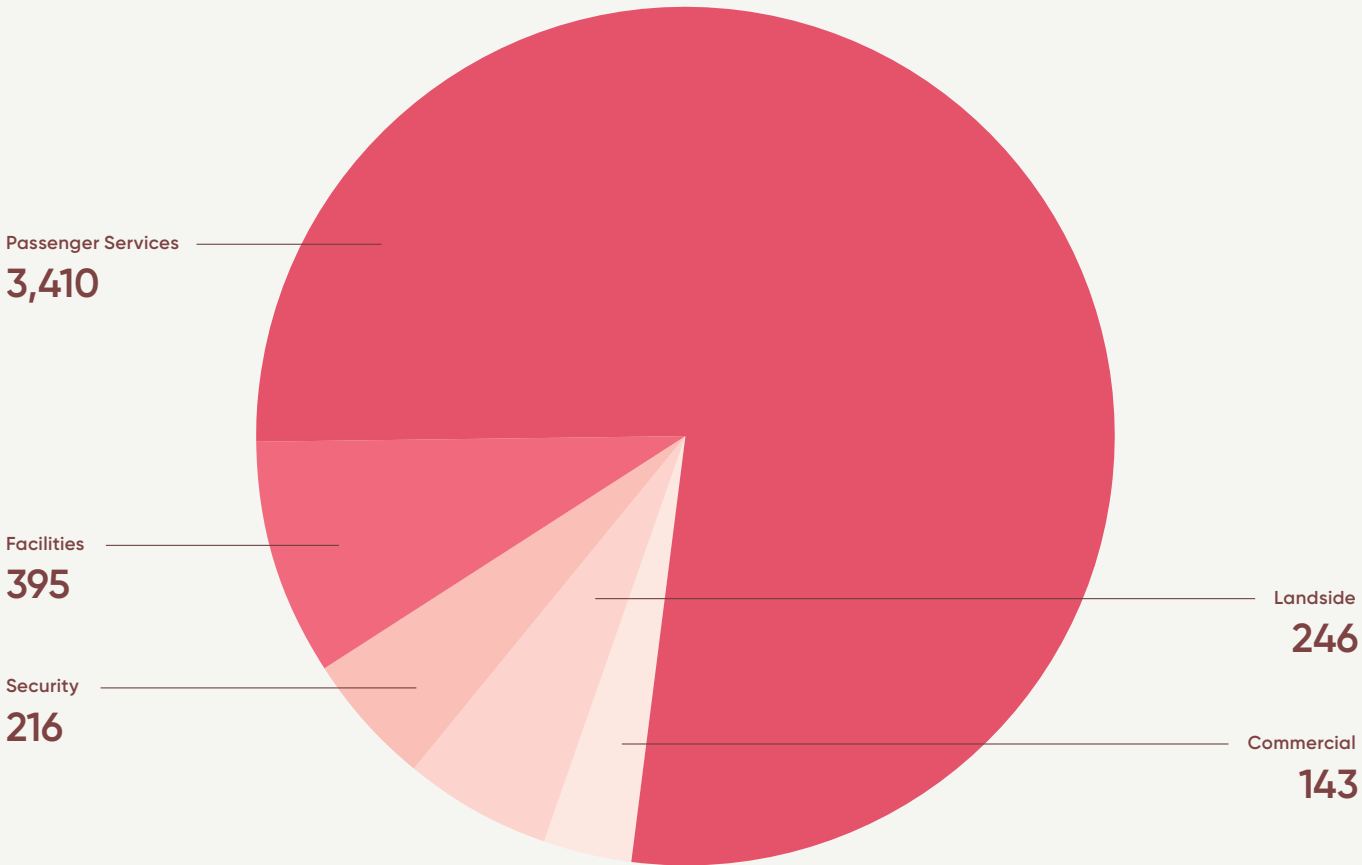
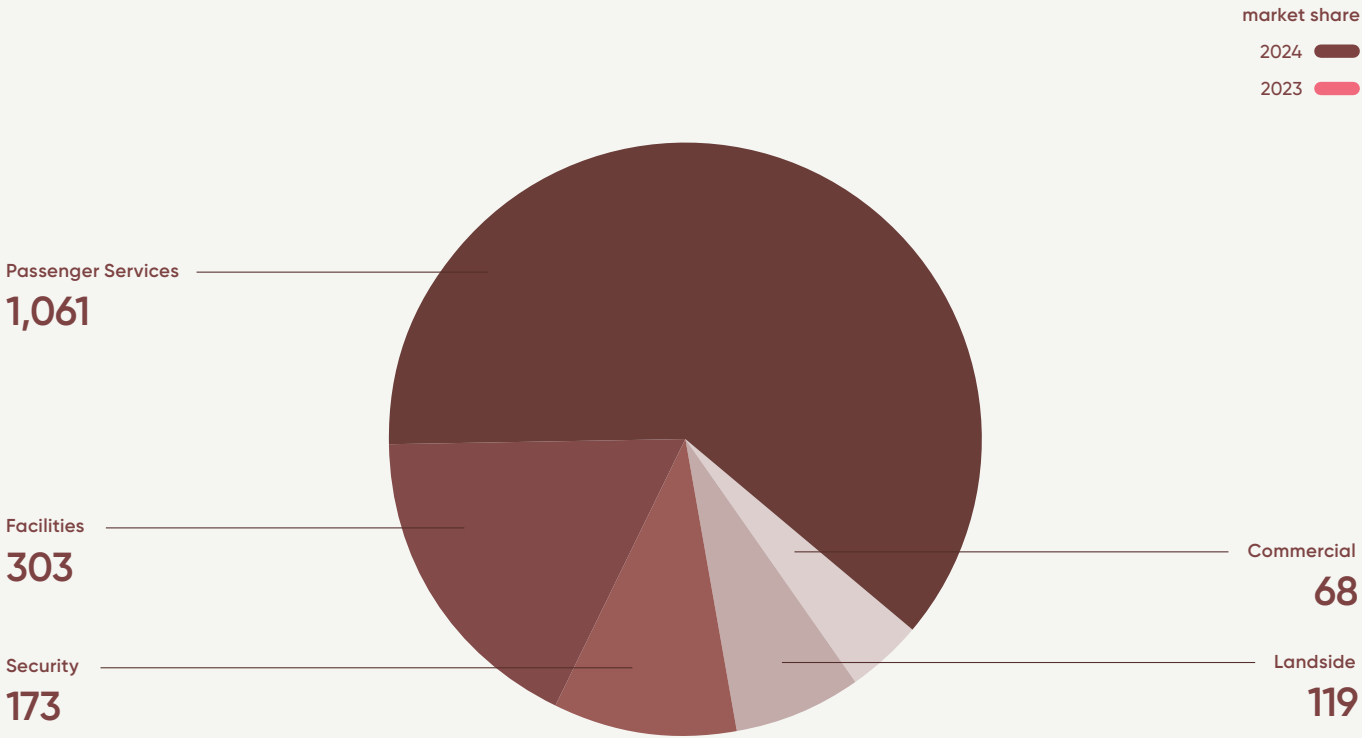
Customisation Rate



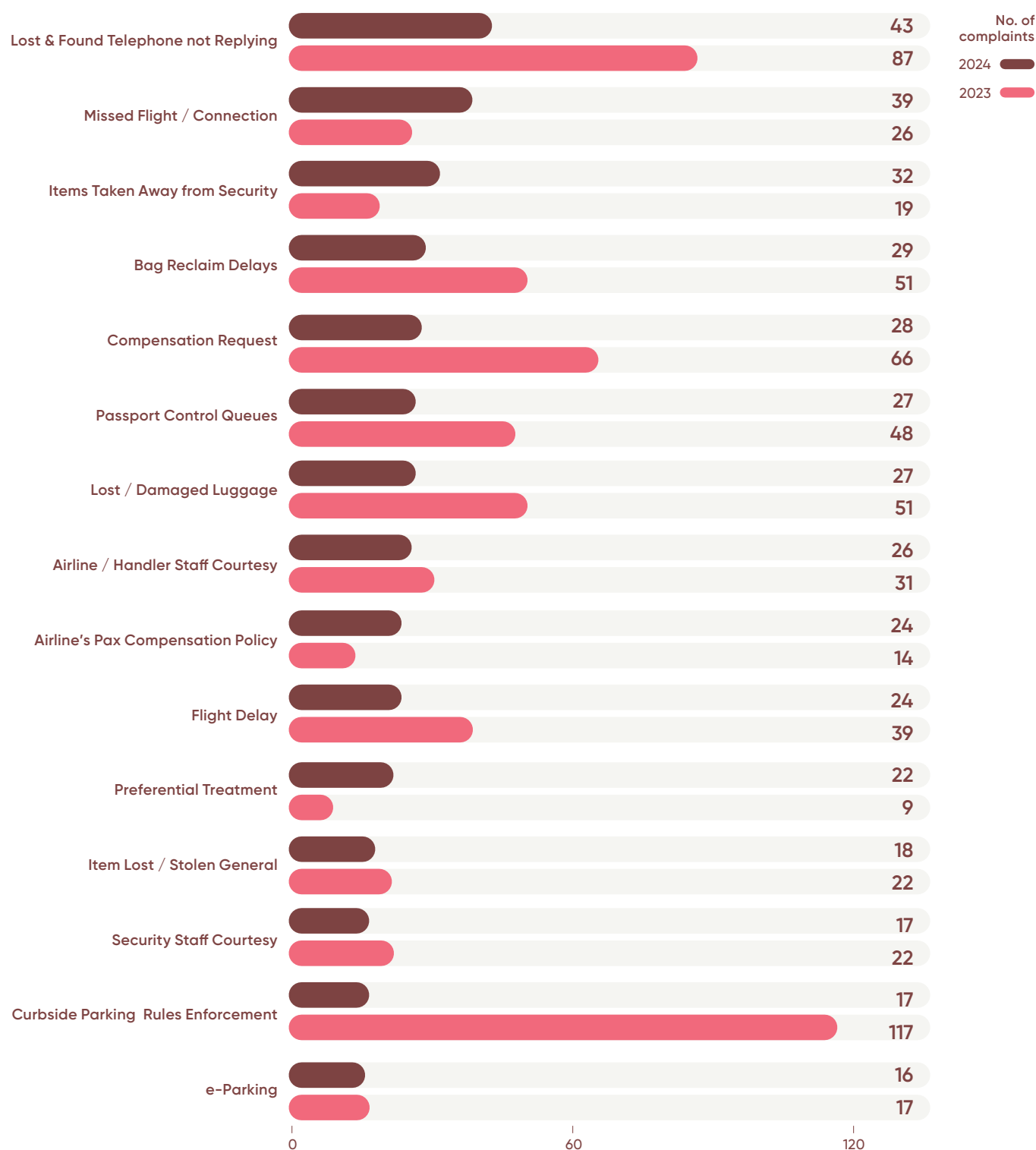
Avg Response Time



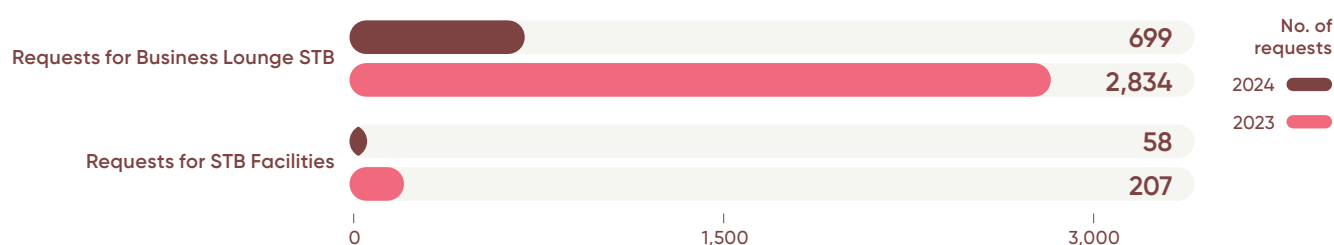
Passenger Comments per Area



## Passenger Complaints “Top 15 List”



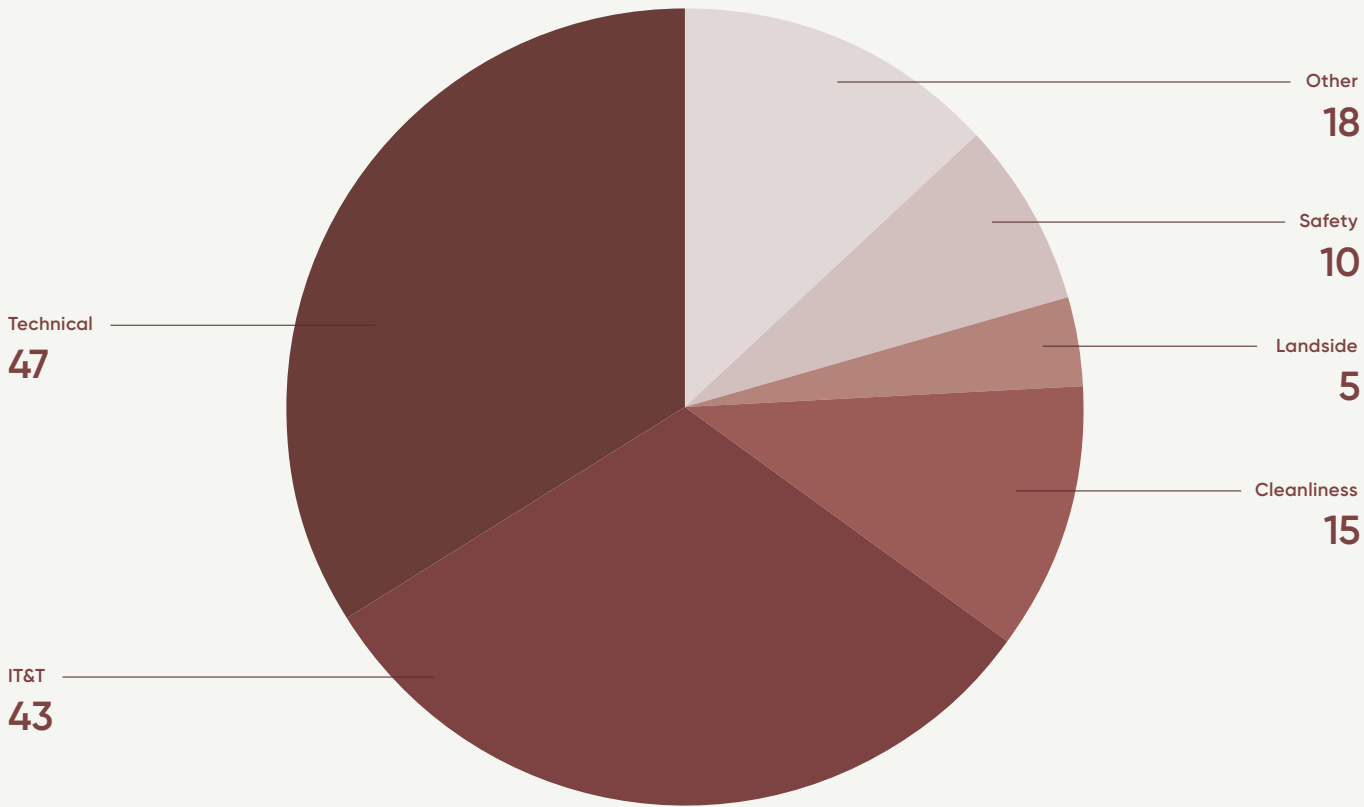
## Passenger Requests as recorded at Call Center



i-mind overall statistics

Total Inspections	2,668
Total Employees	501
Total Checks	250,081
Ok's	234,208
Not Ok's	4,945
Alerts	138

Alerts



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# Joining the Passenger Dots

Passengers' profile in 2024 was similar to that of 2023, signifying a stabilization in travel trends



The demographic and travel profile of passengers to and from Athens remained largely unchanged compared to the previous year.

In terms of gender, there was an almost equal distribution, with male passengers accounting for 52% of total traffic, compared to 51% in 2023. In terms of age, the 35-44 age group continued to lead at 29% (30% in 2023), followed by the 25-35 & 45-54 age groups, with 25% and 23% shares, respectively (23% each in 2023). The two extreme age categories followed: the 55+ age group accounted for 16% and the 18-24 group for 7%, reflecting the same pattern as last year (17% and 7%, respectively).

Foreign residents accounted for 63% of total passenger traffic, very close to 64% in 2023. Most came from the EU (29%) and the USA/Canada (13%), with the latter showing a slight decrease compared to the previous year (15%). Greek residents represented 37% of traffic, almost identical to 2023, with Greek nationals making up 39% compared to 40% in 2023.

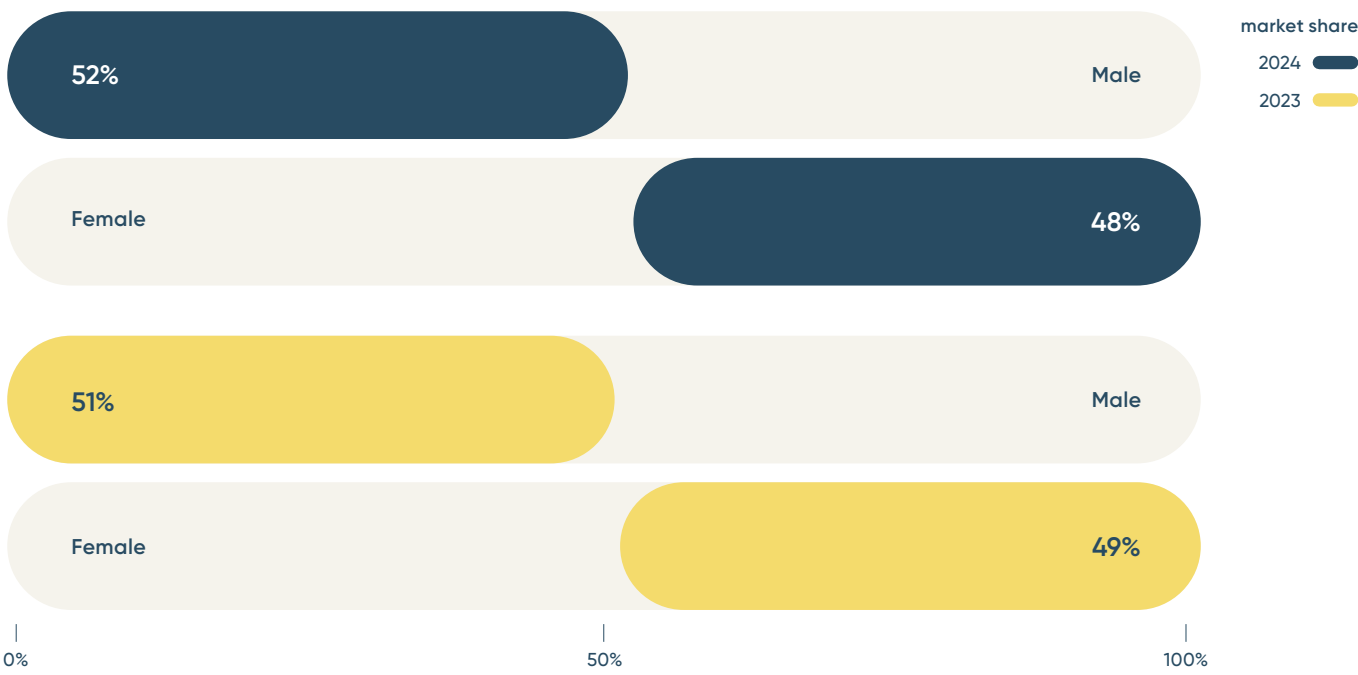
The average travel frequency from Athens International Airport was 2.4 trips per year, slightly lower than 2.9 trips in 2023. The average length of stay for foreign residents remained stable at 10 days, and similarly their stay in Athens remained consistent at 3 days. Greek travellers spent an average of 8 days at their destination, slightly down from 9 days in 2023. A slight decline was also evident in general travel activity, with the average number of trips per person dropping to 4.7 in 2024 compared to 5.5 in 2023.

The return of business travellers observed in 2023 remained consistent throughout 2024. A significant majority (82%) of business travellers cited business meetings as their primary reason for travel, representing a slight decrease from 87% the previous year. Other business travel purposes remained largely unchanged. Personal travel trends closely mirrored those of the prior year, with "Holidays/Tourism" being the main reason for travelling at 71% (70% in 2023), followed by "Visiting friends and relatives" at 24% (same as 2023).

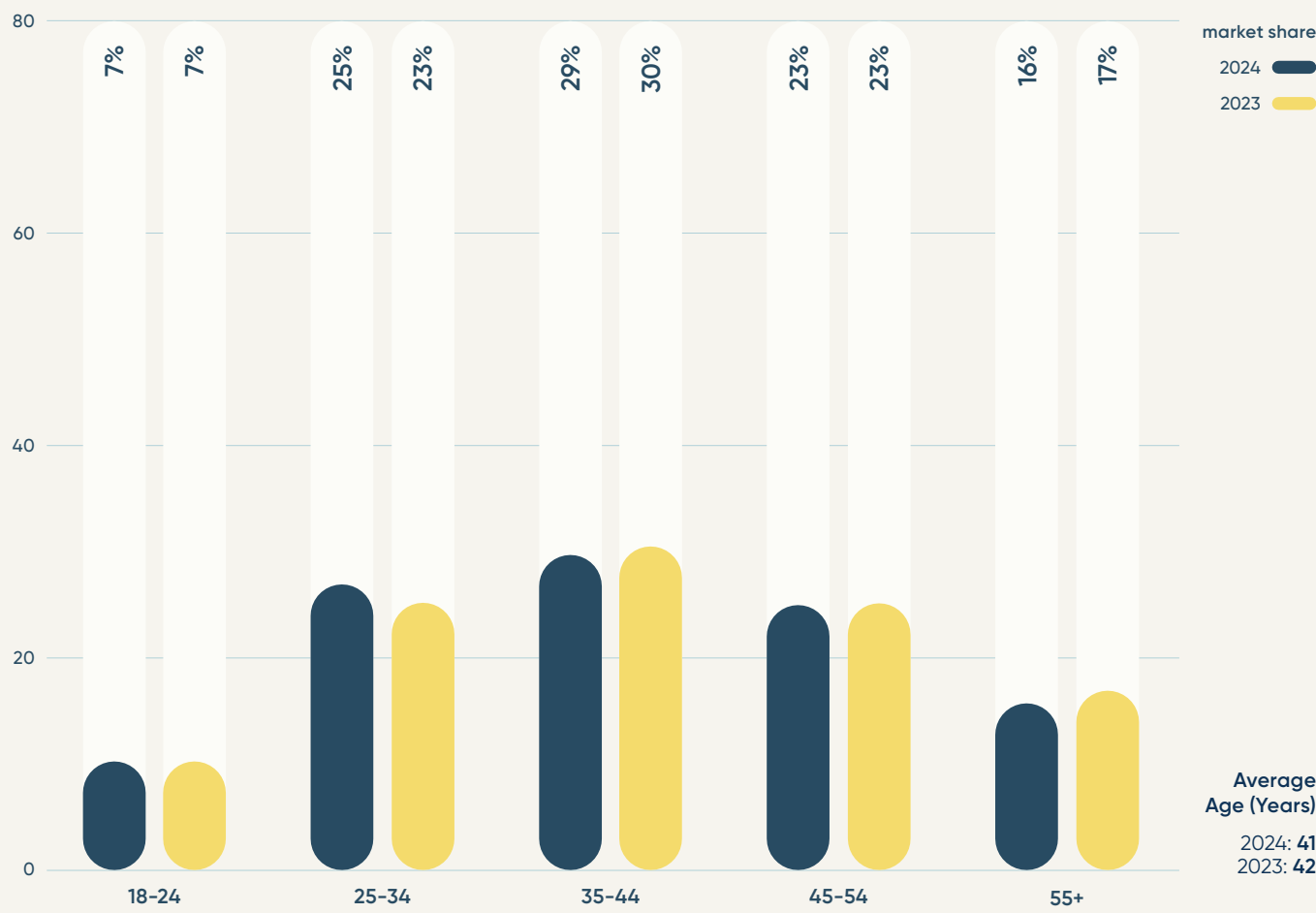
In 2024, notable changes were observed in ticket booking methods. The airline's website remained the preferred booking platform, accounting for 75% of reservations—an increase from 68% in 2023. The average booking lead time also extended significantly, from 53 days in 2023 to 67 days in 2024. The trend was consistent across both Greek and foreign travellers: Greek passengers booked an average of 46 days in advance (compared to 37 days in 2023), while foreign travellers booked 79 days ahead of departure (up from 62 days in 2023).

Transfer passenger movements in 2024 mirrored the previous year's patterns. Transfers between a domestic and an international destination slightly increased to 77% (from 75% in 2019), with INT-INT and DOM-DOM transfers accounted for 16% and 7%, respectively. Among domestic destinations for transfer passengers, Santorini led with 22%, followed by Thessaloniki with 10% and Heraklion with 9%. For international destinations, USA was the top market with 11% of connecting passengers, followed by Germany with 9% and the United Kingdom with 8%.

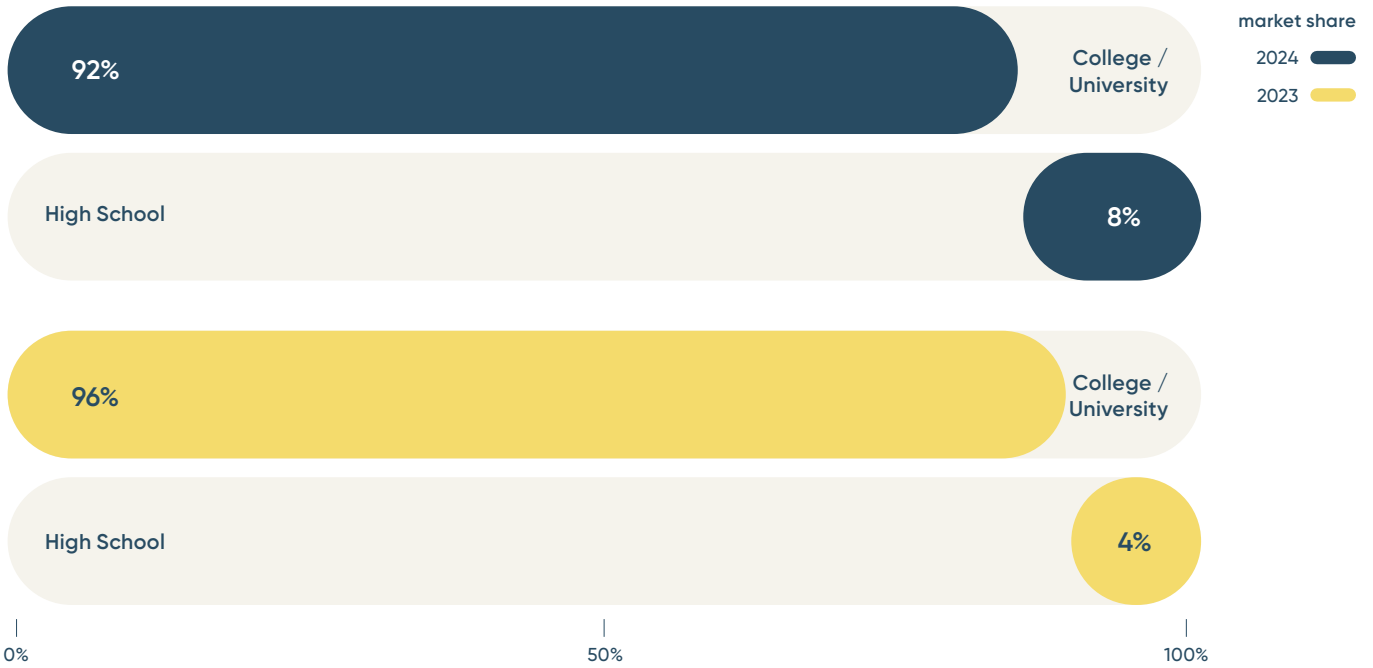
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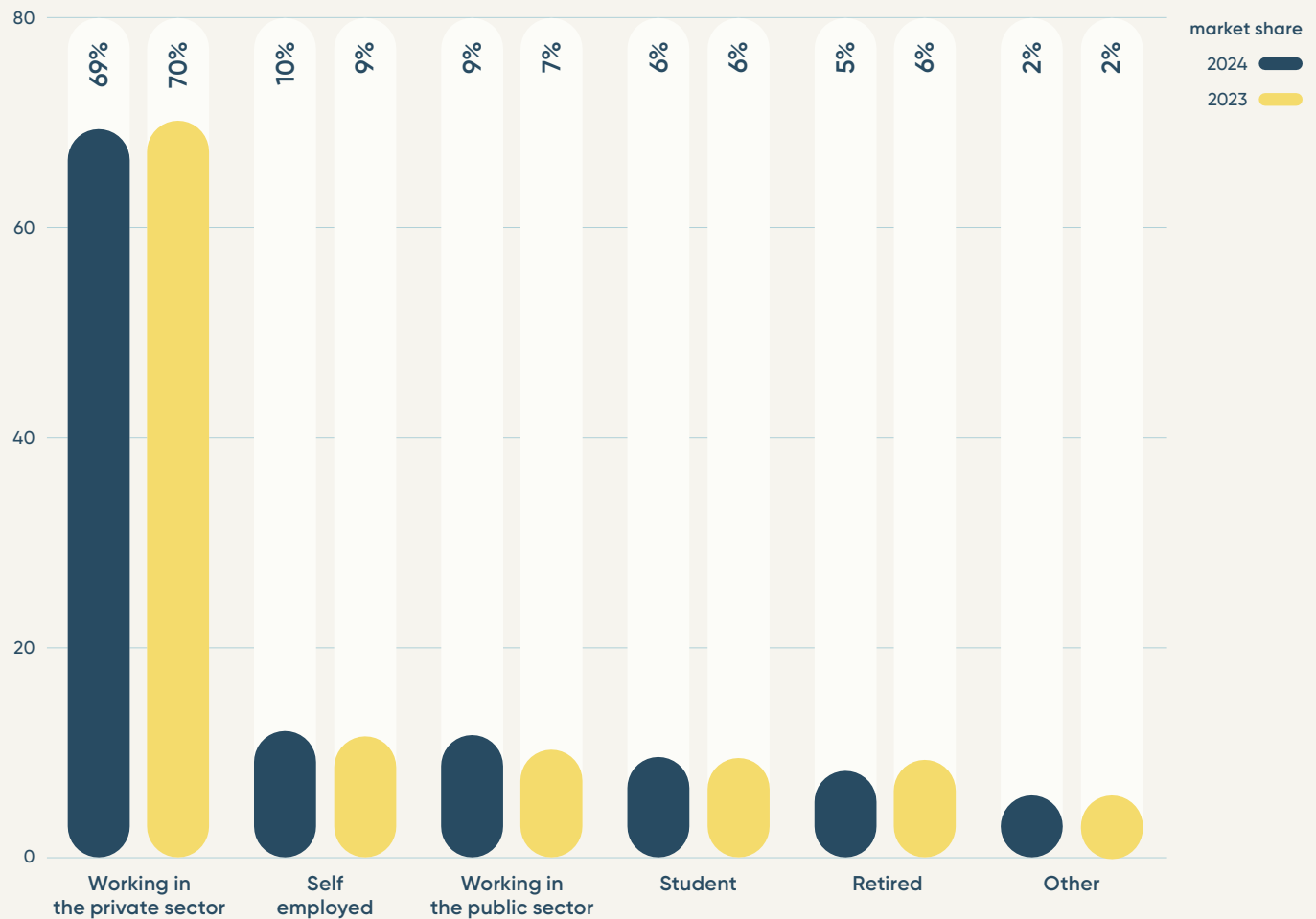
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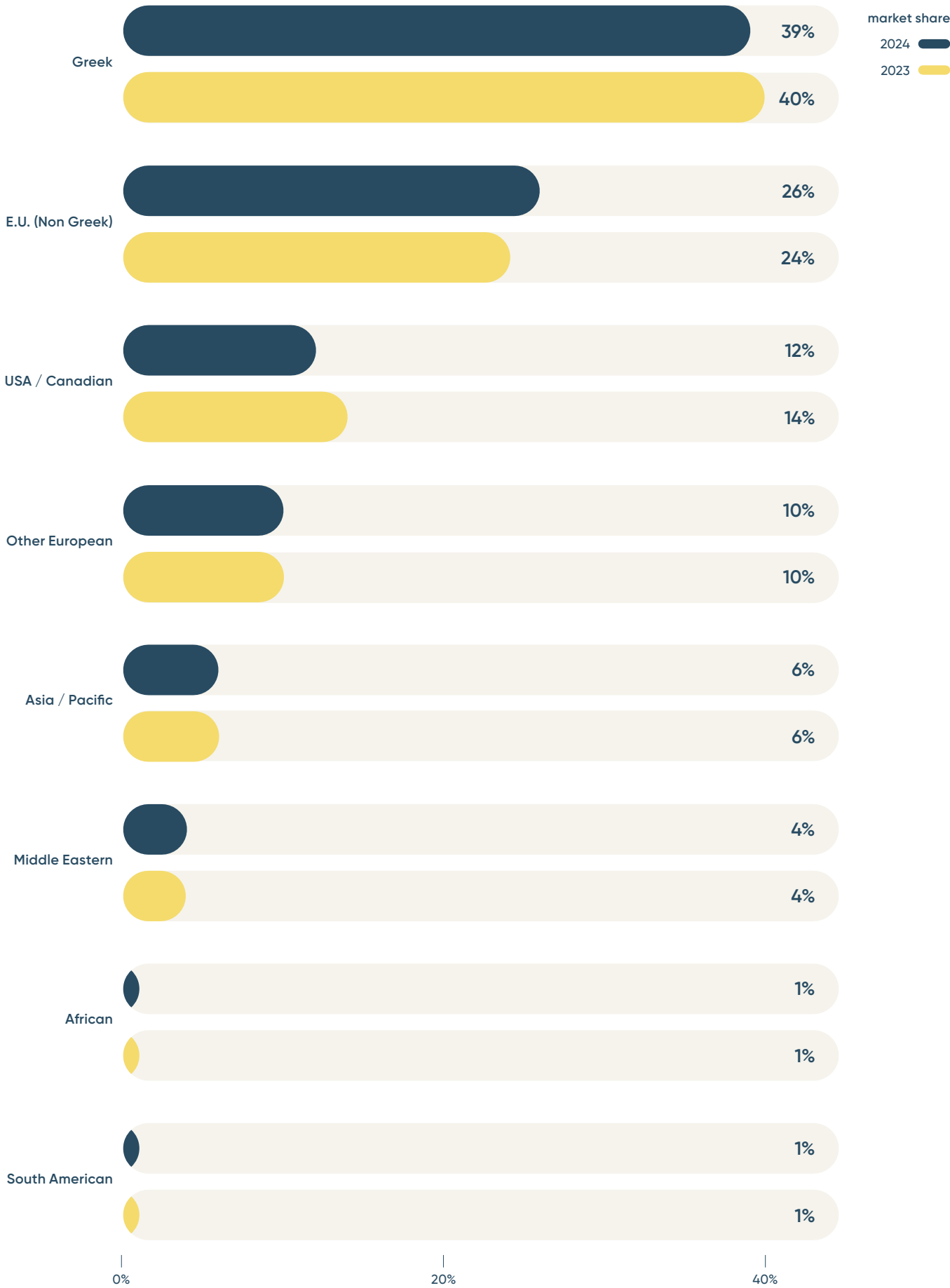
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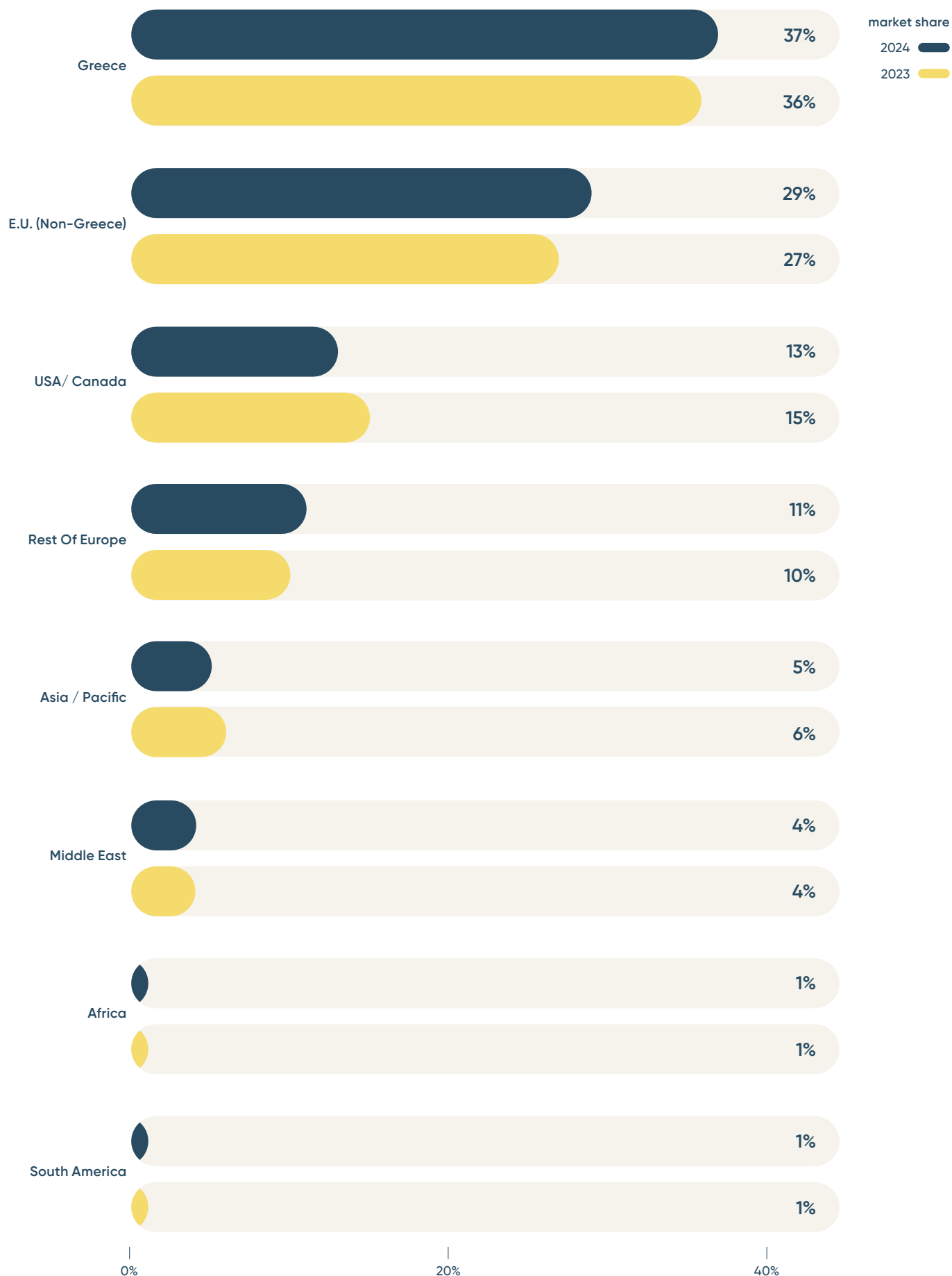
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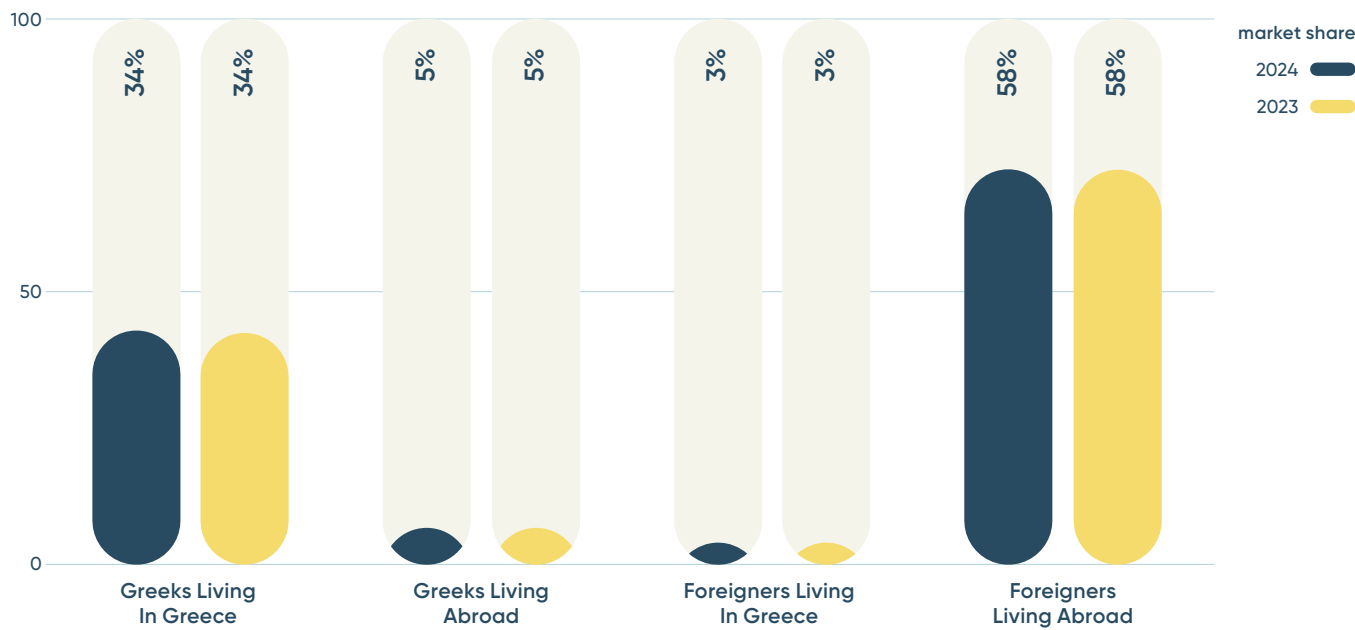
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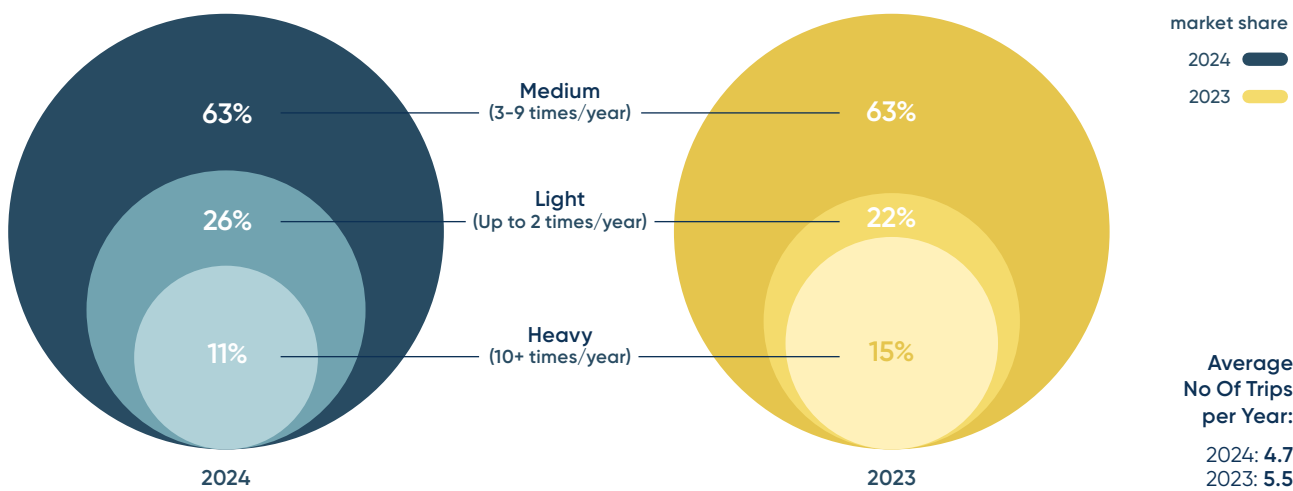
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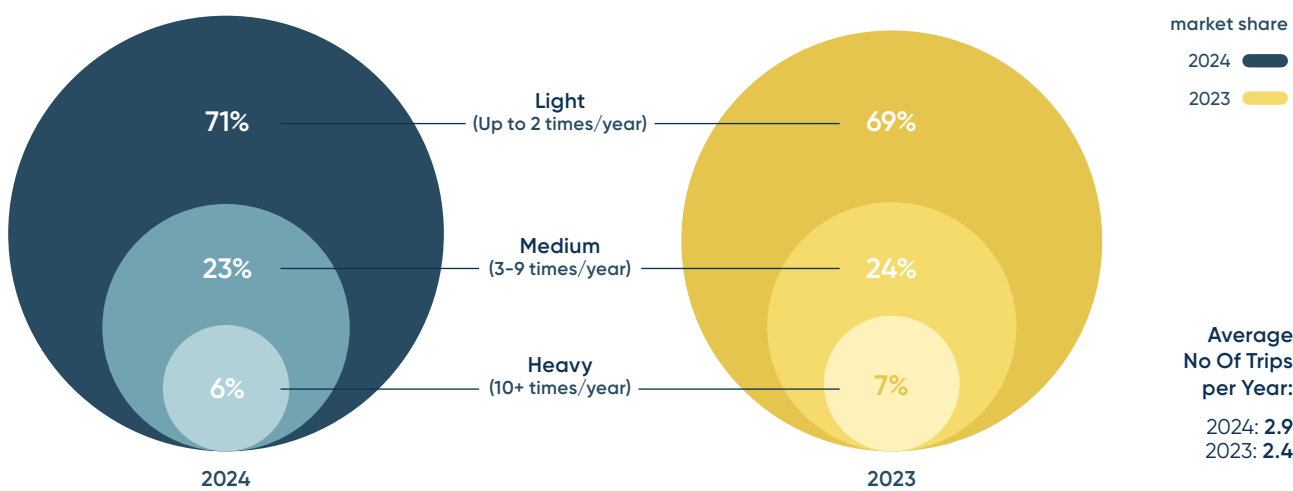
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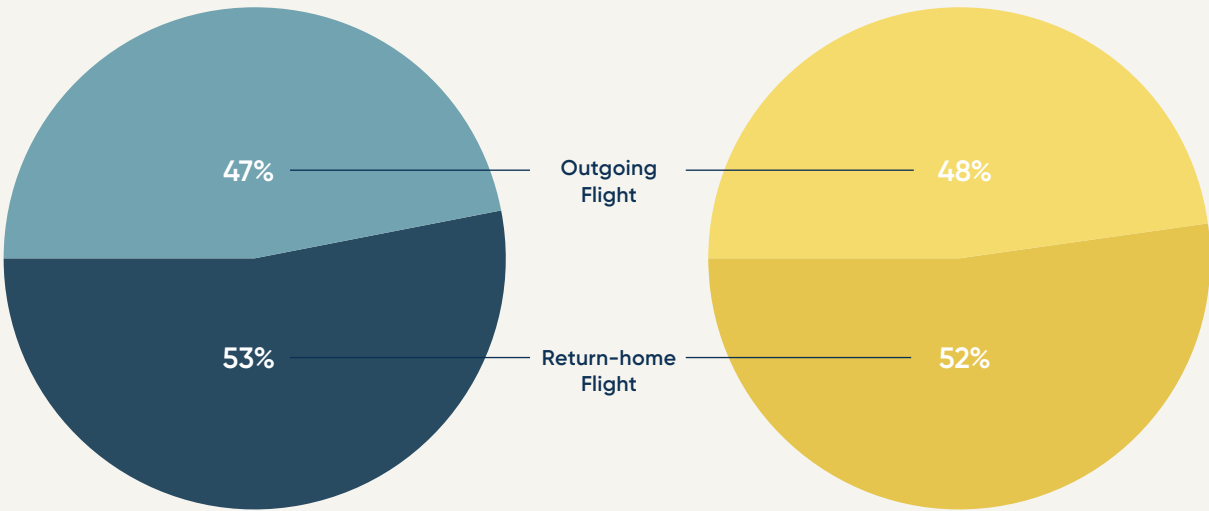
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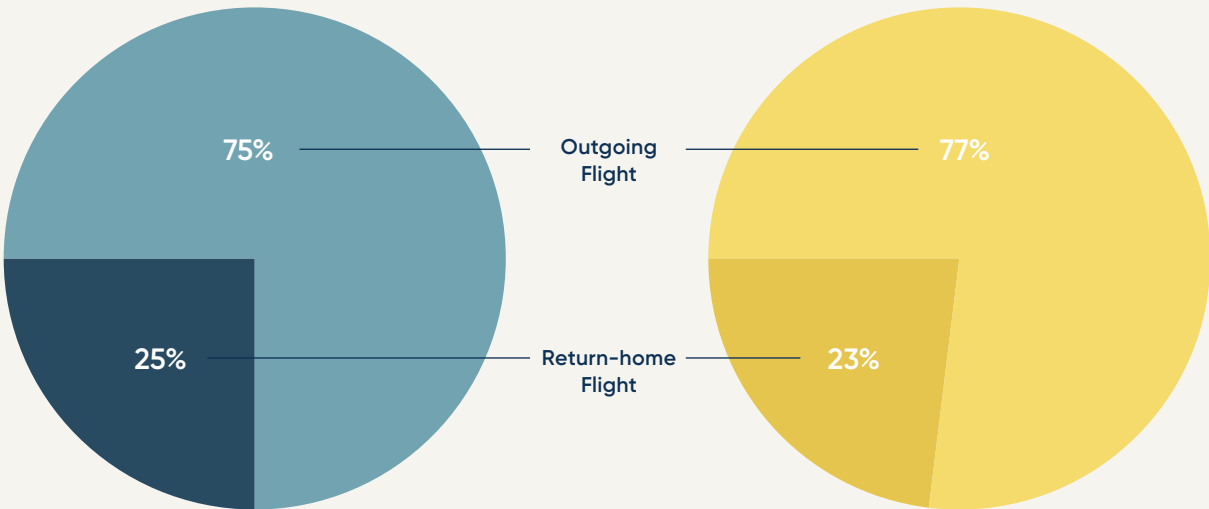
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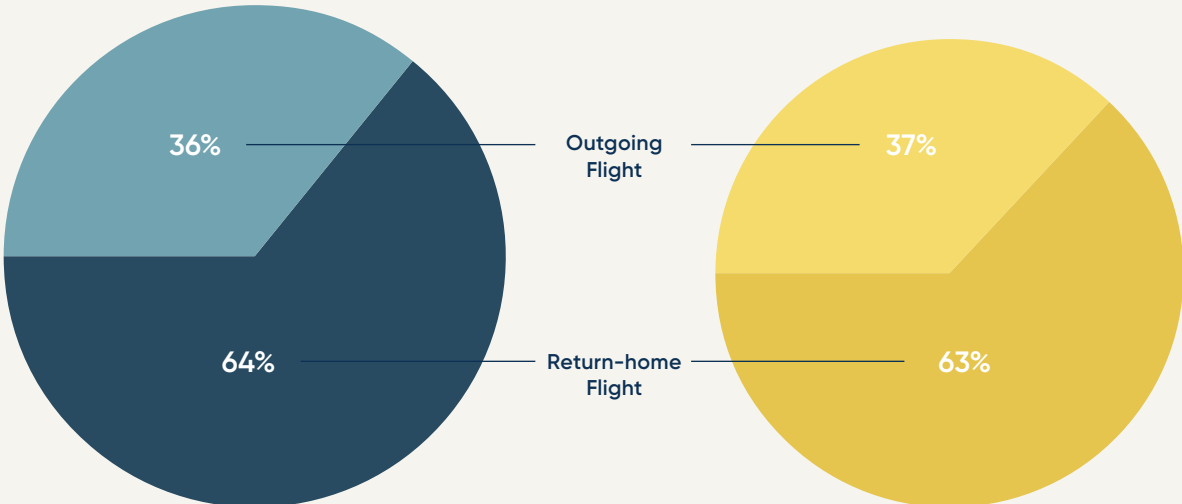
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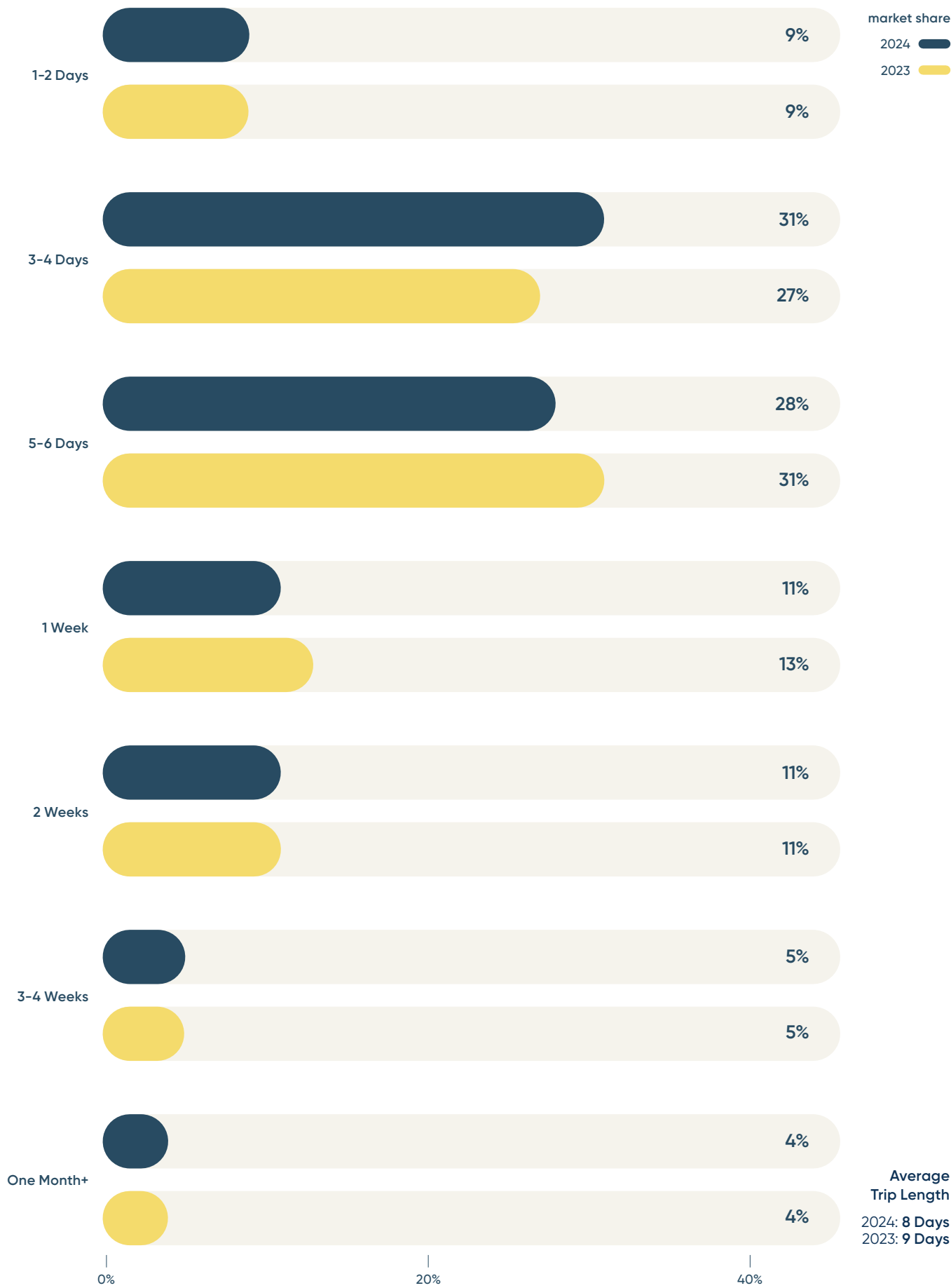
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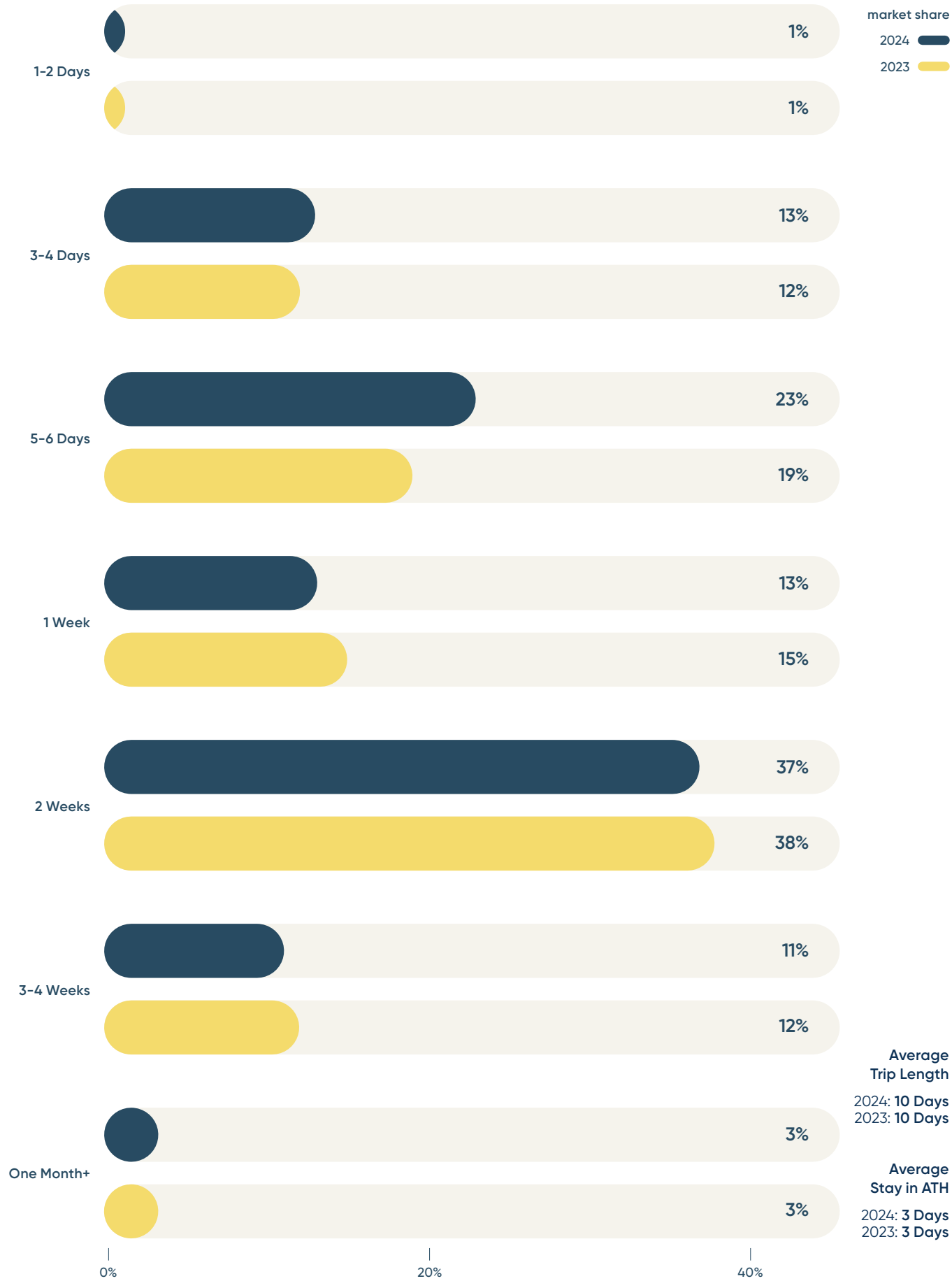


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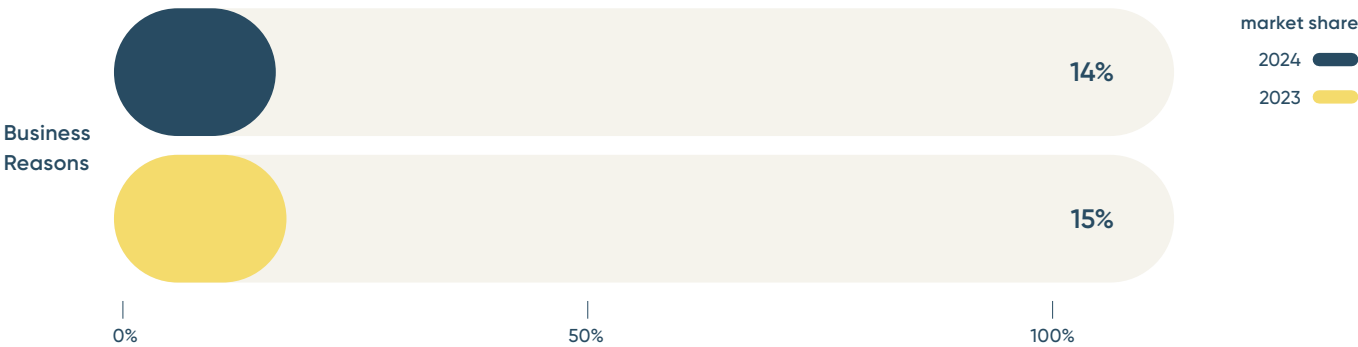




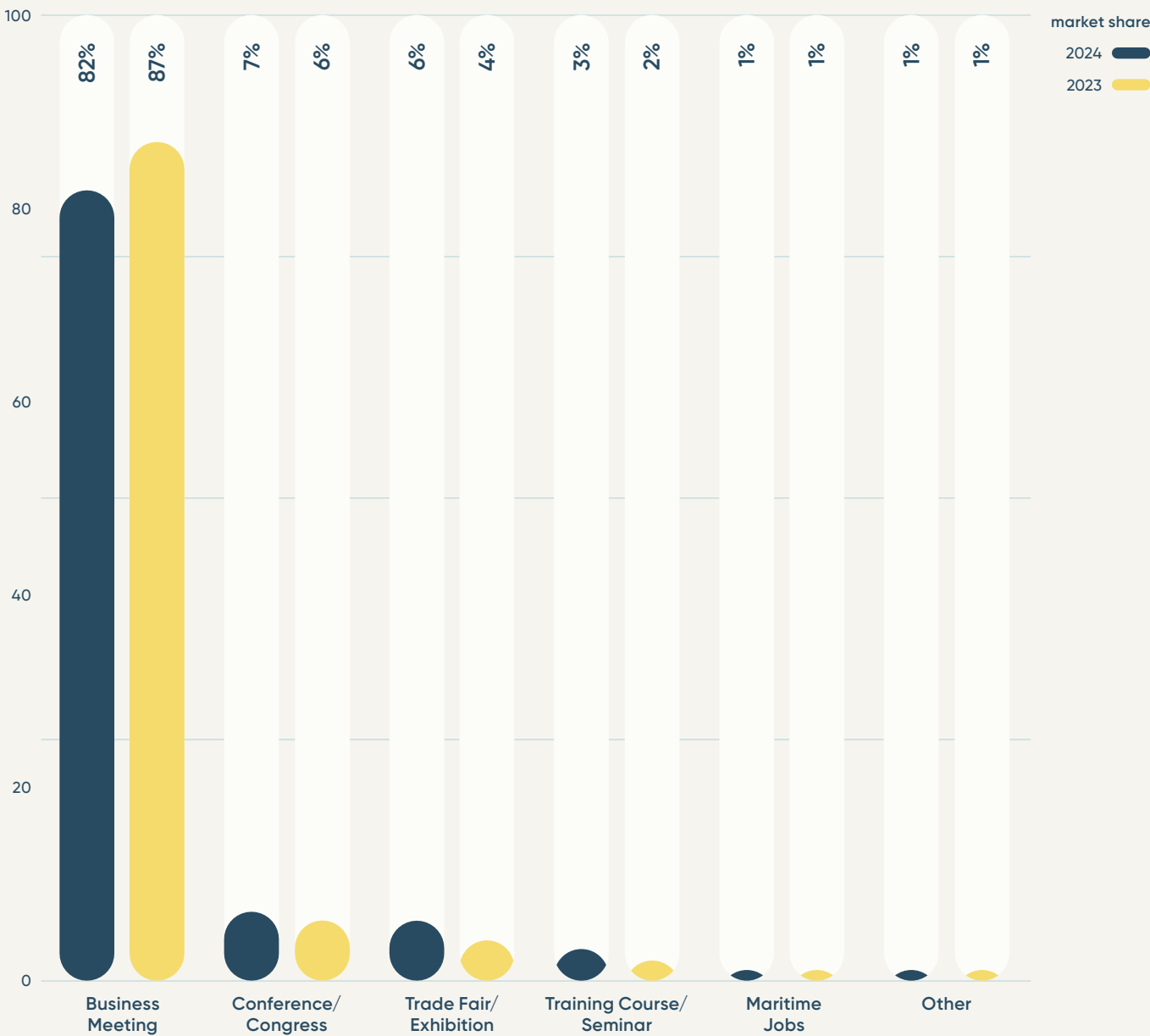
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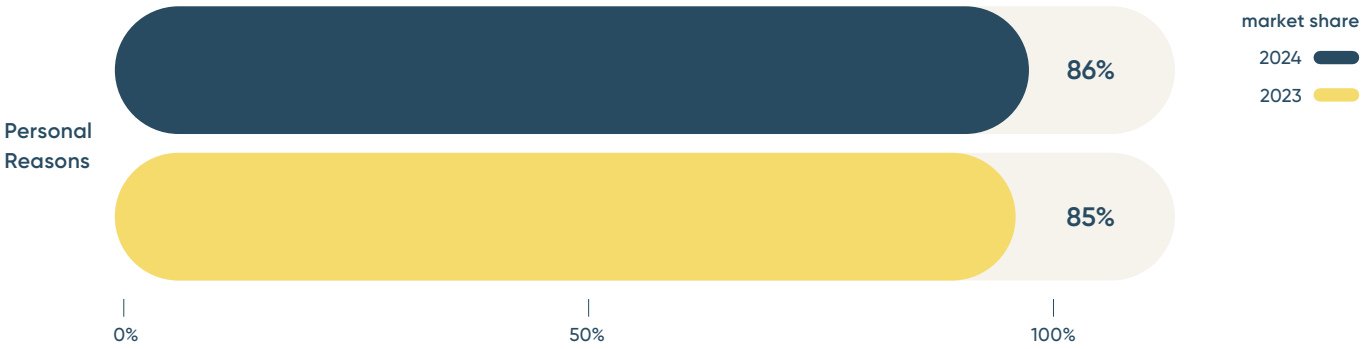


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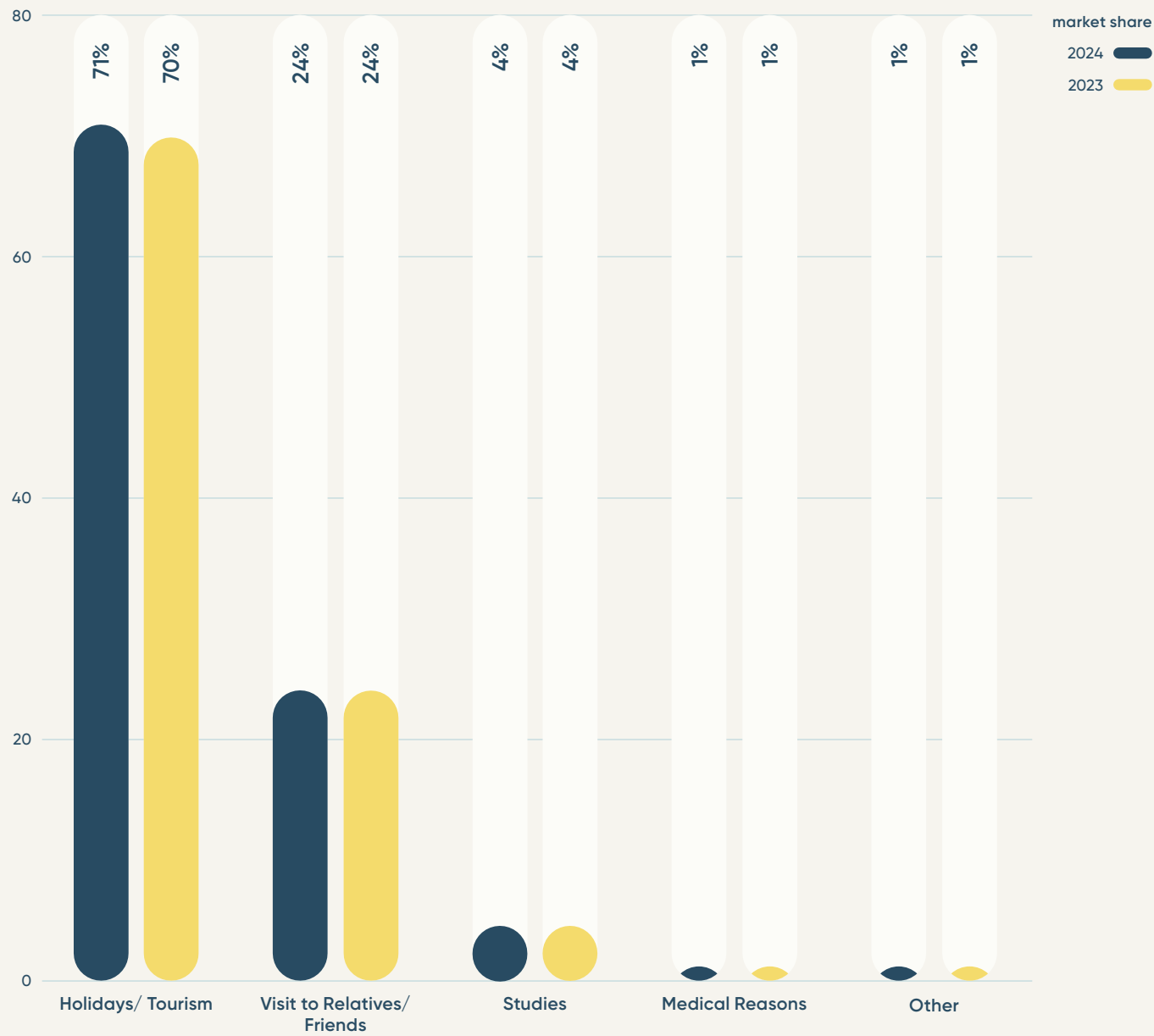


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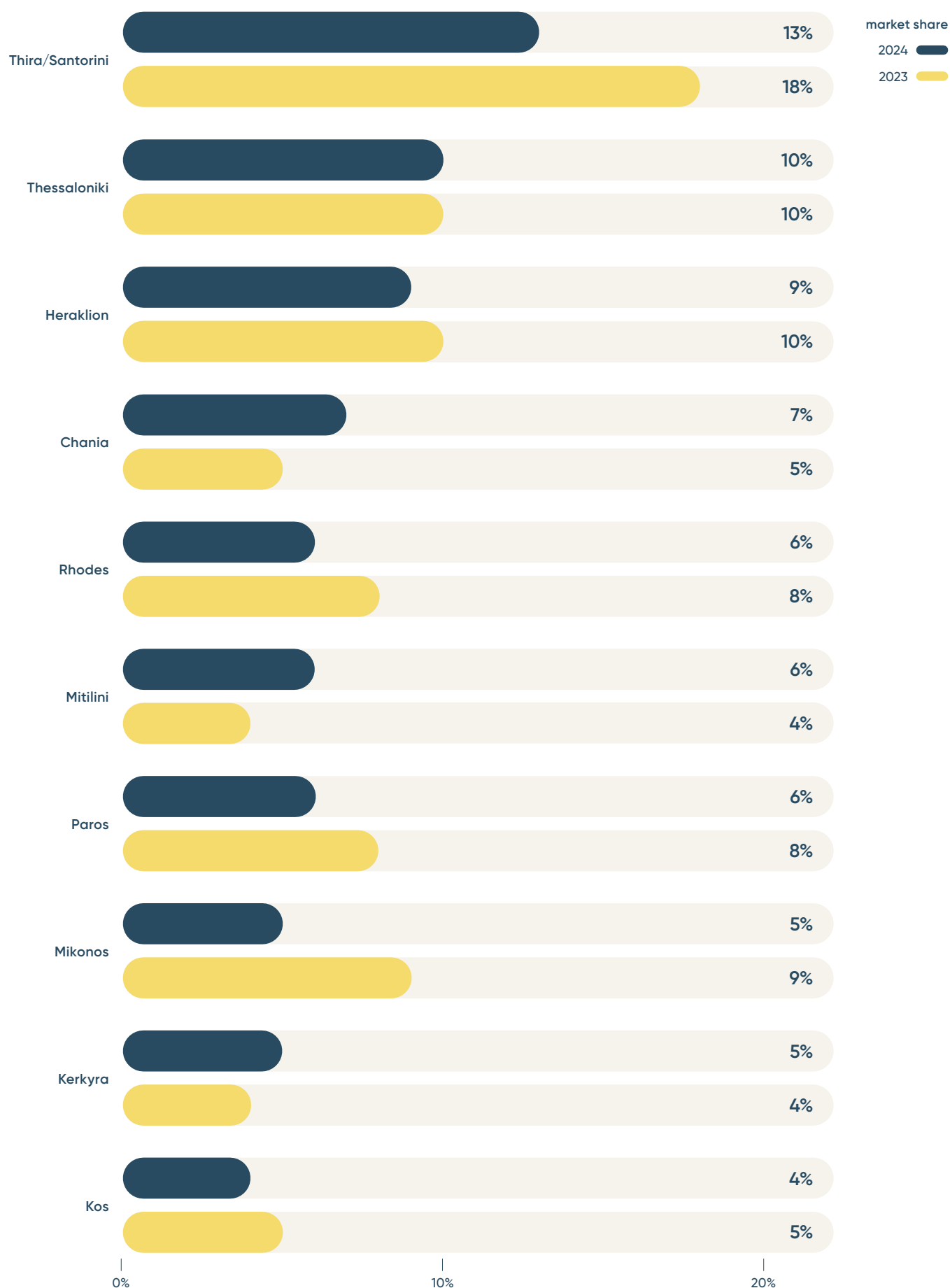




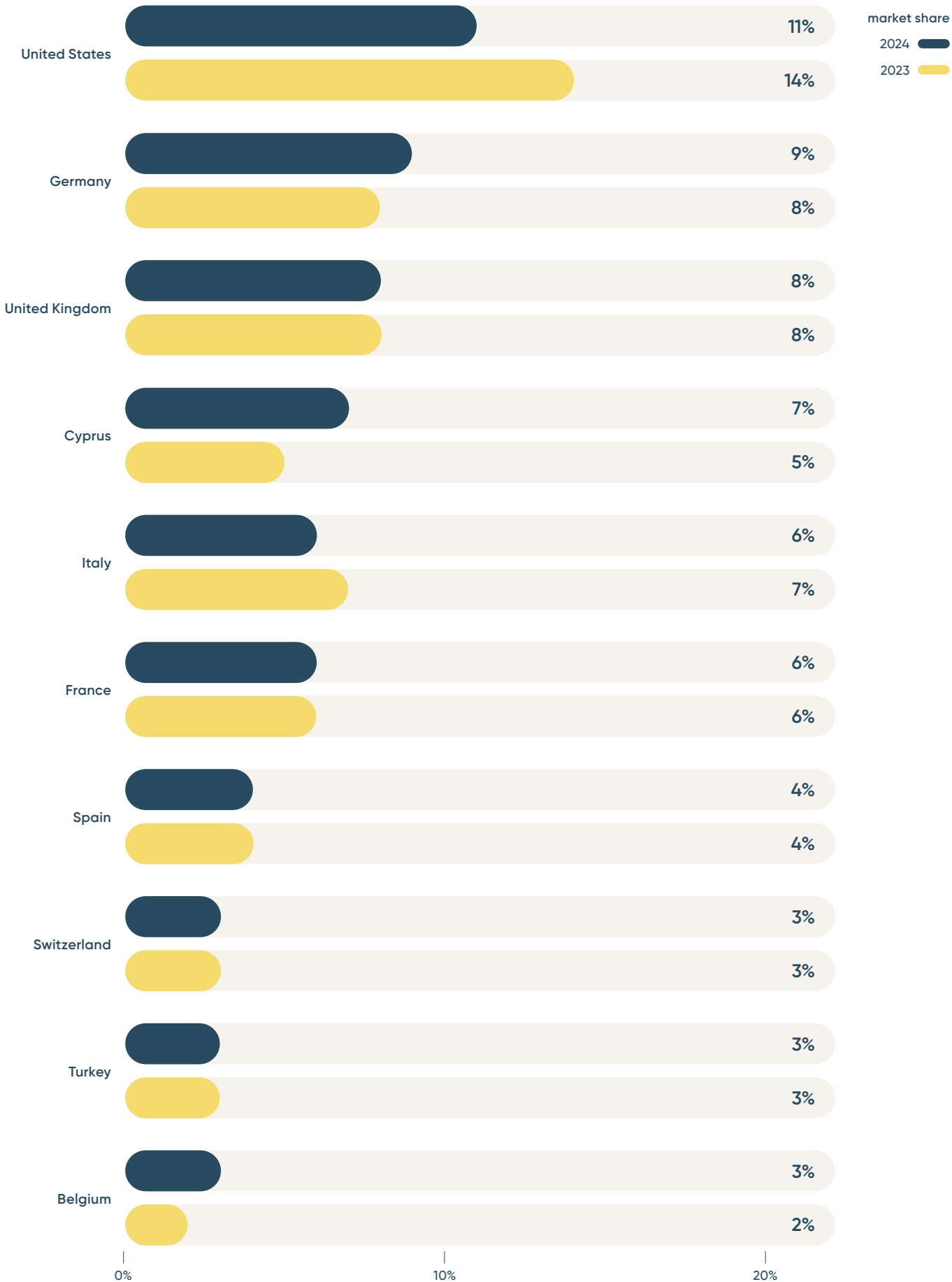
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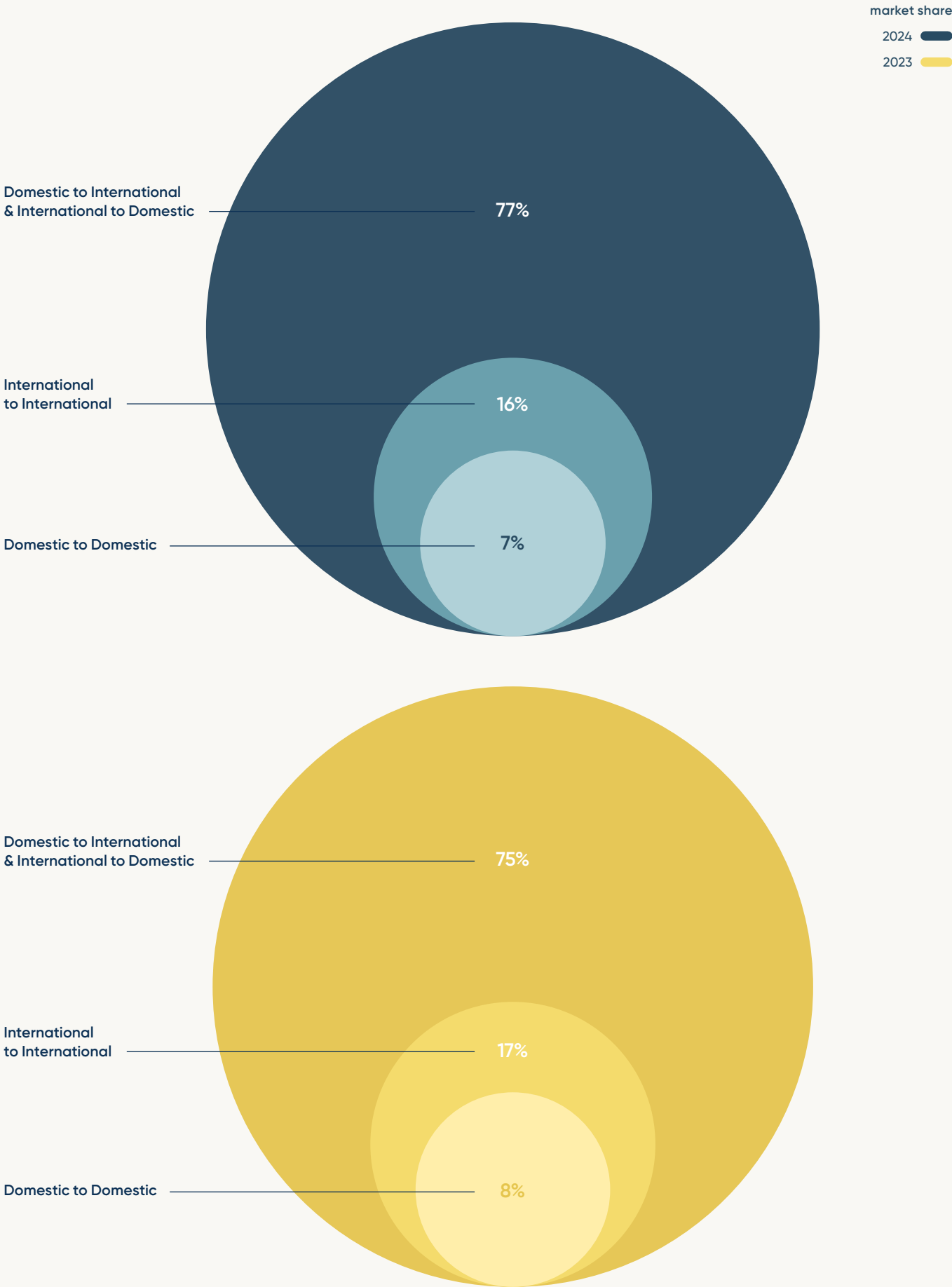
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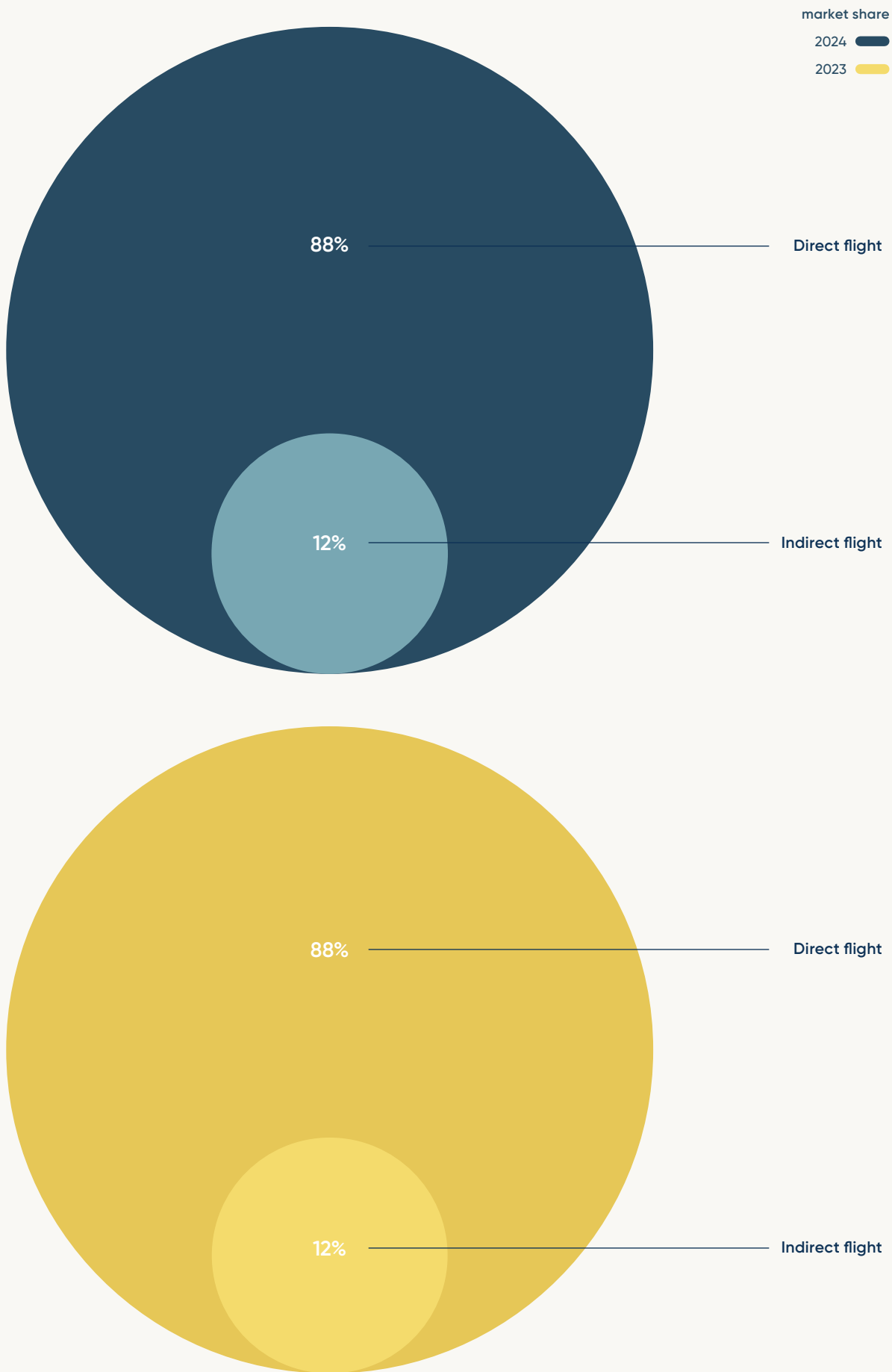
Top International Destinations of Transfer Passengers



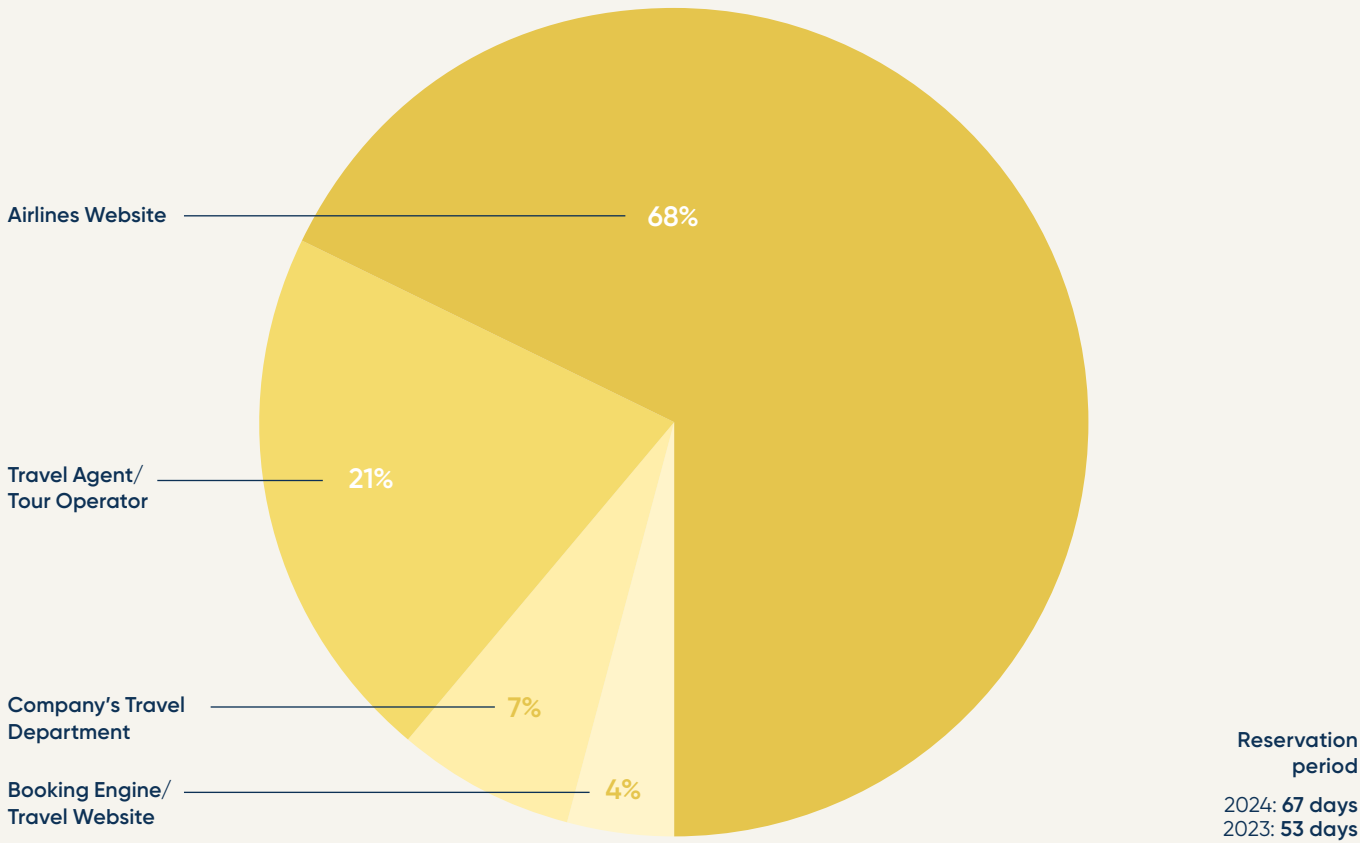
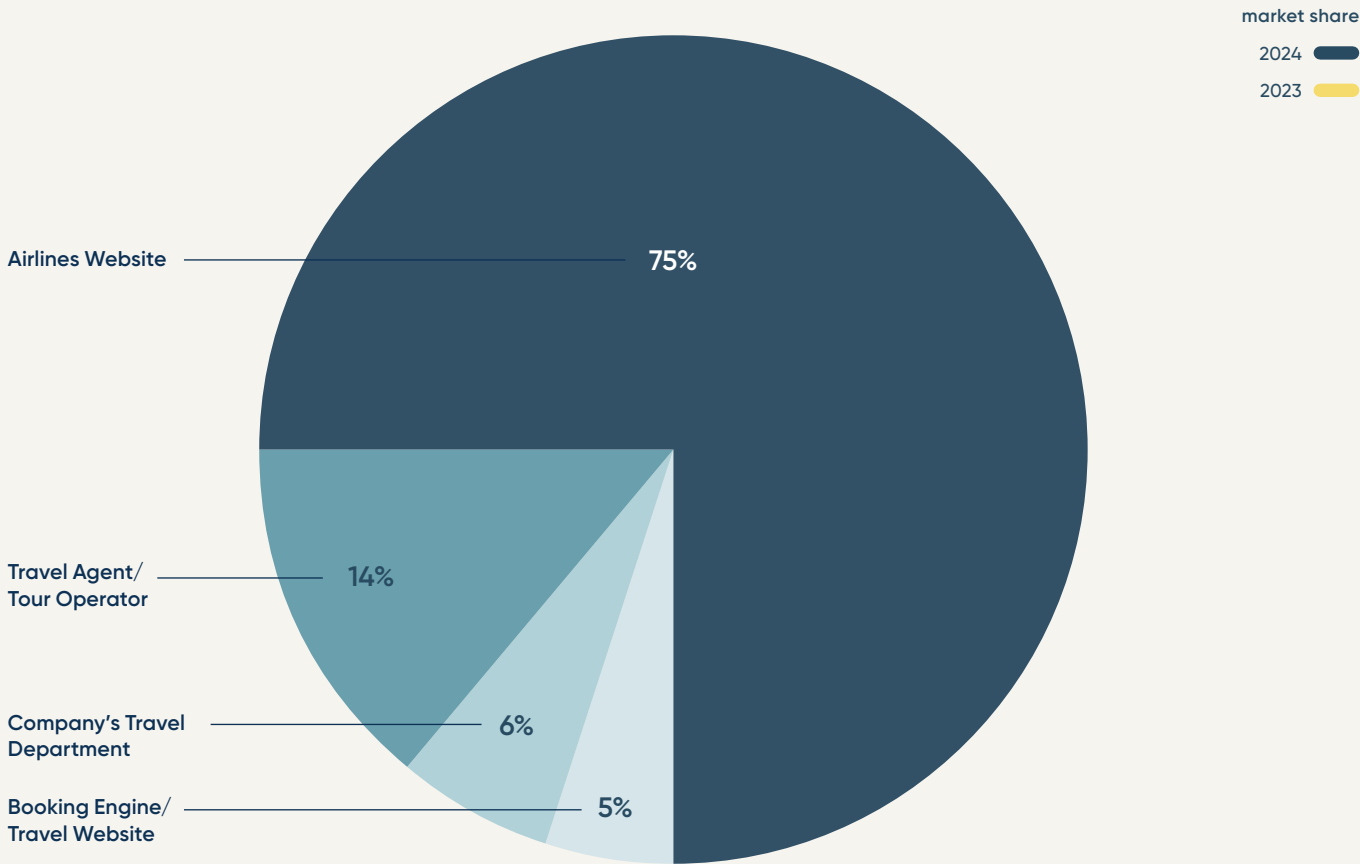
Movement of Transfer Passengers



Direct vs. Indirect Flight to Final International Destination

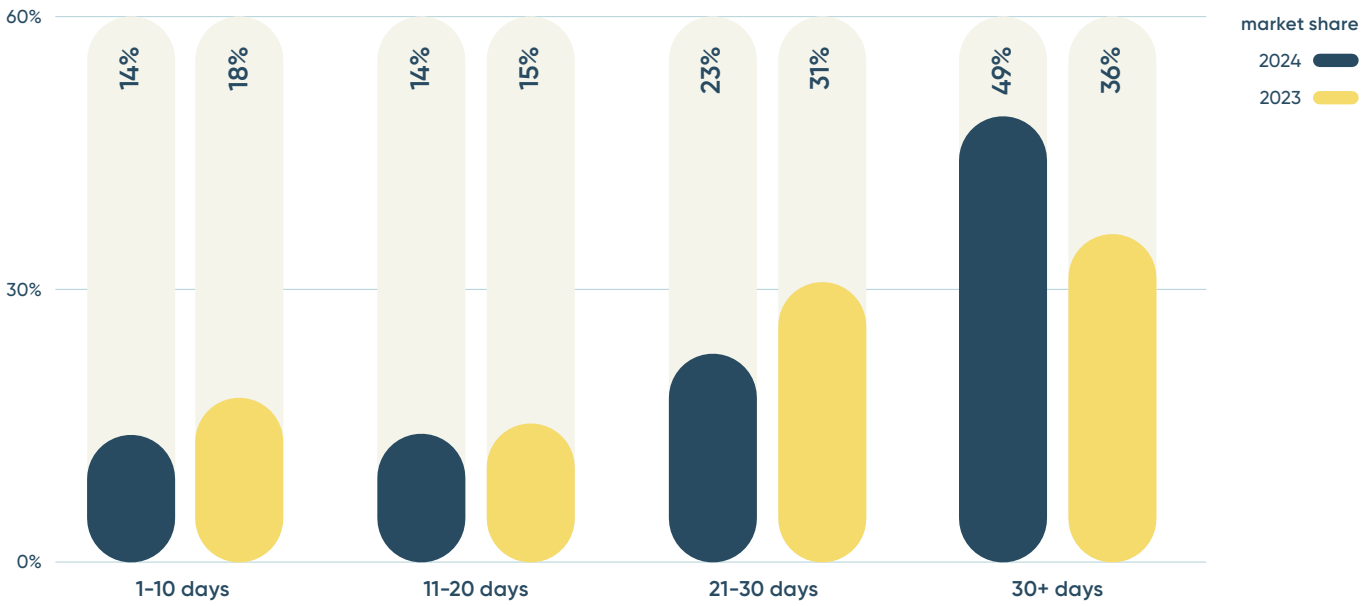


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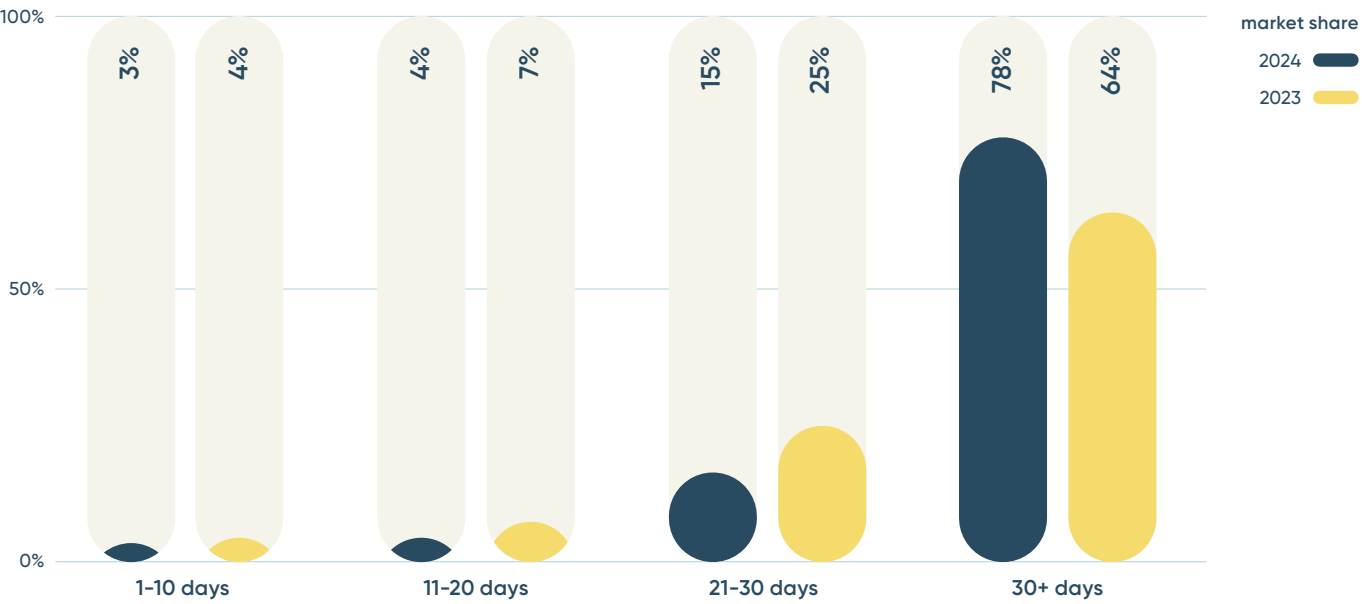




Reservation Period Greek Residents



Reservation Period Foreign Residents



Ticket booking before departure

	2024			2023		
	Average	Greek Residents	Foreign Residents	Average	Greek Residents	Foreign Residents
Ticket booking before departure	67 days	46 days	79 days	53 days	37 days	62 days

CHAPTER – 9

# Adding Tourists

2024 second consecutive record year  
with 7.9 million foreign visitor arrivals

Foreign visitor arrivals at Athens International Airport reached 7.9 million in 2024, surpassing 2023 and setting a new all-time high. The vast of international travellers visited Greece for leisure and to visit friends & relatives.

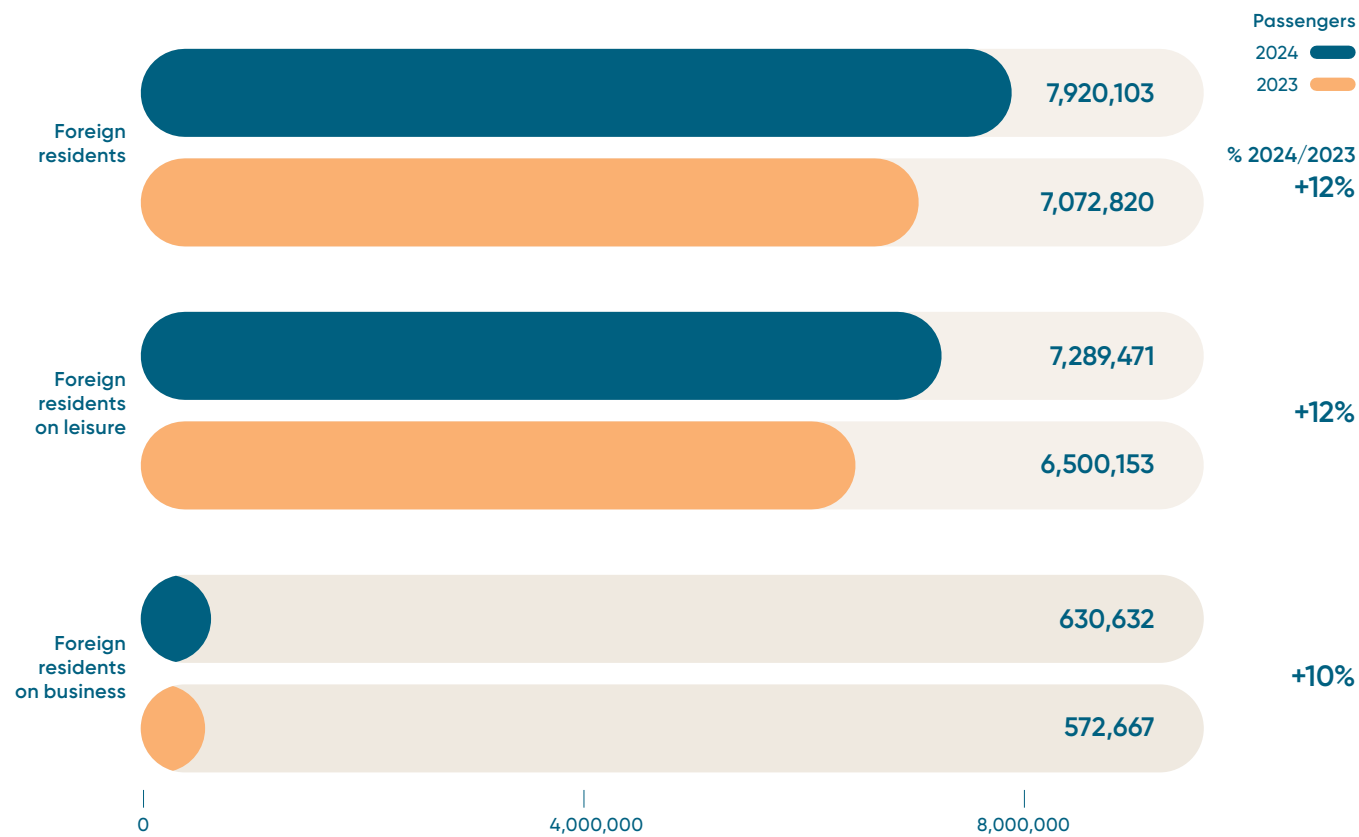
Europe remained the primary source of inbound travellers, representing approximately 70% of all foreign arrivals. Arrivals from the Americas continued to grow, securing second place in terms of inbound traffic. Western Europe led the regional breakdown, with the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany emerging as the top leisure travel markets. The Asian Pacific region also showed signs of recovery, stabilizing after recent challenges and following trends similar to those observed in 2023.

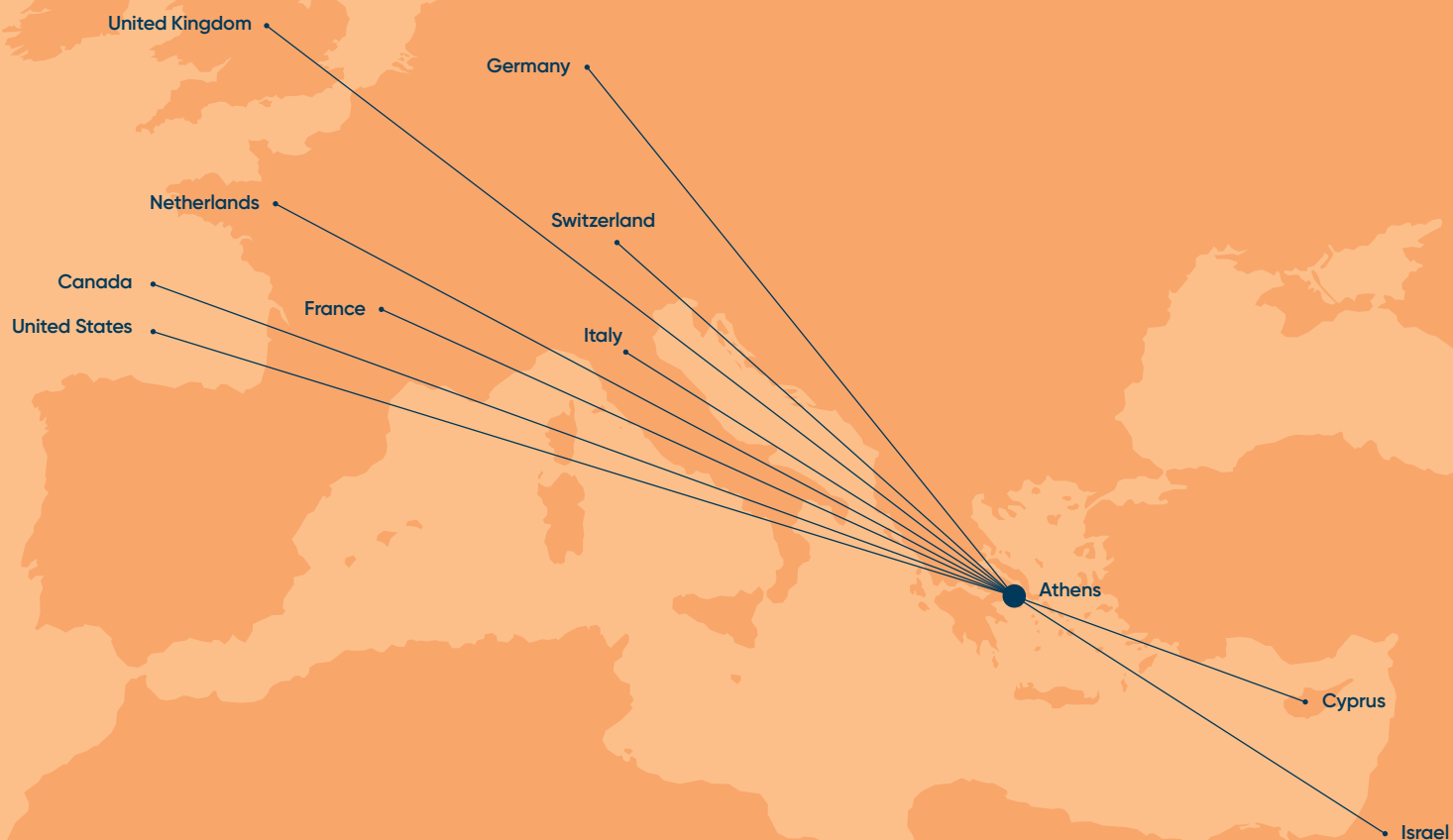
In 2024, a notable shift in travel behaviour was seen in the number of passengers continuing their journey via Athens International Airport: approximately 60%, up significantly from 38% in 2023. Among these leisure travellers, Santorini remained the most preferred onward destination, followed by Heraklion and Paros. However, Santorini's share declined compared to 2023, and for the first time, Mykonos experienced a decrease in passenger preference.

Business incoming traffic also recorded an uptick in 2024. Most business travellers came from European countries and stayed in Athens for an average of 7 days, consistent with 2023. Additionally, business travel from the Middle East showed an increasing trend.

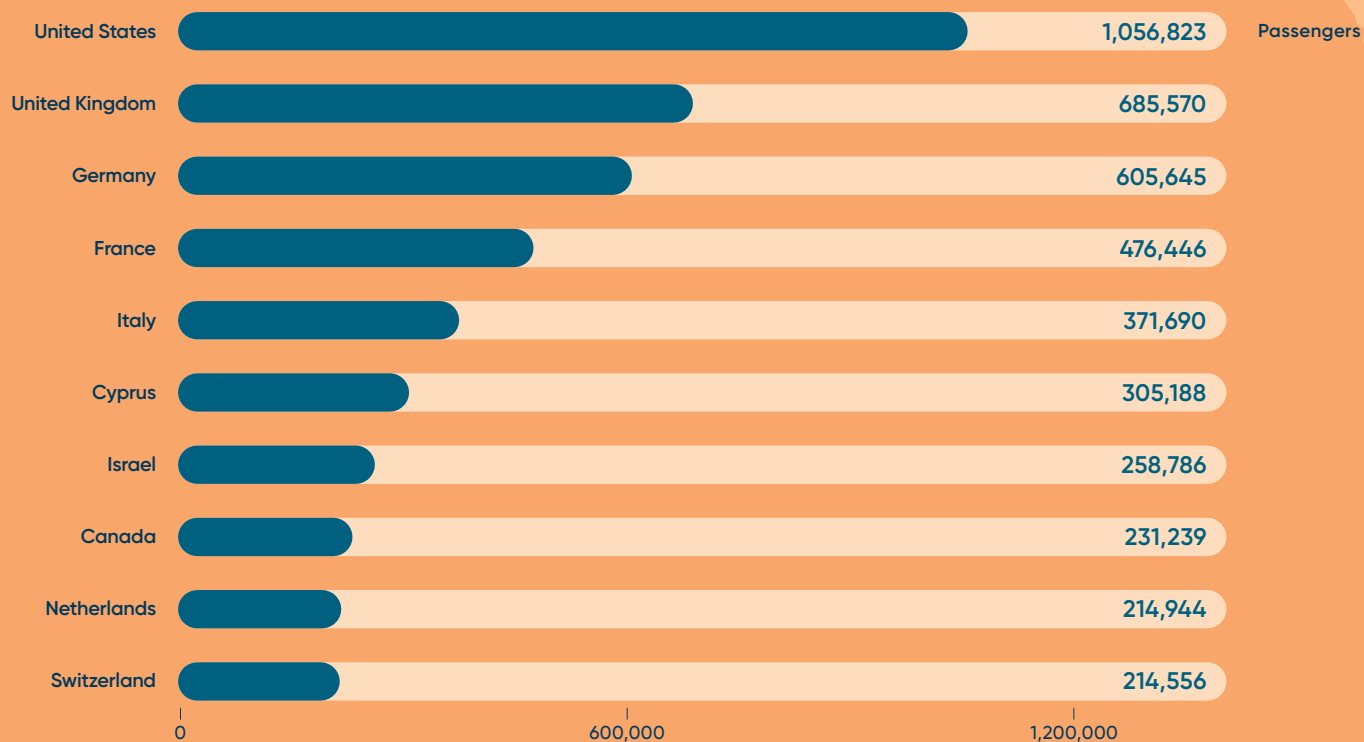
Outbound travel by Greek residents continued its upward trajectory, with international trips rising by 24% compared to the previous year, reaching 3.2 million (from 2.6 mio in 2023). Italy, the United Kingdom and Germany were the top international destinations. On average, leisure trips abroad lasted 10 days, while business trips averaged 7 days.

Incoming Passenger Development

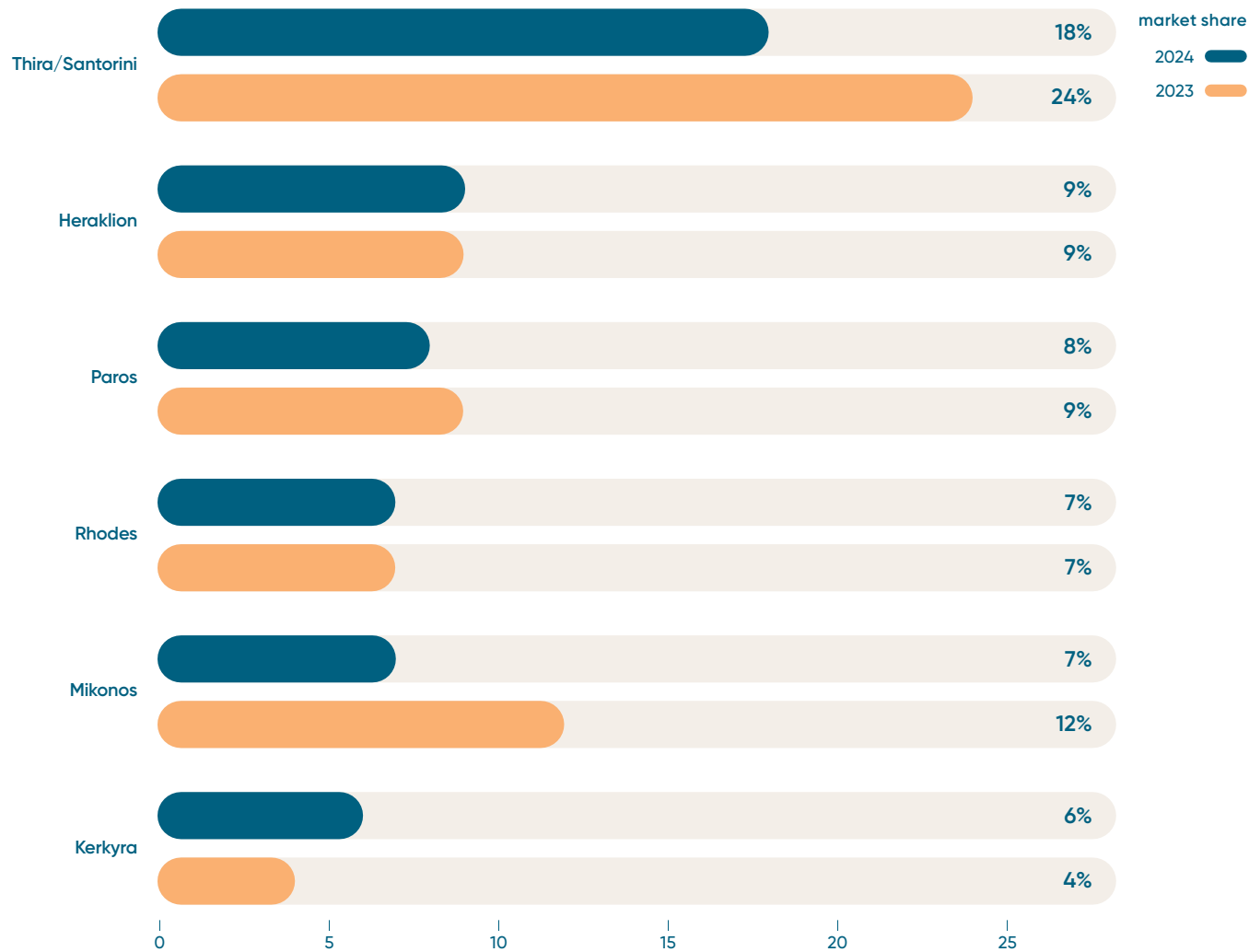




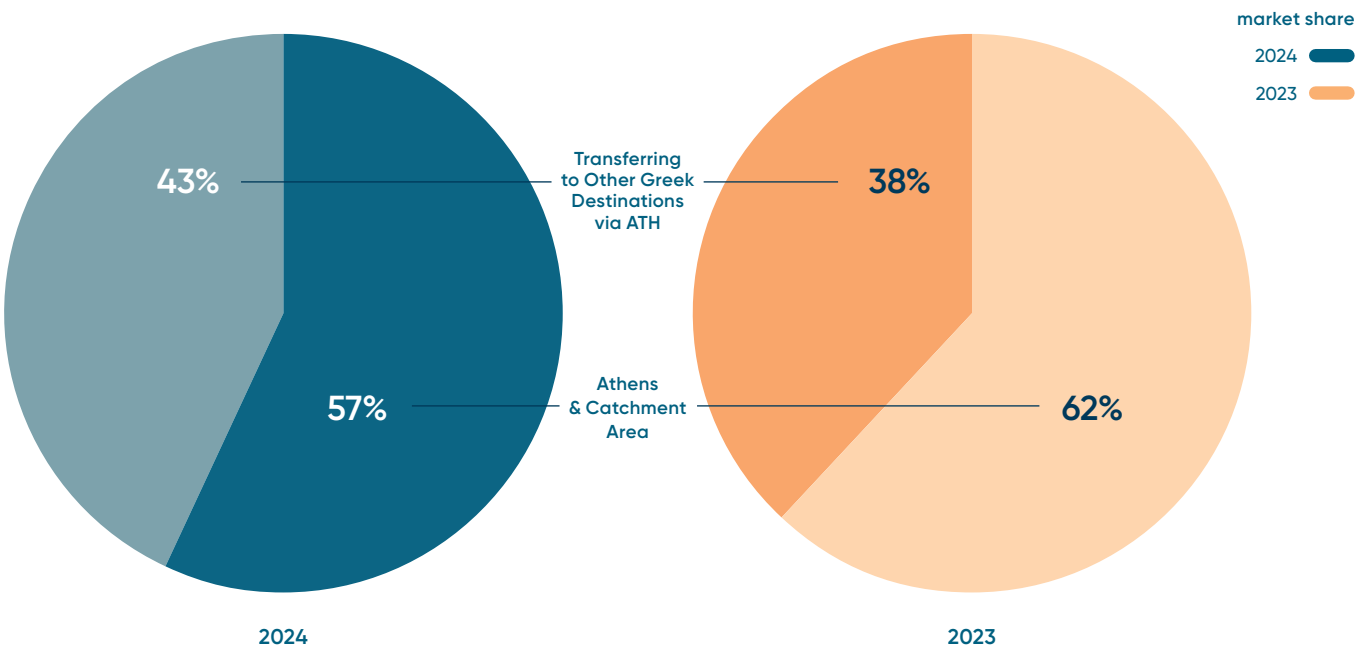
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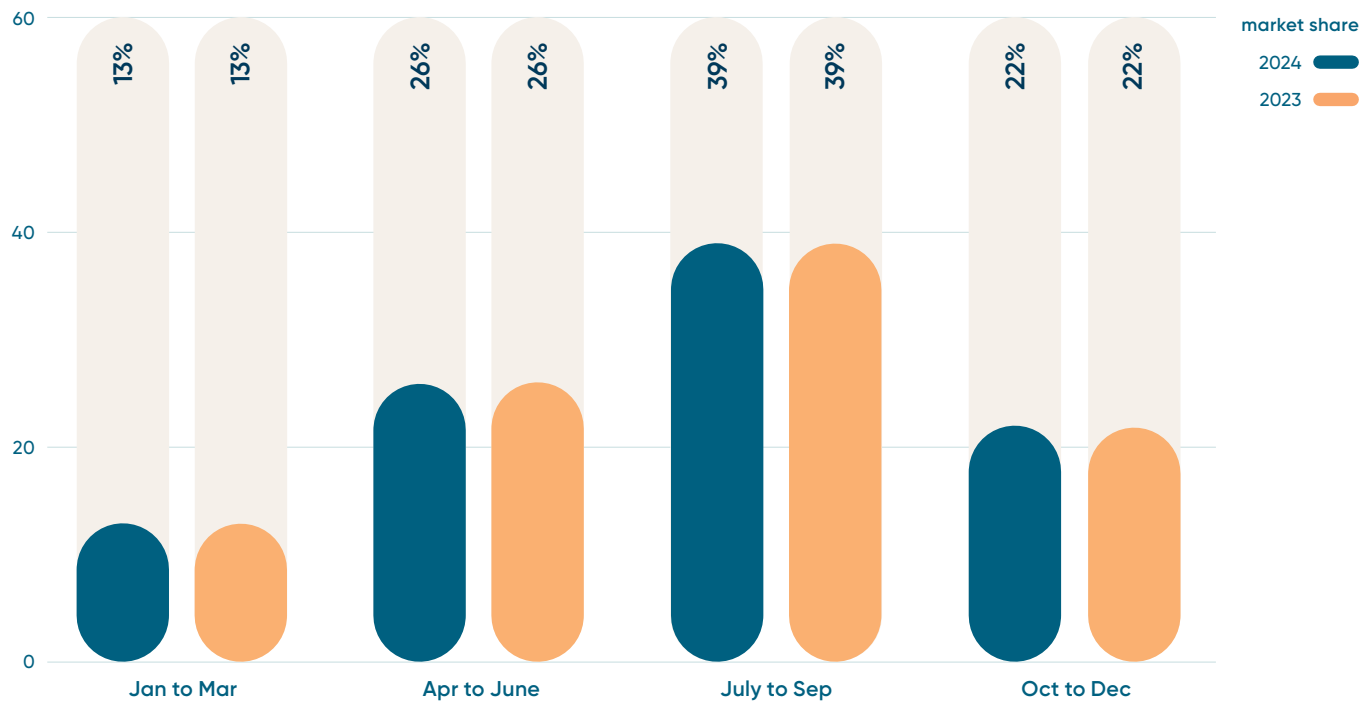
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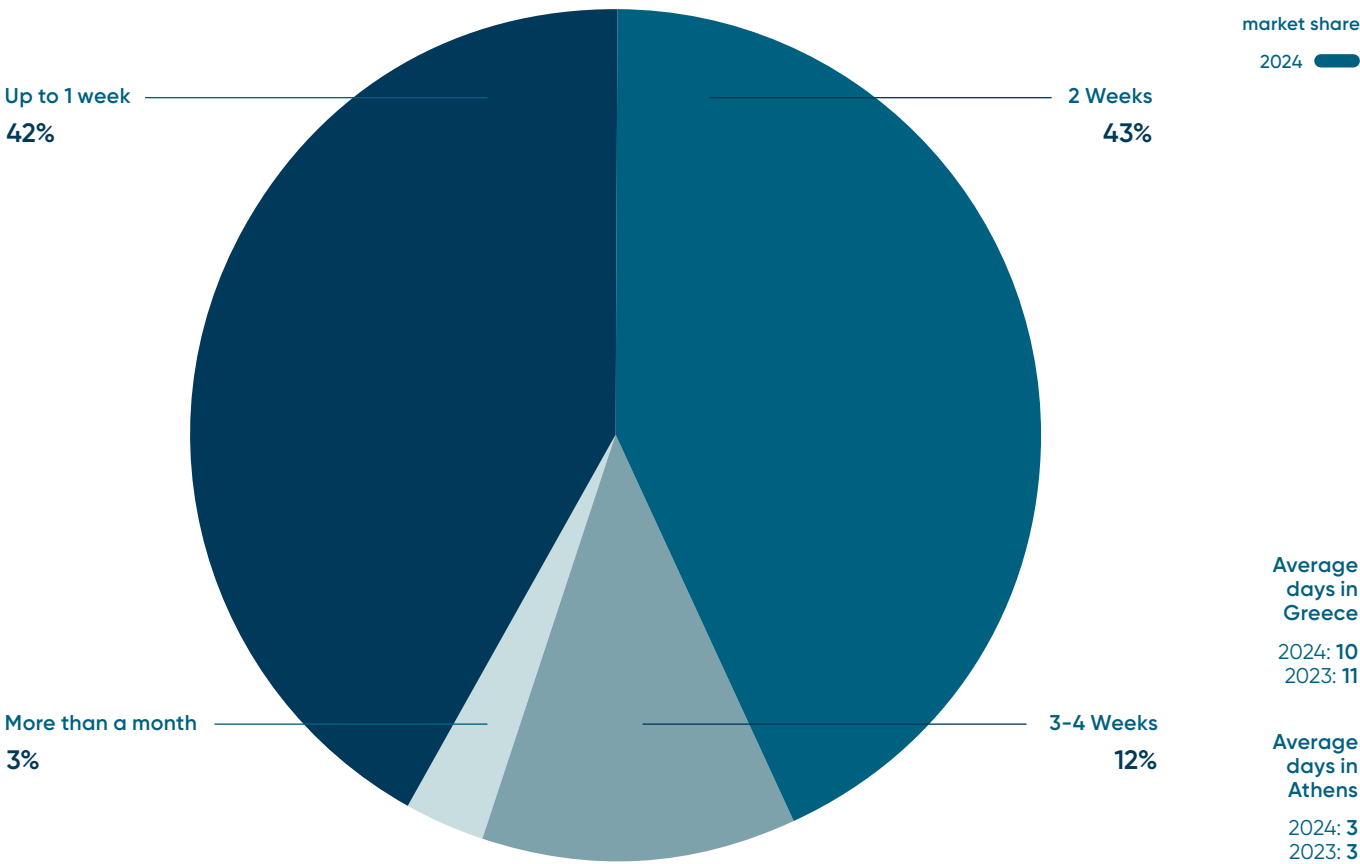
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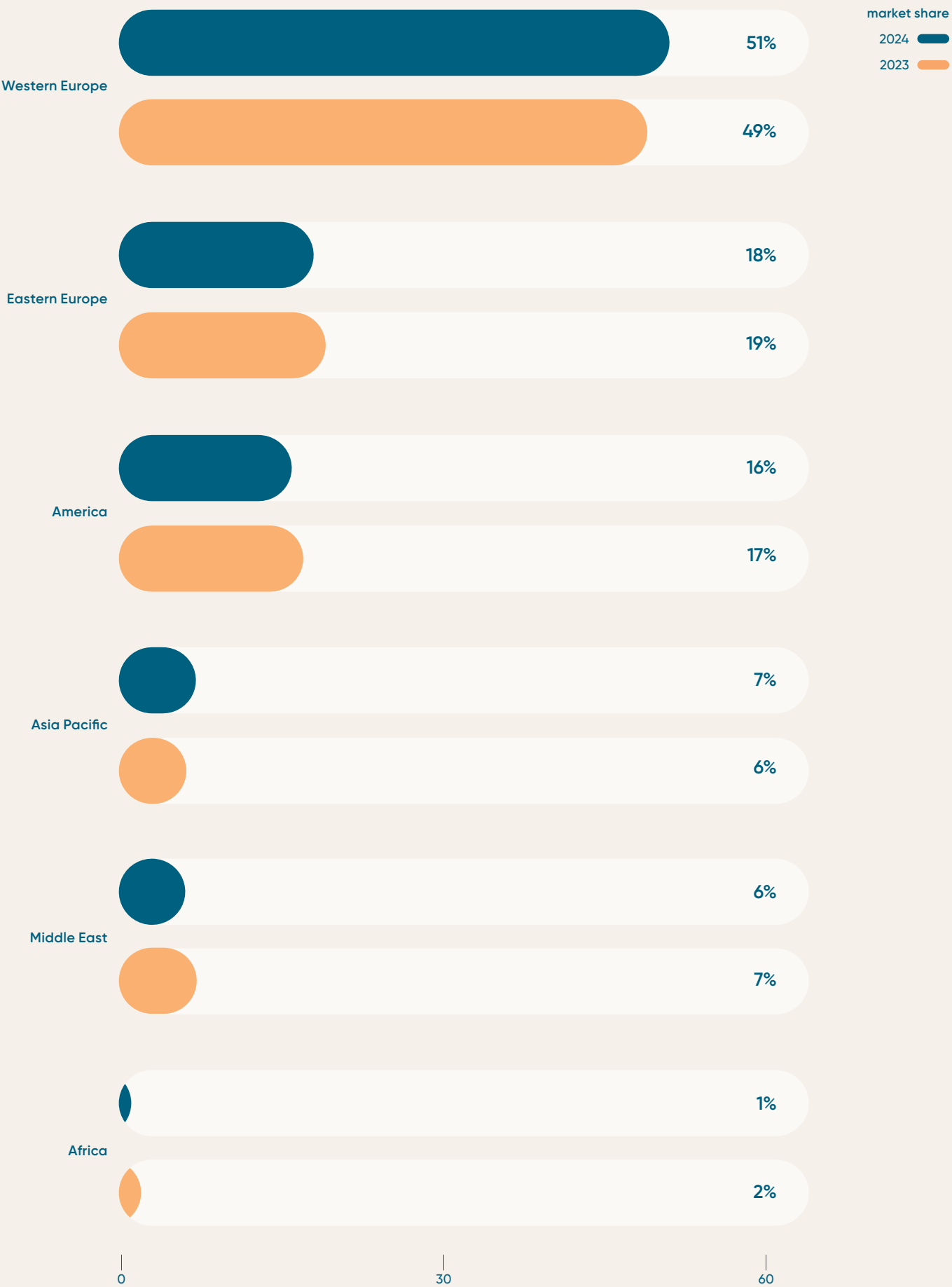
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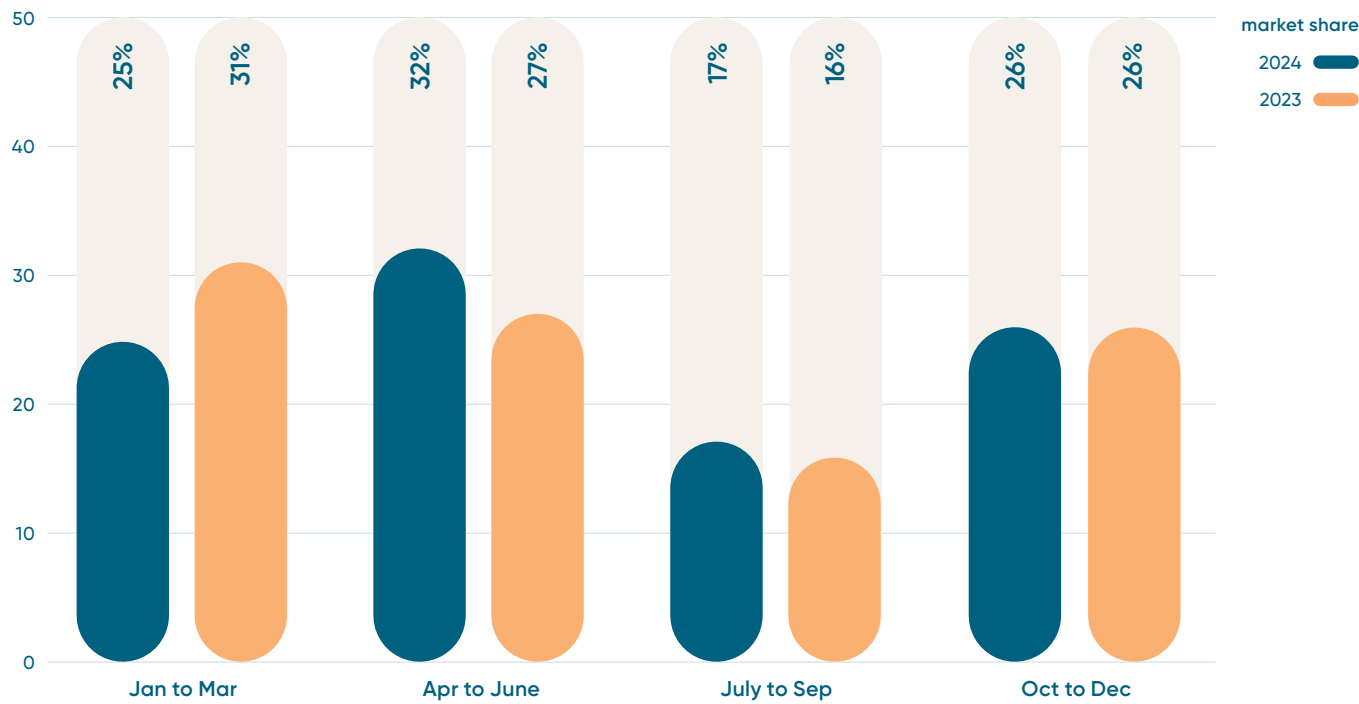
Length of Stay in Greece - Incoming Leisure Traffic



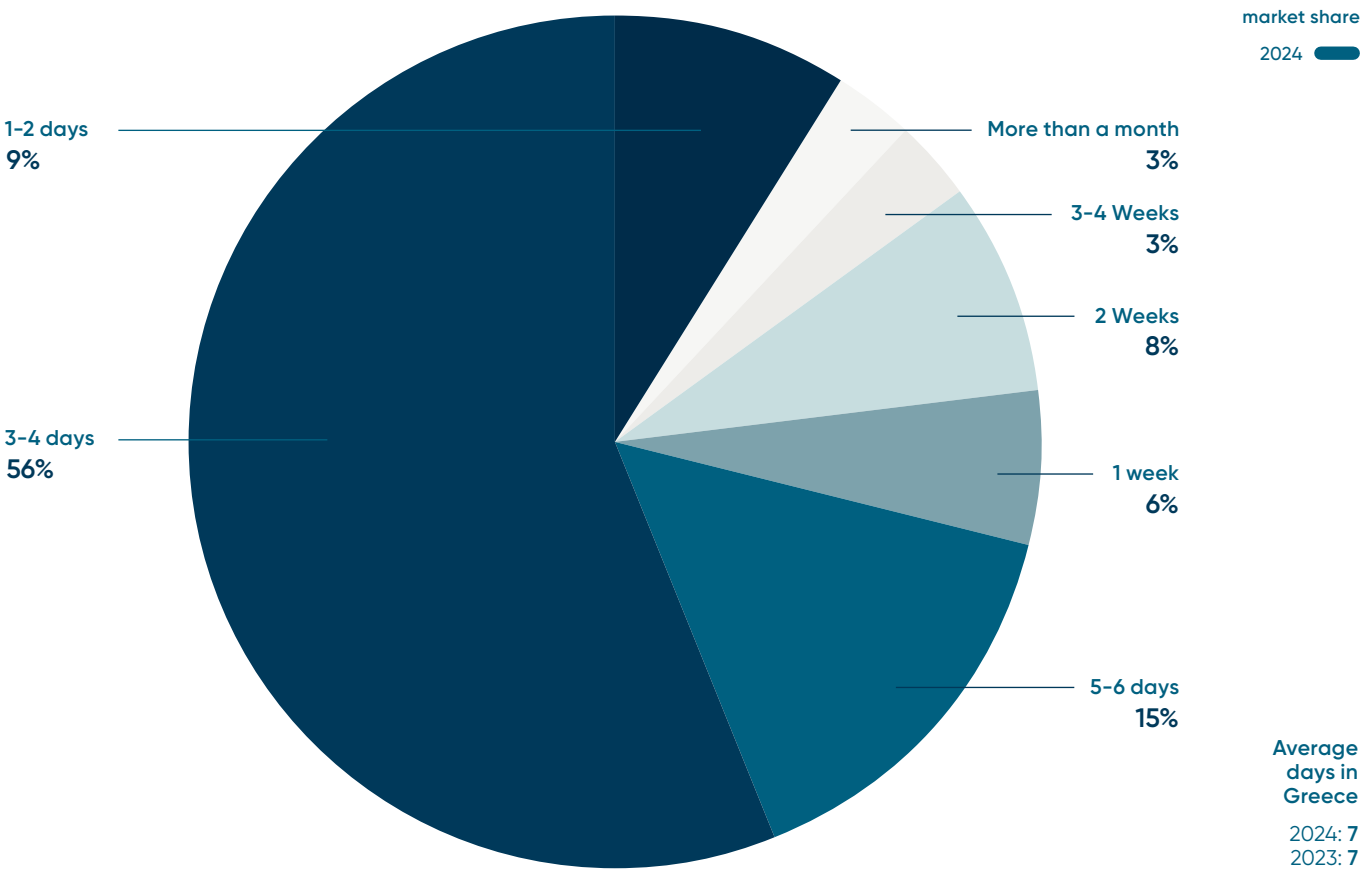
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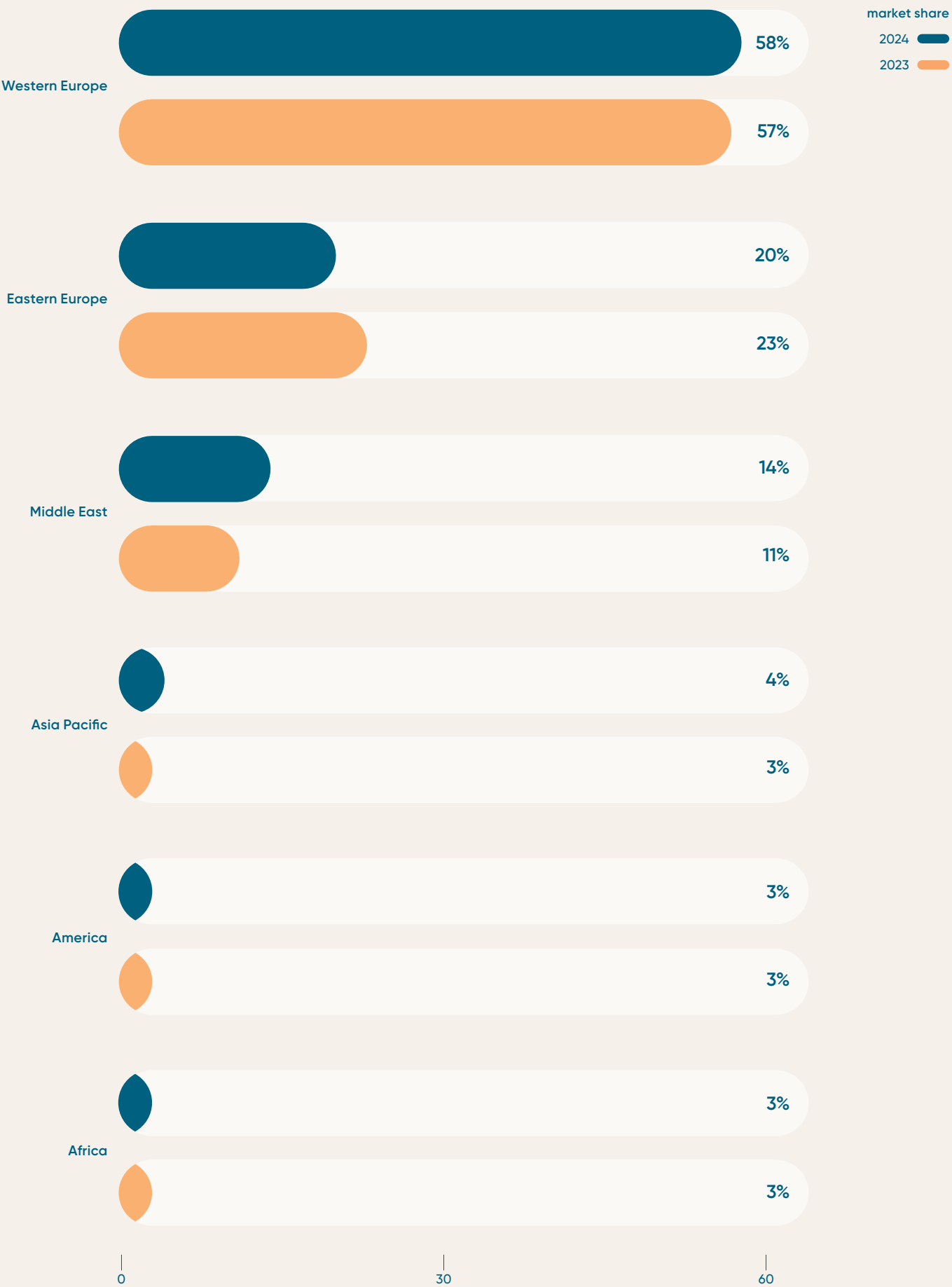


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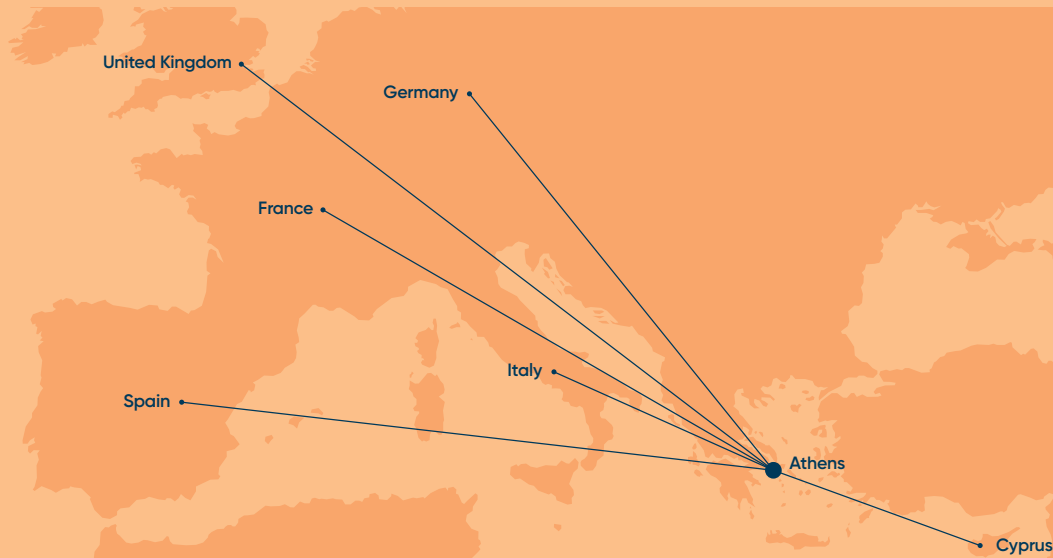
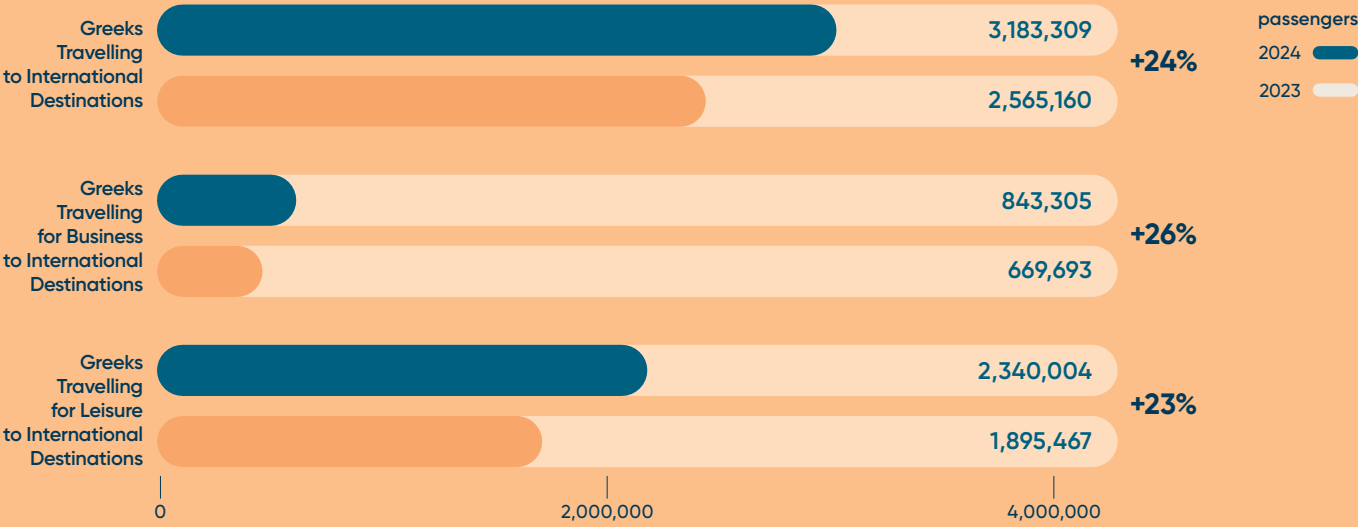




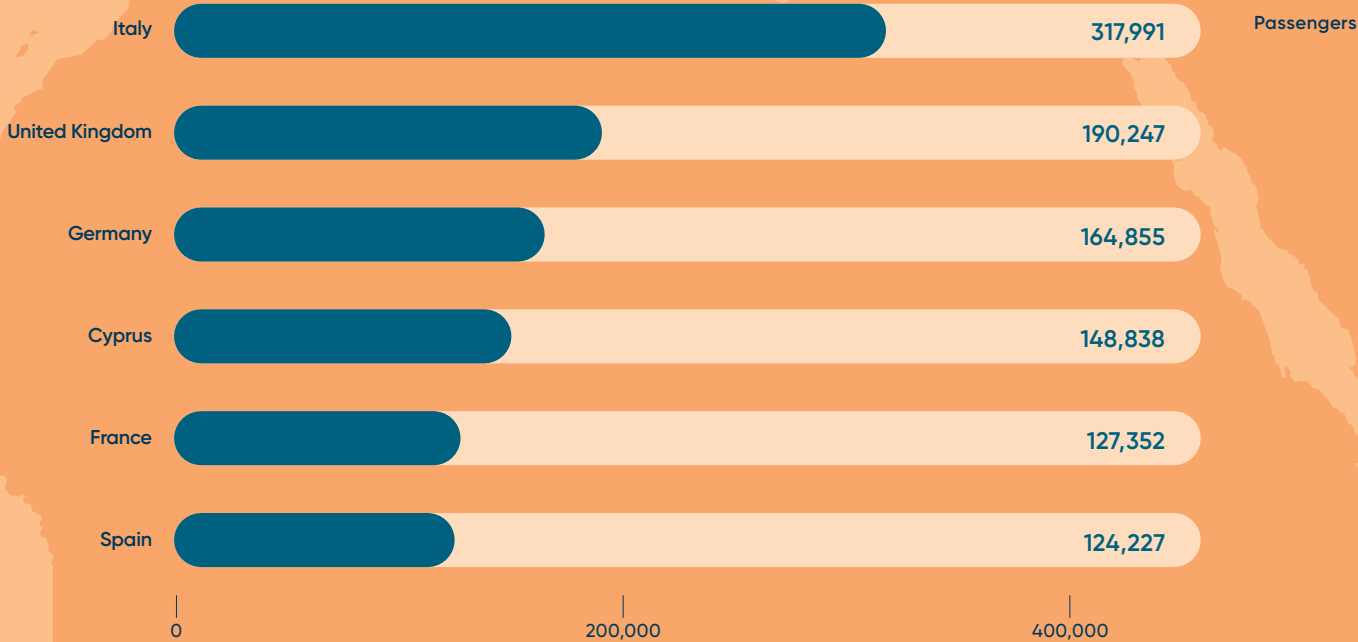
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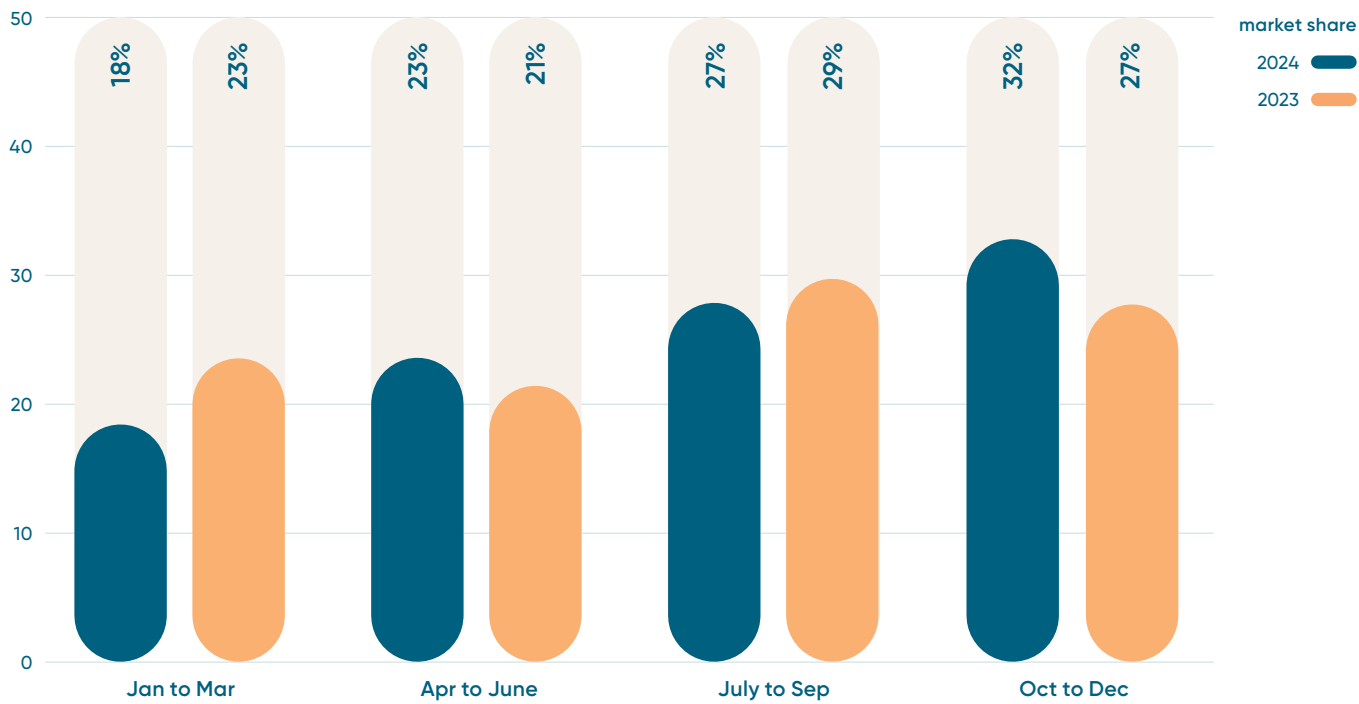
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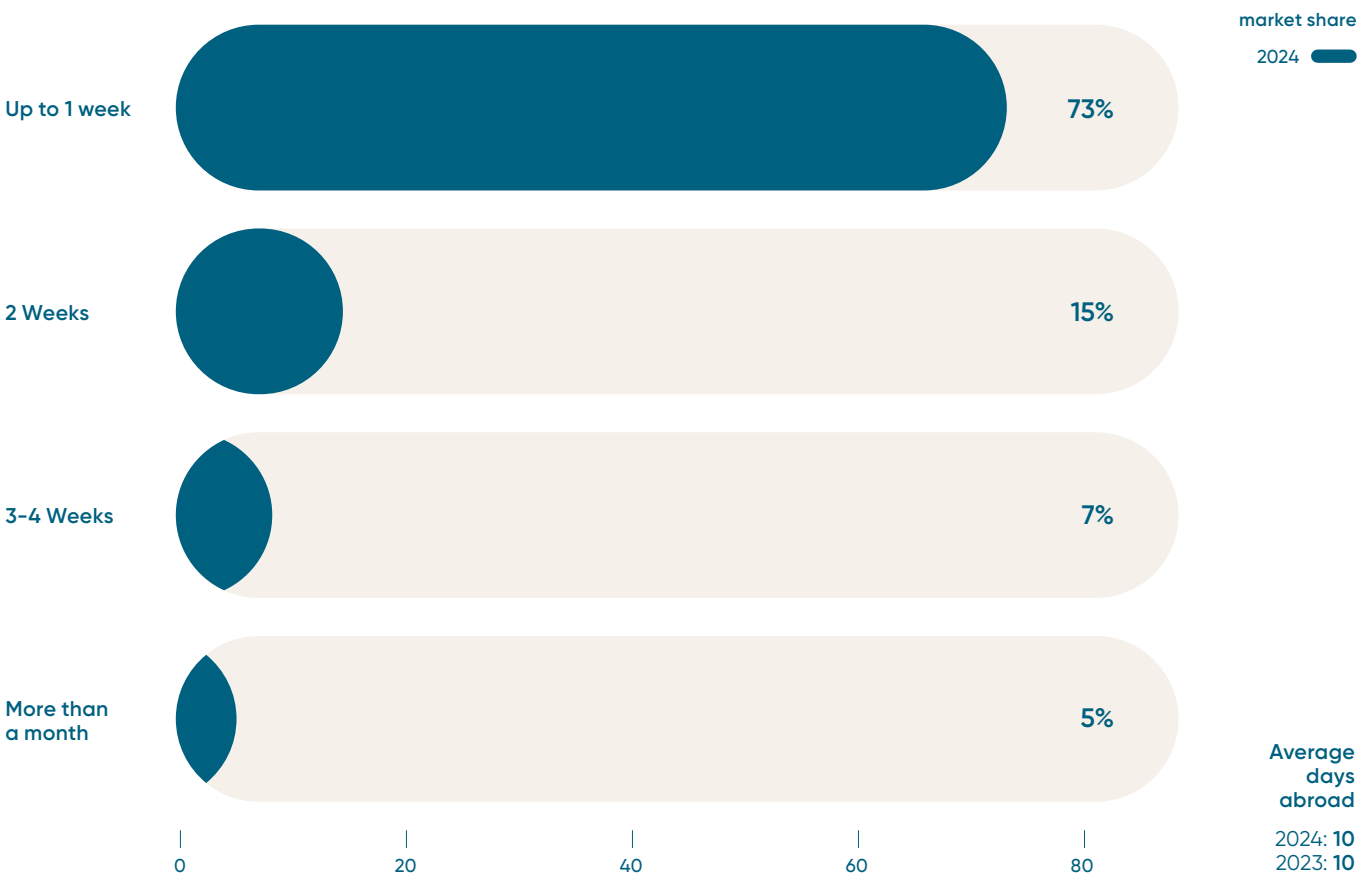
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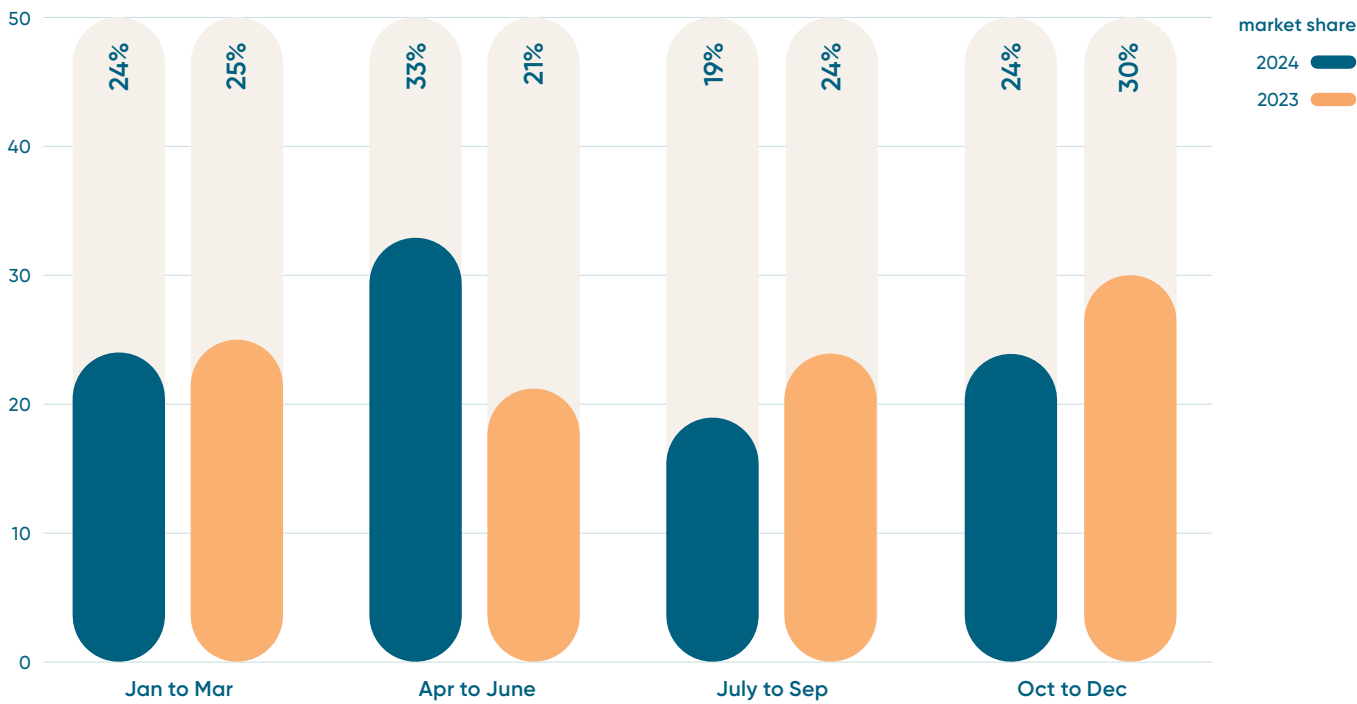
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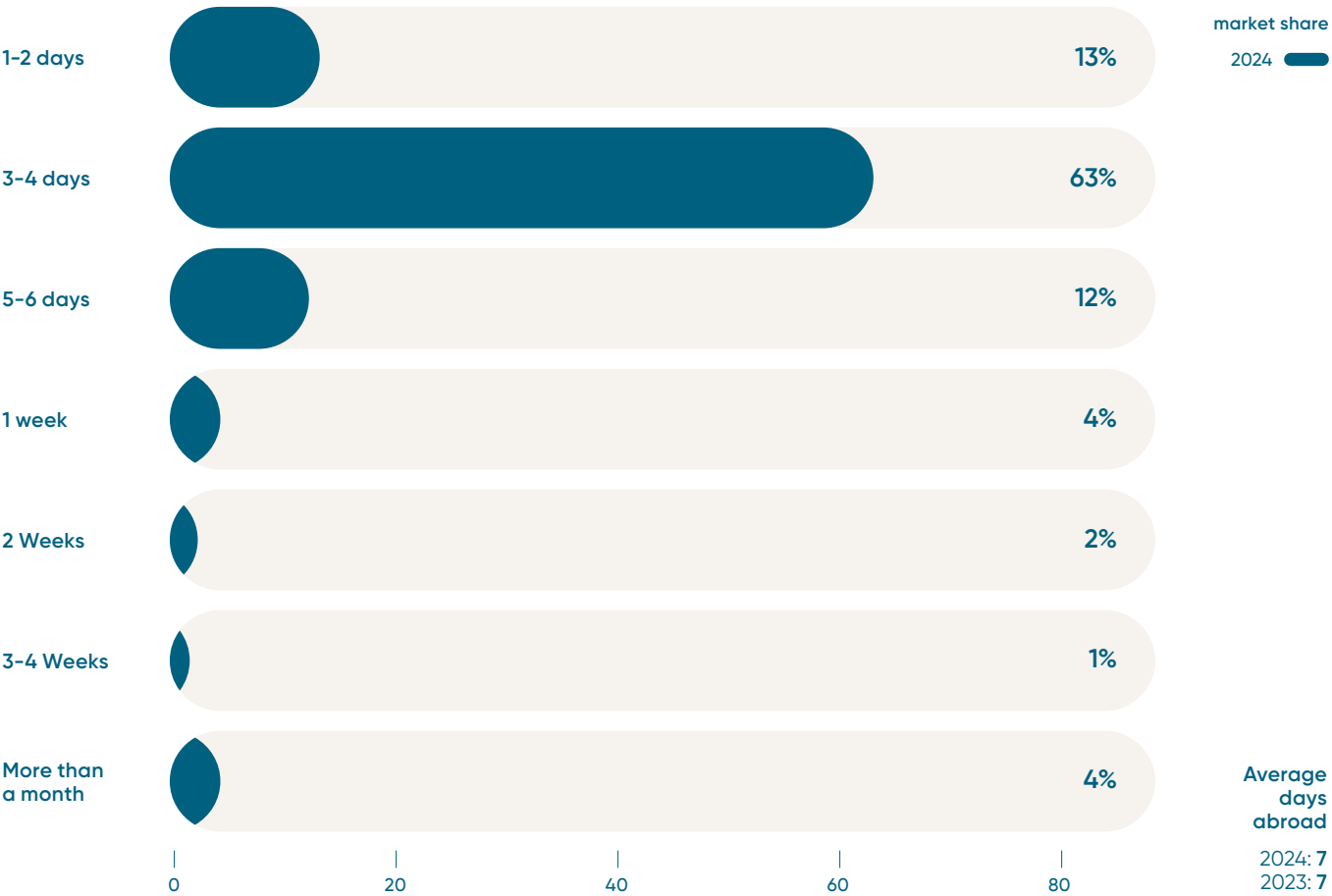
Length of Stay Abroad - Greek Leisure Traffic



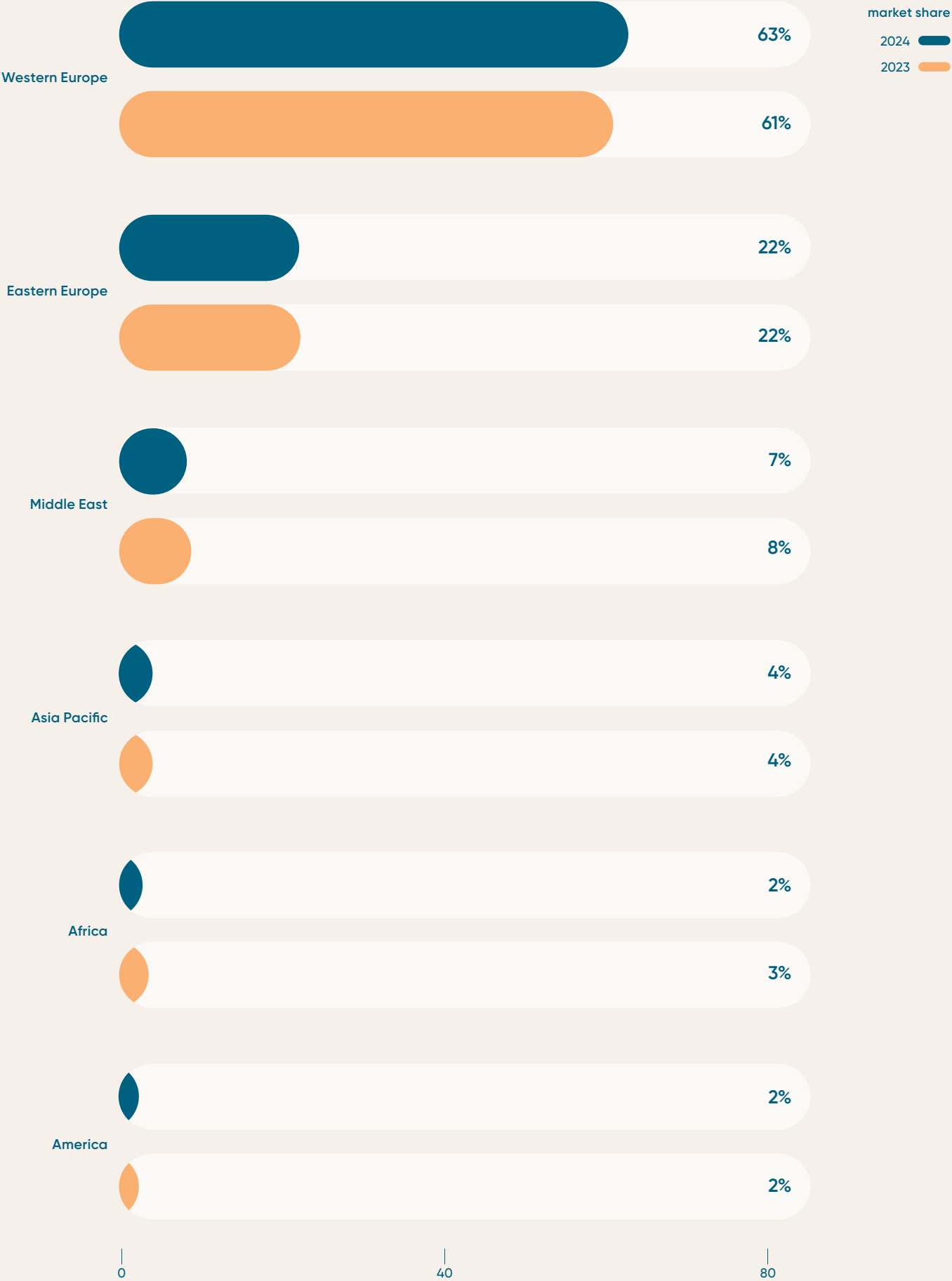
Seasonality of Greek Business Traffic Departures



Length of Stay Abroad - Greek Business Traffic



Greek Business Traffic Departures per Geographical Region



CHAPTER – 10

# Greek Arithmetic

The Greek aviation market is continuously growing, reaching 79.4 million in 2024, marking a 10.4% increase compared to 2023

Throughout 2024, the Greek aviation industry experienced substantial growth, reaching a total of 79.4 million passengers. This marks an increase of 7.5 million travellers, representing a 10.4% year-on-year rise, driven by significant growth in both domestic and international air traffic.

Domestic travel grew by 7.3%, while international passenger numbers rose by an impressive 11.6%, highlighting the sustained momentum of the country's air transport industry.

Athens and Thessaloniki, the country's two major year-round airports, recorded overall traffic (domestic and international) increases of 13.1% and 9.8%, respectively. Athens experienced a strong 15.8% rise in international passengers, while Thessaloniki recorded an 11.3% in the same category. Among island destinations, Rhodes stood out with a 17.3% overall growth, including a 19.1% increase in international traffic. Other regional airports, such as Heraklion and Corfu, also performed strongly, with domestic and international traffic rising by more than 7%.

Athens International Airport maintained its leading position, holding a 39.9% market share of total passenger traffic in 2024, slightly up from 38.5% in 2023. It was followed by Heraklion with an 11.8% share and Thessaloniki in third place with 9.3%.

In 2024, commercial aircraft movements in Greek airspace totalled 613 thousand, reflecting a 9.4% increase over 2023. Both international and domestic traffic exceeded 2023 levels by 7.1% and 10.8%, respectively.

## Passenger Traffic of Main Greek Airports

Commercial Passengers		Domestic		International
CITY	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
Athens	9,371,961	7.2%	22,290,955	15.8%
Heraklion	1,730,889	10.9%	7,630,439	6.7%
Thessaloniki	2,430,257	6.8%	4,931,837	11.3%
Rhodes	904,087	6.6%	5,970,518	19.1%
Corfu	399,447	7.7%	3,920,686	10.4%
Chania	895,700	8.1%	3,046,053	8.5%
Kos	322,217	6.4%	2,710,588	5.6%
Santorini	1,331,234	5.9%	1,526,272	1.8%
Zakinthos	104,879	13.6%	2,103,281	7.1%
Mykonos	542,362	2.3%	1,045,610	-4.4%
Other GR airports	2,644,280	7.3%	3,519,108	7.1%
<b>Total Greece</b>	<b>20,677,313</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>58,695,347</b>	<b>11.6%</b>

Note: Figures for 2023 are restated as per final HASP stat

## Aircraft Movements of Main Greek Airports

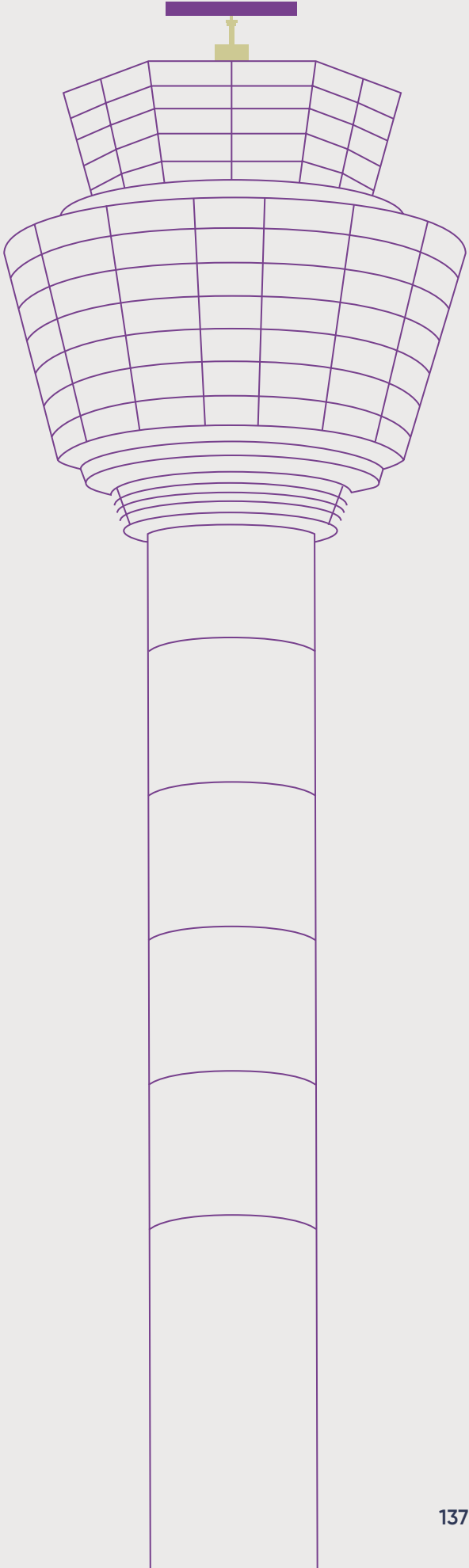
Commercial Aircraft Movements		Domestic		International
CITY	2024	% 2024 / 2023	2024	% 2024 / 2023
Athens	100,639	7.0%	145,667	16.8%
Heraklion	11,548	8.8%	46,246	5.4%
Thessaloniki	22,029	9.5%	33,098	8.7%
Rhodes	8,055	6.9%	36,891	15.0%
Corfu	4,169	8.5%	25,570	13.5%
Chania	7,182	8.0%	18,553	7.3%
Santorini	12,465	3.2%	10,008	0.3%
Kos	5,021	12.6%	17,281	4.6%
Mykonos	6,485	-0.3%	8,281	-7.9%
Zakinthos	1,916	0.6%	12,821	6.0%
Other GR airports	53,937	7.5%	24,924	4.0%
<b>Total Greece</b>	<b>233,446</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>379,340</b>	<b>10.8%</b>

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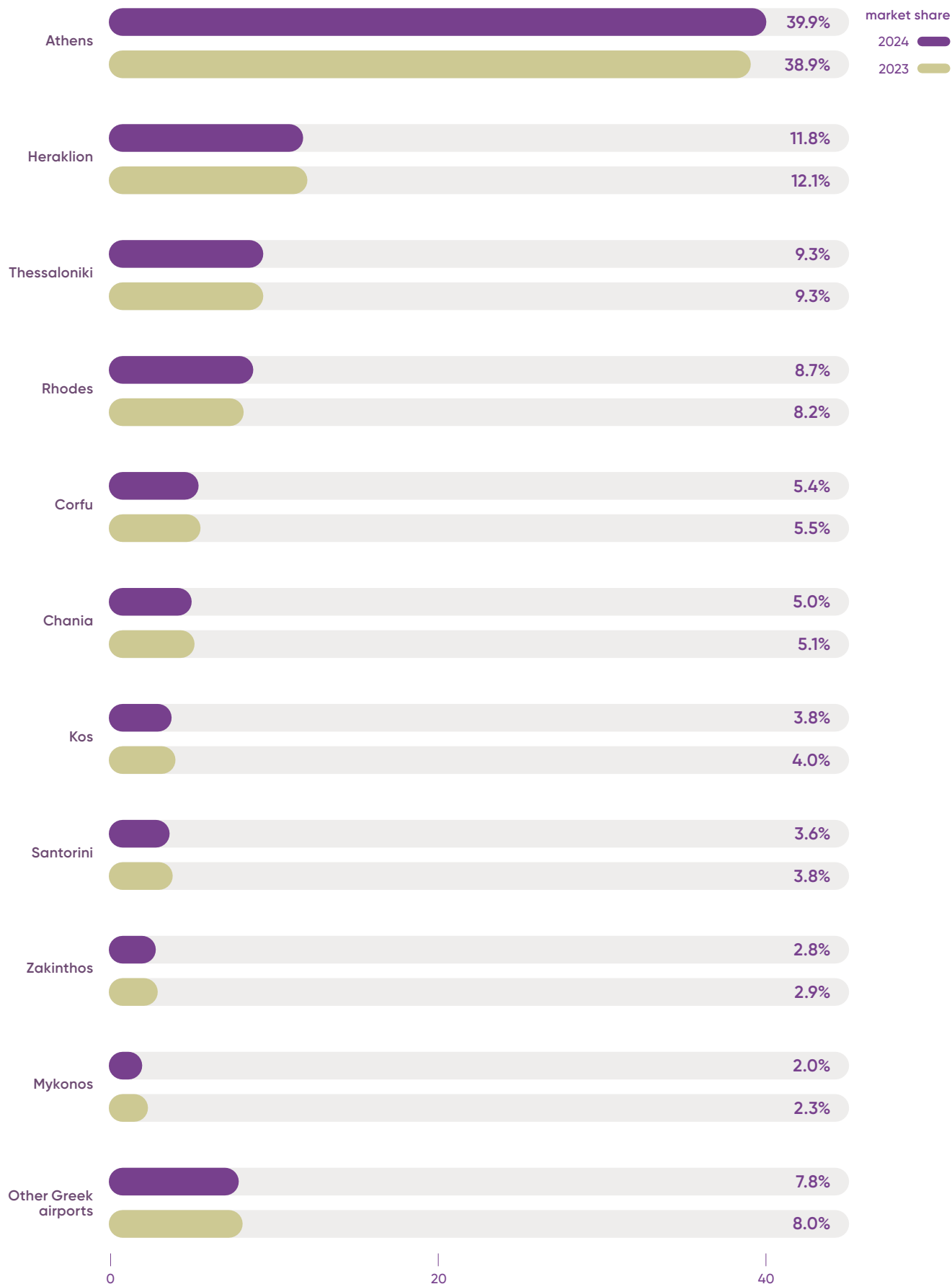


		Total
CITY	2024	% 2024 / 2023
Athens	31,662,916	13.1%
Heraklion	9,361,328	7.5%
Thessaloniki	7,362,094	9.8%
Rhodes	6,874,605	17.3%
Corfu	4,320,133	10.2%
Chania	3,941,753	8.4%
Kos	3,032,805	5.7%
Santorini	2,857,506	3.7%
Zakynthos	2,208,160	7.4%
Mykonos	1,587,972	-2.2%
Other GR airports	6,163,388	7.2%
<b>Total Greece</b>	<b>79,372,660</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

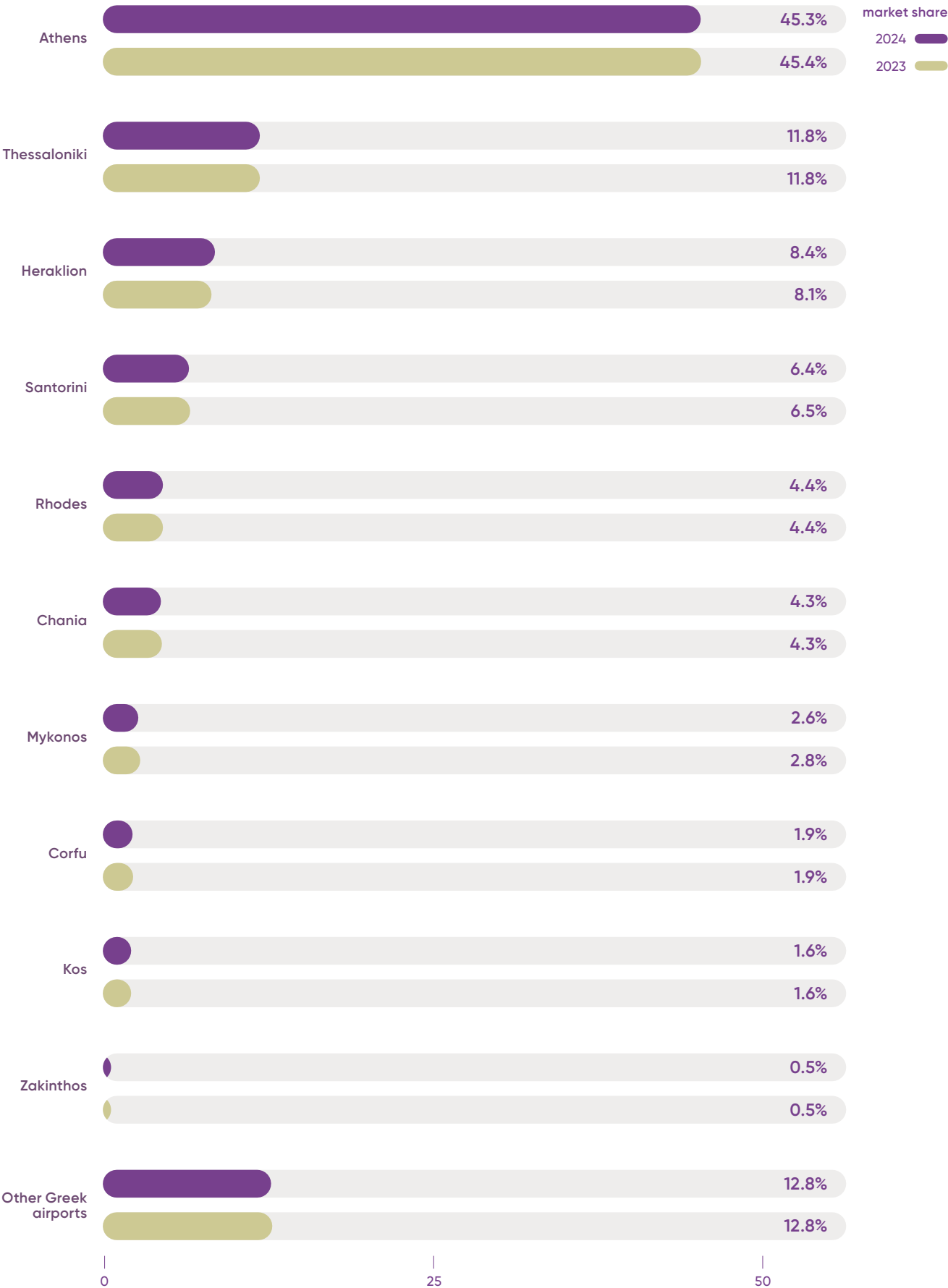
		Total
CITY	2024	% 2024 / 2023
Athens	246,306	12.6%
Heraklion	57,794	6.0%
Thessaloniki	55,127	9.1%
Rhodes	44,946	13.5%
Corfu	29,739	12.8%
Chania	25,735	7.5%
Santorini	22,473	1.9%
Kos	22,302	6.3%
Mykonos	14,766	-4.7%
Zakynthos	14,737	5.3%
Other GR airports	78,861	6.4%
<b>Total Greece</b>	<b>612,786</b>	<b>9.4%</b>



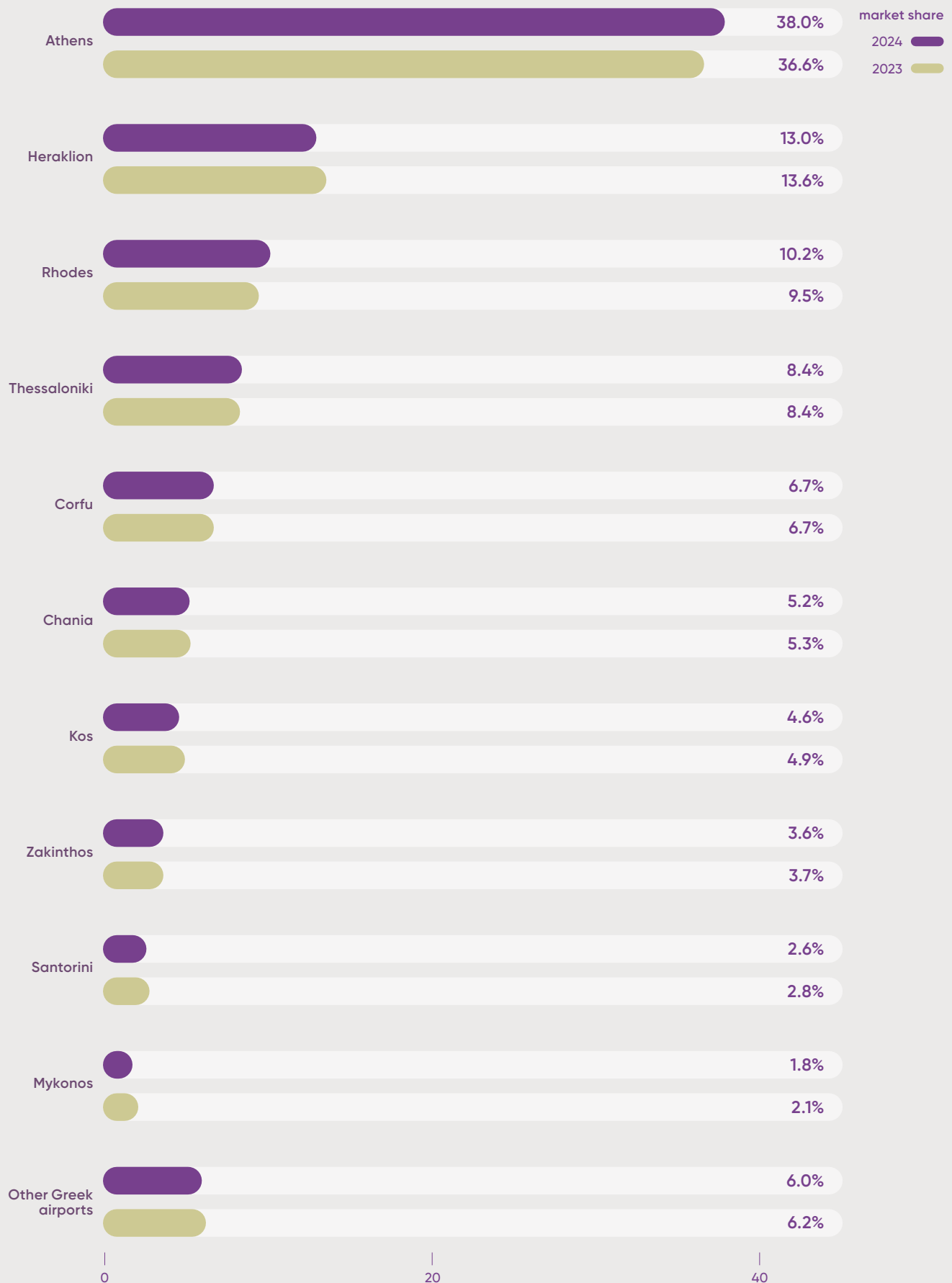
## Top 10 Greek Airports According to Total Passenger Traffic



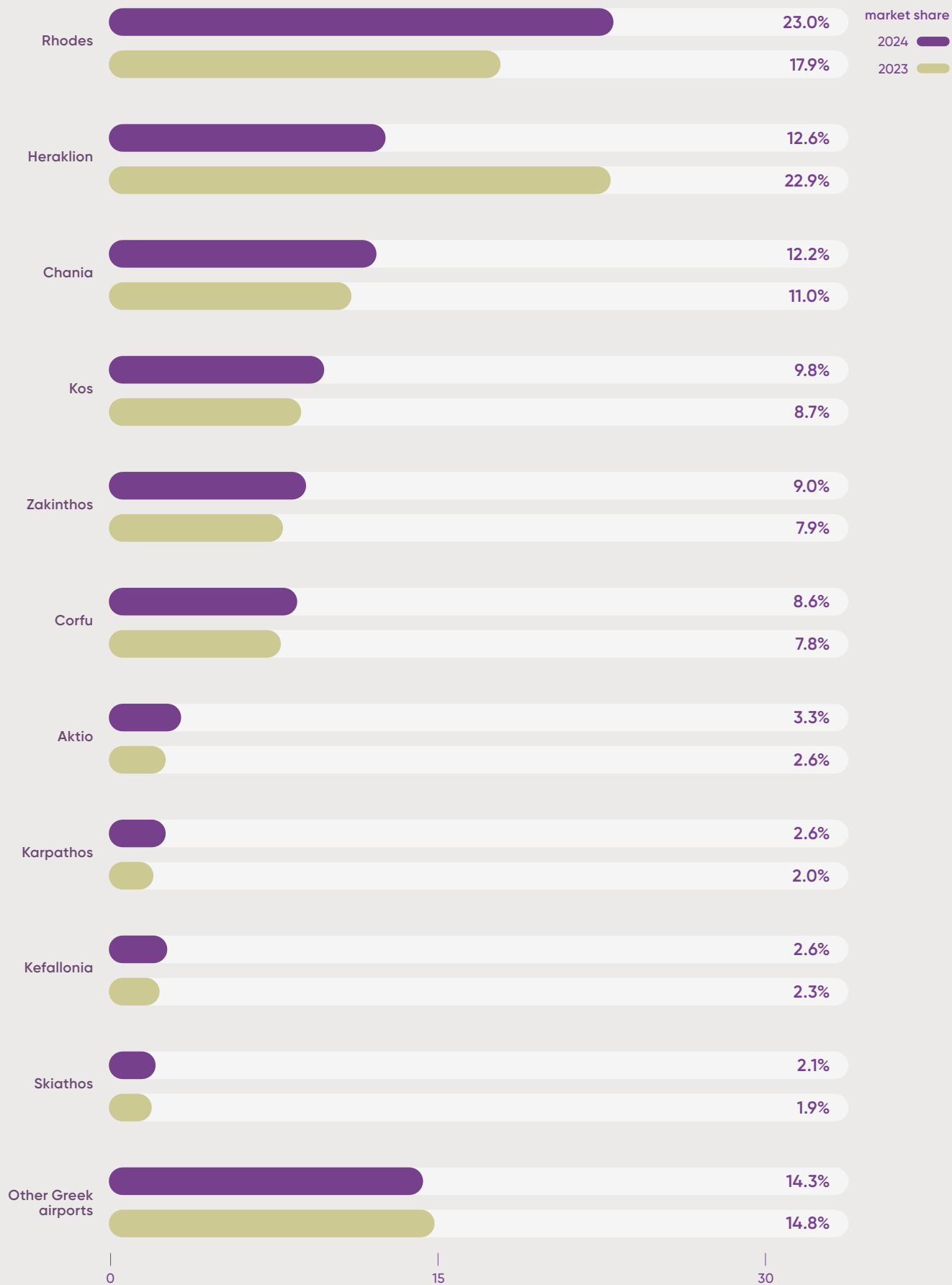
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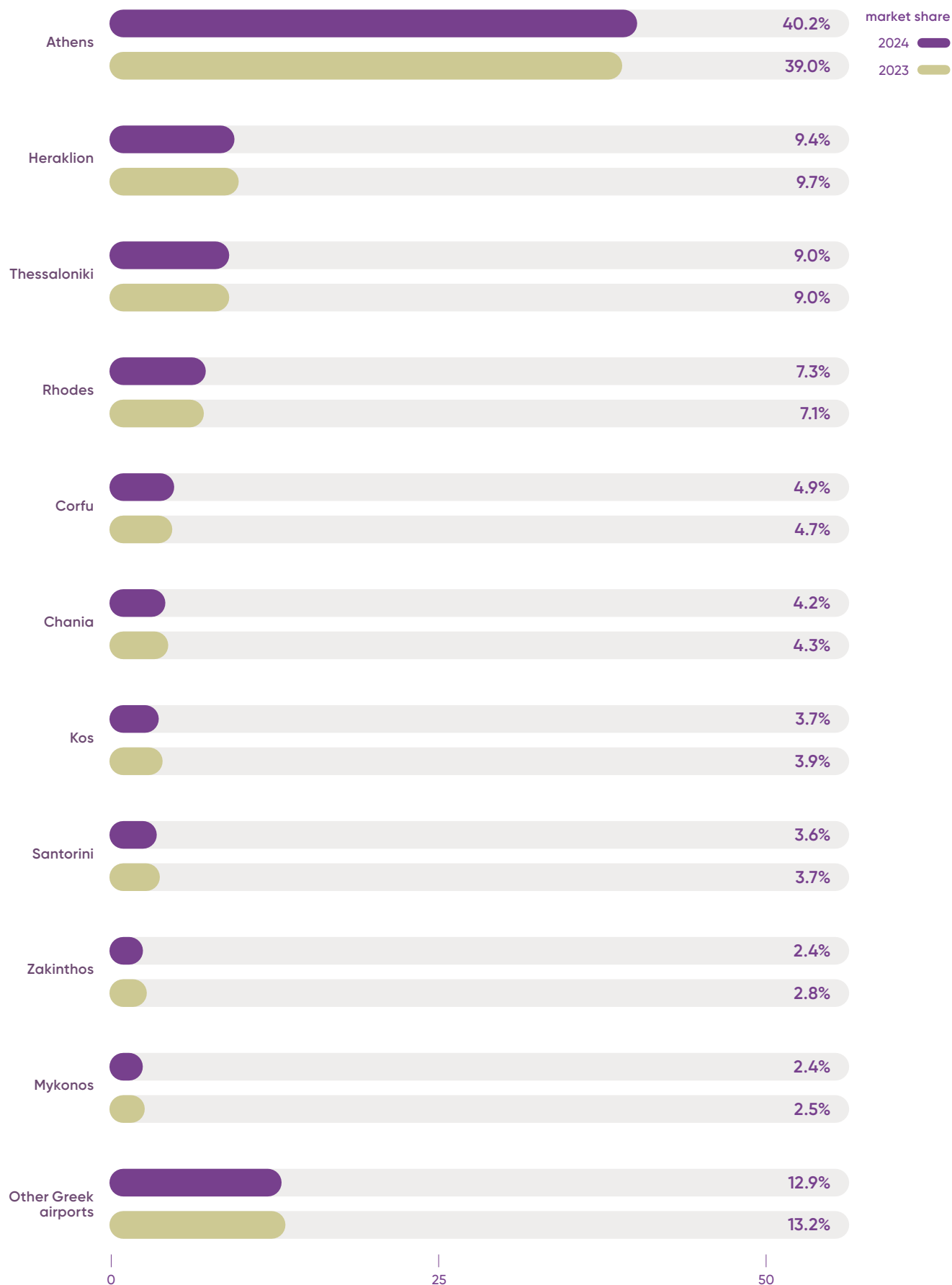
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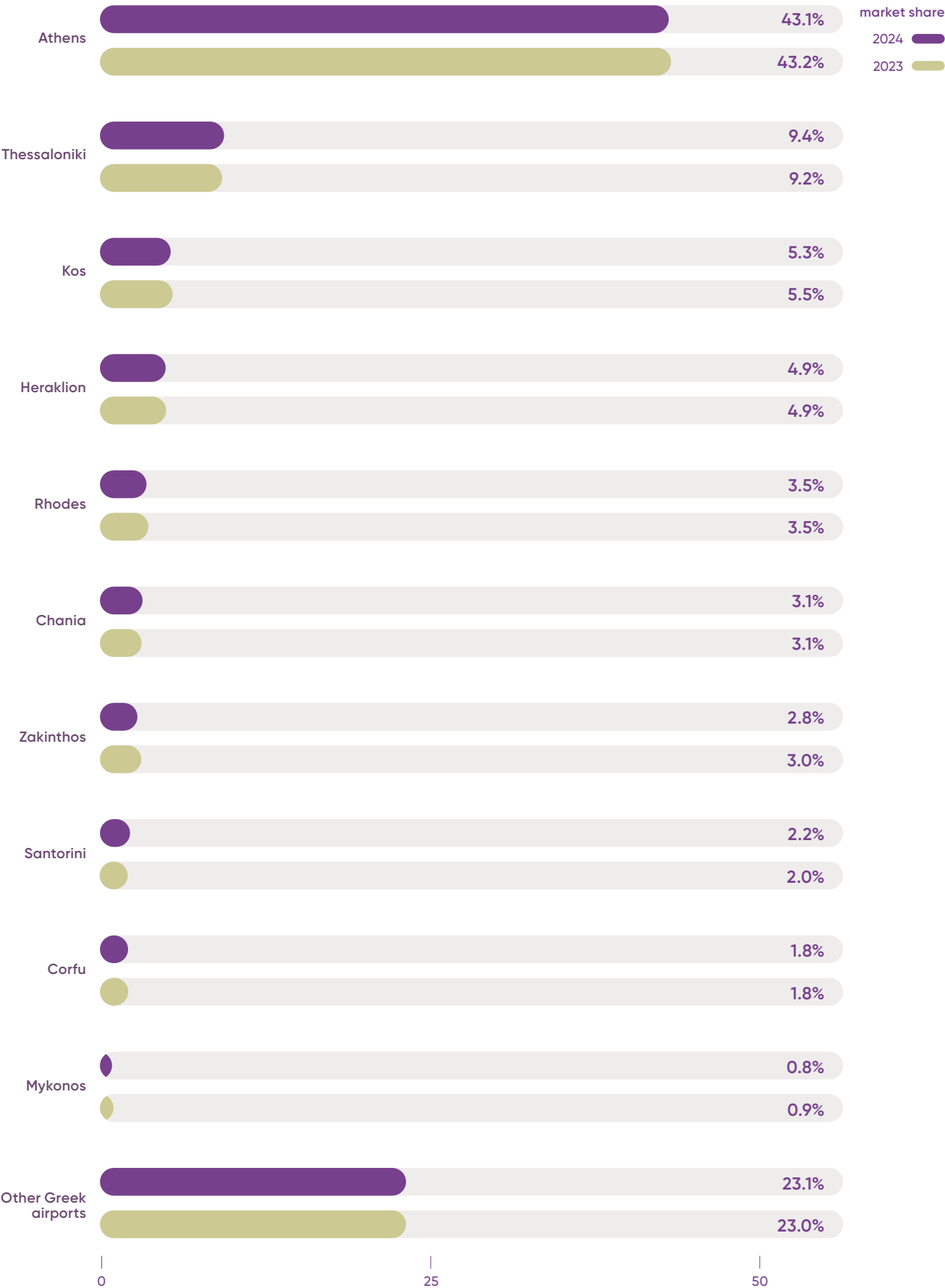
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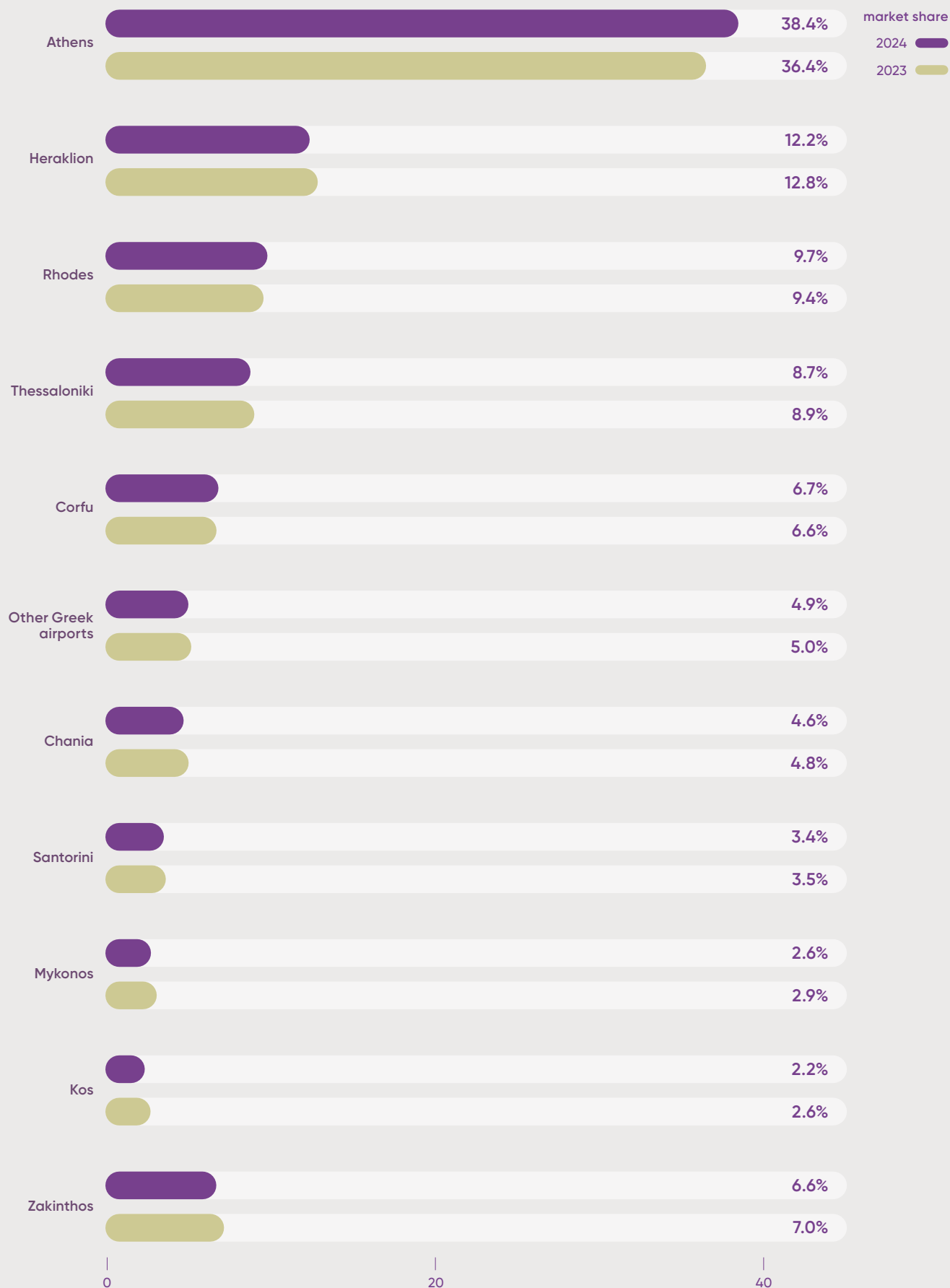
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Top 10 Greek Airports According to Domestic Aircraft Movements

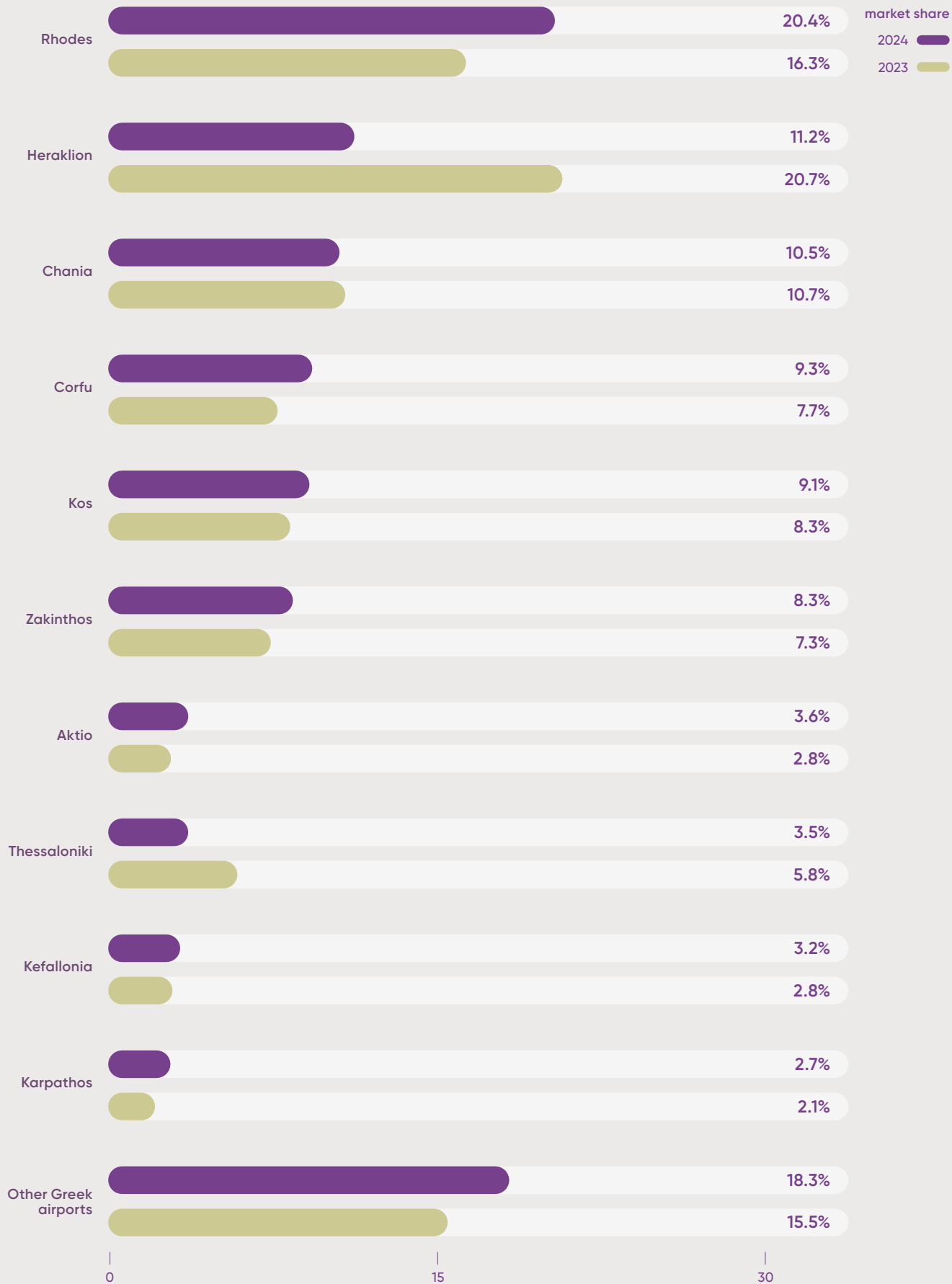


## Top 10 Greek Airports According to International Aircraft Movements Traffic





Top 10 Greek Airports According to International Charter Movements



CHAPTER – 11

# Europe plus the world

In 2024, the global aviation industry experienced yet another year of recovery, with worldwide air passenger traffic surpassing 2023 figures by 8.3%, fully recovering from the Covid-19 crisis

In 2024, the global aviation industry marked another pivotal year of recovery, with worldwide air passenger traffic surpassing 2023 levels by 8.3%, fully rebounding from the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. For the first time, global air travel demand exceeded pre-pandemic 2019 levels.

Despite this positive development, the industry continued to face significant macroeconomic and operational challenges, including rising fuel prices, ongoing geopolitical tensions—notably in Ukraine and the Middle East—labour shortages, and supply chain disruptions. According to Airports Council International (ACI), global passenger traffic outperformed initial 2024 projections, confirming robust travel demand in the face of adversity.

The Asia/Pacific region led the global recovery, posting the highest growth in passenger traffic with a 14.1% increase over 2023. Africa also demonstrated strong momentum, growing by 9.4%, while Europe recorded a 7.9% rise, signifying a solid bounce-back. The Middle East posted a 7.8% increase, while North America experienced more moderate growth at 4.5%. Latin America and the Caribbean recorded the smallest gain, with a 4.0% increase. In terms of aircraft movements, Asia/Pacific again led with a 7.8% increase, followed by Africa at 6.3%, and the Middle East with 5.6%. Europe and North America recorded more modest gains of 4.1% and 3.0%, respectively. Latin America and the Caribbean had the smallest growth in aircraft movements, at 1.1%. Globally, average growth in aircraft movements stood at 4.3%, indicating a consistent upward trend across all regions.

Among Europe's major airports, London Heathrow (LHR), Istanbul Airport (IST), and Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) retained the top three spots in passenger traffic rankings for 2024, with annual growth rates of 5.9%, 5.3%, and 4.3%, respectively.

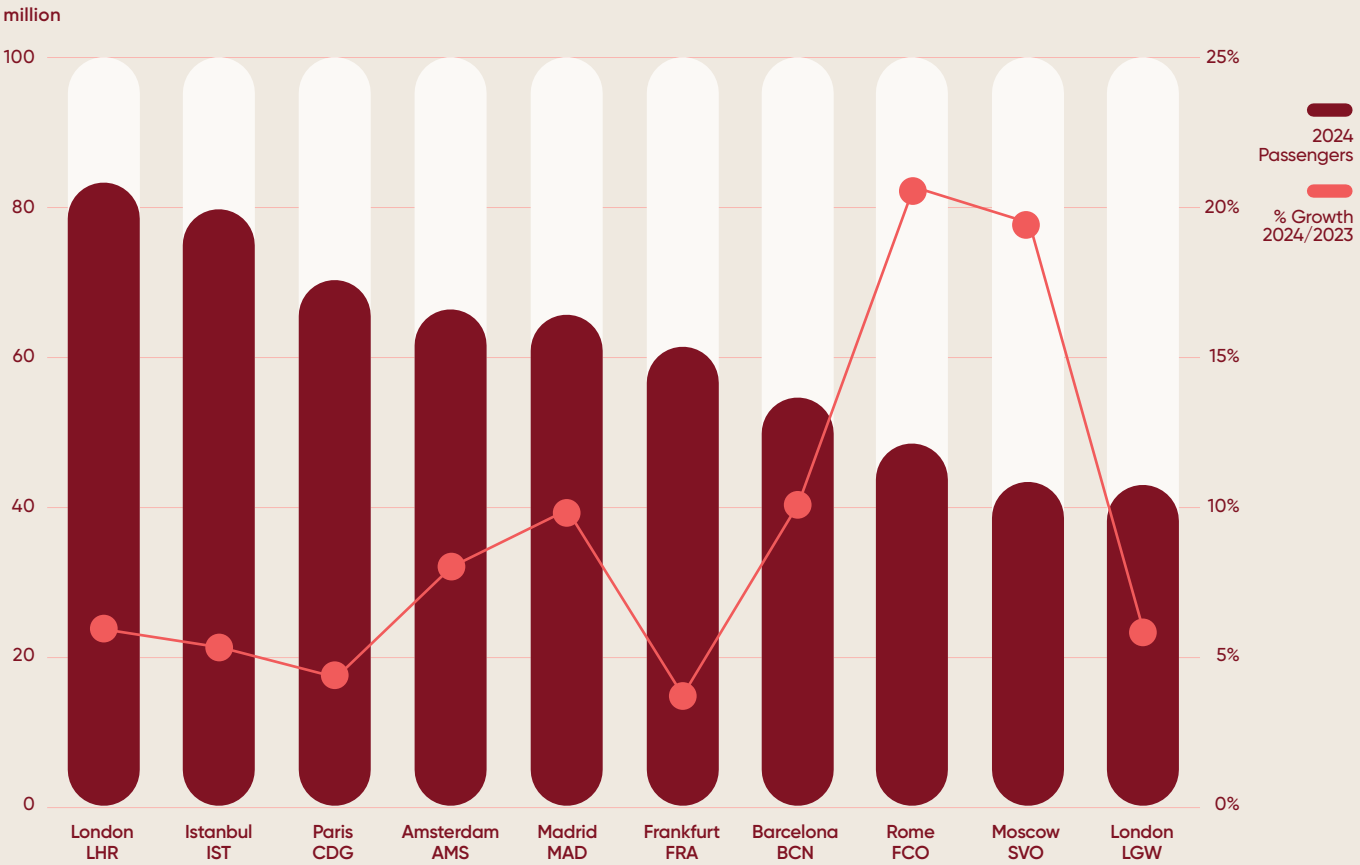
In comparison, Athens International Airport demonstrated exceptional performance, outpacing many of its European peers in the 25 million+ passengers category. AIA recorded a 13.1% increase in passenger traffic and an 11.9% in aircraft movements, underscoring its strong recovery and growing position in the European aviation landscape.

Worldwide Traffic Development by Geographical Region\*

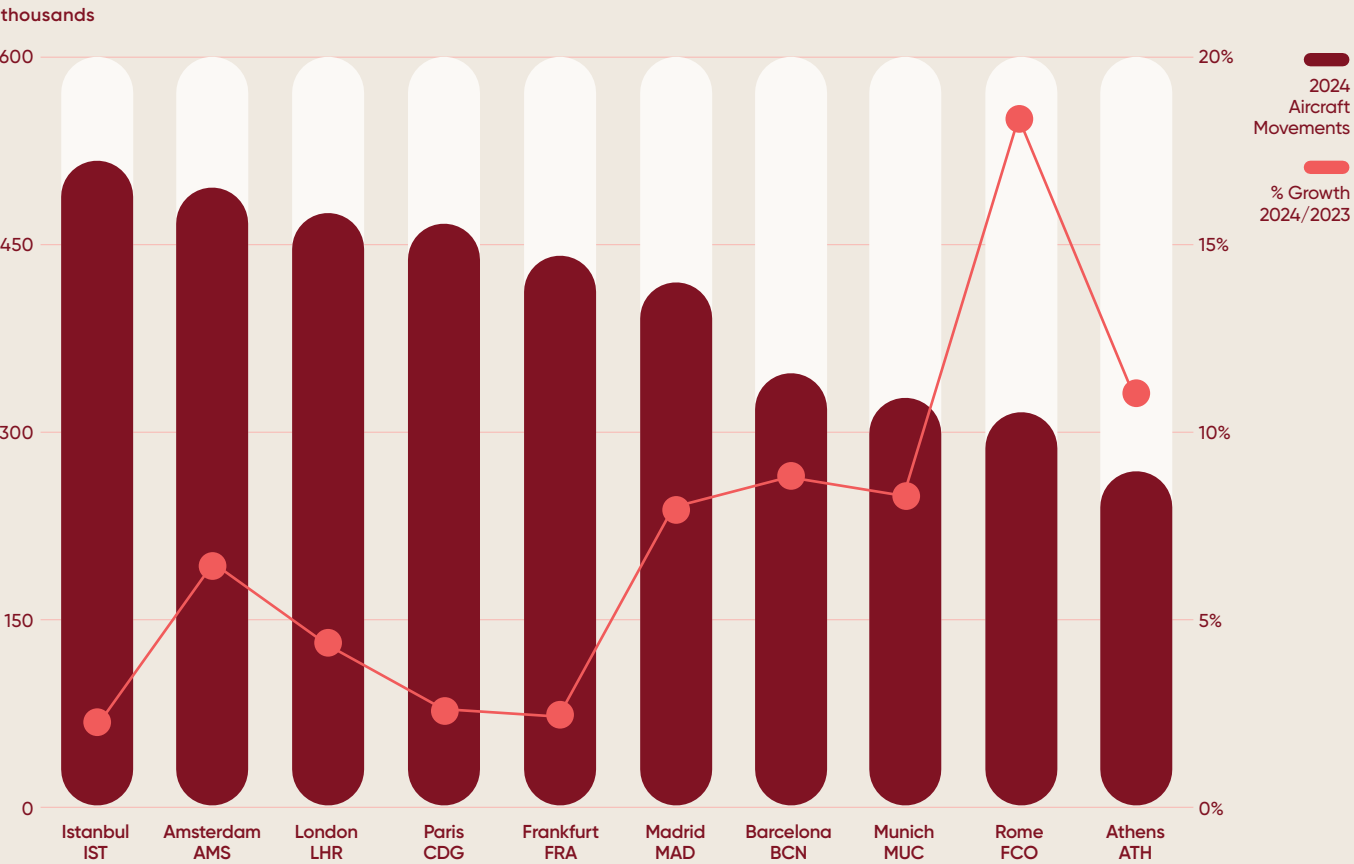
Region	Total 2024 Passenger Traffic	% 2024 / 2023	Total 2024 Cargo (tonnes)	% 2024 / 2023	Total 2024 Aircraft Movements	% 2024 / 2023	Number of airports
Africa	212,758,854	9.4%	2,177,096	3.8%	2,520,896	6.3%	122
Asia/ Pacific	2,245,623,591	14.1%	39,767,662	12.7%	16,138,782	7.8%	223
Europe	2,335,996,738	7.9%	22,024,865	10.0%	21,228,973	4.1%	571
Latin America/ Carribean	681,034,588	4.0%	5,815,919	6.0%	6,841,333	1.1%	258
Middle East	371,347,535	7.8%	8,413,440	17.4%	2,505,681	5.6%	21
North America	2,041,146,563	4.5%	34,308,116	2.9%	29,085,403	3.0%	160
ACI Total	7,887,907,869	8.3%	112,507,098	8.8%	78,321,068	4.3%	1,355

\* The traffic statistics are preliminary based on a sample of 1,355 airports. Final statistics covering more than 2,700 airports will be released by ACI in July 2025.

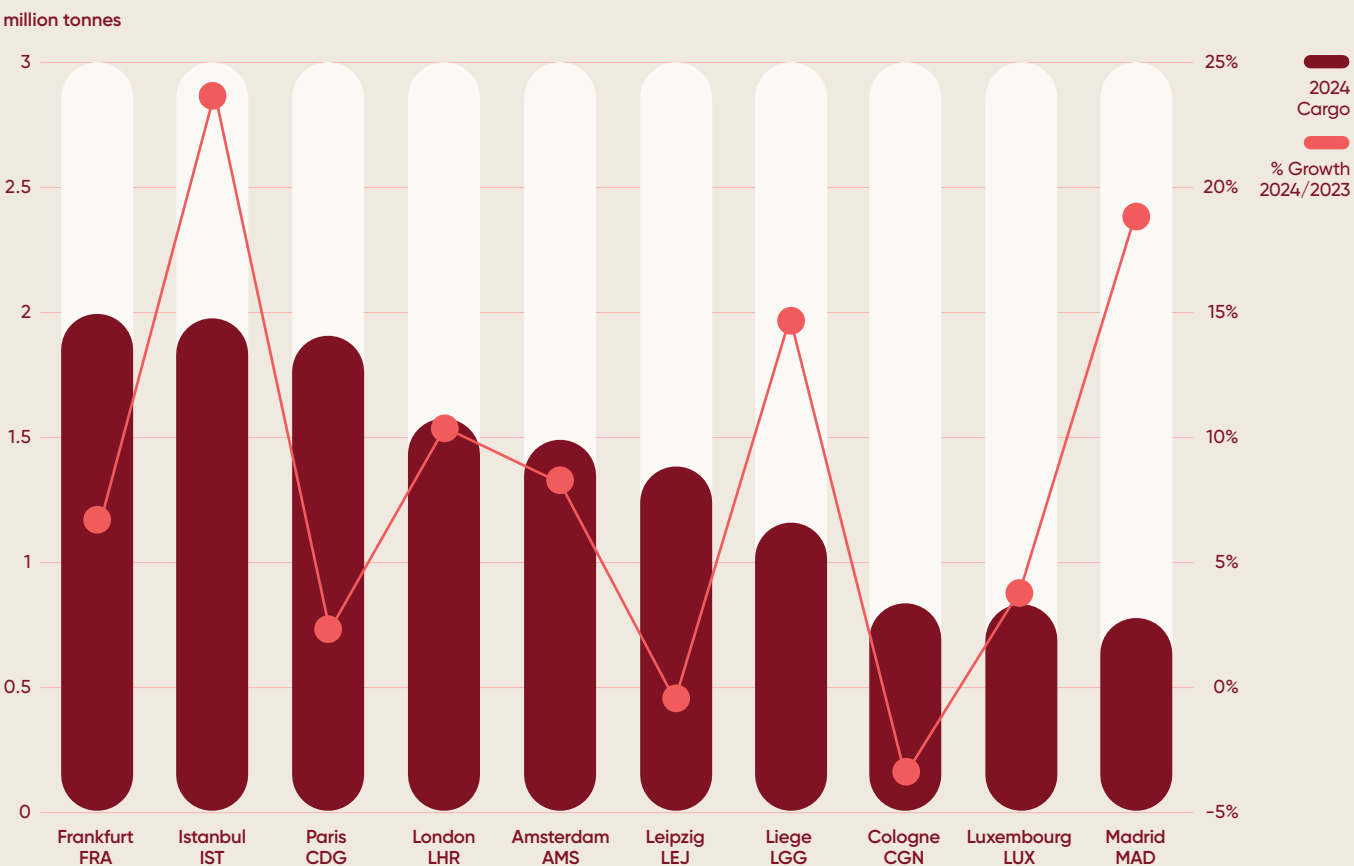
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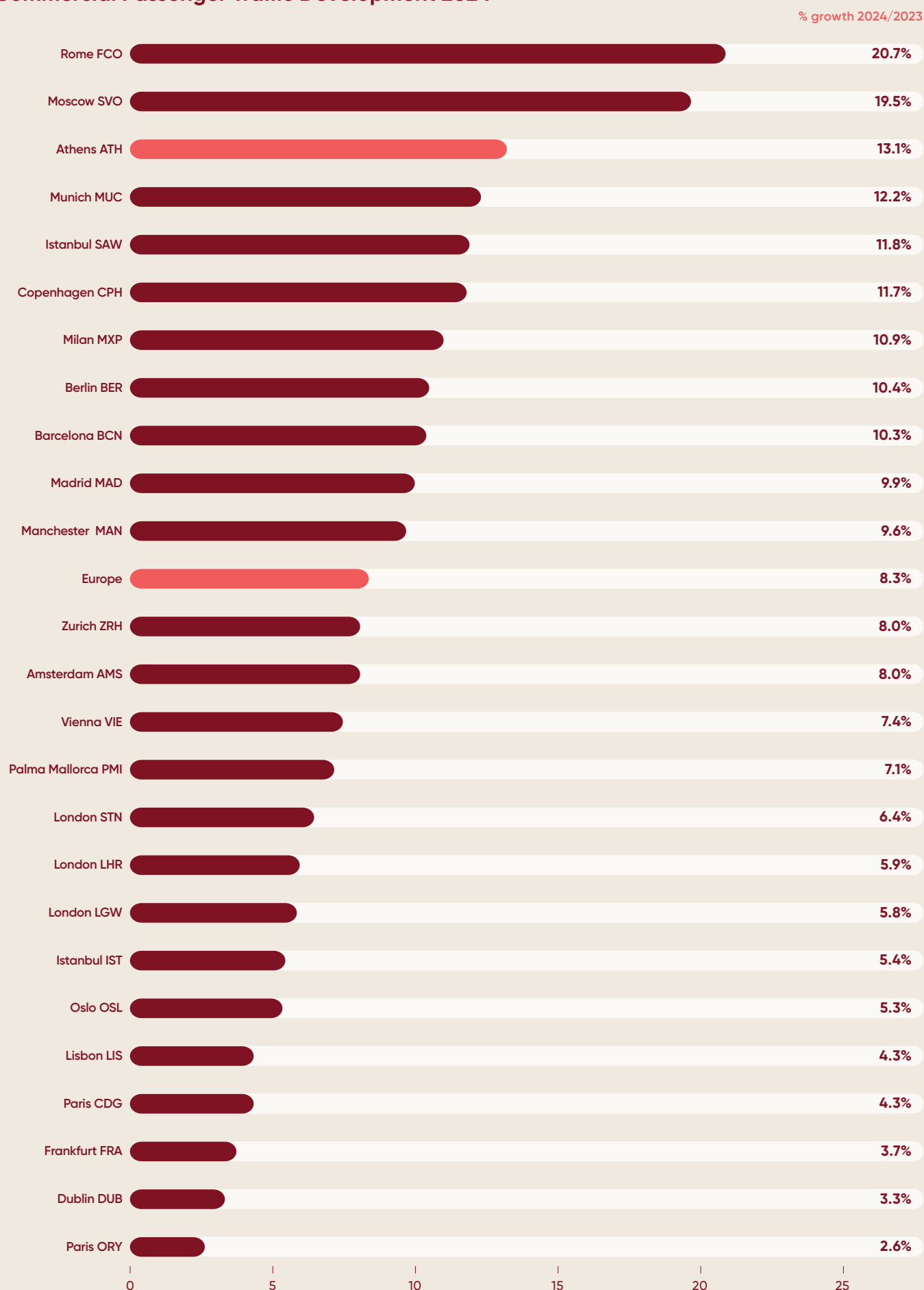
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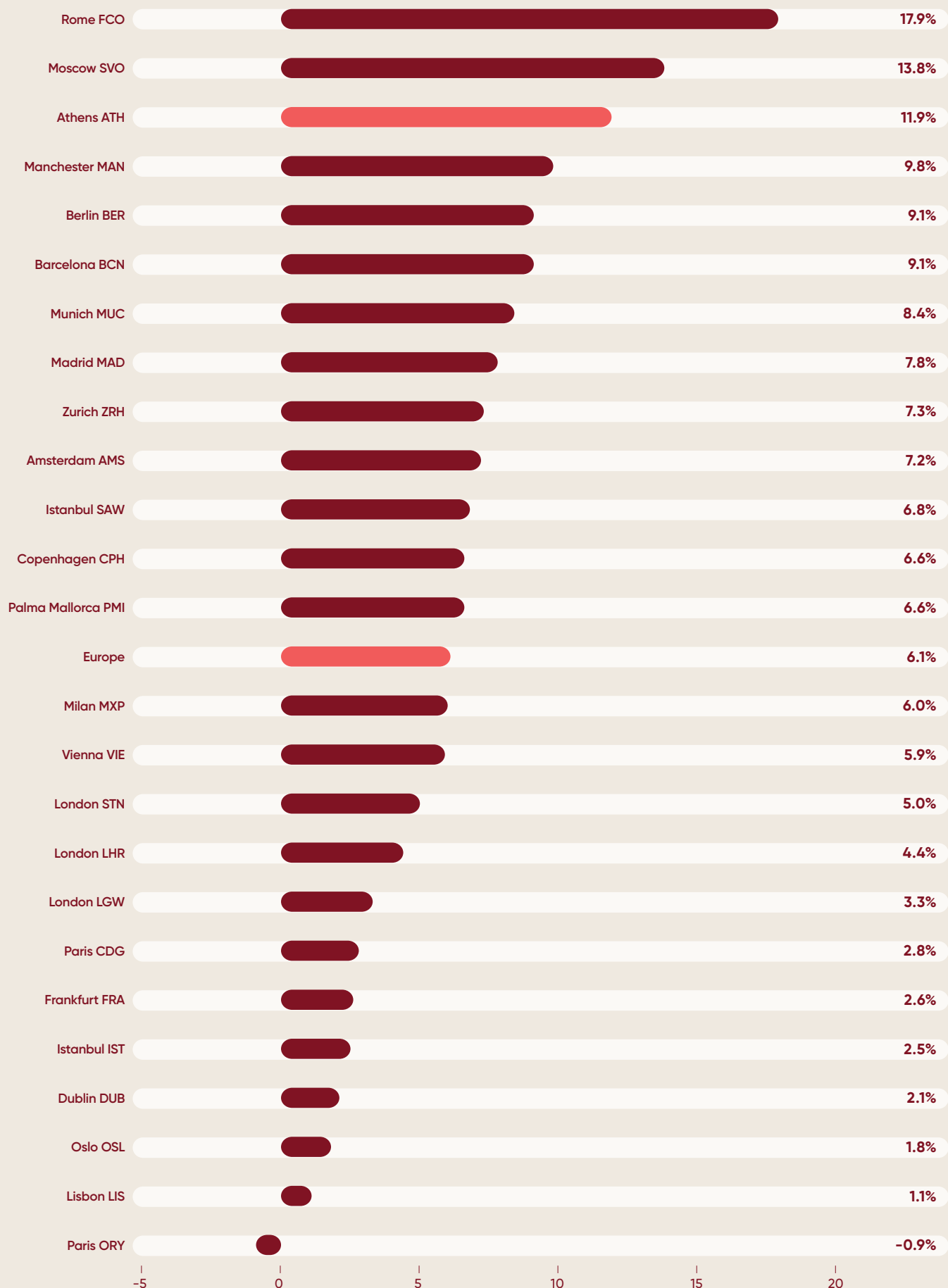


## Major European Airports (>25 Million Passengers In 2023) Commercial Passenger Traffic Development 2024



## Major European Airports (>25 Million Passengers In 2023) Commercial Aircraft Movements Development 2024

% growth 2024/2023



# Air Vocabulary



## Passenger and Flight Statistics

- The origin and destination of a flight are defined according to the flight's first origin/last destination.
- A passenger's origin/destination is defined according to their point of embarkation/disembarkation.
- Classification into Intra/Extra-Schengen for passengers and flights is designated according to the flight's last origin/first stop.
- Geographical regions are defined per the ACI classification.
- Transit Passengers are defined as passengers arriving at and departing from the Airport on the same flight number, without leaving the Airport's transit area (direct transit).
- Terminal Passengers are all arriving and departing passengers, excluding transit passengers.
- All statistical traffic data are measured in UTC and Land/Airborne times.
- Traffic data for the Greek peripheral airports are based on preliminary traffic results per the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA). The total number of Greece's domestic flights and passengers is double-counted (included in both the airport of origin and the destination airport).
- Traffic statistics for worldwide and European airports are per ACI World preliminary traffic results, using data from more than 1,000 airports around the globe.

## Cargo Traffic Statistics

- The global outlook is based on statistics and analysis issued by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- AIA cargo statistics are based on submissions from cargo handlers (cargo manifest data – actual weight) and include inbound and outbound freight and mail traffic handled (physical or document handling) through the Airport's cargo terminals. Freight refers to shipments transported under an Air Waybill and includes express/courier freight. Mail refers to shipments from Hellenic Post (ELTA) and/or other countries' postal authorities. Cargo refers to the sum of freight and mail.
- Volumes transported by road freight to and/or from AIA (trucked cargo) are not included in the official statistics (flown cargo) as per ACI guidelines.
- Transfer freight is defined as freight transported via Athens to another destination in Greece or abroad by air, by road, or by a combination of both. These volumes are included both in inbound and outbound traffic, but are also reported separately.
- Transit cargo is defined as cargo that remains onboard the aircraft for onward transportation to the flight's final destination and is not reported.
- Freighters' (cargo aircraft) uplift is included in total cargo volumes.
- The term 'Integrators' refers to the three main courier companies operating their own aircraft: DHL Express, FedEx Express and UPS.
- The top 10 origin and destination airports for cargo from/to AIA reflect the origin / destination of the shipments according to the Air Waybill (AWB), and are based on IATA's Cargo IS.

## Exercises on Punctuality

- A flight is characterised as Delayed if it departs/arrives (off-/on-blocks) 16 or more minutes after its scheduled time .
- The Average Delay is calculated in minutes, considering only delayed flights.
- Delay reasons are classified according to IATA Delay Codes, as reported by airlines and/or handling agents. Statistics in this report should be interpreted with caution, given the limited number of delayed flights for which a delay reason has been declared.

## Joining the Passenger Dots – Adding Tourists

- Passenger profile and tourism development data derive from the "Passengers' Survey" conducted by Athens International Airport since 2001, aiming to study Athens passengers' demographics and travel profiles and track changes over the years. The survey's annual sample consists of 40,000 interviews with departing passengers, conducted daily at the Airport's departure gates.
- Passenger volumes presented in the "Adding Tourists" chapter correspond to passenger arrivals for foreign residents and passenger departures for Greek residents.

## Our Grade Report

- Service Performance relates to:
  - Capturing passengers' and visitors' perceptions of service levels (passenger comment management process and Quality Monitor Survey);
  - Measuring actual performance in critical areas (service performance indicators).
- Service Performance indices reflect areas of service and facilities affecting a passenger's perception of the service level within the Airport premises.
- Thus, quantifiable indices have been established and monitored for several services offered either by the Airport Company or by a third party (airlines/handlers), in line with AIA's customer experience culture. These indices allow for accurate monitoring, benchmarking and the identification of initiatives to improve performance. Evaluating passenger-oriented services rendered by AIA or third parties is made possible through productive cooperation between the Company's departments.

## Check-in and Security Queues

- Queuing time refers to the time elapsed from the moment a passenger joins the line until reaching the service point. Measurements are taken seven days a week between 06:00 and 22:00 hours.

### **Baggage Reclaim**

- Measuring the time between aircraft on-blocks and the first bag delivery (Obl-Fb), and the time from first bag to last bag delivery (Fb-Lb) is the standard method used internationally to assess baggage reclaim performance and approximate the level of service provided.

### **Info Desk**

- Although the info-desk queries index does not directly measure service performance, it does connote the effect of passenger traffic on information counters.

### **Call Centre**

- AIA's call centre statistics are produced by the Report Manager, who provides historical statistical reporting and information on all contact centre activities. These statistics can be retrieved at tensescond intervals. Service level refers to the percentage of incoming service calls answered within a specified time – set at 20 seconds between the end of the introductory message and the agent's response.

### **Passenger Comments**

- In compliance with Article 10 of the ACI-Europe Airport Voluntary Commitment, Athens International Airport has established an integrated Passenger Complaint Management System.

### **i-mind**

- The "i-mind" programme of Athens International Airport, was relaunched in February 2024.
- This innovative initiative places all AIA employees in the position of a "virtual passenger", encouraging them to observe, care for, and comment on the Airport Environment, regardless of operational expertise. Seeking common-sense improvements for the Airport's infrastructure and services, the power of "i-mind" lies in participation, involvement, personal care and the special relationship employees have with their workplace.
- Alert is a condition where immediate actions are required and responsible departments are notified.

### **Airport Service Evaluation**

- Airport Services Evaluation is derived from the Quality Monitor Survey (QMS), conducted by AIA since 2001 to measure the quality of facilities and services offered at the Airport and maintain high levels of customer service. The annual survey sample consists of 7,000 interviews with departing and arriving passengers conducted daily at departure gates and the arrival hall.

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