IATA

Fact Sheet

Mission

- To represent, lead and serve the airline industry

Vision

- Working together to shape the future growth of a safe, secure and sustainable air transport industry that connects and enriches our world

Leadership

- Chair of IATA Board of Directors (2026-2027), LATAM Airlines Group CEO Roberto Alvo
- IATA Director General, Saadia Zahidi

Membership

- IATA membership: over 370 airlines in 131 countries and territories.
- IATA members represent some 85% of total scheduled traffic (revenue tonne-kilometers, 2025)
- IATA members' total cargo (scheduled) – 61 million tonnes in 2025, of which 43 million tonnes were international
- IATA members' total cargo tonne-kilometers (scheduled) – 260 billion tonne-kilometers in 2025, of which 230 billion tonne-kilometers were international
- IATA members' total passengers 2025 (scheduled) – 3.6 billion, of which 1.5 billion were international
- IATA members' total revenue passenger-kilometers 2025 (scheduled) – 7.9 trillion passenger-kilometers, of which 5.0 trillion passenger-kilometers were international

History

- In April 1945, a group of 57 airlines came together in Havana, Cuba, to create IATA.

- IATA was formally established in Montreal, Canada later that year in December by a Special Act of the Canadian Parliament.

IATA Offices

- IATA has 56 offices
- Head Office: Montreal, Canada
- Executive Office: Geneva, Switzerland
- Regional Offices in Amman, Beijing, Madrid, Miami, Singapore
- Government Affairs Offices in Brussels and Washington, D.C.

IATA Annual General Meeting & World Air Transport Summit

- The Association holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year, where member airlines exercise key governance powers.
- It is attended by representatives from IATA member airlines, industry partners, international and regional associations, manufacturers, suppliers, and governments.
- The first AGM was held in Montreal, Canada, in October 1945.
- The 82nd AGM took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 6-8 June 2026, hosted by LATAM Airlines Group.
- The 83rd AGM will take place in Xiamen, China, on 30 May to 1 June 2027, hosted by Xiamen Airlines.

IATA Financial Services

- In 2025, IATA Financial Settlement Systems (IFSS) processed some USD 492.4 billion, excluding refunds as follows:
    - Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) — USD 242.3 billion (net of USD19.7 billion in refunds)
    - Cargo Account Settlement Systems (CASS) — USD 47.5 billion
    - IATA Clearing House (ICH) — USD 66.01 billion
    - IATA Currency Clearance Service (ICCS) — USD 43.0 billion
    - Simplified Invoicing and Settlement (SIS) — USD 89.0 billion
    - Enhancement & Financing — USD 4.5 billion

IATA's Advocacy Priorities