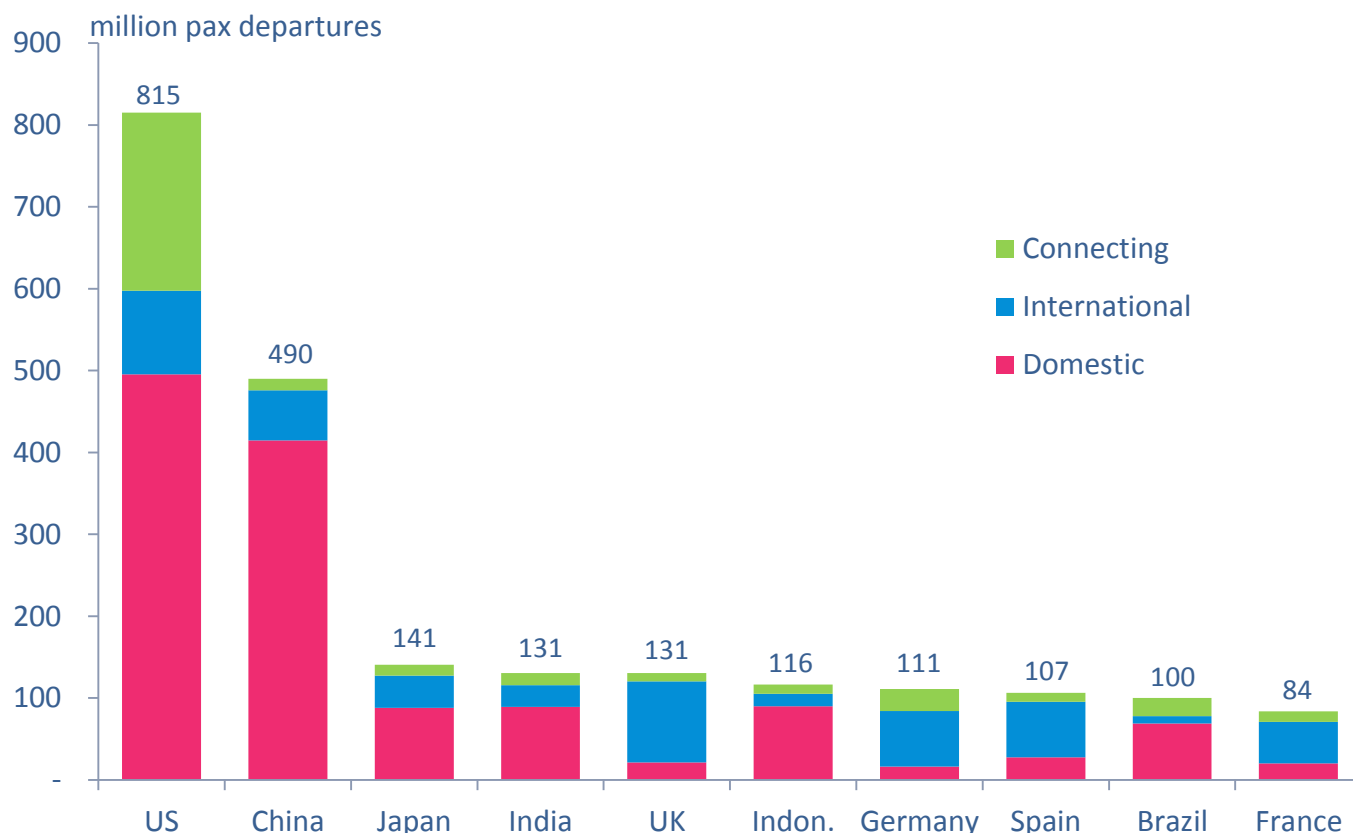




IATA ECONOMICS' CHART OF THE WEEK

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PASSENGER DEPARTURES REACH 3.8 BILLION IN 2016



Source: IATA Pax-IS

- Using the latest data from IATA's Pax-IS database, there were an estimated 3.8 billion air passenger departures globally in 2016; a strong increase over the 3½ billion departures in 2015. Of these, almost 50% (some 1.9 billion) were domestic departures, 35% (1.3 billion) were international departures and the remaining 16% (604 million) were connecting departures. As always, the mix of Domestic vs International vs Connecting departures varies substantially from country to country, reflecting factors including network structure and geography.
- The top three markets were unchanged again in 2016, with the United States clearly ahead of the pack, accounting for around 815 million (or just over one-fifth) of the total number of global departures. China and Japan are ranked #2 and #3, with 490 million and 141 million passenger departures, respectively. The number of passenger departures in China increased by a strong 10.3% in 2016.
- The big movers on this year's rankings are the key emerging markets of India and Indonesia. India has jumped up two places to the #4 ranking with 131 million departures in 2016 and, with stellar growth of 20.0%yoy, continues to close in fast on Japan. Just three years ago India held the #8 ranking. Indonesia also moved up two positions this year, to #6, with 116 million passenger departures and a double-digit annual growth rate of 12.9%.
- In contrast, Brazil slipped four rankings *down* the list in 2016, to #9, with the severe economic recession and political and social turmoil taking its impact on air passenger demand. The number of passenger departures fell by 10.4% over the past year, but even so, Brazil still recorded just over 100 million departures in 2016.

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