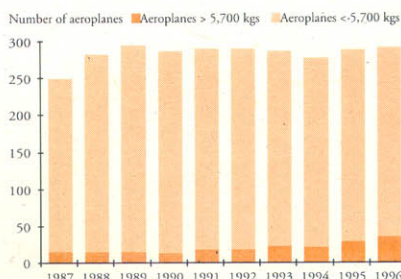


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AIRCRAFT FLEET

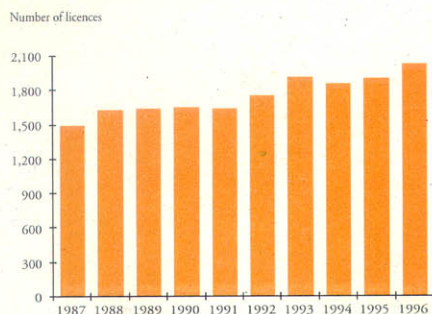


There were 330 aircraft registered in Iceland at the end of the year 1996, as compared to 324, the preceding year. The increase is 2%. The number of registered aircraft has never been higher in the last ten years.

The number of heavy aircraft (> 5,700 kgs) increased by five and the number of gliders by two. The number of light aircraft (< 5,700 kgs) is unchanged, while helicopters have decreased by one.

Over the past ten years the number of Icelandic aircraft has increased by an average of 1% annually. The same applies to the past five years.

PERSONNEL LICENCES



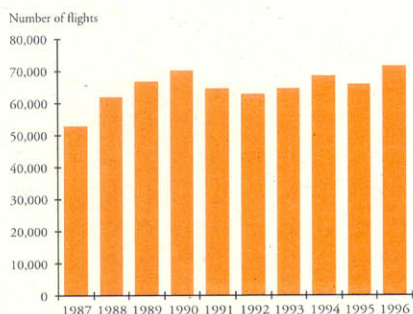
There were 2,031 valid personnel licences at the year end 1996, an increase of 6% from the preceding year.

The main groups of licences include: 544 private pilots, 502 commercial pilots, 258 aircraft maintenance technicians, 105 student pilots, 101 flight instructors, 94 air traffic controllers, 54 flight engineers, 44 glider pilots and 20 flight dispatchers. Valid IFR ratings by year end 1996 were 192.

From 1995 to 1996 the number of licences went up in varying proportions in the following categories: student pilots 31%, flight instructors 10%, aircraft maintenance technicians and flight engineers 4% each, commercial pilots 3% and air traffic controllers 1%. Pilots with IFR ratings increased by 4%. On the other hand, the number of licences in the following categories dropped: glider pilots by 24%, flight dispatchers 13% and private pilots by 5%.

Over the past ten years the number of valid personnel licences has increased by an average of 3% annually. The same applies to the past five years.

REYKJAVÍK OCEANIC AIR TRAFFIC

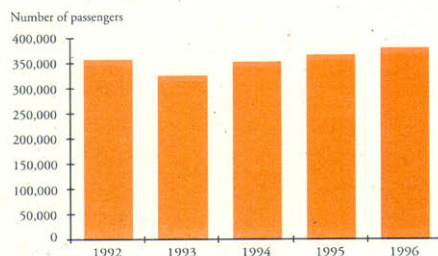
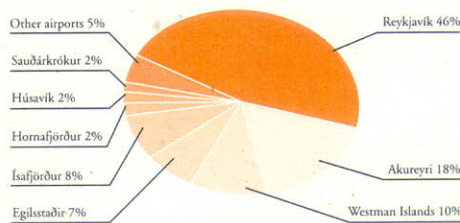


71,631 aircraft entered the Reykjavík Oceanic Control Area in 1996, up 8% from the previous year.

Military air traffic comprises 11% and general aviation flights 7% of the total air traffic in 1996.

Over the past ten years air traffic in the area has increased by an average of 2% annually. The average annual change over the past five years is an increase of 3%.

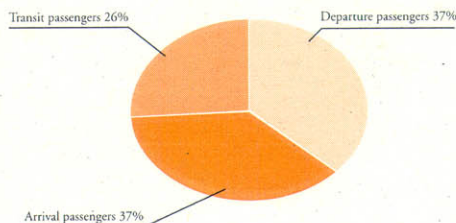
DOMESTIC PASSENGERS



382,087 domestic passengers embarked at Icelandic airports offering scheduled services in 1996, an increase of 1% from the preceding year.

Over the past five years the total number of domestic passengers embarking at airports with scheduled services has increased by an average of 3% annually.

INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

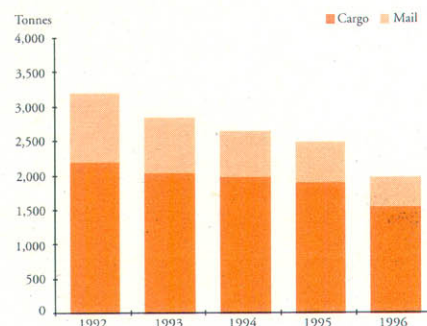


1,048,837 international passengers used Icelandic airports with scheduled services in 1996, an increase of 11% from the preceding year.

From 1995 to 1996 the number of international passengers went up by 84% at Reykjavík and 10% in Keflavík. On the other hand, international passengers dropped by 46% at Egilsstaðir and 34% at Akureyri.

Over the past five years the volume of international passengers at Icelandic airports has increased by an average of 10% annually.

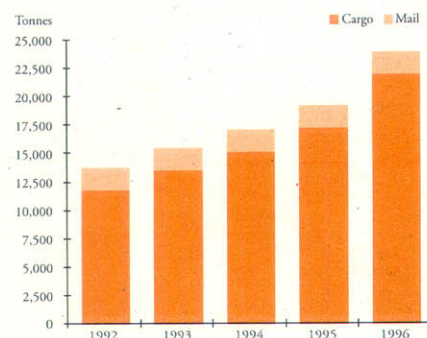
DOMESTIC MAIL AND CARGO



1,997 tonnes of mail and cargo were transported domestically in 1996, a drop of 20% from the preceding year. Cargo transport declined by 18%, mail by 26%.

Over the past ten years total domestic mail and cargo have dropped by an average of 9% annually. The average annual decrease over the past five years is 10%.

INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND CARGO

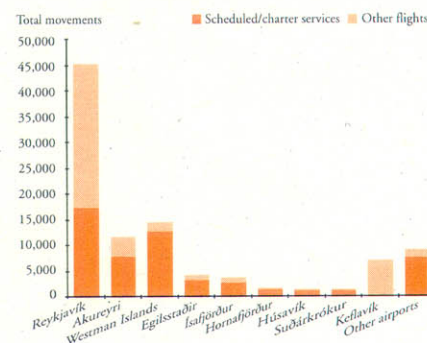


International cargo and mail increased by 23% in 1996, amounting to a total of 24,044 tonnes. Cargo increased by 26% while mail dropped by 2%.

In 1996 international cargo and mail transported through Reykjavík increased by 174% and by 21% at Keflavík.

Over the past five years international cargo and mail transported through Icelandic airports has increased by an average of 15% annually.

DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS



Domestic aircraft movements (take-offs and landings) decreased in the area of scheduled and charter services by 7%, to a total of 56,171. Touch-and-go landings numbered 55,777, a decrease of 12% and other domestic movements were 45,112 giving an increase of 35% over the preceding year.

Total aircraft movements at Icelandic airports with scheduled services in 1996 were 179,637, an increase of 1% over the preceding year. Domestic movements were 157,060 and international movements 22,577.

Over the past five years domestic aircraft movements have decreased by an average of 3% annually. The average annual change over the past five years is zero for international aircraft movements.

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Aircraft on Icelandic register 1987 - 1996

Year	Aeropl. > 5,700 kgs	Aeropl. < 5,700 kgs	Gliders	Helicopters	Total	Change f.prec. year
1987	16	234	24	3	277	11.2%
1988	16	267	25	3	311	12.3%
1989	16	279	24	4	323	3.9%
1990	14	273	25	3	315	-2.5%
1991	18	273	24	5	320	1.6%
1992	19	271	24	5	319	-0.3%
1993	24	264	26	5	319	0.0%
1994	22	257	29	5	313	-1.9%
1995	30	259	29	6	324	3.5%
1996	35	259	31	5	330	1.9%

Valid personnel licences 1987 - 1996

Year	Issued	Renewal	Number of licences	Change from prec. year
1987	317	727	1,494	-3.0%
1988	271	316	1,630	9.1%
1989	311	360	1,649	1.2%
1990	267	337	1,659	0.6%
1991	232	423	1,642	-1.0%
1992	230	532	1,753	6.8%
1993	256	155	1,920	9.5%
1994	260	148	1,865	-2.9%
1995	267	309	1,910	2.4%
1996	391	448	2,031	6.3%

Valid personnel licences 31/12 1996

Licence type	Issued	Renewal	Number	Change 96/95	Part
Commercial pilots / aeroplane	38	27	228	4.1%	11.2%
Commercial pilots / helicopter	0	1	12	-7.7%	0.6%
Airline transport pilots / aeroplane	10	71	257	1.6%	12.6%
Airline transport pilots / helicopter	1	0	5	25.0%	0.2%
Instrument ratings	44	27	192	4.9%	9.5%
Private pilots / aeroplane	65	148	541	-4.9%	26.6%
Private pilots / helicopter	1	0	3	50.0%	0.1%
Flight instructors	23	8	101	9.8%	5.0%
Student pilots	107	11	105	-31.3%	5.2%
Air traffic controllers	7	22	94	1.1%	4.6%
Flight dispatchers	3	1	20	-13.0%	1.0%
Flight engineers	3	2	54	3.8%	2.7%
Aircraft maintenance technicians	14	50	258	3.6%	12.7%
Validation of licences	73	64	117	515.8%	5.8%
Glider pilots	2	16	44	-24.1%	2.2%
	391	448	2,031	6.3%	100.0%

Traffic in the Icelandic oceanic area 1987 - 1996

Year	To/from Iceland	Overflights	Number of flights	Change from prec. year
1987	-	-	53,113	2.5%
1988	-	-	62,174	17.1%
1989	-	-	66,929	7.6%
1990	-	-	70,589	5.5%
1991	-	-	64,660	-8.4%
1992	-	-	63,102	-2.4%
1993	18,142	46,813	64,955	2.9%
1994	18,706	49,973	68,679	5.7%
1995	20,940	45,352	66,292	-3.5%
1996	22,382	49,249	71,631	8.1%

Traffic in the Icelandic oceanic area by category 1992 - 1996

Year	Civil flights	General aviation	Military flights	Total	Part of military flights
1992		54,940*	8,162	63,102	13%
1993		57,769*	7,186	64,955	11%
1994	57,160	5,086	6,433	68,679	9%
1995	54,338	5,130	6,824	66,292	10%
1996	58,824	5,191	7,616	71,631	11%

* Civil flights and general aviation.

Domestic passengers in Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996*

Airport	Number of passengers	Change 96/95	Part
Reykjavík	351,429	0.9%	46.0%
Akureyri	137,842	0.8%	18.0%
Westman Islands	79,406	5.1%	10.4%
Egilsstaðir	54,105	2.8%	7.1%
Ísafjörður	58,841	6.1%	7.7%
Hornafjörður	17,653	12.0%	2.3%
Húsavík	14,422	-2.8%	1.9%
Sauðárkrúkur	11,610	0.6%	1.5%
Other airports	38,867	-11.3%	5.1%
	764,175	1.3%	100.0%

* Each passenger is counted twice, i.e. both departing and arriving, but 23,569 transit passengers are excluded.

International passengers in Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996

Airport	Dep./arr. passengers	Transit passengers	Total	Change 96/95	Part
Keflavík	745,798	276,958	1,022,756	10.4%	97.5%
Reykjavík **)	20,814	0	20,814	83.9%	2.0%
Akureyri	4,760	0	4,760	-34.0%	0.5%
Egilsstaðir	363	144	507	-46.2%	0.0%
	771,735	277,102	1,048,837	10.9%	100.0%

** The 1995 number of passengers has been corrected from last years Aviation Fact File.

Domestic cargo and mail in Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996***)

Airport	Cargo / Tonnes	Mail / Tonnes	Total / Tonnes	Change 96/95	Part
Reykjavík	1,242.3	325.1	1,567.3	-21.9%	39.3%
Akureyri	603.6	134.3	737.9	-17.2%	18.5%
Egilsstaðir	248.6	27.6	276.1	-37.6%	6.9%
Ísafjörður	170.9	166.5	337.5	-18.8%	8.4%
Westman Islands	151.5	29.8	181.3	0.3%	4.5%
Sauðárkrúkur	151.5	0.0	151.5	-6.9%	3.8%
Hornafjörður	87.6	15.6	103.1	-12.1%	2.6%
Húsavík	39.2	0.0	39.2	-21.7%	1.0%
Other airports	408.3	191.4	599.7	-18.0%	15.0%
	3,103.4	890.2	3,993.6	-20.1%	100.0%

*** Cargo and mail is counted twice, i.e. both departing and arriving.

International cargo and mail in Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996

Airport	Cargo / Tonnes	Mail / Tonnes	Total / Tonnes	Change 96/95	Part
Keflavík	21,244.2	2,041.0	23,285.3	20.6%	96.8%
Reykjavík	752.6	6.2	758.8	173.6%	3.2%
	21,996.9	2,047.2	24,044.2	22.8%	100.0%

Domestic a/c movements on Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996

Airport	Scheduled/charter services	Other flights	Touch-and-go land.	Total	Change 96/95	Part
Reykjavík ****)	17,498	27,811	35,346	80,655	12.8%	51.4%
Akureyri	7,856	4,030	1,403	13,289	13.8%	8.5%
Westman Islands	12,734	2,007	97	14,838	9.9%	9.4%
Egilsstaðir ****)	3,287	950	325	4,562	-3.9%	2.9%
Ísafjörður	2,838	1,050	137	4,025	-0.1%	2.6%
Hornafjörður	1,418	490	15	1,923	1.2%	1.2%
Húsavík	1,278	182	72	1,532	-2.1%	1.0%
Sauðárkrúkur	1,206	342	27	1,575	-6.4%	1.0%
Keflavík	352	6,751	18,078	25,181	2.2%	16.0%
Other airports	7,704	1,499	277	9,480	-8.3%	6.0%
	56,171	45,112	55,777	157,060	7.9%	100.0%

****) The 1995 number of domestic a/c movements has been corrected from last years Aviation Fact File.

International a/c movements on Icelandic airports with scheduled services 1996

Airport	Scheduled/charter services	Other flights	Total	Change 96/95	Part
Keflavík	11,881	6,739	18,620	8.6%	82.5%
Reykjavík *****)	1,314	2,262	3,576	-1.8%	15.8%
Akureyri	340	0	340	2.1%	1.5%
Egilsstaðir *****)	21	20	41	2.5%	0.2%
	13,556	9,021	22,577	6.7%	100.0%

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