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Operational data on the Airport performance show that this October, Riga Airport handled 625 thousand passengers, whereas the number of direct passengers exceeded the pre-pandemic level for the first time.

The number of direct passengers in October reached almost 503 thousand, exceeding the result of October 2019 by three percentage points. Also on an annual basis, it has almost returned to the level of the corresponding period of the pre-pandemic period.

Since the beginning of the year, 5.7 million passengers have used Riga Airport for their trips, exceeding the result of the entire previous year: in January–December 2022, a total of 5.38 million passengers were handled.

"The number of direct destinations from Riga Airport is the largest in the Baltic States, and many of them are only offered from Riga. We also felt this well in October, when the number of passengers at our Airport increased during the school holidays in Latvia and in our two neighbouring countries Estonia and Lithuania. Flight occupancy is also increasing during this period: it again approached the 80 % mark in the last week of October. The favourite routes are still the warm holiday destinations by the Mediterranean Sea, as well as British and Irish airports," says Laila Odiņa, Chairperson of the Board of Riga Airport.

The number of transfer passengers still accounts for around 20 % of the total number of passengers – in October, 122.5 thousand passengers used Riga Airport as their transfer airport.

In October, 5 659 passenger, cargo and other flights were handled, which is 11% more than a year before.



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