

## Passengers flight abroad from January through September of 2020

### The number of passengers is still falling

The count of passengers January through September of 2020 after the national and international COVID-19 travel-bans showed a fall of 66.7 pct. in the number of passengers on scheduled flights from the six international airports. This accounted to a decrease of 47,152 passengers compared to the same period last year.

**Table 1. Number of passengers on scheduled flights January through September, 2018-2020**

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Kangerlussuaq</b> .....	53,775	54,387	22,364
<b>Nuuk</b> .....	3,804	3,763	1,157
<b>Kulusuk</b> .....	4,903	4,508	270
<b>Ilulissat</b> .....	3,084	3,080	90
<b>Nerlerit inaat</b> .....	743	786	249
<b>Narsarsuaq</b> .....	4,696	4,803	45
<b>Total</b> .....	71,005	71,327	24,175

Table on our Statbank: [bank.stat.gl/tueupax](http://bank.stat.gl/tueupax)

Source: Greenland Airports

Since the lifting of the national travel-ban in June and July the number of passengers have been rising. As such the number of passengers in August was the highest since the travel-ban were introduced in march.

**Table 2. Number of passengers on scheduled flights January through September, 2019-2020**

	2019	2020	Difference
<b>January</b> .....	3,952	4,508	556
<b>February</b> .....	3,769	3,758	-11
<b>March</b> .....	5,016	2,850	-2,166
<b>April</b> .....	6,404	5	-6,399
<b>May</b> .....	6,049	579	-5,470
<b>June</b> .....	8,866	1,690	-7,176
<b>July</b> .....	14,585	2,984	-11,601
<b>August</b> .....	14,623	4,054	-10,569
<b>September</b> .....	8,063	3,747	-4,316
<b>Total</b> .....	71,327	24,175	-47,152

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Note: Departures between Greenland and Denmark in April are counted as chartered flights and not as scheduled flights.

**Figure 1. number of passengers on scheduled flights January through September, 2018-2020**

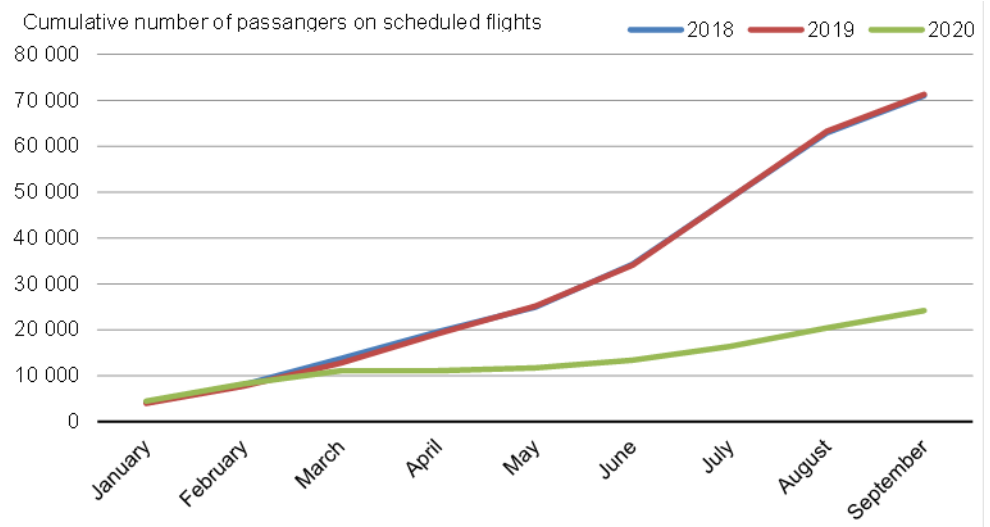


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Due to a technical glitch in Kangerlussuaq, there have been a large part of the passengers in January and February whom are of unknown origin.

January through September of 2020, a total of 25,205 passengers departed from the six international airports on scheduled and chartered flights, compared to the same period last year, this was a decrease of 51,823 passengers.

**Figure 2. Number of passengers on chartered and scheduled flights January through September, 2018-2020**

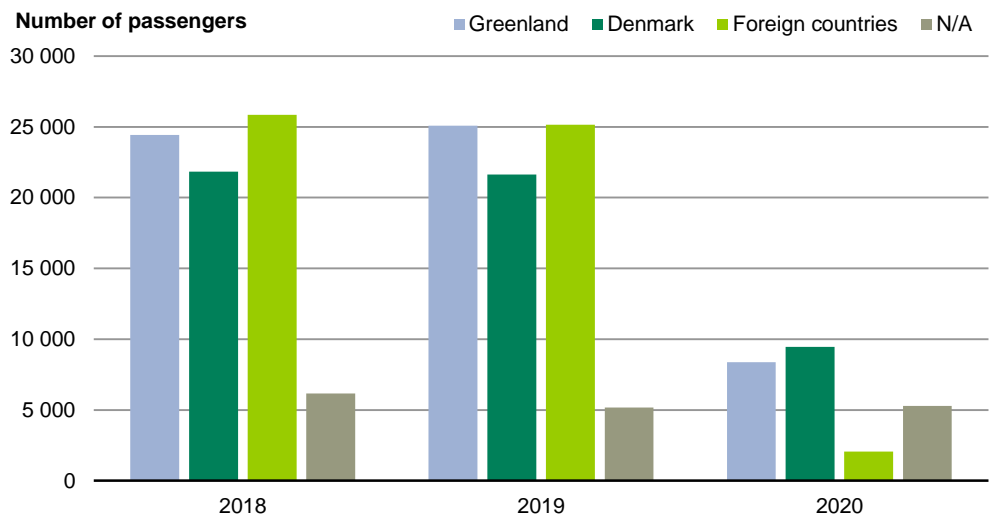


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**Table 3. Number of passengers on chartered and scheduled flights January through September of 2020**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Greenland</b> .....	24,429	25,089	8,382
<b>Denmark</b> .....	21,838	21,636	9,464
<b>Foreign countries</b> .....	25,845	25,136	2,066
<b>N/A</b> .....	6,158	5,167	5,293
<b>Total</b> .....	78,270	77,028	25,205

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## Method

The flight passenger statistics contains information about the number of passengers and the country of origin of said passengers. The statistics describes the monthly transport of passengers on flights out of Greenland from the six international airports: Kangerlussuaq, Nuuk, Kulusuk, Ilulissat, Nerlerit inaat, Narsarsuaq.

Only flights of civil nature such as scheduled and charter flights are included in the statistics. This includes taxi and other flights of professional capacity. Furthermore, only flights with a foreign destination are included.

Data regarding passengers are received monthly from Greenland Airports. Statistics Greenland do a general control for errors before publication.

The information regarding passengers country of origin are received daily from Greenland Airports, and are done in connection with passenger check-in.

The number of passengers are based on a census, whereas the country of origin numbers are based on a sample of roughly 90-95 percent of the passengers throughout the country.

The Government of Greenland introduced a travel ban limiting travel to and from Greenland on the 20th of march 2020. This was partly lifted on the 15th of June 2020.

## Publications

The flight passenger statistics are released monthly approximately 30 days after the reference period has finished.

The English translation of the publication is released on a quarterly basis.

## Next publication

The next Airplane passenger's publication in English will be published on 29th January 2021.

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