

Up to 1,843 Aircraft Flown Daily in 2022

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Air traffic volume starts to recover as 65% compared to pre Covid-19 marking the largest domestic air traffic ever

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister WON Hee-ryong) announced that as a result of tallying on the air traffic volume in 2022, a total of 539,000 aircrafts using the domestic airway (1,479 per day on average) increased by approximately 16.0%, compared to the previous year.

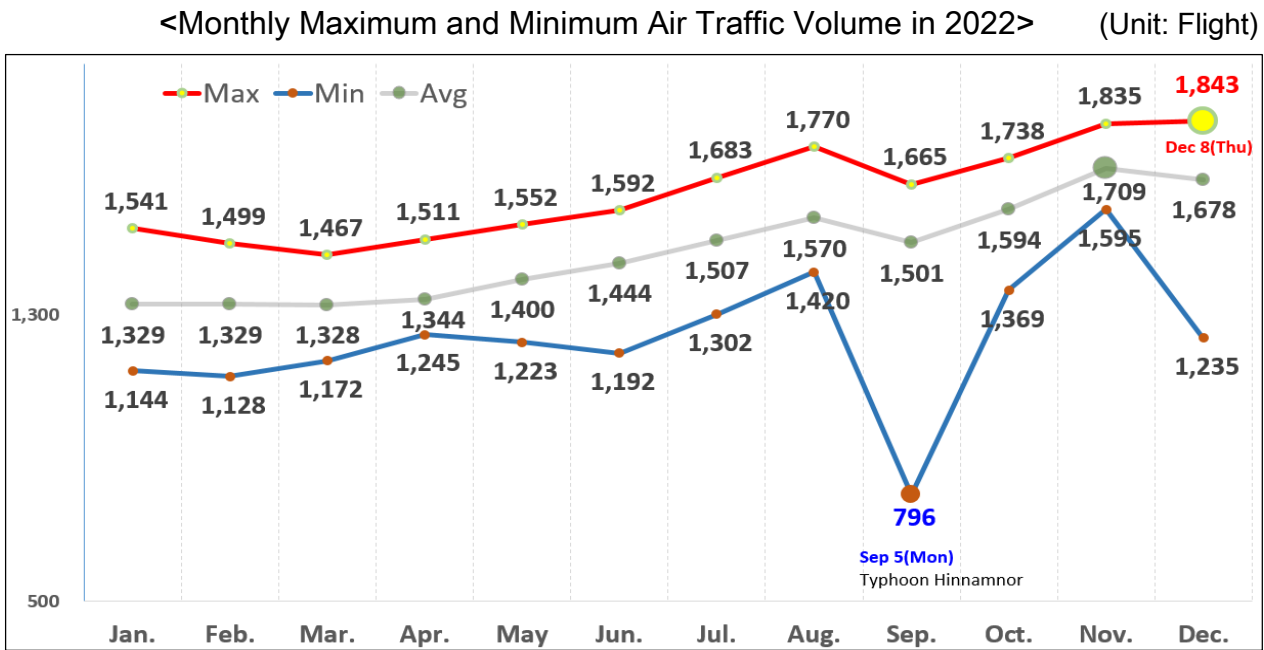
< Year-on-year Air Traffic Volume >

(Unit: Flight)

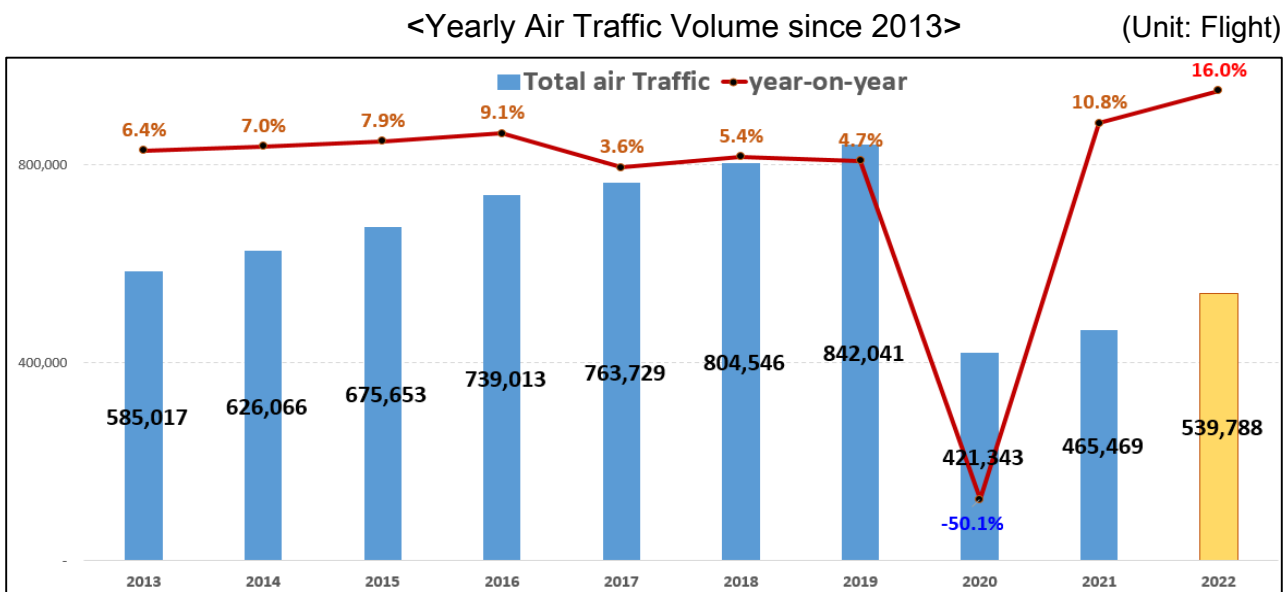
Sort	Total	International			Domestic
		Sub total	In·Outbound	Over-flight	
Air Traffic	539,788	276,356	205,193	70,163	263,432
(Average per day)	(1,479)	(757)	(562)	(195)	(722)
Year-on-year rate (%)	+16.0	+36.2	+34.1	+41.3	+0.4

* (Tally basis) Based on the flight plan submitted by the aircraft operators to the MOLIT (Air Traffic Management Office)

The busiest month was November with an average of 1,709 flights per day, while the busiest day marked on Thu. 8 December with 1,843 flights as follows.



As seen below, the air traffic volume reached its lowest level in April 2020, when COVID-19 was started actively spreading, then, it has been significantly increasing since June 2022. In particular, international air traffic increased by 36% compared to the previous year due to the easing of quarantine measures and the recovery of overseas travel sentiment.



To compare the total of flight volumes year-on-year among major domestic airports *, the Incheon International Airport has become the busiest airport in 2022 with 521 flights per day on average due to the increased international traffics.

* Jeju> Gimpo> Incheon (2021) vs. **Incheon**> Jeju> Gimpo (2022)

In case of domestic flights *, despite the decrease in air traffic at local airports, the traffic volume at Jeju Airport and Gimpo Airport increased by 6.8% and 4.5%, respectively, marking the largest traffic volume ever since the related statistics were recorded (1996).

* Daily average: 681 (2018) → 675 (2019) → 605 (2020) → 719 (2021) → 722 (2022)