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## **Lufthansa Group airlines carried 55.4 million passengers in first nine months 2009**

**Group traffic figures include bmi since July and Austrian Airlines since September**

Lufthansa traffic figures declined in the first nine months 2009 owing to the persistent global recession. Germany's biggest airline was consequently unable to match the level achieved in the comparable term in the previous year. The Lufthansa passenger count in the first three quarters of the current year was down by 3.9 per cent to 41.9 million. In the same period, capacity was scaled back by 1.9 per cent in line with the drop in demand. Revenue seat-kilometres fell by 3.8 per cent. The seat load factor was down accordingly by 1.5 points to 77.7 per cent. Passenger numbers dropped in all traffic regions with the exception of the MiddleEast/Africa.

All in all, Lufthansa, SWISS, bmi and Austrian Airlines welcomed 55.4 million passengers on board their flights in the first nine months of the year. Of the total, about 10.3 million flew with SWISS, around 970,000 with Austrian Airlines and about 2.2 million with bmi. The Group's nine-month figures include passengers from Austrian Airlines only since September and those from bmi only since July. The number of flights operated by the Lufthansa Group rose to 636,199, an increase of 1.4 per cent.

Lufthansa Cargo also posted a drop in freight tonnage transported and utilisation in the first nine months of the year. Overall, the Lufthansa logistics services subsidiary transported a total of 1.1 million tonnes of freight and mail, which is 15.2 per cent less than in the previous year. Capacity utilisation in the airfreight business fell to 61.7 per cent.

The financial results of the Lufthansa Group for the first nine months of the year will be published at 8 a.m. on 29 October 2009. They can then be downloaded from [www.lufthansa.com/investor-relations](http://www.lufthansa.com/investor-relations).

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|   | Jan.-Sept.<br>2009 | Jan.-Sept.<br>2008 | Y-on-Y<br>change in per cent |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Lufthansa Passenger Airlines<sup>1</sup> /<br/>Lufthansa Cargo</b> |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 41,921             | 43,639             | -3.9                         |
| Available seat-kilometres (in millions)                               | 119,470            | 121,777            | -1.9                         |
| Revenue seat-kilometres (in millions)                                 | 92,798             | 96,439             | -3.8                         |
| Seat load factor in per cent  | 77.7               | 79.2               | -1.5 pp.                     |
| Freight/mail (in 1,000 tonnes)  | 1,092              | 1,287              | -15.2                        |
| Cargo load factor in per cent   | 61.7               | 66.4               | -4.7pp.                      |
| <b>SWISS</b>  |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 10,259             | 10,128             | +1.3                         |
| Seat load factor in per cent  | 79.2               | 80.9               | -1.7 pp.                     |
| <b>Austrian Airlines</b>  |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 970                | -                  | -                            |
| Seat load factor in per cent  | 77.9               | -                  | -                            |
| <b>bmi</b>  |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 2,218              | -                  | -                            |
| Seat load factor in per cent  | 77.9               | -                  | -                            |
| <b>Lufthansa Group<sup>2</sup></b>                                    |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 55,368             | 53,767             | +3.0                         |
| Number of flights   | 636,199            | 627,342            | +1.4                         |
| <b>Germanwings</b>  |                    |                    |                              |
| Passengers in 1,000s  | 5,466              | 5,925              | -7.8                         |

<sup>1</sup> Incl. Lufthansa Regional and Lufthansa Italia

<sup>2</sup> Lufthansa Passenger Airlines, Lufthansa Cargo, SWISS, from July 2009 onwards bmi, from September 2009 onwards Austrian Airlines