

The SAS Group Traffic figures January 2006

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- SAS Group carried 2,5 million passengers in January 2006, up 8,4% vs 2005.
- SAS Group load factor for January was up 6,5 p.u. to 63.5%.
- Total passenger traffic (RPK) increased by 6,1% in January 2006 vs 2005.

Group market trends and yield development

SAS Group traffic increased in January by 6,1% and as capacity decreased 4,8% this resulted in an increased cabin factor of 6,5 p.u. to 63,5%. Number of passengers increased by 8,4% positively affected by introduction of new business models as from September 1, 2005. Illegal industrial actions by pilots in Scandinavian Airlines Danmark and high sick leave rate in SAS Braathens affected group traffic negatively by 4-5% in January. As from January 2006 SAS Group includes award passengers as an adjustment to industry standards. Historical figures have also been restated to include award passengers.

The trend with decreasing yield being offset by improved passenger load factor seems to continue in January. Yield for Scandinavian Airlines in December came out below guidance at –10% compared with 2004. Stronger currency effects than expected and strong comparable figures due to different holiday patterns are the main reasons. Yield change for January is expected to be better than December.

Some signs of reduced capacity in the marketplace have emerged and the market growth is relatively stable. However there are still uncertainties in the marketplace due to the competitive situation and continued high jet fuel prices.

Intercontinental traffic was down in January, but load factor improved. SAS Group European traffic increased by 19,6% and passenger load factor increased by 9,4 p.u. primarily due to new business models and strong growth in Spanair. Spanair's traffic was up 39,9% and load factor increased by 8,7 p.u. to 57,3%. Blue1 in Finland continued to grow and traffic increased by 19,5%. airBaltic developed well and traffic was up 64,8%.

SAS Group year-end report 2005 will be released on February 9, at 08.00 CET.

Scandinavian Airlines Businesses

- Scandinavian Airlines passenger load factor improved by 6,6 p.u. to 65,9%.
- Illegal industrial actions by pilots in SAS Danmark and high pilot sick leaves in SAS Braathens had a negative impact on traffic.
- The introduction of Scandinavian Airlines new business model has been positively received in the market.
- Traffic on European routes in January increased by 3,8%. Traffic on intrascandinavian routes was up 3,7% and load factor increased by 6,5 p.u. to 57,4%.

Scandinavian Airlines International

Total intercontinental traffic was down 6,1% vs last year. Capacity was reduced by 11,1% due to one aircraft less on Atlantic routes. Total load factor was up by 4,0 p.u. to 76,9%. **Scandinavian Airlines Danmark's** traffic increased by 1,1% although capacity was reduced by 20,6% due to the pilot actions. Passenger load factor increased by a strong 13,1 p.u. to 60,9%. On European routes traffic increased by 2,2% and load factor improved by 15,2 p.u.

SAS Group	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	3 917	-4,8%	3 917	-4,8%
RPK (Mill.)	2 488	6,1%	2 488	6,1%
Passenger load factor	63,5%	+6,5 p u	63,5%	+6,5 p u
No. of passengers (Mill.)	2,502	8,4%	2,502	8,4%

p u = percentage units

Spa	nair



Blue : airBalti

Summary of the airlines	January 2006 vs. January 2005						
	Traffic	Capacity	Load	Change of			
	(RPK)	(ASK)	factor	load factor			
SAS Group	6,1%	-4,8%	63,5%	+6,5 p u			
Scandinavian							
Airlines Businesses	-1,8%	-11,6%	65,9%	+6,6 p u			
Spanair	39,9%	18,6%	57,3%	+8,7 p u			
Widerøe	3,3%	0,5%	48,2%	+1,3 p u			
Blue1	19,5%	8,5%	60,1%	+5,6 p u			
airBaltic	64,8%	34,1%	61,4%	+11,5 p u			



Scandinavian Airlines				
Businesses	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	2 791	-11,6 %	2 791	-11,6 %
RPK (Mill.)	1 840	-1,8 %	1 840	-1,8 %
Passenger load factor	65,9%	+6,6 p u	65,9%	+6,6 p u
Passengers (Mill.)	1,675	-0,7 %	1,675	-0,7 %
p u = percentage units				

Route area (change):		Jan 06 vs. Jan-Jan 06 Jan 05 Jan-Jan			
	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	Traffic (RPK)	Capacity (ASK)	
Intercontinental	-6,1%	-11,1%	-6,1%	-11,1%	
Europe	3,8%	-13,7%	3,8%	-13,7%	
Intrascandinavian	3,7%	-8,0%	3,7%	-8,0%	
Denmark	-16,9%	-24,1%	-16,9%	-24,1%	
Norway	-3,4%	-5,5%	-3,4%	-5,5%	
Sweden	-0,4%	-17,5%	-0,4%	-17,5%	

Denmark	-16,9%	-24,1%	-16,9%	-24,1%
Norway	-3,4%	-5,5%	-3,4%	-5,5%
Sweden	-0,4%	-17,5%	-0,4%	-17,5%
Scandinavian Airlines				
Danmark	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	594	-20,6 %	594	-20,6 %
RPK (Mill.)	362	1,1 %	362	1,1 %
Passenger load factor	60,9%	+13,1 p u	60,9%	+13,1 p u
Passengers (000)	505,3	-0,5 %	505,3	-0,5 %
SAS Braathens	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	729	-1,1 %	729	-1,1 %
RPK (Mill.)			445	0.4.0/
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Passenger load factor	415 57,0%	2,1 % +1,8 p u	57,0%	
				+1,8 p u
Passenger load factor	57,0%	+1,8 p u -1,7 %	57,0%	+1,8 p u -1,7 %
Passenger load factor Passengers (000) Scandinavian Airlines	57,0% 632,8	+1,8 p u	57,0% 632,8	+1,8 p u -1,7 % Change
Passenger load factor Passengers (000) Scandinavian Airlines Sverige	57,0% 632,8 Jan 06	+1,8 p u -1,7 % Change	57,0% 632,8 Jan-Jan 06	2,1 % +1,8 p u -1,7 % Change -14,5 % 0,9 %

Passengers (000)

1,7 %

Scandinavian Airlines Businesses continued...

SAS Braathens traffic increased by 2,1%. The development on European routes was strong and traffic increased by 9,9%. Total load factor was up 1,8 p.u. to 57,0%.

Scandinavian Airlines Sverige's total number of passengers increased by 1,7%. Capacity was reduced by 14,5% as an affect by dynamic traffic planning. Total load factor increased on European and Swedish domestic routesby 9.6 p.u. to 63.4%.

Spanair traffic development

Compared with January last year ASK increased by 18,6%. Passengers carried increased by 41,9% and the RPK with 39,9%. Cabin factor increased by 8,7 p.u. to 57,3%.

The capacity increase reflects the expansion plan launched in February 2005 and compared to January last year domestic ASK increased by 25,1%. The positive traffic development trend from last month continued. Number of passengers increased by 44,8% and the RPK by 42,5% resulting in an improved cabin factor by 7,2 p.u. to 58,9%.

In Europe ASK decreased with -1,7%. Passengers grew by 14,8% and RPK increased by 28,9% resulting in an increase of 12,0 p.u. in the cabin factor with a significant improved performance on the Scandinavian routes.

Widerøe's traffic development

Total number of passengers increased by 4.1% in January compared to last year. The increase was strongest on the European and Intrascandinavian routes. Overall load factor was slightly up to 48.2%. A strong load factor increase (11.1 p.u.) was noted on European routes. Domestic traffic also increased despite severe weather conditions in Northern Norway, which led to cancelled flights.

Blue 1's traffic development

In January number of passengers increased with 21,6% compared with last year. Total cabin factor was 60.1%, an increase of 5.6 p.u. Both capacity (ASK) and traffic (RPK) increased compared to last year; the capacity by 8,5% and traffic by 19,5%.

Capacity on domestic routes increased 61,1% and traffic increased of 55,6%. As a result cabin factor was 2.3 p.u lower than last year.

Cabin factors on international routes was 59,2% and number of passengers increased by 15% vs last year. Capacity increased by 2%.

airBaltic traffic development

airBaltic total number of passengers in January 2006 increased by 67.2% compared to last year, RPK increased by 64.8% and ASK by 34.1%. Passenger load factor increased by 11.5 p.u to 61.4%.

In comparison to January 2005, airBaltic operates to 4 more destinations from Riga and the same number of destinations from Vilnius.

Riga base number of passengers increased by 46.8%, ASK by 25.3% and RPK by 52.2%. Passenger load factor increased by 10.1 p.u to 57.3%.

Vilnius base number of passengers increased by 121.1% compared to last year, ASK by 54.6% and RPK by 89.6%, load factor was 69.3% - up by 12.8 p.u.

Punctuality (January)

76,9% of flights departed on time within 15 minutes and 49,5% of flights departed on time within 2 minutes. The regularity was 91,7% as an effect of the pilot action and challenging weather conditions on January 19-22.

Internet Sales (December)

The proportion of Internet sales was 33,8% in December 2005.

Spanair

Spanair				
(scheduled)	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill)	755	18,6 %	755	18,6 %
RPK (Mill)	432	39,9 %	432	39,9 %
Passenger load	•••••			
factor	57,3%	+8,7 p u	57,3%	+8,7 p u
Total no. of				
passengers (Mill)	0,485	41,9 %	0,485	41,9 %
Route area	Jan	06 vs.	Jan-Jan	06 vs.
(change):	Ja	า 05	Jan-Ja	n 05.
	Traffic	Capacity	Traffic	Capacity
	(RPK)	(ASK)	(RPK)	(ASK)
Spanish domestic	42,5%	25,1%	42,5%	25,1%
European Routes	28,9%	-1,7%	28,9%	-1,7%



Widerøe's	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	86	0,5 %	86	0,5 %
RPK (Mill.)	42	3,3 %	42	3,3 %
Passenger load factor	48,2%	+1,3 p u	48,2%	+1,3 p u
Total no. of passengers (Mill)	0,137	4,1 %	0,137	4,1 %

Blue ...

Blue1	Jan 06	Change	Jan-Jan 06	Change
ASK (Mill.)	118	8,5 %	118	8,5 %
RPK (Mill.)	71	19,5 %	71	19,5 %
Passenger load				
factor	60,1%	+5,6 p u	60,1%	+5,6 p u
Total no. of				
passengers (Mill)	0,115	21,6 %	0,115	21,6 %

airBaltic

airBaltic	Jan 06	Change Jan-Jan 06		Change	
ASK (Mill.)	168	34,1 %	168	34,1 %	
RPK (Mill.)	103	64,8 %	103	64,8 %	
Passenger load factor	61,4%	+11,5 p u	61,4%	+11,5 p u	
Total no. of passengers (Mill)	89,281	67,2 %	89,281	67,2 %	

SAS Group APPENDIX – Traffic, capacity, passenger load factors and number of passengers per route area.

INTERCONTINENTAL ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	986	1 109	-11,1%	986	1 109	-11,1%
RPK (Mill.)	758	808	-6,1%	758	808	-6,1%
Passenger load factor	76,9%	72,8%	+4,0 p u	76,9%	72,8%	+4,0 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	108	112	-4,3%	108	112	-4,3%
EUROPEAN ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	2 035	2 022	0,7%	2 035	2 022	0,7%
RPK (Mill.)	1 214	1 016	19,6%	1 214	1 016	19,6%
Passenger load factor	59,7%	50,2%	+9,4 p u	59,7%	50,2%	+9,4 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	1 240	1 018	21,7%	1 240	1 018	21,7%
INTRA-SCANDINAVIAN ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	206	223	-7,6%	206	223	-7,6%
RPK (Mill.)	116	112	3,7%	116	112	3,7%
Passenger load factor	56,6%	50,4%	+6,2 p u	56,6%	50,4%	+6,2 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	242	234	3,5%	242	234	3,5%
DANISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	17	22	-24,1%	17	22	-24,1%
RPK (Mill.)	11	14	-16,9%	11	14	-16,9%
Passenger load factor	66,6%	60,8%	+5,8 p u	66,6%	60,8%	+5,8 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	55	65	-16,3%	54,587	65,207	-16,3%
NORWEGIAN DOMESTIC ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	481	505	-4,8%	481	505	-4,8%
RPK (Mill.)	260	269	-3,1%	260	269	-3,1%
Passenger load factor	54,2%	53,2%	+0,9 p u	54,2%	53,2%	+0,9 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	598	619	-3,5%	598	619	-3,5%
SWEDISH DOMESTIC ROUTES	Jan 06	Jan 05	CHANGE	Jan-Jan 06	Jan-Jan 05	CHANGE
ASK (Mill.)	192	233	-17,5%	192	233	-17,5%
RPK (Mill.)	127	128	-0,4%	127	128	-0,4%
Passenger load factor	66,2%	54,8%	+11,4 p u	66,2%	54,8%	+11,4 p u
Total no. of passengers (000)	259,2	258,3	0,4%	259,2	258,3	0,4%