All-Cases Delays for Air Transport in Europe

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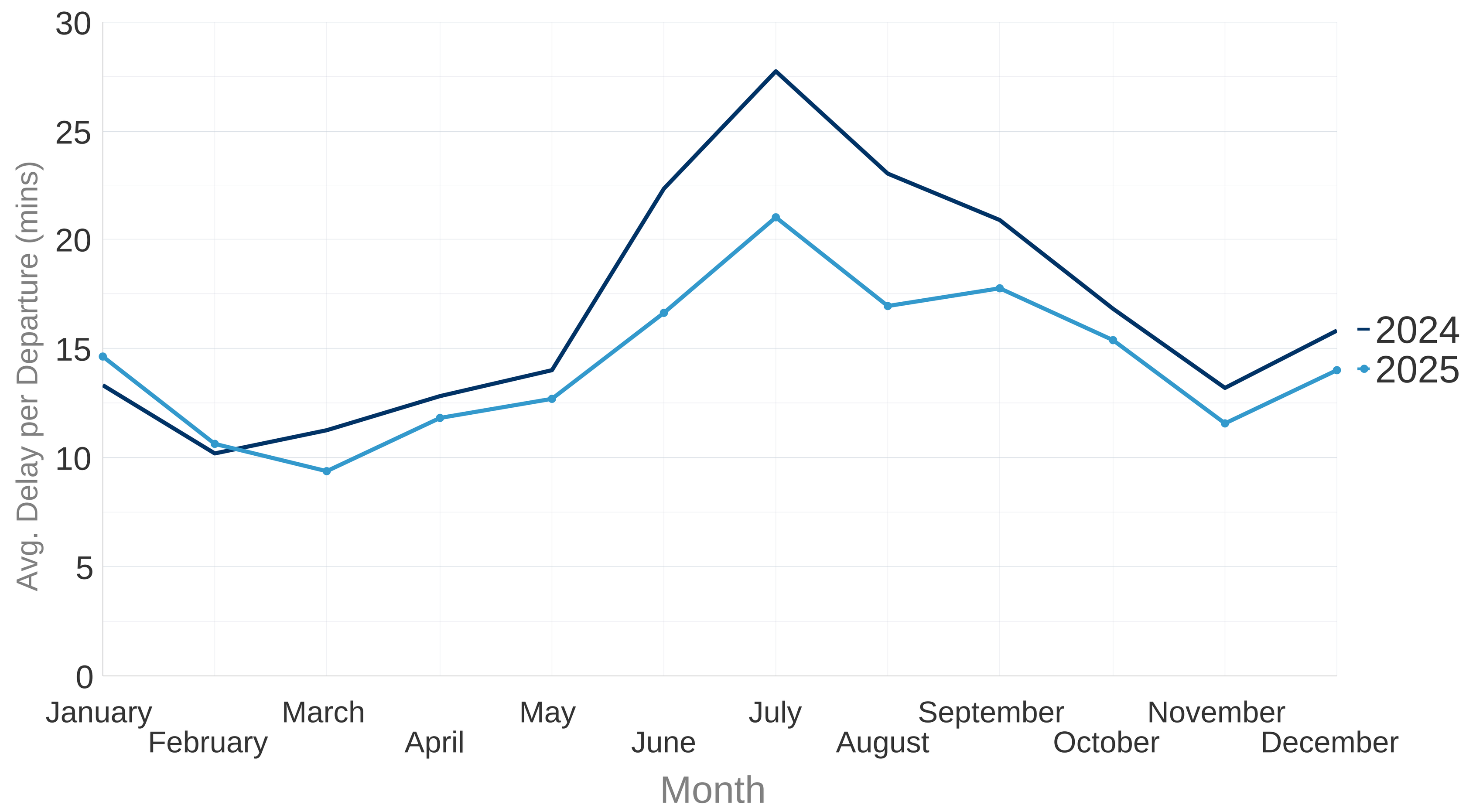
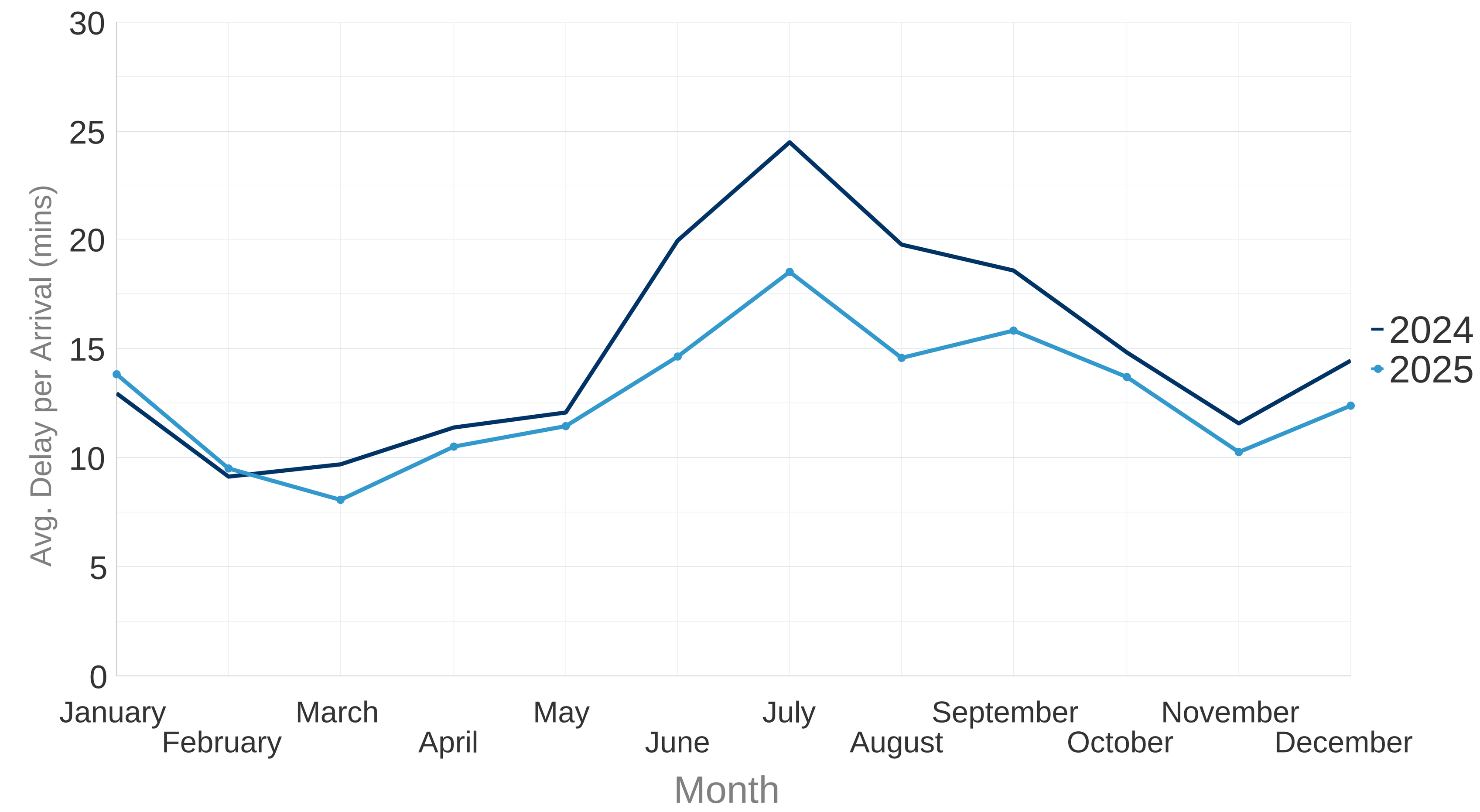
December 2025

In December 2025, the number of flights within the ECAC area increased by 5.6% year on year. Ryanair remained the busiest aircraft operator, with easyJet and Turkish Airlines ranking second and third, reversing their order from November 2025. Arrival punctuality across the top ten airports remained largely unchanged compared with December 2024. Disruptions at Amsterdam Schiphol were driven by poor visibility and strong winds, while London Heathrow benefited from fewer weather-related constraints. Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen recorded a decline in performance due to capacity restrictions, ongoing works and adverse weather. Paris Charles de Gaulle continued to be affected by fog-related regulations. In Lisbon, low departure punctuality persisted as weather-driven arrival restrictions triggered knock-on delays for outbound flights.

Average Delay per Flight on Departure (mins) - December 2025



Average Delay per Flight on Arrival (mins) - December 2025

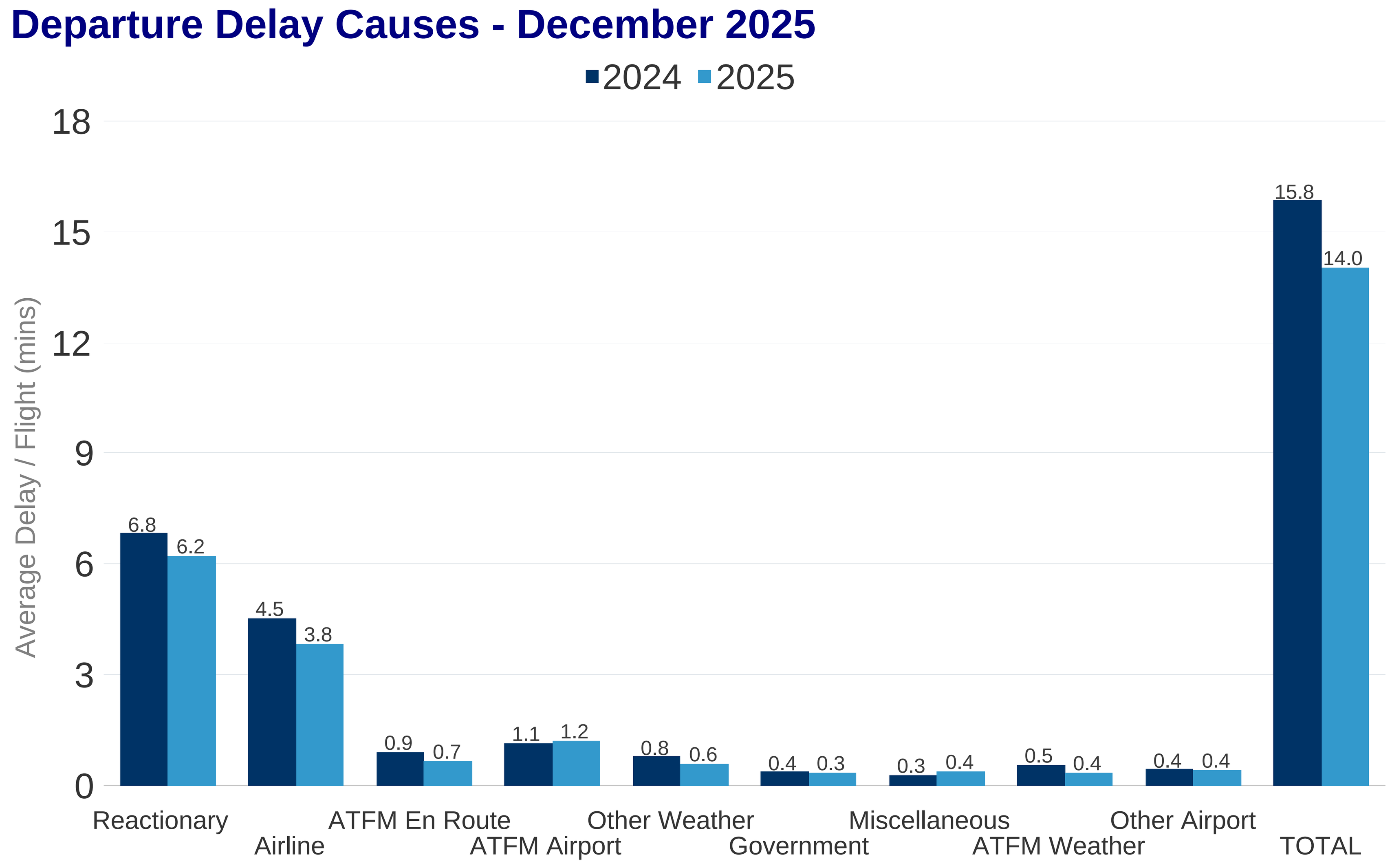


In December 2025 the average delay per flight on departure was 14.0 minutes per flight. This was **a decrease** of 1.8 minutes per flight when compared to December 2024 where the average delay per flight was 15.8 minutes.

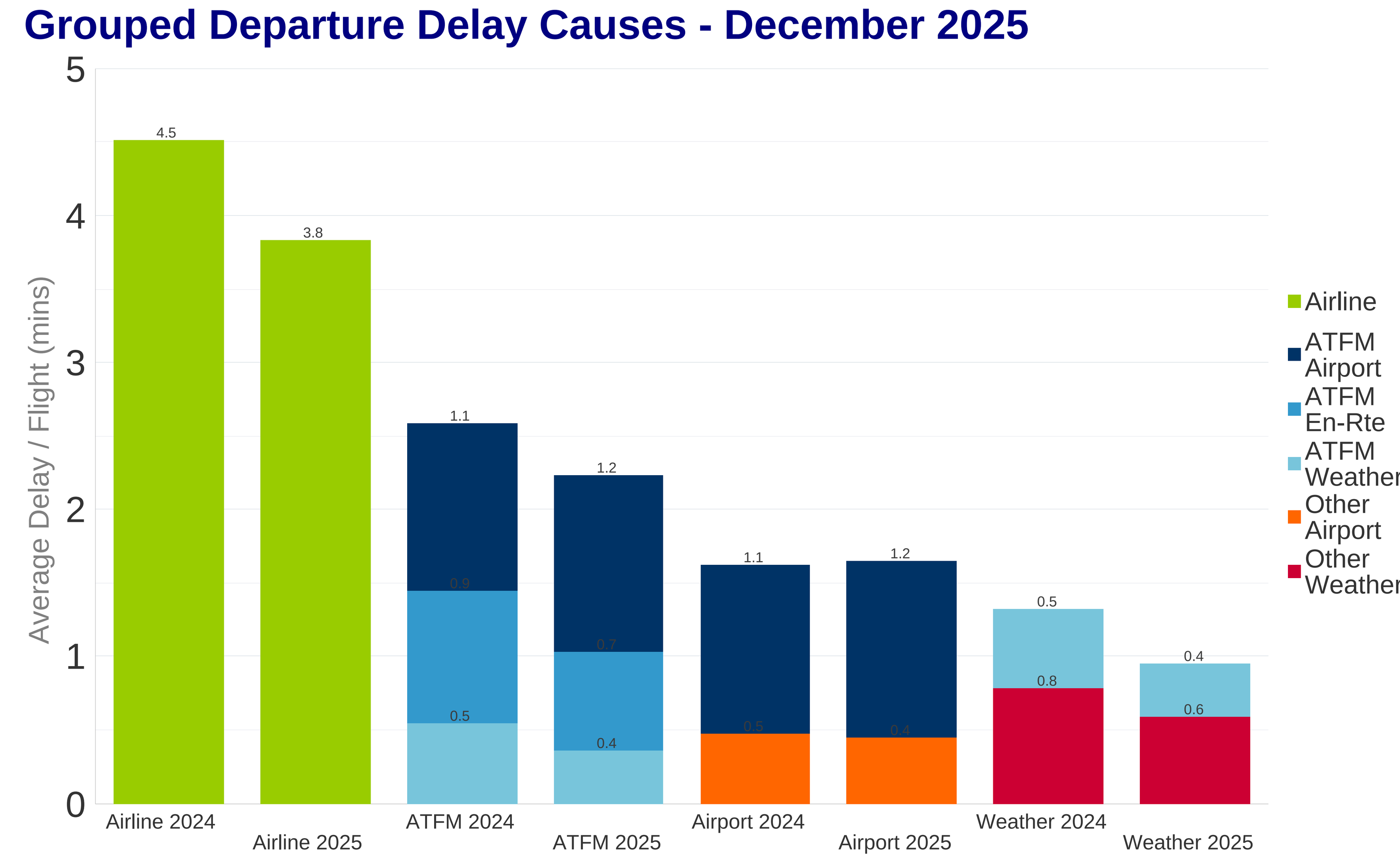
Further analysis of the delay causes shows that reactionary delay contributed 6.2 minutes to the
average delay per flight in December 2025.

In December 2025 the average delay per flight on arrival was 12.4 minutes per flight. This was **a decrease** of 2.0 minutes per flight when compared to December 2024 where the average delay per flight was 14.4 minutes.

Departure Delay Causes - December 2025



Grouped Departure Delay Causes - December 2025



Delay from 1 minute onwards categorized by IATA-DelayCodes as :

Reactionary : Codes 90-96
Airline : Codes 0 to 69, 97
ATFM Airport : Codes 83, 89
ATFM En-Route : Codes 81 (incl. ATFM Weather) , 82
Government : Codes 85, 86
ATFM Weather : Codes 84
Other Weather : Codes 71 to 79
Other Airport : Codes 87,88
Misc : Codes 98, 99

This report is based on partial airline data to be updated once the full dataset is available.
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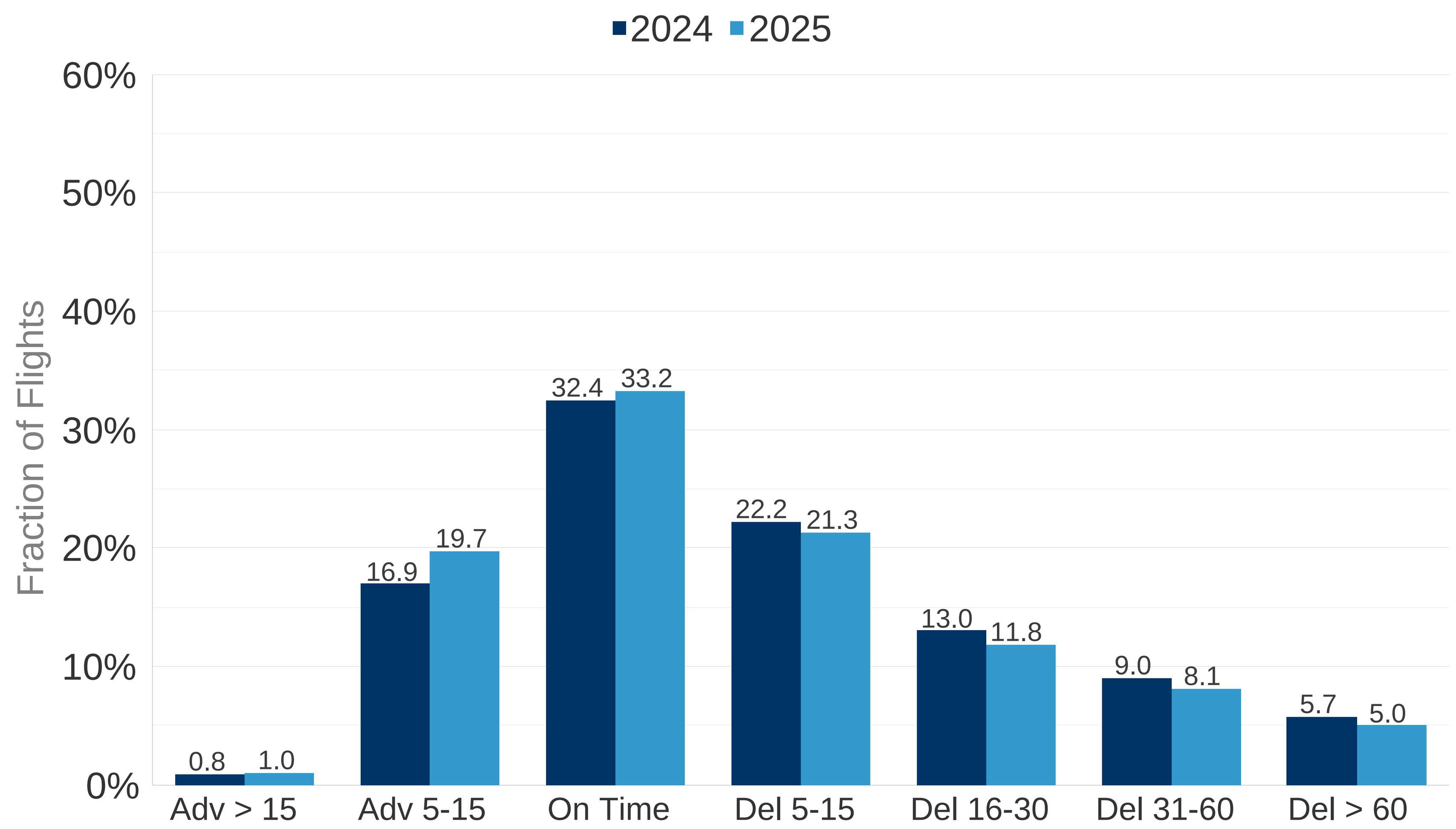
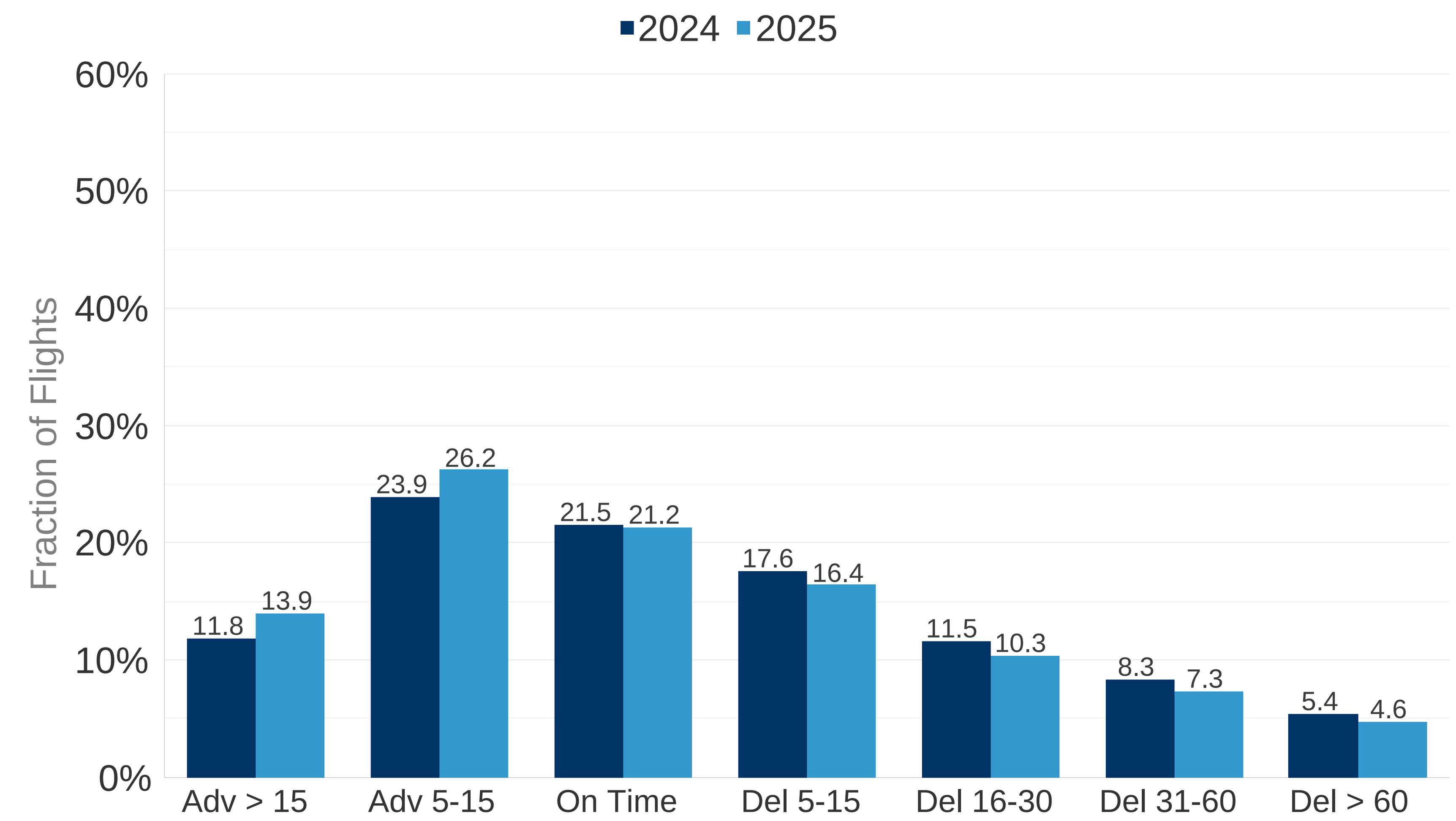
All Causes Departure Punctuality - December 2025



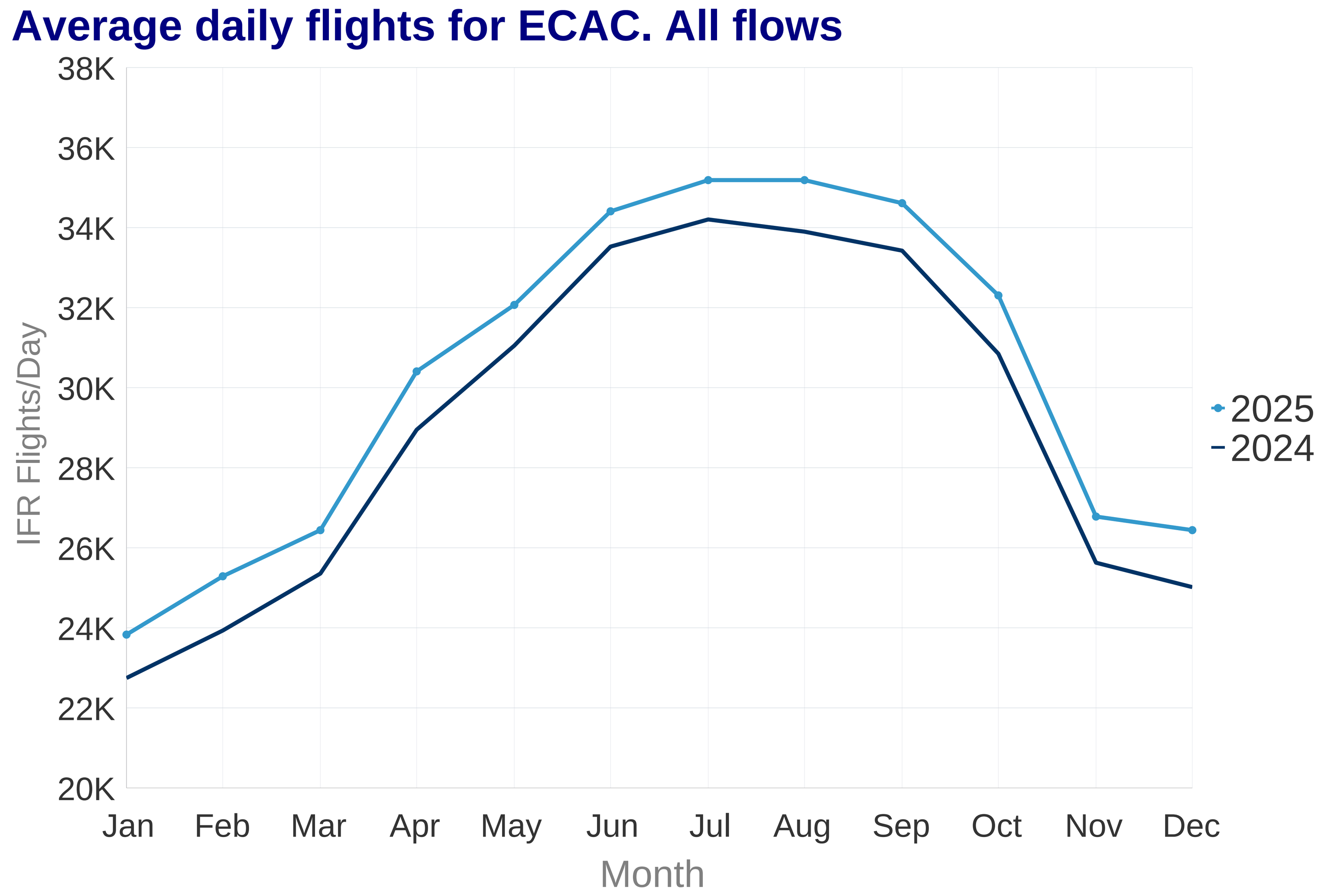
All Causes Arrival Punctuality - December 2025



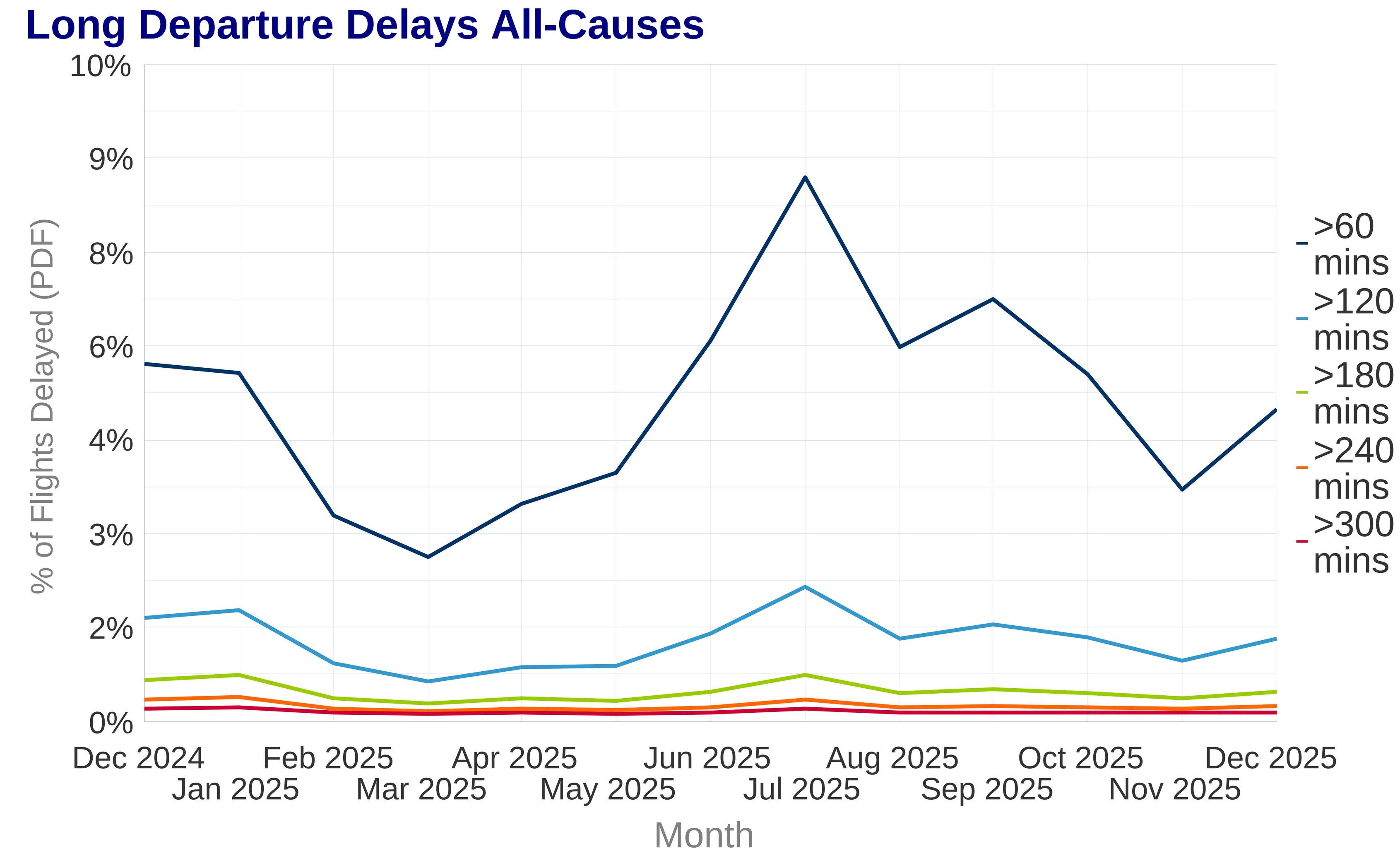
In December 2025, 33.2% of the flights departed within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled departure time (STD); **an increase** of 0.8 points from 32.4% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **decreased** from 14.7% to 13.0%.

In December 2025, 21.2% of the flights arrived within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled arrival time (STA); **a decrease** of 0.2 points from 21.5% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **decreased** from 13.7% to 11.9%.

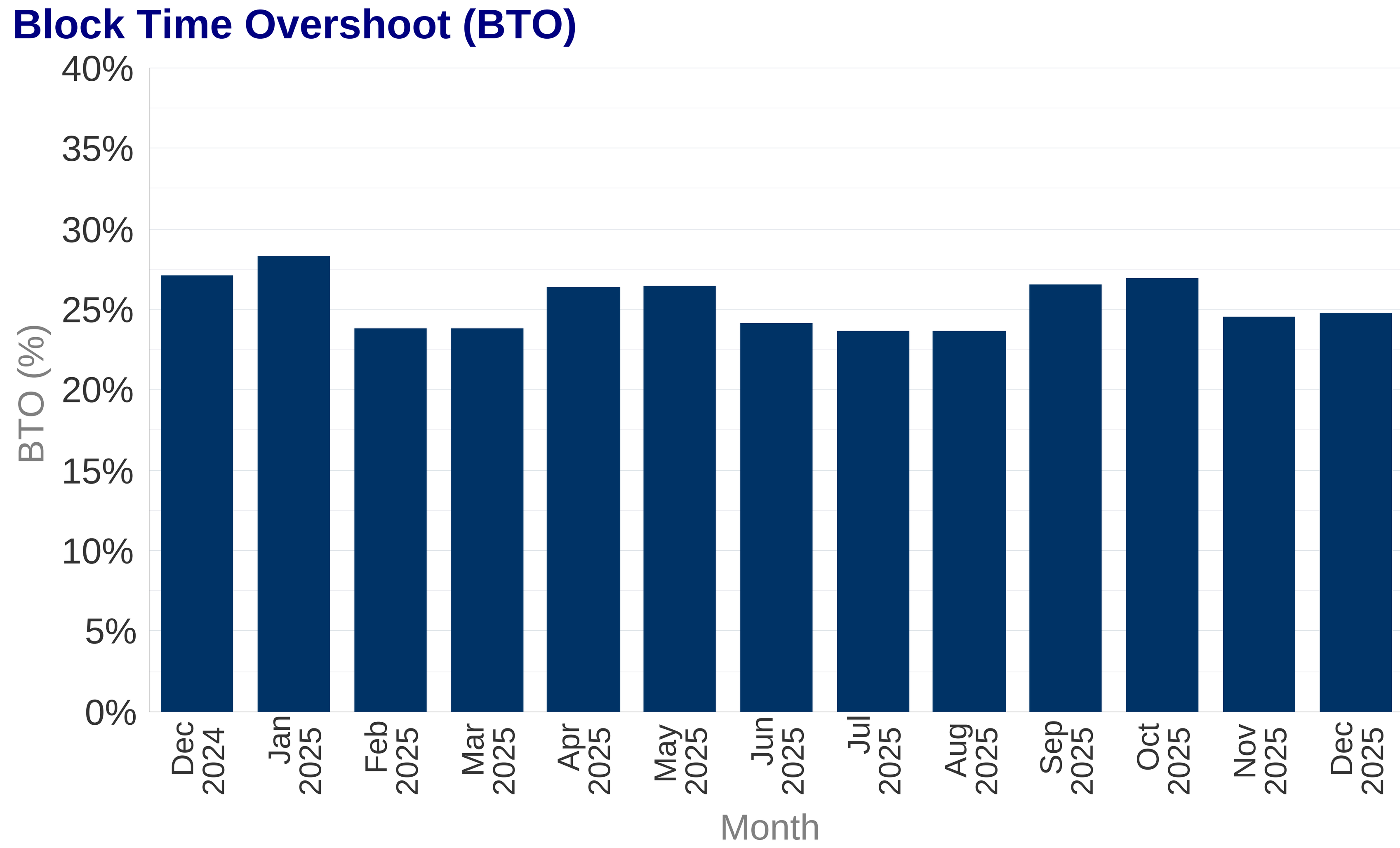
Average daily flights for ECAC. All flows



Long Departure Delays All-Causes



Block Time Overshoot (BTO)



Delay Difference Indicator - Flight (DDI-F)