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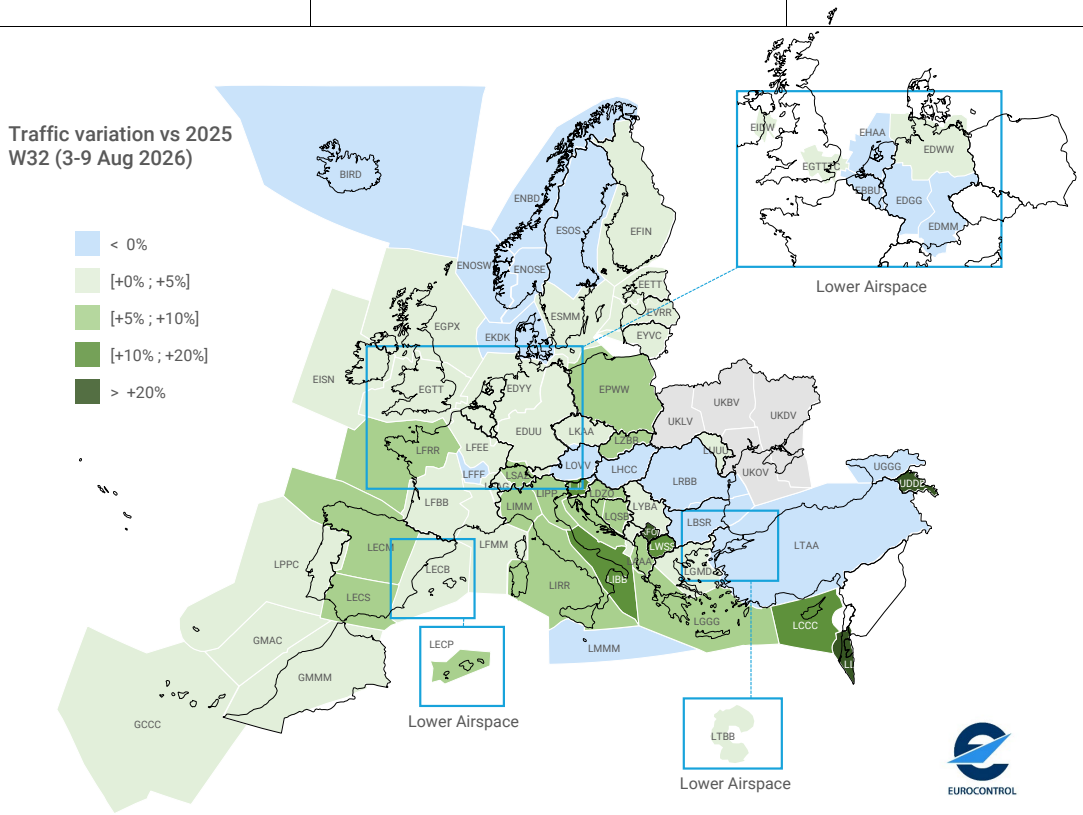
THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
36,149 daily flights **-0.9%** vs the previous week **+2.3%** vs 2025	**3.44** min/flight **2.79** en-route **0.65** airport	**73%**



SUMMER TO DATE (1 JUNE - 9 AUGUST 2026)

Traffic	ATFM delays	Arrival punctuality
+2.3% vs 2025	**-22%** vs 2025	**+2.1 pp** vs 2025

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SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

Category	Key figures	Situation Overview
Traffic	36,149 daily flights +2.3% vs 2025	• Traffic distribution is still influenced by the Middle East crisis, with lower traffic in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Türkiye, but a high increase in traffic in Albania, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia – and continuous growth in south-west Europe. • ATFM delay constraints at Marseille, Barcelona. Marseille and Reims ACCs due to capacity/staffing issues, and at Karlsruhe UAC due to severe weather impacts. • The application of capacity and weather-based operations (CWBO) procedures and related scenarios continues in response to strong weather phenomena. Approximately 2.3 million minutes of en-route ATFM delays have now been saved to date through the application of these updated procedures.
ATFM delays	3.44 minutes per flight: • 2.79 mins/flight en-route air traffic flow management (ATFM) delays • 0.65 mins/flight airport ATFM delays • +4% vs the previous week • +17% vs 2025. A total of 56,300 flights were delayed by ATFM restrictions, an average of 8,043 flights a day and 22% of all flights.	
Arrival punctuality	Still 73% while up 0.3 percentage points vs Week 31; worse than last year by 1.9 percentage points.	
Departure punctuality	Still 65% while up 0.3 percentage points vs Week 31; worse than last year by 0.8 percentage points.	**Network hot spots** • France (32% of all en-route delays in the network year to date (YTD), of which 10% attributed to Marseille, 9% to Reims and 6% to Brest area control centres (ACCs)): affected by ongoing capacity, staffing and 4-FLIGHT transition issues. This has been compounded by increasing weather delays; despite this, average en-route delays are 34% lower for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Spain (17% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 11% attributed to Barcelona ACC): affected mostly by capacity, staffing issues and high traffic growth; average en-route delays are 8% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD. • Greece (12% of all en-route delays in the network YTD, of which 8% attributed to Athens ACC): affected mostly by capacity and staffing issues, with additional complexity due to traffic demand related to the Middle East crisis; average en-route delays are 64% higher for 2026 YTD compared to 2025 YTD.

Network Operations Plan (NOP) delivery

- With 1.3% YTD traffic growth, average en-route ATFM delay for 2026 YTD is 20% better than 2025 YTD, with good delivery by the vast majority of air navigation service providers (ANSPs), and with the perspective to be 24% better by the end of the year compared to all of 2025.
- The main issues related to delivery against the NOP for Week 32 concerned Marseille, Barcelona and Reims ACCs.
- Despite some persistent hotspots, overall improvements are being seen to delays compared to 2025 in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany and Hungary when compared to the NOP.
- Barcelona will need to revise its plans to align with the NOP for the upcoming weeks.
- NOP delivery remains critical up to the end of August, with significant traffic growth continuing to be expected, and traffic peaks around or over 37,500 flights on Fridays.
- Week 32 saw once more new traffic records set that beat ones set in previous weeks, as follows:
    - 2 States recorded their highest-ever traffic in terms of daily arrivals/departures: Albania and Georgia
    - 5 ACCs managed record traffic levels: Barcelona, Istanbul, Madrid, Yerevan and Zurich ACCs
    - 1 airline/airline group: Pegasus.
- **Weather**
    - CWBO procedures and related scenarios have been applied since the beginning of May 2026 to manage strong weather phenomena across the network. Approximately 2.3 million minutes of en-route ATFM delays have now been saved to date, with the updated procedures applied now in total to approximately 8,100 flights.
- **Industrial action/Other**
    - No major issues were recorded in Week 32 (3-9 August 2026).

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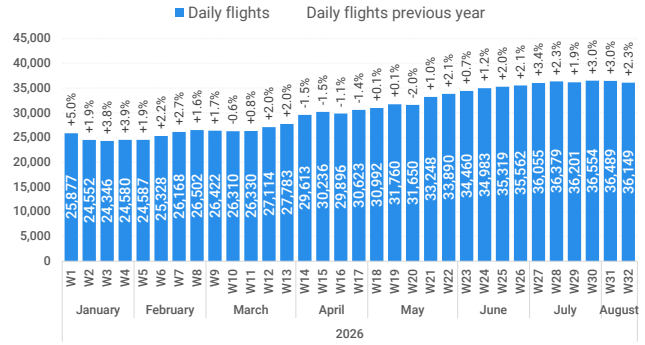
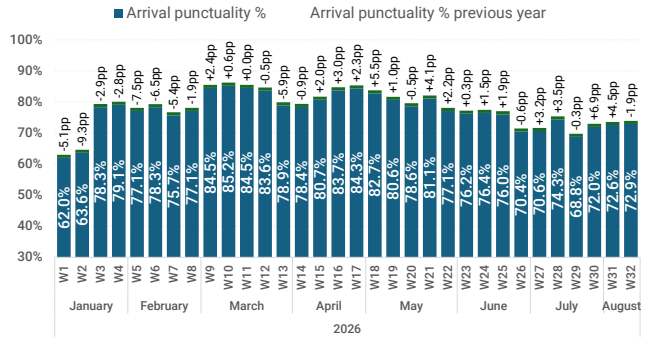
ROLLING OVERVIEW

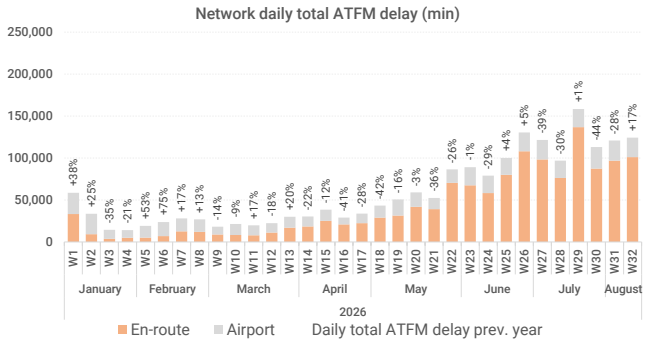
Traffic



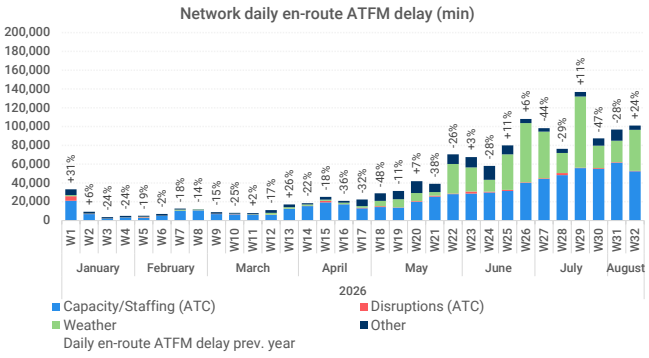
Punctuality (On Time Performance 15')



Total ATFM delay



En-route ATFM delay



AIRCRAFT OPERATORS: **Arrival punctuality** and the three most penalising ATFM locations for the 20 busiest aircraft operators*.

Rotation: All **Period: W32 (3 to 9 Aug 2026)**

Aircraft operator	Arrival punct (OTP15)	ATFM delay / flight (min)	Most penalising location (ATFM)	2nd most penalising location (ATFM)	3rd most penalising location (ATFM)
SAS Group	88%	1.85	Karlsruhe UAC - 14%	Chania Airport - 11%	Athens ACC - 8%
Turkish Airlines Group	84%	1.27	Belgrade ACC - 23%	Makedonia ACC - 11%	Karlsruhe UAC - 11%
Vueling	82%	3.95	Barcelona ACC - 28%	Barcelona Airport - 21%	Marseille ACC - 15%
Austrian Airlines	82%	3.61	Vienna ACC - 21%	Belgrade ACC - 12%	Marseille ACC - 8%
Lufthansa Airlines	81%	2.31	Munich ACC - 14%	Karlsruhe UAC - 13%	Marseille ACC - 10%
Norwegian Group	80%	2.52	Karlsruhe UAC - 17%	Reims ACC - 14%	Barcelona ACC - 7%
Iberia Group	80%	3.61	Barcelona ACC - 23%	Madrid ACC - 21%	Marseille ACC - 16%
KLM Group	79%	3.26	Reims ACC - 21%	Amsterdam Airport - 18%	Karlsruhe UAC - 12%
Air France Group	77%	3.49	Marseille ACC - 21%	Paris ACC - 13%	Bordeaux ACC - 8%
British Airways Group	76%	4.08	Reims ACC - 24%	Brest ACC - 12%	Karlsruhe UAC - 8%
Pegasus	74%	1.81	Istanbul SG Airport - 18%	Belgrade ACC - 16%	Karlsruhe UAC - 12%
TUI Group	73%	5.37	Karlsruhe UAC - 14%	Reims ACC - 13%	Athens ACC - 8%
Ryanair Group	72%	4.71	Marseille ACC - 15%	Barcelona ACC - 14%	Karlsruhe UAC - 9%
SWISS Group	71%	4.54	Zurich Airport - 35%	Reims ACC - 11%	Marseille ACC - 10%
TAP Group	68%	5.63	Madrid ACC - 18%	Brest ACC - 15%	Barcelona ACC - 13%
Eurowings Group	68%	5.64	Karlsruhe UAC - 19%	Marseille ACC - 12%	Reims ACC - 11%
Wizz Air Group	67%	4.53	Belgrade ACC - 18%	Marseille ACC - 15%	Karlsruhe UAC - 9%
easyJet Group	65%	6.24	Marseille ACC - 19%	Reims ACC - 14%	Brest ACC - 7%
ITA Airways	61%	2.43	Marseille ACC - 19%	Rome ACC - 12%	Palermo Airport - 10%
AEGEAN Group	59%	4.21	Athens Airport - 32%	Makedonia ACC - 18%	Athens ACC - 11%

** Aircraft operator groups in the table above are defined @ https://www.eurocontrol.int/directory/airline-groups-lookup*

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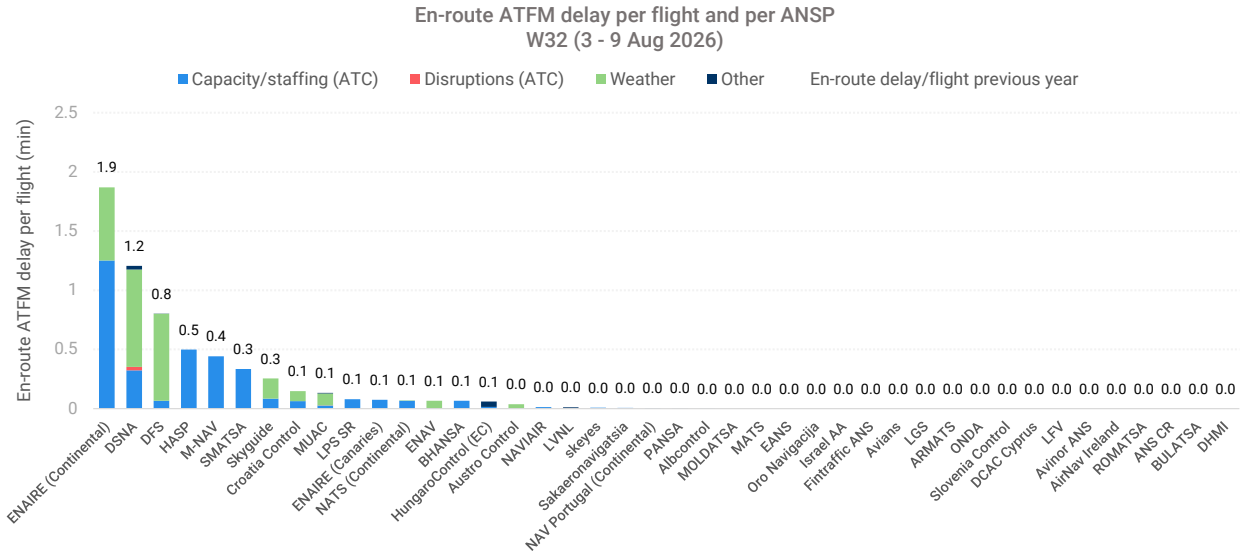
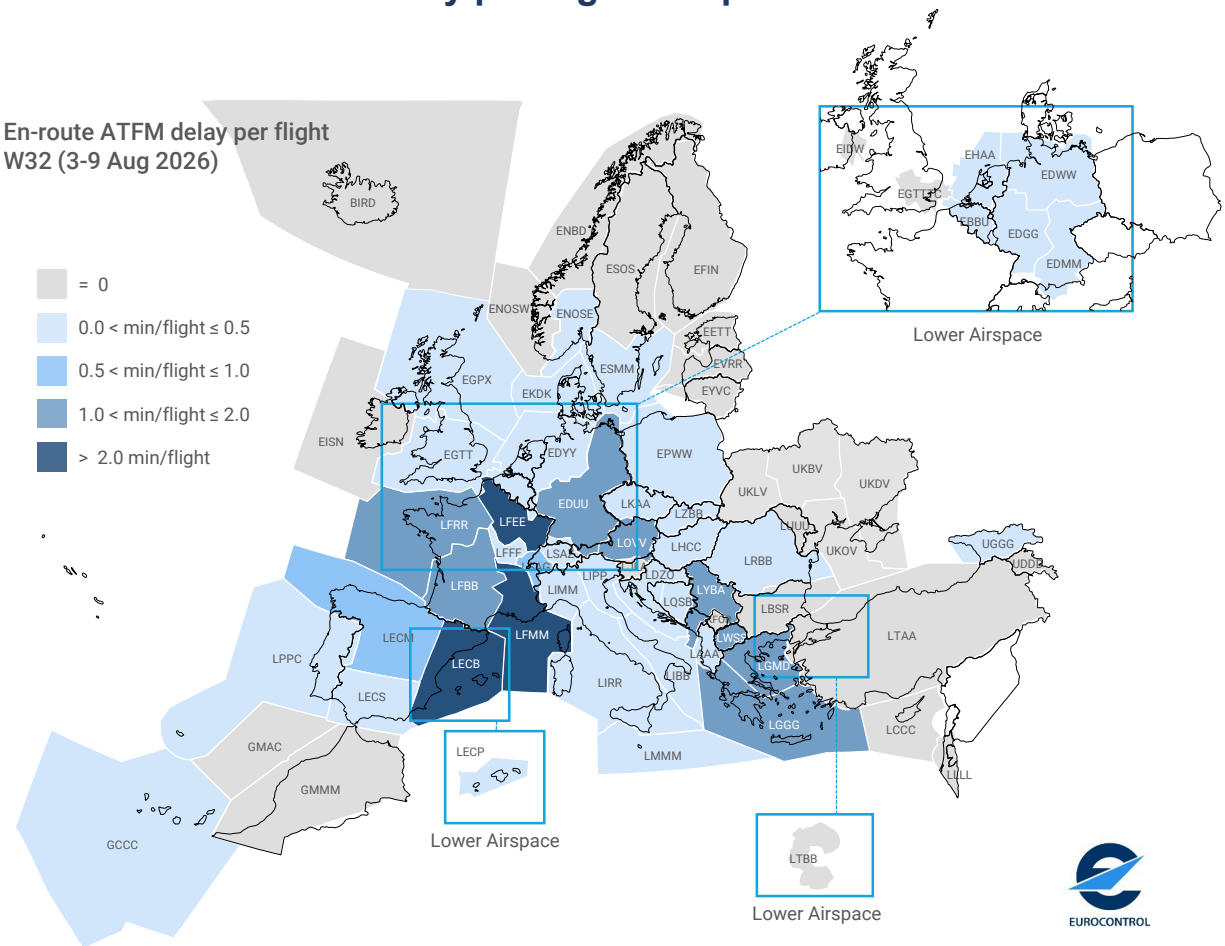
AIR NAVIGATION SERVICE PROVIDERS (ANSPs):

En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ANSP



ANSPs: En-route ATFM delay per flight and per ACC



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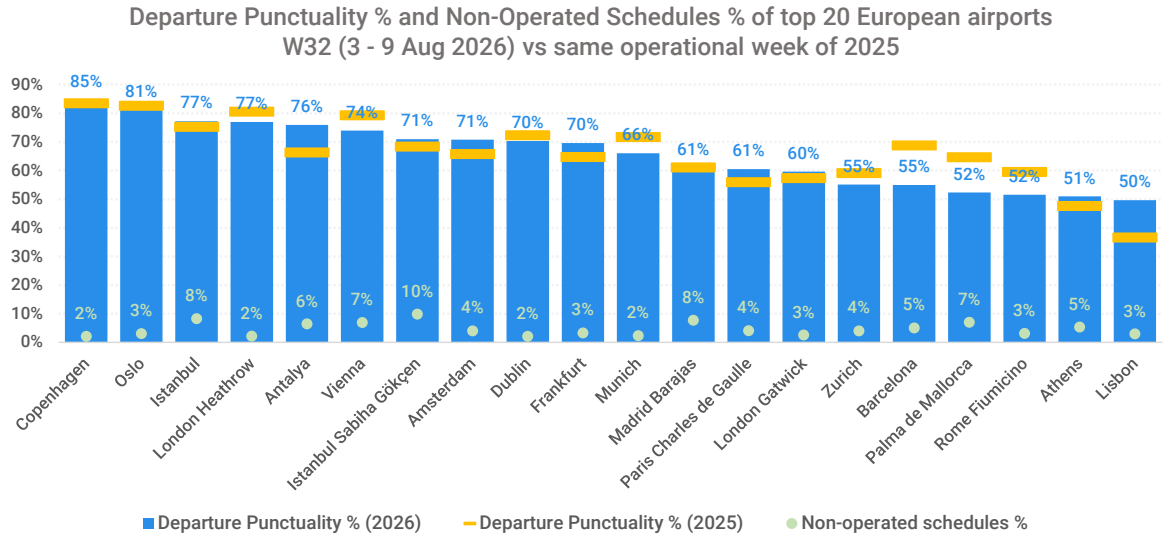
AIRPORTS:

Departure punctuality for the top 20 busiest airports in the network



** Non-operated schedules defined @ https://ansperformance.eu/definition/opschedules/*

ADHERENCE TO THE NETWORK OPERATIONS PLAN (NOP)

The table below represents the EUROCONTROL Network Manager's assessment of planned sector openings per ACC compared to the commitments in the NOP. It covers the expected situation over the 8 coming weeks.

ACCs that according to current plans will deliver sector openings as agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:		**ACCs that according to current plans will not deliver sector openings as agreed in the NOP 2026/27-2030:**	
- Tirana - Wien - BH - Zagreb - Nicosia - Maastricht - Bordeaux - Brest - Marseille East - Marseille West - Reims - Karlsruhe	- Athinai - Makedonia - Skopje - Beograd - Ljubljana - Barcelona East - Barcelona West (except Wednesdays/ Thursdays) - Madrid - Sevilla - London - Prestwick	- Barcelona West: Wednesdays/ Thursdays in August	

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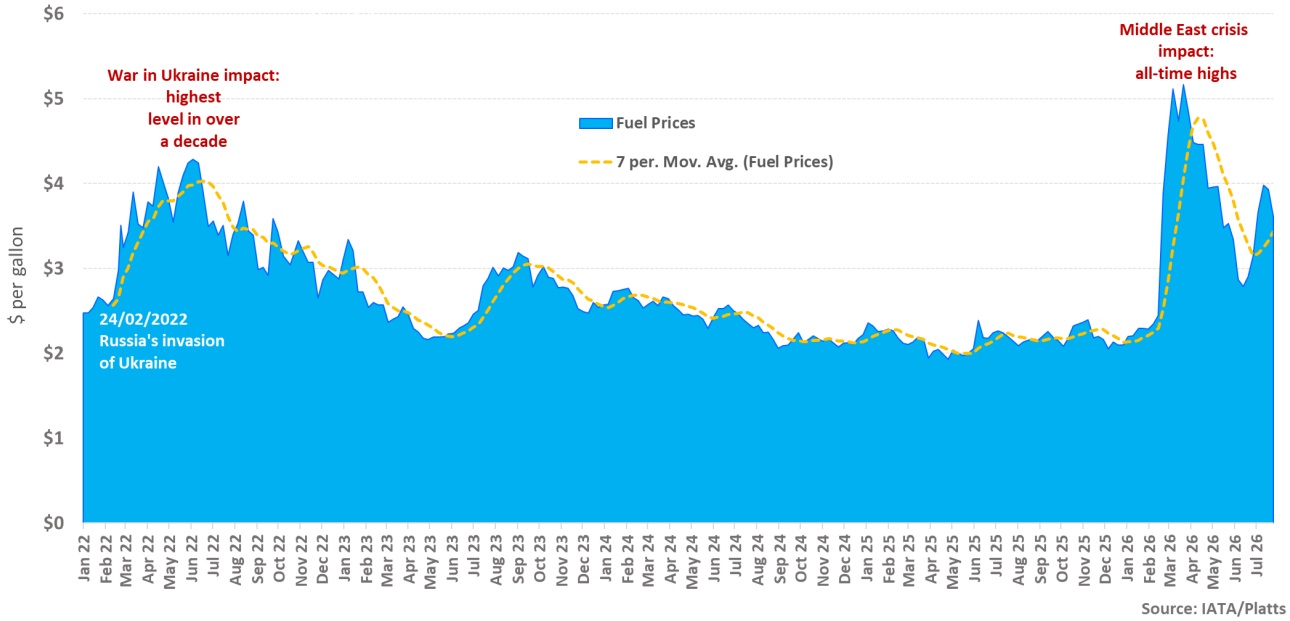
IMPACT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS



Source: IATA/Platts

Fuel price	**7 August 2026**	**$3.61** /gallon **-8.2%** **over one week**