All-Causes Delays for Air Transport in Europe

August 2026

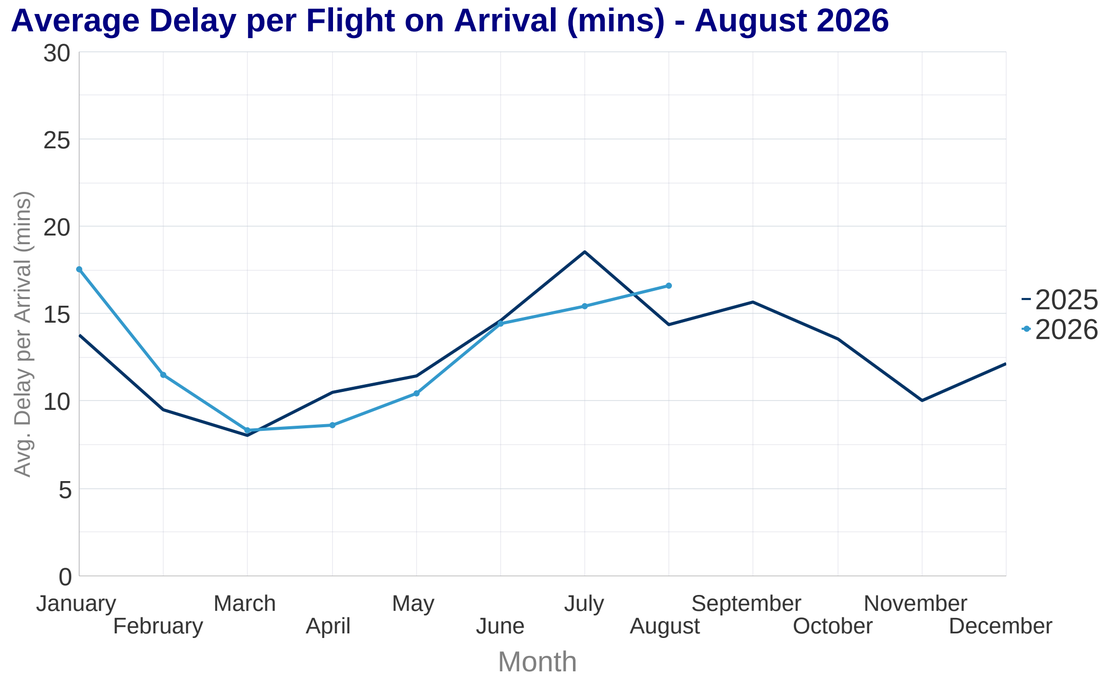
In August 2026, flights across the ECAC area increased by 2.5% compared to August 2025. Ryanair remained the largest airline by number of flights, followed by easyJet and Turkish Airlines, with the ranking unchanged from July 2026. Istanbul continued to be the busiest airport, followed by Amsterdam Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle, also unchanged from July 2026. Arrival punctuality at many of the top airports generally improved or remained stable compared with August 2025, despite adverse weather, particularly on 28 August, and capacity constraints. Zurich recorded lower punctuality due to weather, capacity restrictions and operational issues, while Athens improved slightly despite continued capacity constraints. Departure punctuality at top airports also generally improved compared with August 2025. Athens and Lisbon performed better despite ongoing capacity and operational constraints, while Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen recorded a notable improvement. Zurich saw lower punctuality, particularly following severe weather on 28 August, while Catania was affected by disruptions linked to Mount Etna's volcanic activity.

Average Delay per Flight on Departure (mins) - August 2026

In August 2026 the average delay per flight on departure was 19.3 minutes per flight.
This was **an increase** of 2.3 minutes per flight when compared to August 2025 where the average delay per flight was 17.0 minutes.

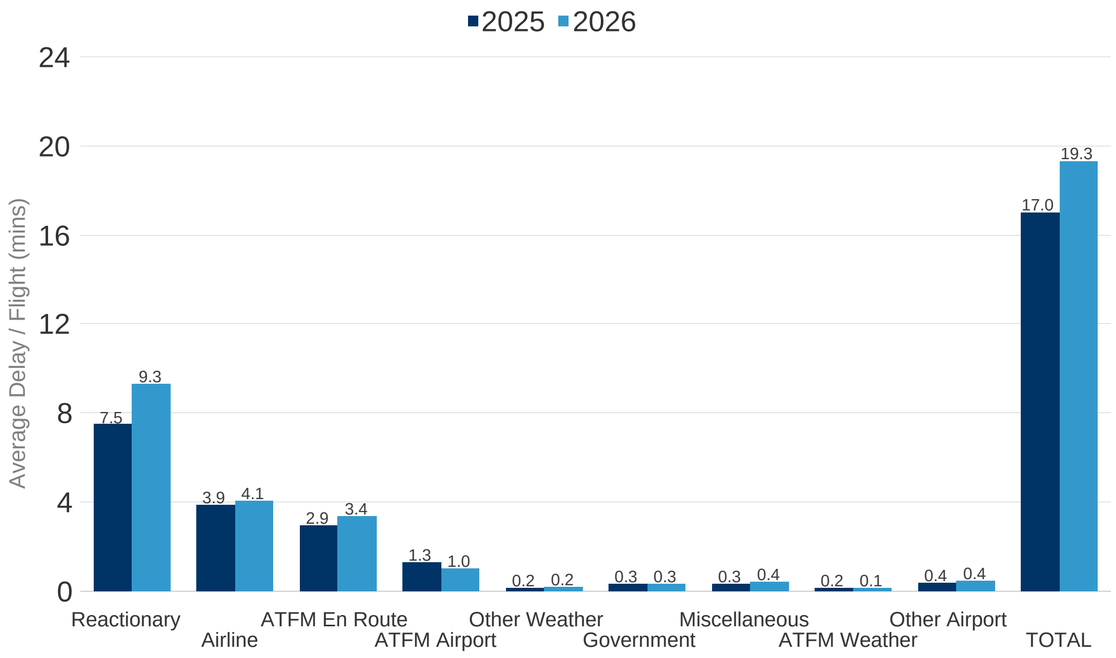
Further analysis of the delay causes shows that reactionary delay contributed 9.3 minutes to the
average delay per flight in August 2026.

Average Delay per Flight on Arrival (mins) - August 2026

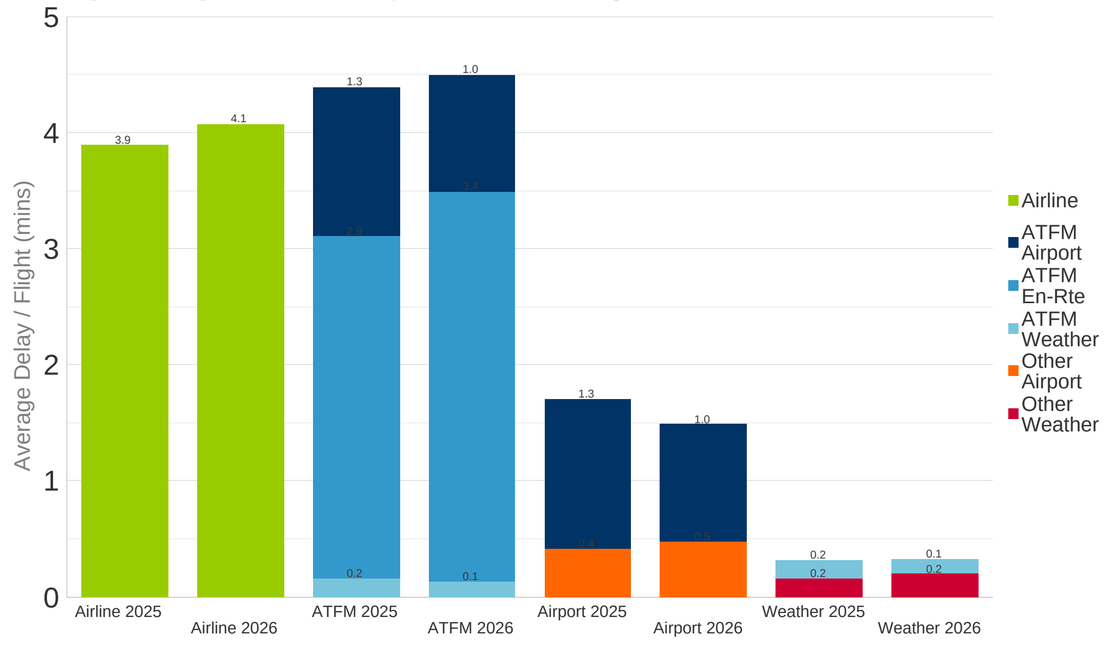


In August 2026 the average delay per flight on arrival was 16.6 minutes per flight.
This was **an increase** of 2.2 minutes per flight when compared to August 2025 where the average delay per flight was 14.4 minutes.

Departure Delay Causes - August 2026



Grouped Departure Delay Causes - August 2026

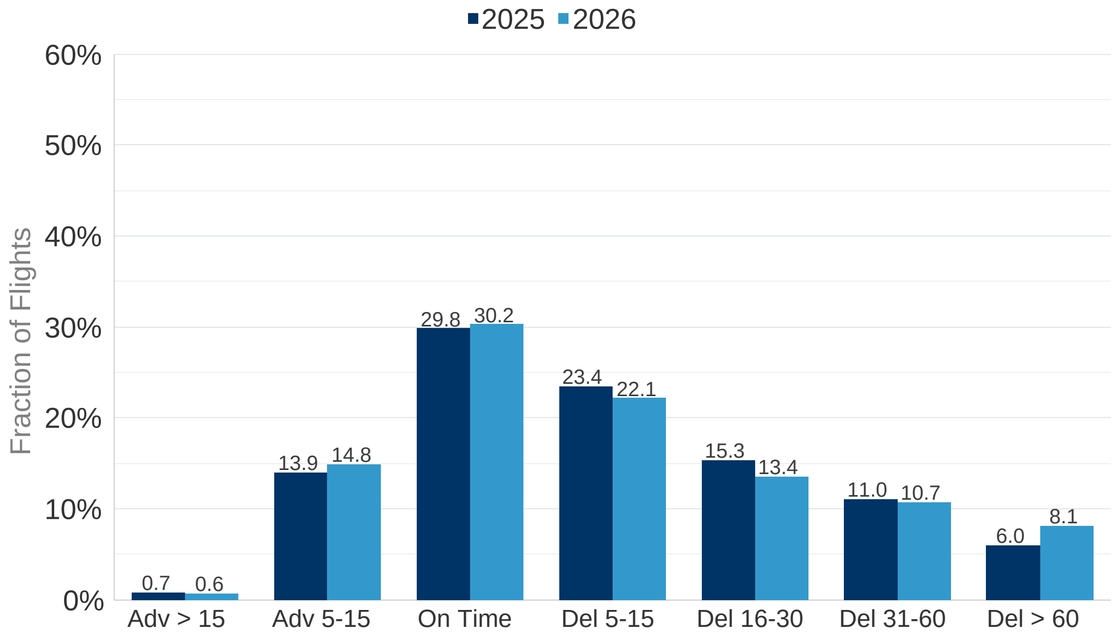


Delay from 1 minute onwards categorized by IATA-DelayCodes as :

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

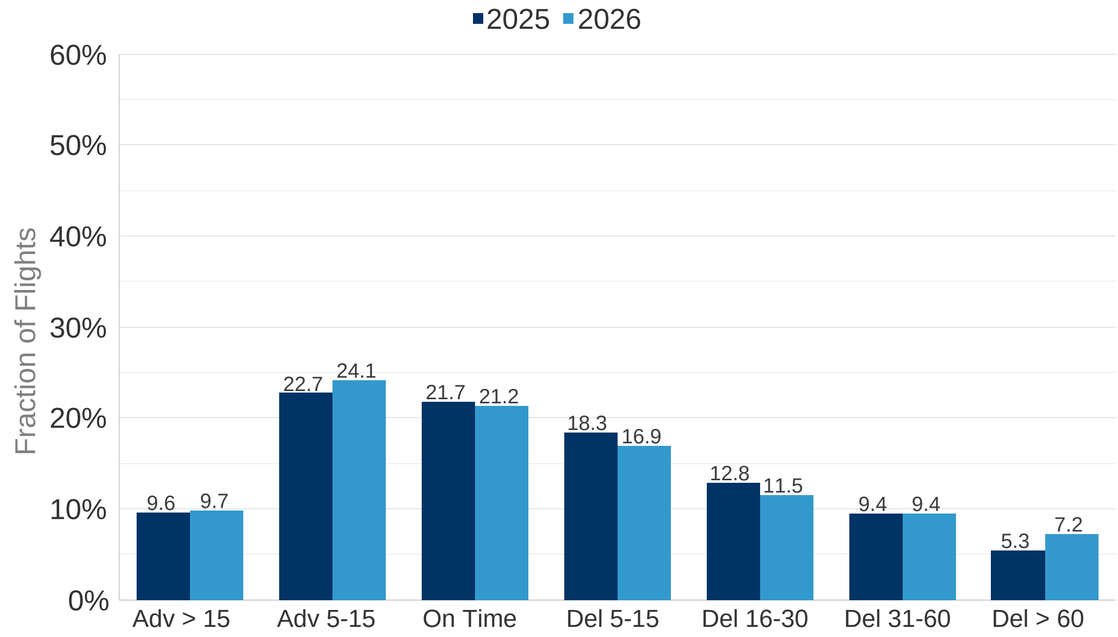
This report is based on partial airline data to be updated once the full dataset is available.
Current CODA Coverage of IFR Flights in ECAC August 2026: 55.3%

All Causes Departure Punctuality - August 2026



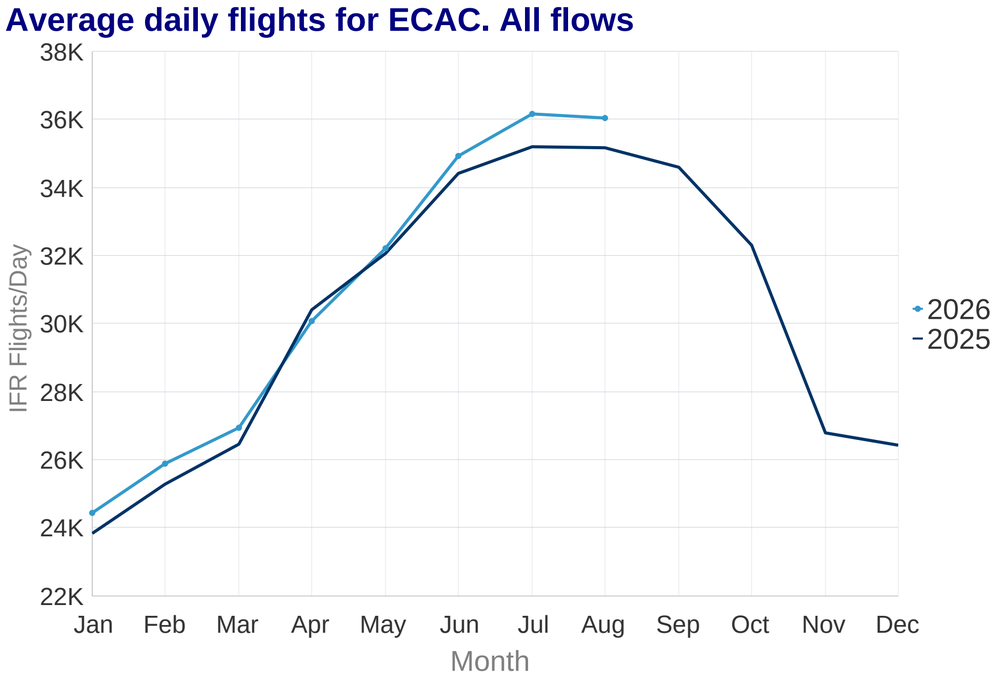
In August 2026, 30.2% of the flights departed within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled departure time (STD); **an increase** of 0.5 points from 29.8% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **increased** from 17.0% to 18.8%.

All Causes Arrival Punctuality - August 2026

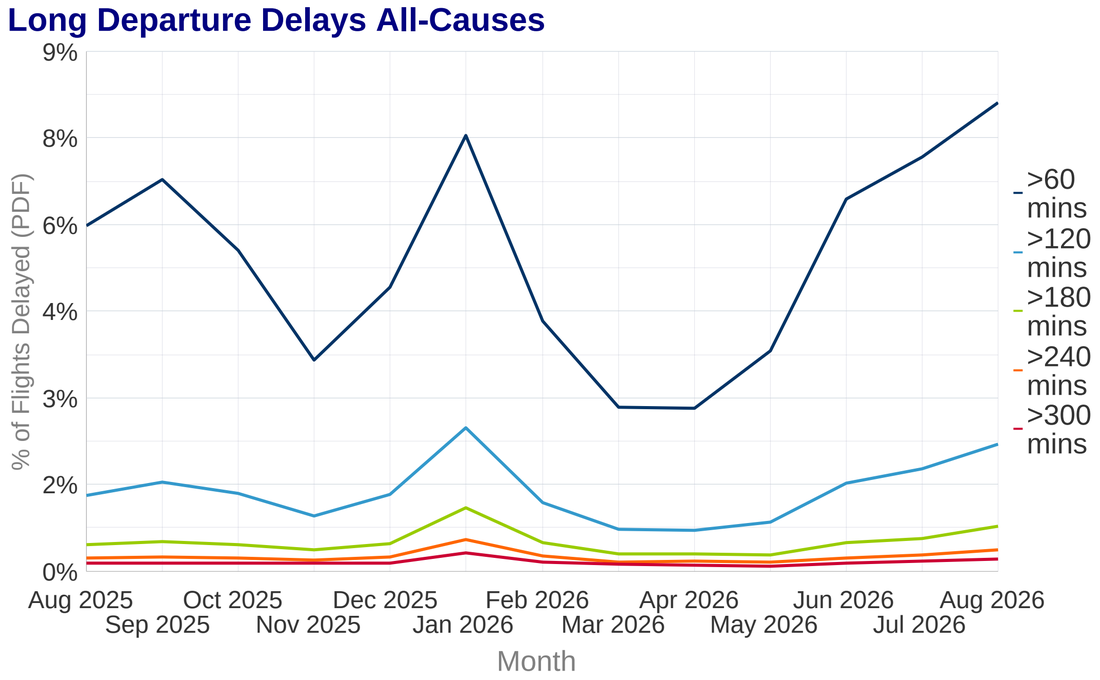


In August 2026, 21.2% of the flights arrived within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled arrival time (STA); **a decrease** of 0.5 points from 21.7% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **increased** from 14.8% to 16.6%.

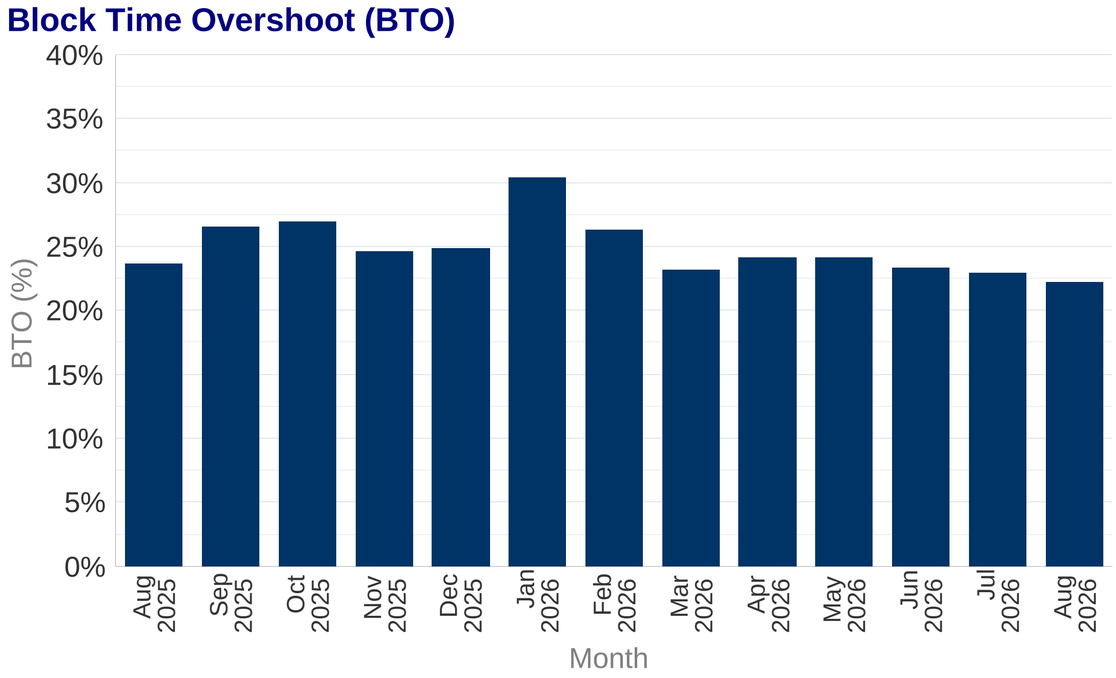
Average daily flights for ECAC. All flows



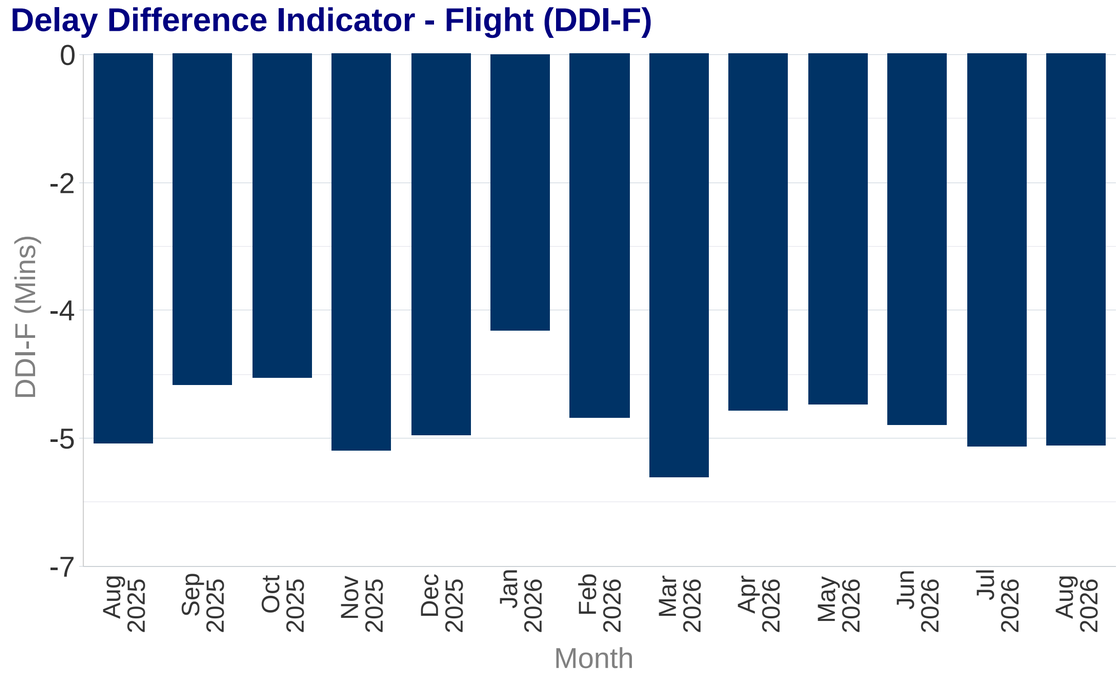
Long Departure Delays All-Causes



Block Time Overshoot (BTO)



Delay Difference Indicator - Flight (DDI-F)



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