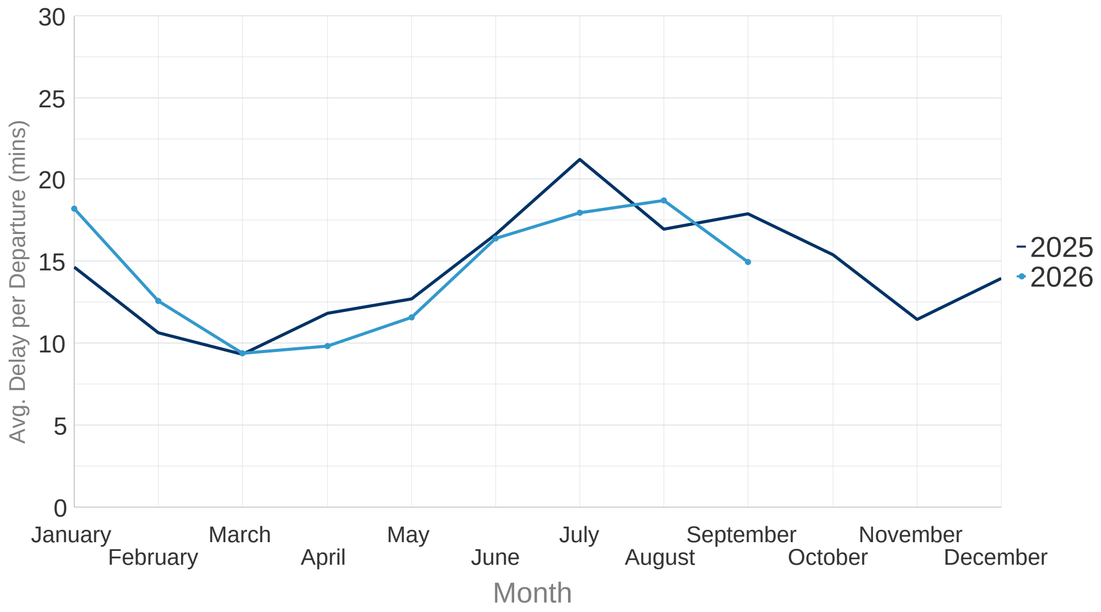
All-Causes Delays for Air Transport in Europe

September 2026

In September 2026, flights across the ECAC area increased by 2.4% compared to September 2025. Ryanair retained its position as the airline operating the highest number of flights, ahead of easyJet and Turkish Airlines, with the ranking remaining unchanged compared with August 2026. Istanbul remained the busiest airport, followed by Amsterdam Schiphol and Paris Charles de Gaulle, with no changes in the top three positions since August 2026. Arrival punctuality improved across most of the Top 20 airports compared with September 2025. Athens continued to experience daily ATC and aerodrome capacity constraints throughout the month. London airports were impacted by the UK NATS FDPS technical issue on 08 September, overall performance improved. Barcelona and Paris Charles de Gaulle both recorded better punctuality despite weather-related disruption and industrial action respectively. Departure punctuality improved across most of the Top 20 airports compared with September 2025. Paris Charles de Gaulle recorded one of the strongest year-on-year improvements despite industrial action in France, while Milano Malpensa and Barcelona also performed better than last year despite disruption from a runway blockage and severe weather respectively. Catania was the most affected airport, with Mount Etna-related restrictions and closures causing significant delays, cancellations and diversions.

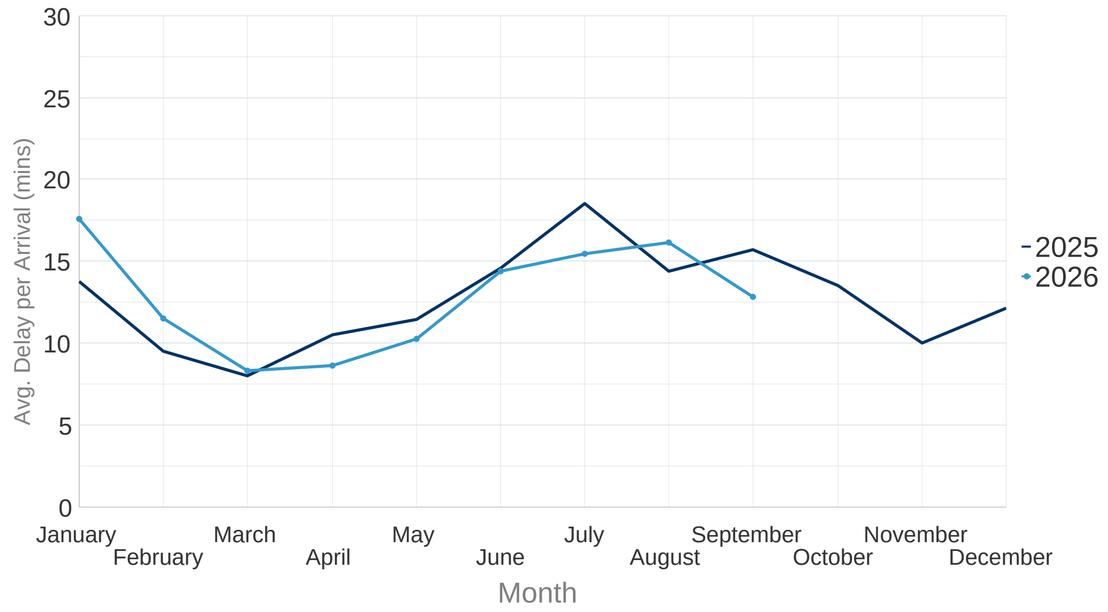
Average Delay per Flight on Departure (mins) - September 2026



In September 2026 the average delay per flight on departure was 15.0 minutes per flight. This was **a decrease** of 3.0 minutes per flight when compared to September 2025 where the average delay per flight was 17.9 minutes.

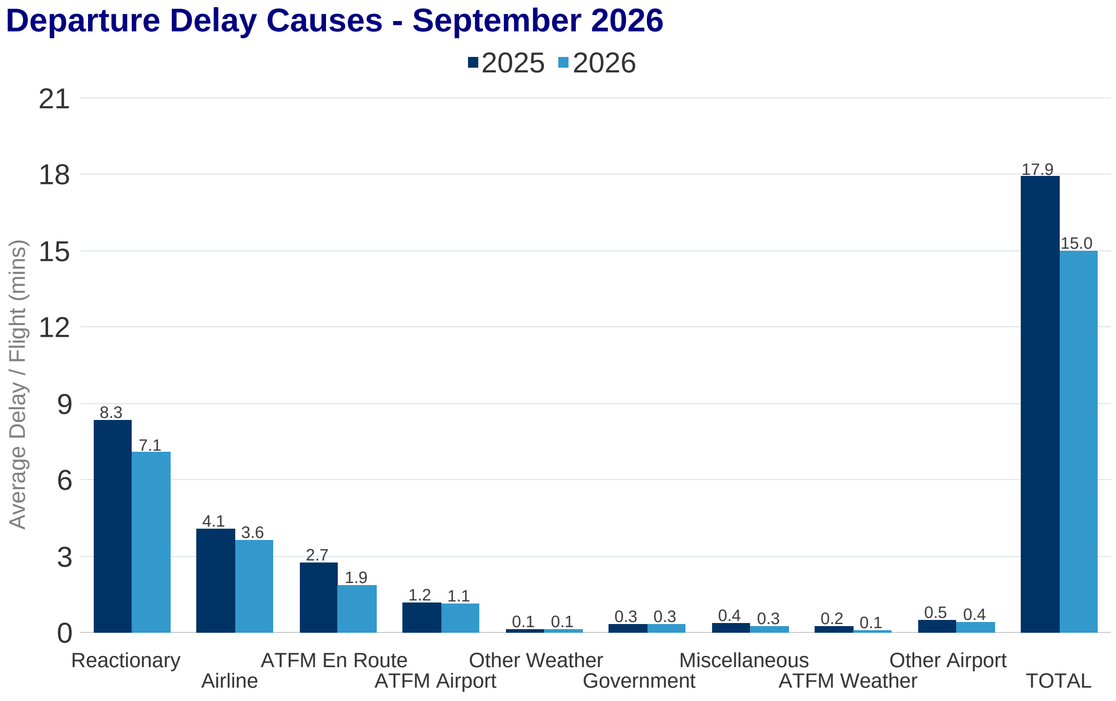
Further analysis of the delay causes shows that reactionary delay contributed 7.1 minutes to the
average delay per flight in September 2026.

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

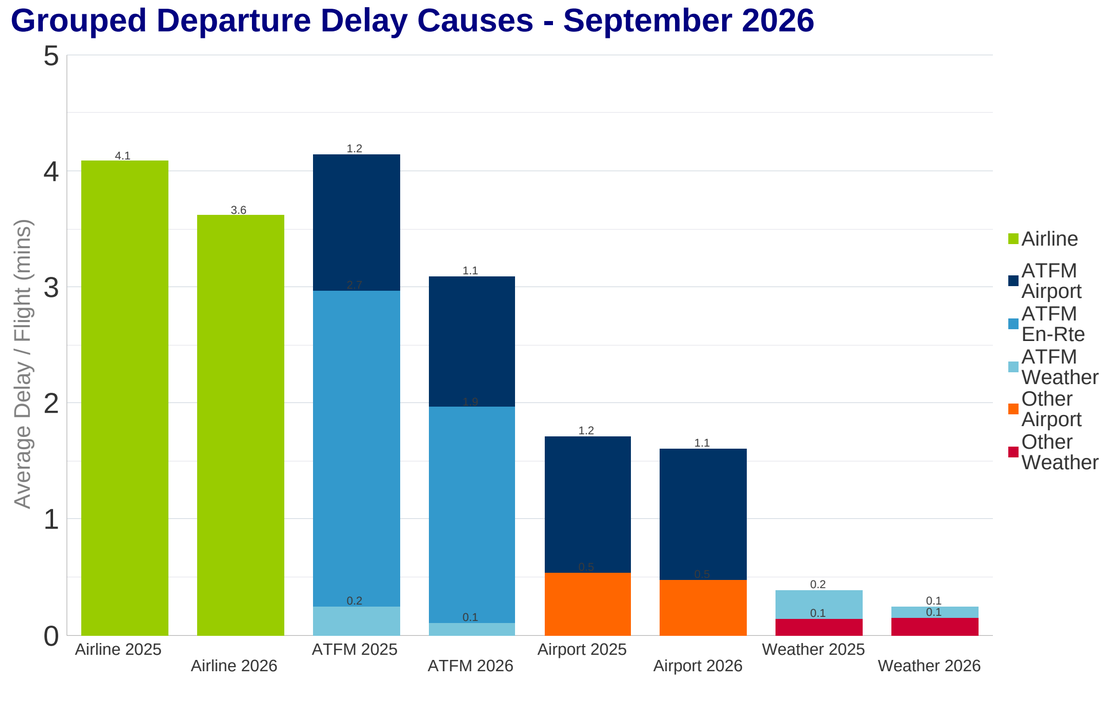


In September 2026 the average delay per flight on arrival was 12.8 minutes per flight. This was **a decrease** of 2.9 minutes per flight when compared to September 2025 where the average delay per flight was 15.7 minutes.

Departure Delay Causes - September 2026



Grouped Departure Delay Causes - September 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.

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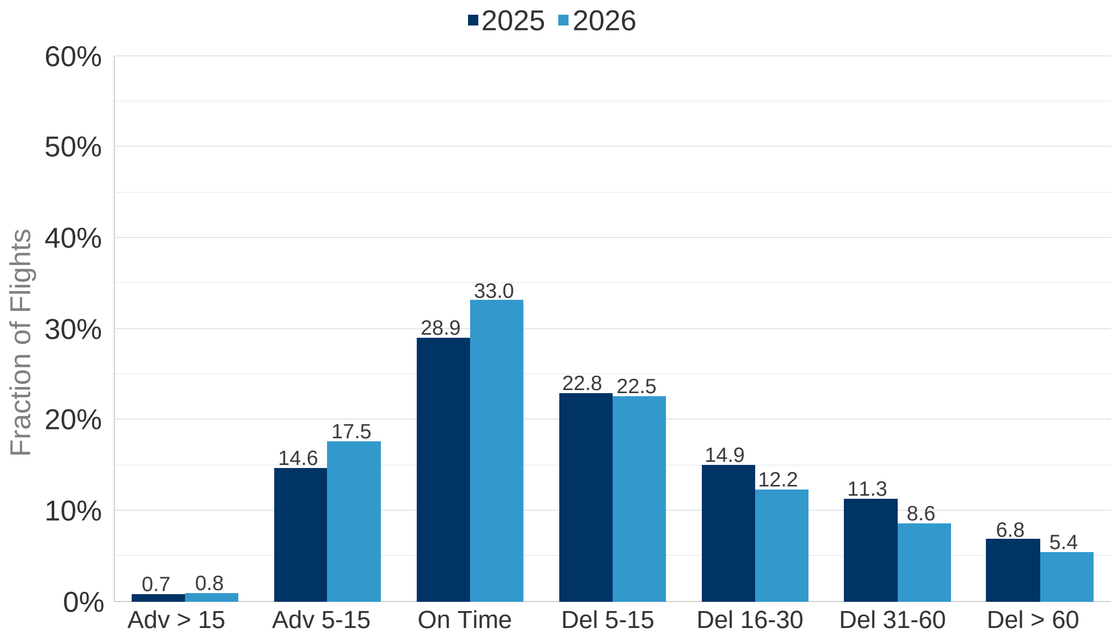
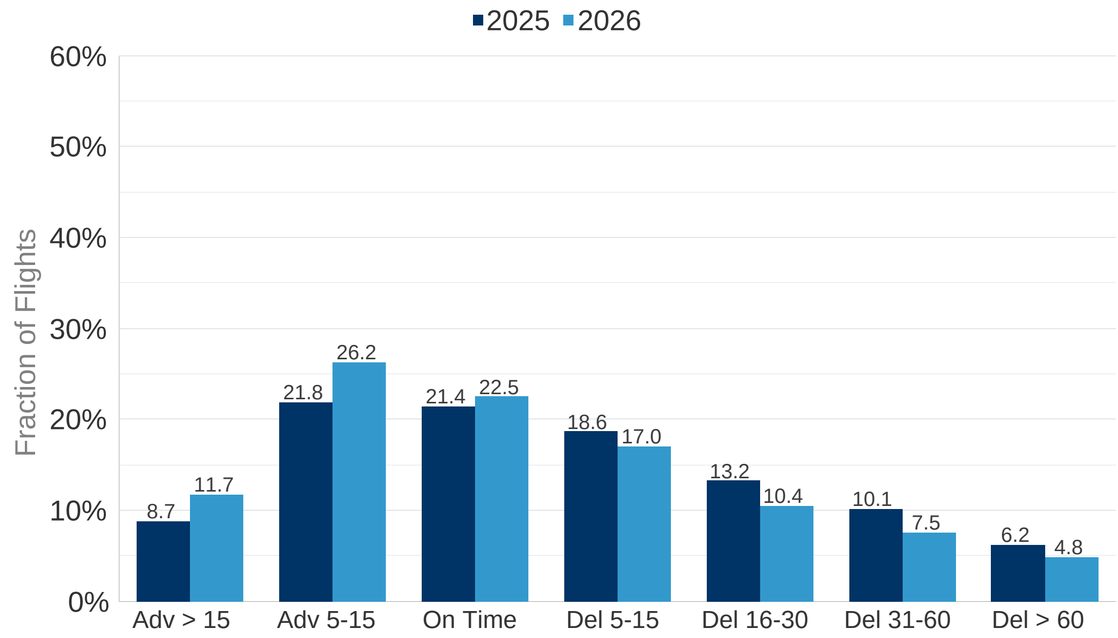
All Causes Departure Punctuality - September 2026



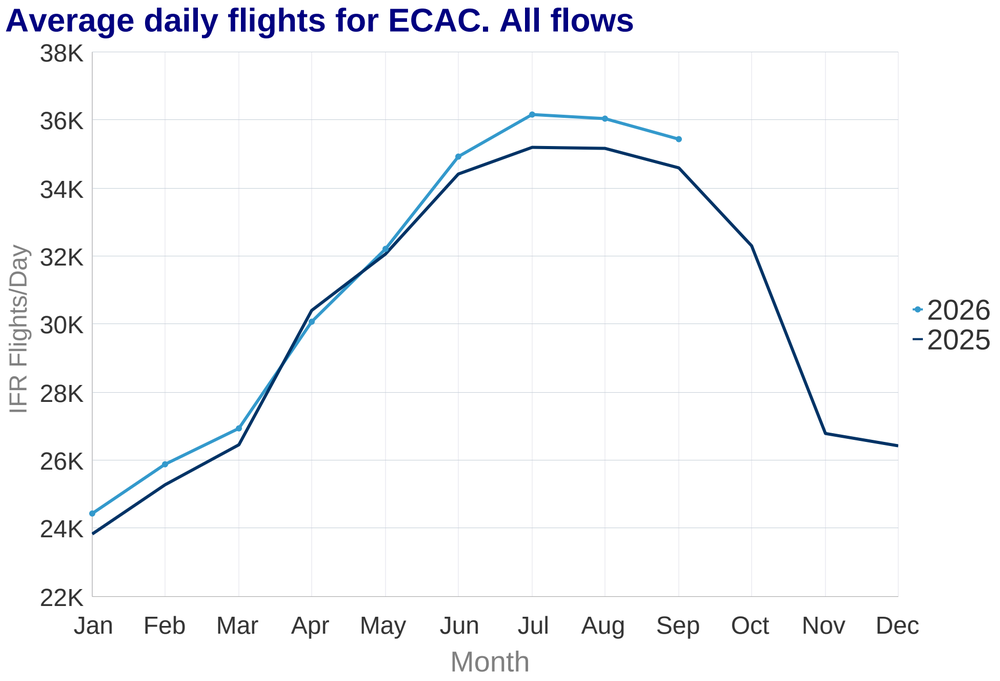
In September 2026, 33.0% of the flights departed within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled departure time (STD); **an increase** of 4.1 points from 28.9% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **decreased** from 18.0% to 13.9%.

All Causes Arrival Punctuality - September 2026

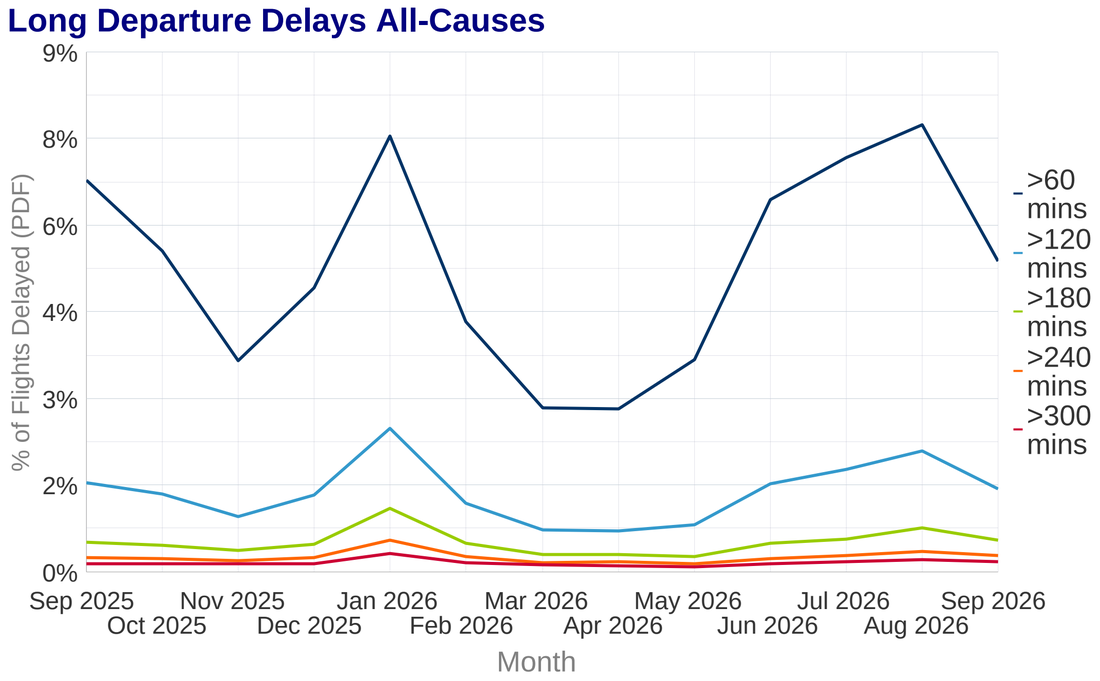


In September 2026, 22.5% of the flights arrived within the 5 minutes threshold before or after the scheduled arrival time (STA); **an increase** of 1.1 points from 21.4% compared to previous year. Flights delayed >30 minutes from all-causes **decreased** from 16.2% to 12.3%.

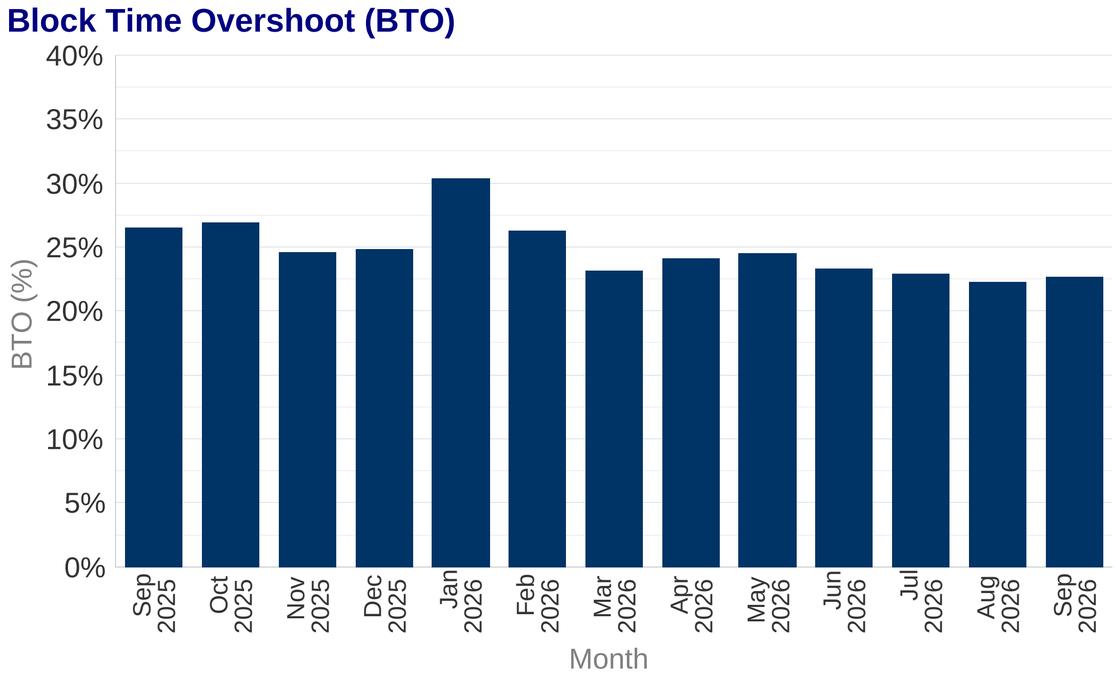
Average daily flights for ECAC. All flows



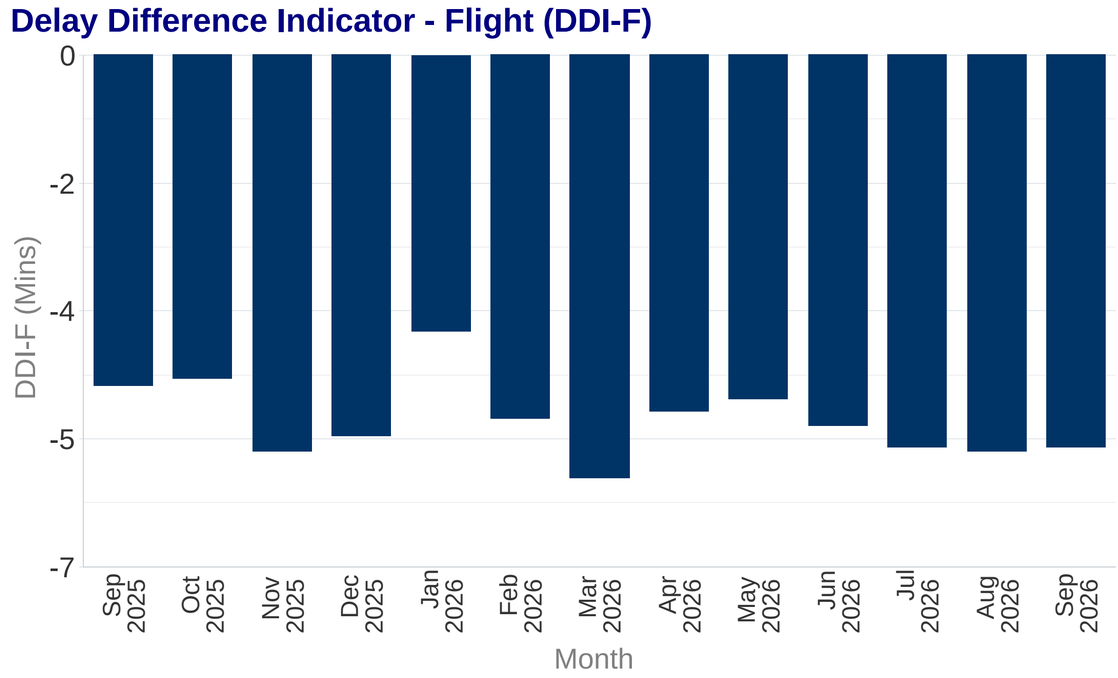
Long Departure Delays All-Causes



Block Time Overshoot (BTO)



Delay Difference Indicator - Flight (DDI-F)



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