July – September 2026

Quarterly Statistical Report

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Executive Statistical Snapshot

Indicator	Jul – Sep 2025	Jul – Sep 2026	Variance	% Change
International aircraft movements (NMIA + SIA)	16,105	13,892	-2,213	-14%
Aircraft movements (KTP + NEG + IFIA + POT)	3,340	4,432	+1,092	33%
Jamaica FIR overflight movements	36,548	37,330	+782	+2%
Cargo movements (NMIA + SIA)	5,877MT	6,001MT	+124	+2%
Passenger movements (NMIA + SIA)	1,775,289	1,496,274	-279,015	-16%
Passenger movements (KTP + NEG + IFIA + POT)	5,946	7,392	1,446	+24%
Permits issued	80	91	+11	+14%

Aircraft Movement – NMIA & SIA

Total aircraft movements at **Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA)** and **Sangster International Airport (SIA)** amounted to **13,892** during the third quarter (July–September) of 2026, representing a decrease of **2,213 movements (14%)** compared with the **16,105 movements** recorded in the corresponding period of 2025. Compared with the second quarter of 2026, aircraft movements declined by **698 (5%)**. Within the third quarter, July recorded the highest number of movements at **5,097**, followed by August with **4,900** and September with **3,895**.

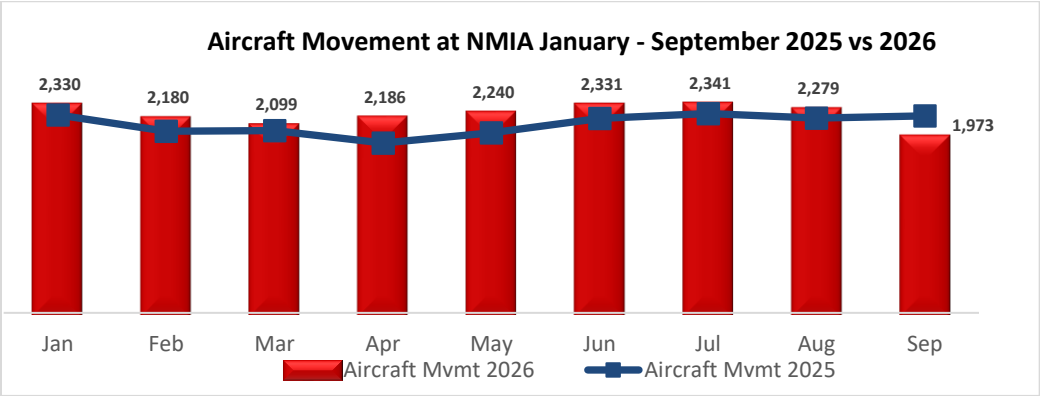
For the **January–September 2026** period, cumulative aircraft movements at the two international airports totaled **42,828**, a decrease of **7,442 movements (15%)** compared with the **50,270 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

Airport	Jul – Sep 2025	Jul – Sep 2026	Variance	% Change
NMIA	6,681	6,593	-88	-1%
SIA	9,424	7,299	-2,125	-23%
Total	**16,105**	**13,892**	**-2,213**	**-14%**

Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA)

Aircraft movements at **Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA)** totalled **6,593** during the third quarter of 2026, representing a decrease of **88 movements (1%)** compared with the **6,681 movements** recorded in the corresponding period of 2025. Compared with the second quarter of 2026, movements declined by **164 (2%)**.

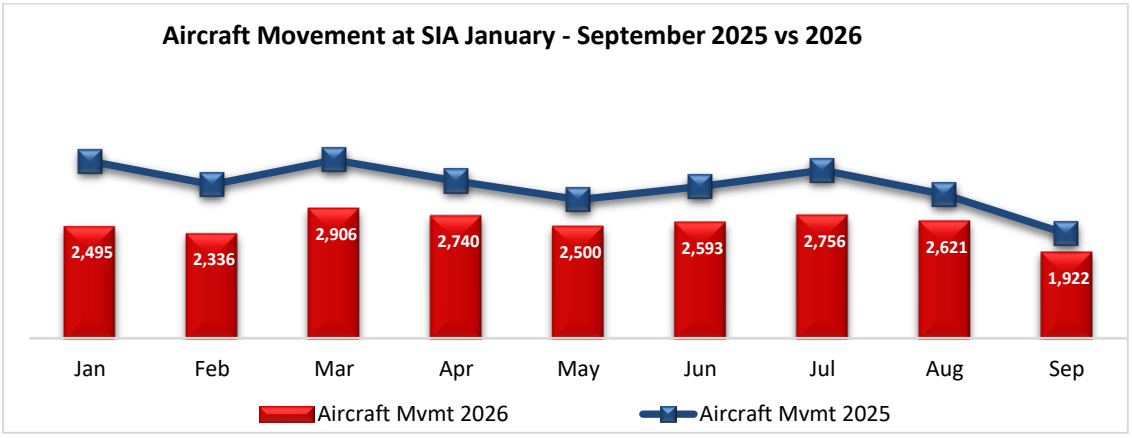
The third-quarter 2026 total comprised **3,292 arrivals** and **3,301 departures**, compared with **3,342 arrivals** and **3,339 departures** in the corresponding period of 2025.



Sangster International Airport (SIA)

Aircraft movements at **Sangster International Airport (SIA)** totalled **7,299** during the third quarter of 2026, representing a decrease of **2,125 movements (23%)** compared with the **9,424 movements** recorded in the corresponding period of 2025. Compared with the second quarter of 2026, movements declined by **534 (7%)**.

The third-quarter 2026 total comprised **3,649 arrivals** and **3,650 departures**, compared with **4,715 arrivals** and **4,709 departures** in the corresponding period of 2025.



Source: Aerodrome Control Statistics NMIA & SIA

Aircraft Movement at KTP, NEG, IFIA & POT

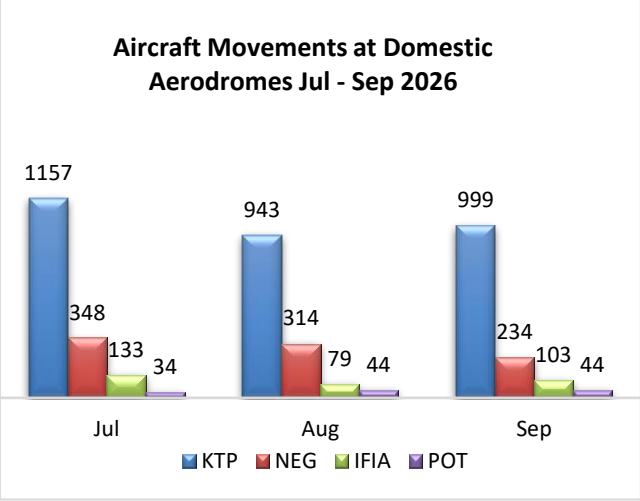
During the third quarter of 2026 (July to September), total aircraft movements across Jamaica's domestic aerodromes and Ian Fleming International Airport (IFIA) amounted to **4,432**, representing an increase of **1,092 movements (33%)** compared with the **3,340 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. Arrivals increased by 554 (33%), from 1,665 to 2,219, while departures rose by 538 (32%), from 1,675 to 2,213.

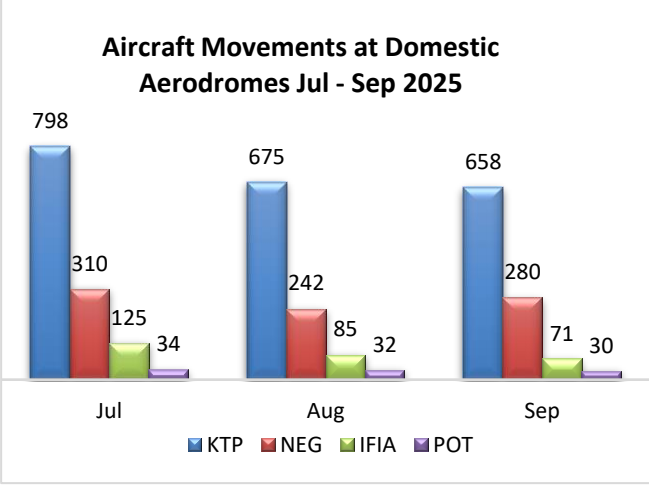
Year	Jul – Sep 2025	Jul – Sep 2026	Variance	% Change
Arrival	1,665	2,219	554	33%
Departure	1,675	2,213	538	32%
Total	**3,340**	**4,432**	**1,092**	**33%**

Despite the quarterly increase, cumulative aircraft movements for the period January to September 2026 totalled **11,777**, representing a decline of **788 movements (6%)** compared with the **12,565 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

An examination of individual facilities indicates that all domestic aerodromes and IFIA recorded increases in aircraft movements during the third quarter of 2026 relative to the corresponding period in 2025. Tinson Pen Aerodrome recorded the largest increase, with movements rising by **968 (45%)**, from 2,131 to 3,099. Negril Aerodrome recorded an increase of **64 movements (8%)**, from 832 to 896. At IFIA, aircraft movements increased from 281 to 315, representing a rise of **34 movements (12%)**. Similarly, Ken Jones Aerodrome recorded an increase of **26 movements (27%)**, from 96 to 122.

Overall, the third-quarter results reflect stronger aircraft activity across all four facilities, although the cumulative January–September figures indicate that movements remained below the level recorded in 2025.





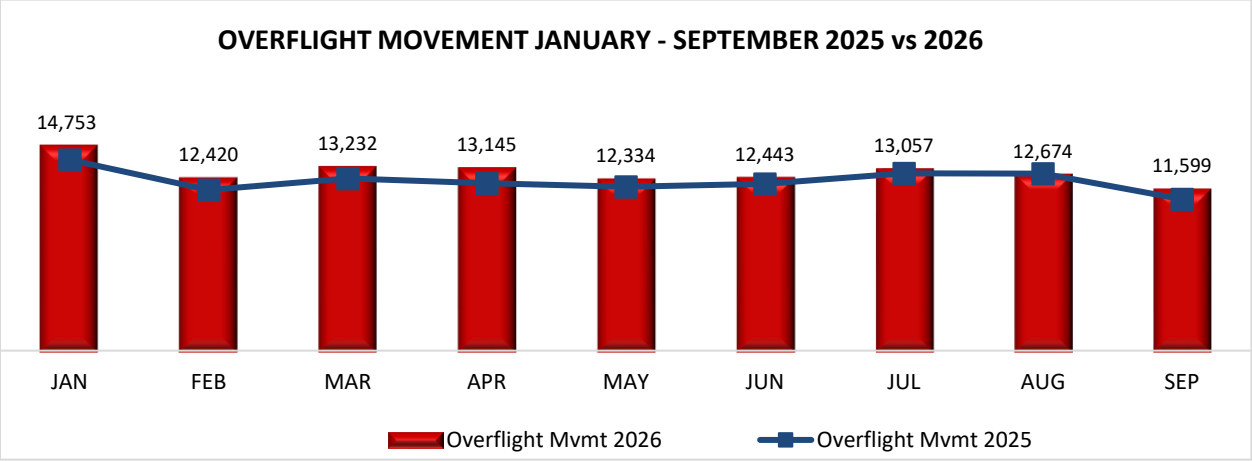
Overflight Aircraft Movements

During the third quarter of 2026 (July–September), the Jamaica Flight Information Region (FIR) recorded **37,330 overflight aircraft movements**, representing an increase of **782 movements (2%)** compared with the **36,548 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. Average daily overflight activity increased to **405 movements**, compared with **397** during the corresponding period in 2025. However, relative to the second quarter of 2026, overflight movements declined by **592 (2%)**.

Monthly traffic volumes showed a progressive decline throughout the quarter, from **13,057 movements in July** to **12,674 in August** and **11,599 in September**.

For the **January–September 2026** period, cumulative overflight movements totalled **115,657**, representing an increase of **5,286 movements (5%)** compared with the **110,371 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. The year-to-date growth reflects sustained demand for the use of Jamaican airspace, despite the month-on-month moderation in overflight activity observed during the third quarter.

Indicator	Jul – Sep 2025	Jul – Sep 2026	Variance	% Change
FIR overflight movements	36,548	37,330	+782	+2%
Average daily overflights	397	405	+8	+2%
YTD overflight movements	110,371	115,657	+5,286	+5%



Source: KATCC

CARGO ACTIVITY AT NMIA & SIA

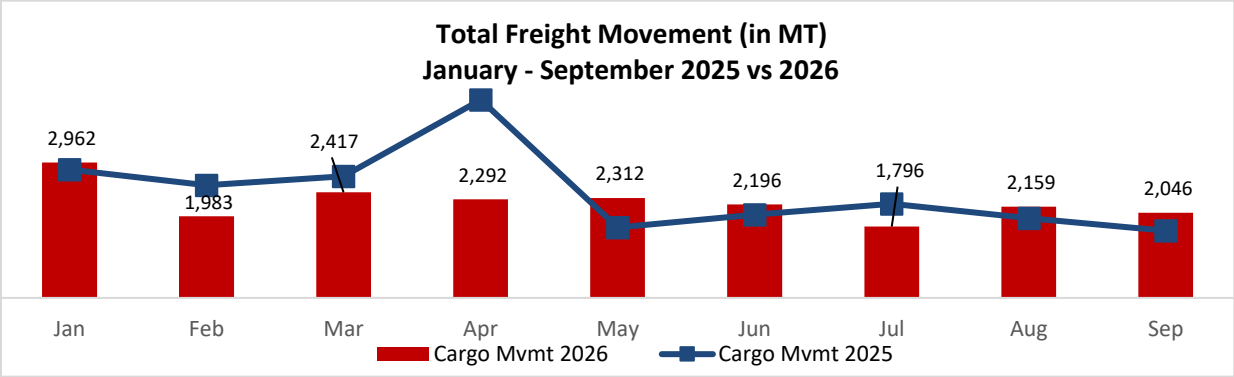
Cargo movements at Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) and Sangster International Airport (SIA) totalled **6,001 metric tonnes (MT)** during the third quarter of 2026 (July–September), representing an increase of **124 MT (2%)** compared with the **5,877 MT** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. However, relative to the second quarter of 2026, cargo movements declined by **799 MT (12%)**.

NMIA continued to account for the majority of cargo handled at Jamaica's two international airports, processing **4,948 MT**, equivalent to **82%** of the combined total. This comprised **498 MT of loaded freight** and **4,450 MT of unloaded freight**. SIA handled the remaining **1,053 MT (18%)**, consisting of **726 MT of loaded freight** and **327 MT of unloaded freight**.

Monthly cargo volumes fluctuated during the quarter, increasing from **1,796 MT in July** to **2,159 MT in August**, before declining to **2,046 MT in September**.

For the period January to September 2026, total cargo handled amounted to **20,163 MT**, representing a decrease of **1,692 MT (8%)** compared with the **21,855 MT** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. NMIA accounted for **16,941 MT (84%)** of the year-to-date total, while SIA handled **3,222 MT (16%)**. These figures reaffirm NMIA's position as the principal gateway for international air freight, despite the overall decline in cargo volumes during the first nine months of 2026.

Freight Movement (in MT) at NMIA & SIA 2025 vs 2026							
	2025 Cargo Movement				2026 Cargo Movement		
	NMIA	SIA	TOTAL		NMIA	SIA	TOTAL
Jan	2,398	433	**2,831**		2,656	306	**2,962**
Feb	2,166	383	**2,549**		1,675	308	**1,983**
Mar	2,274	435	**2,709**		2,052	365	**2,417**
Apr	3,643	455	**4,098**		1,940	352	**2,292**
May	1,342	436	**1,778**		1,908	404	**2,312**
Jun	1,429	584	**2,013**		1,762	434	**2,196**
Jul	1,596	614	**2,210**		1,405	391	**1,796**
Aug	1,415	532	**1,947**		1,819	340	**2,159**
Sep	1,251	469	**1,720**		1,724	322	**2,046**
	17,514	**4,341**	**21,855**		**16,941**	**3,222**	**20,163**

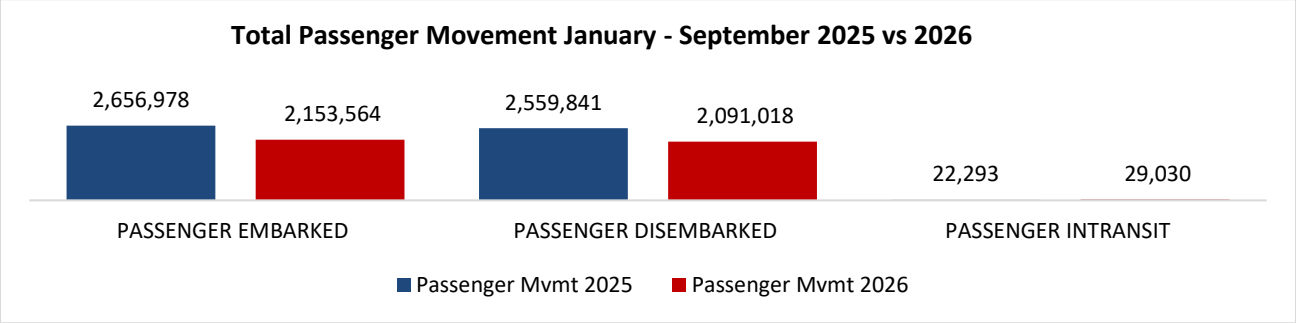


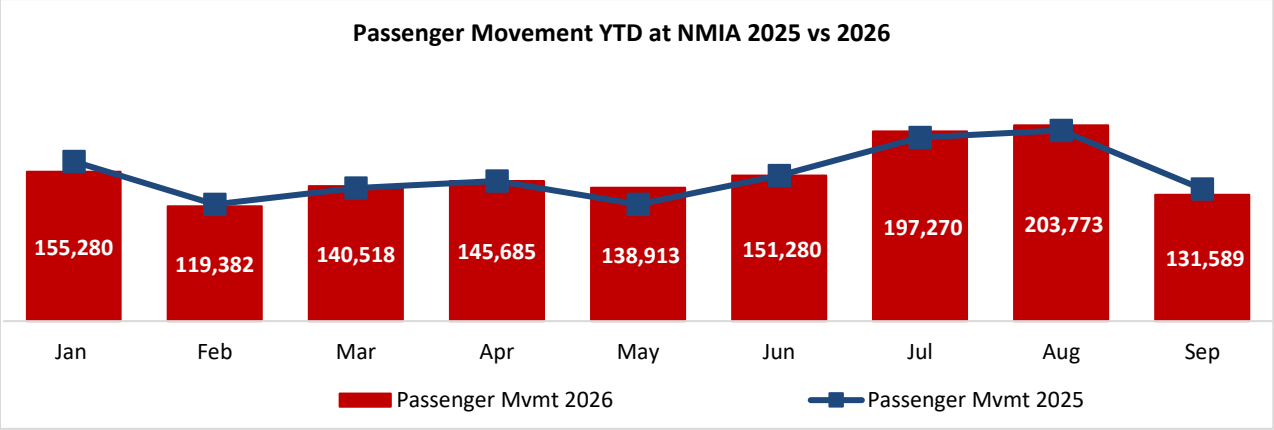
PASSENGER MOVEMENTS AT NMIA & SIA

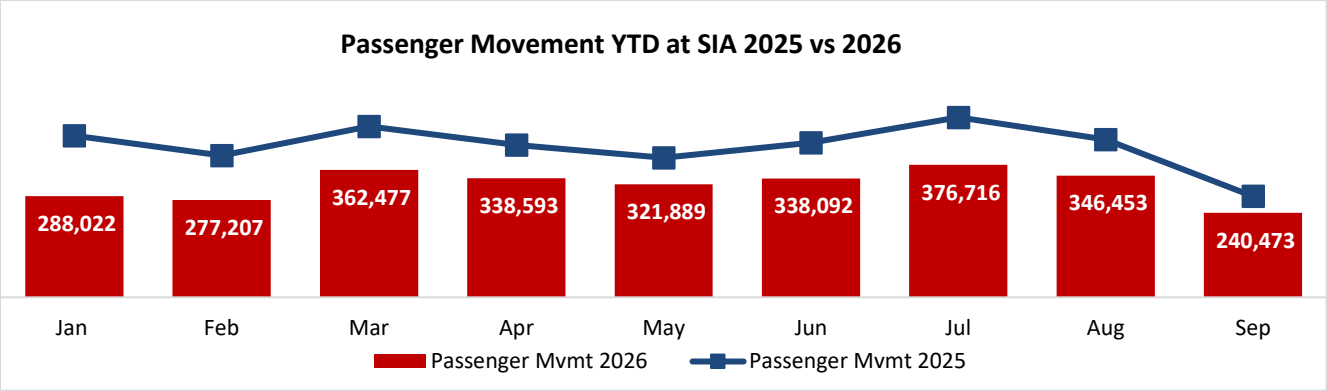
Total passenger movements, comprising embarked, disembarked and in-transit passengers, at Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) and Sangster International Airport (SIA) amounted to **1,496,274** during the third quarter of 2026 (July to September). This represented a decrease of **279,015 passengers, or 16%,** compared with the **1,775,289** passenger movements recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. However, passenger movements increased by **61,822, or 4%,** relative to the second quarter of 2026.

Airport	Jul – Sep 2025	Jul – Sep 2026	Variance	% Change
NMIA	526,799	532,632	5,833	+1
SIA	1,248,490	963,642	-284,848	-23%
Total	1,775,289	1,496,274	-279,015	-16%

For the period January to September 2026, total passenger movements declined by **18% to 4,273,612,** compared with **5,239,112** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. Sangster International Airport accounting for approximately **68%** of total passenger movements, maintaining its position as the country's leading international gateway for passenger traffic.







Total Passenger Movement January - September 2026

NMIA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
PASSENGER EMBARKED	82,432	58,343	70,193	74,042	71,500	71,475	99,231	103,768	63,399	**694,383**
PASSENGER DISEMBARKED	72,163	60,469	69,642	70,862	66,584	78,778	97,052	99,934	67,948	**683,432**
PASSENGER IN-TRANSIT	685	570	683	781	829	1,027	987	71	242	**5,875**
	155,280	**119,382**	**140,518**	**145,685**	**138,913**	**151,280**	**197,270**	**203,773**	**131,589**	**1,383,690**
SIA										
PASSENGER EMBARKED	152,009	135,410	180,193	174,150	165,659	165,821	190,542	177,808	117,589	**1,459,181**
PASSENGER DISEMBARKED	132,465	139,069	178,216	161,391	154,387	170,449	184,294	166,656	120,659	**1,407,586**
PASSENGER IN-TRANSIT	3,548	2,728	4,068	3,052	1,843	1,822	1,880	1,989	2,225	**23,155**
	288,022	**277,207**	**362,477**	**338,593**	**321,889**	**338,092**	**376,716**	**346,453**	**240,473**	**2,889,922**
TOTAL	**443,302**	**396,589**	**502,995**	**484,278**	**460,802**	**489,372**	**573,986**	**550,226**	**372,062**	**4,273,612**

Total Passenger Movement January - September 2025

NMIA	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
PASSENGER EMBARKED	91,113	60,708	70,398	76,849	60,727	73,567	99,047	98,119	65,879	**696,407**
PASSENGER DISEMBARKED	74,745	60,628	67,997	68,717	60,581	77,849	91,764	100,164	70,831	**673,276**
PASSENGER IN-TRANSIT	78	50	60	51	50	44	57	122	816	**1,328**
	165,936	**121,386**	**138,455**	**145,617**	**121,358**	**151,460**	**190,868**	**198,405**	**137,526**	**1,371,011**
SIA										
PASSENGER EMBARKED	240,437	201,123	244,966	220,971	202,544	215,991	260,795	229,163	144,581	**1,960,571**
PASSENGER DISEMBARKED	215,734	198,938	237,666	209,471	192,845	222,907	249,753	218,188	141,063	**1,886,565**
PASSENGER IN-TRANSIT	3,508	3,159	3,416	3,301	1,555	1,079	1,620	1,466	1,861	**20,965**
	459,679	**403,220**	**486,048**	**433,743**	**396,944**	**439,977**	**512,168**	**448,817**	**287,505**	**3,868,101**
TOTAL	**625,615**	**524,606**	**624,503**	**579,360**	**518,302**	**591,437**	**703,036**	**647,222**	**425,031**	**5,239,112**

***Source:* FORM I Airport Traffic – NMIA & SIA**

Passenger Arrivals by Region

During the third quarter of 2026, passenger arrivals at the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) and Sangster International Airport (SIA) amounted to **736,543**, representing a decline of **135,220 passengers (16%)** compared with the **871,763** arrivals recorded during the corresponding period in 2025. SIA accounted for **471,609 arrivals (64%)** of the total, while NMIA recorded **264,934 arrivals (36%),** reflecting the continued dominance of SIA in international passenger arrivals.

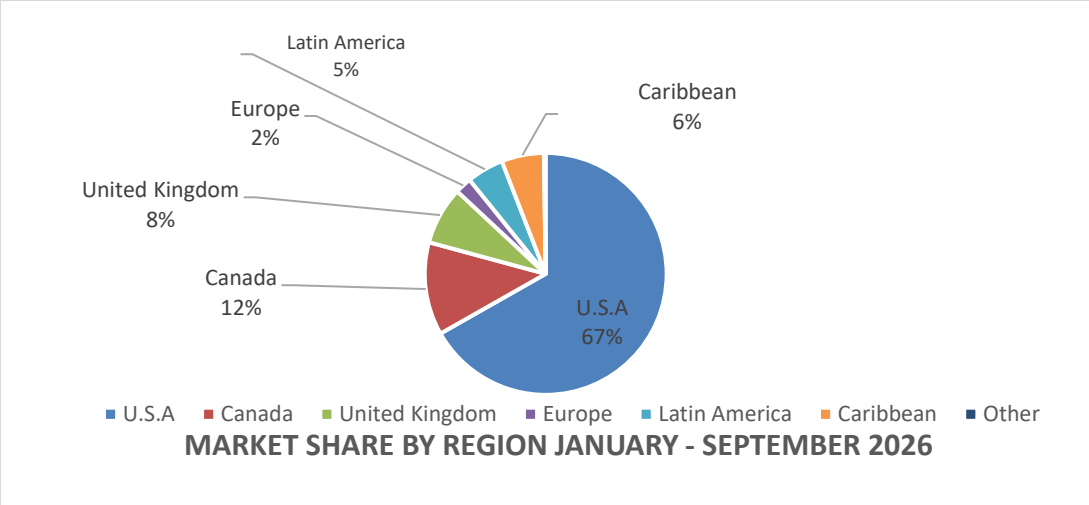
Jul-Sep 2026 Arrival by Region	SIA	NMIA	Total
U.S.A	341,523	157,250	498,773
Canada	44,160	31,177	75,337
United Kingdom	43,819	15,283	59,102
Europe	9,399	-	9,399
Latin America	30,439	13,021	43,460
Caribbean	1,413	46,820	48,233
Other	856	1,383	2,239
	471,609	**264,934**	**736,543**

Jan - Sep 2026 Arrival by Region	Passenger Arrivals	Market Share
U.S.A	1,396,593	67%
Canada	259,767	12%
United Kingdom	161,838	8%
Europe	46,361	2%
Latin America	102,966	5%
Caribbean	118,589	6%
Other	4,904	0%
	2,091,018	**100%**

For the period January–September 2026, total passenger arrivals reached **2,091,018**, with the United States remaining Jamaica's leading source market, accounting for **1,396,593 arrivals (67%).** Of these, **981,020 passengers (70%)** arrived through SIA, while **415,573 (30%)** entered through NMIA. This concentration highlights the continued importance of the U.S.A. market to Jamaica's international air passenger traffic.

Canada was the second-largest source market, contributing **259,767 arrivals (12%),** followed by the United Kingdom, with **161,838 arrivals (8%).** Collectively, these three markets accounted for approximately **87% of total passenger arrivals** during the nine-month period.

Other source markets made smaller contributions. The Caribbean accounted for **118,589 arrivals (6%),** with the majority recorded at NMIA, while Latin America contributed **102,966 arrivals (5%)**. Europe recorded **46,361 arrivals (2%),** and other markets accounted for the remaining **4,904** arrivals, representing less than **1%** of the total.



Overall, the arrival profile for January–September 2026 underscores Jamaica's continued reliance on the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom as its principal source markets. The concentration of arrivals within these markets highlights their significance to the country's air passenger demand and the importance of monitoring performance across established markets alongside opportunities for growth in other regions.

Passenger Arrivals Load Factor

Despite the decline in passenger arrivals, the **year-to-date load factor for international flights was approximately 85%**, indicating that aircraft were operating with a relatively high level of seat occupancy during the period. Load factor measures the proportion of available aircraft seats occupied by passengers and provides an indication of the utilization of available passenger capacity.

PASSENGER MOVEMENTS AT KTP, NEG, POT & IFIA

Passenger movements across Jamaica's domestic aerodromes, namely Tinson Pen Aerodrome (KTP), Negril Aerodrome (NEG), Ken Jones Aerodrome (POT), and Ian Fleming International Airport (IFIA), totalled **7,392 during the third quarter of 2026 (July to September)**. This represented an increase of **1,446 passenger movements (24%)** compared with the **5,946 movements** recorded during the corresponding period in 2025.

For the period January to September 2026, cumulative passenger movements increased by **1,271 (4%)**, rising from **31,925** in 2025 to **33,196** in 2026.

Passenger Movement at Domestic Aerodromes January - September 2026

Arrivals	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
KTP	44	9	25	34	24	26	31	8	23	**224**
NEG	324	309	332	229	235	209	270	201	183	**2,292**
POT	27	-	27	16	1	9	9	22	22	**133**
IFIA	1,641	1,886	2,024	1,783	1,882	1,988	2,127	671	145	**14,147**
TOTAL	**2,036**	**2,204**	**2,408**	**2,062**	**2,142**	**2,232**	**2,437**	**902**	**373**	**16,796**
Departures	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**	**AUG**	**SEP**	**TOTAL**
KTP	45	8	23	26	35	33	40	8	29	**247**
NEG	244	173	241	161	131	138	170	192	110	**1,560**
POT	27	3	29	19	-	11	5	16	16	**126**
IFIA	1,936	1,806	2,060	1,838	1,947	1,786	2,111	837	146	**14,467**
TOTAL	**2,252**	**1,990**	**2,353**	**2,044**	**2,113**	**1,968**	**2,326**	**1,053**	**301**	**16,400**
Total Arrival & Departure	**4,288**	**4,194**	**4,761**	**4,106**	**4,255**	**4,200**	**4,763**	**1,955**	**674**	**33,196**

Passenger Movement at Domestic Aerodromes January - September 2025

Arrivals	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
KTP	50	20	24	38	23	32	42	21	19	**269**
NEG	488	509	450	401	201	205	236	140	171	**2,801**
POT	12	17	27	60	13	10	18	7	10	**174**
IFIA	1,925	1,797	1,952	1,825	1,701	1,604	1,626	645	28	**13,103**
TOTAL	**2,475**	**2,343**	**2,453**	**2,324**	**1,938**	**1,851**	**1,922**	**813**	**228**	**16,347**
Departures	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**	**AUG**	**SEP**	**TOTAL**
KTP	52	19	25	50	30	28	50	22	26	**302**
NEG	395	337	352	244	153	91	130	122	97	**1,921**
POT	24	20	38	63	13	11	14	13	7	**203**
IFIA	2,102	1,792	1,863	1,805	1,626	1,462	1,713	762	27	**13,152**
TOTAL	**2,573**	**2,168**	**2,278**	**2,162**	**1,822**	**1,592**	**1,907**	**919**	**157**	**15,578**
Total Arrival & Departure	**5,048**	**4,511**	**4,731**	**4,486**	**3,760**	**3,443**	**3,829**	**1,732**	**385**	**31,925**

Permits Issued

A total of **ninety-one (91) permits** were issued for air operations commencing in the period July – September 2026, compared with **eighty (80) permits** issued during the corresponding period in 2025. This represents an increase of **11 permits or 14%** year-on-year.

Of the permits issued in July - September 2026:

- **Thirty-one (31)** were issued for **Cargo Charter** operations;
- **Five (5)** were issued for **On-Demand Service Charter**;
- **One (1)** was issued for Public Charter; and
- **Fifty-four (54)** were issued for **Single Entity Charter** operations.

The regional distribution of permits issued during July – September 2025 & 2026 periods are presented below:

Region	Permits Issued July – September 2025	Permits Issued July – September 2026	Variance	% Change
U.S.A	43	58	+15	+35%
Caribbean	26	23	-3	-12%
Latin America	7	4	-3	-43%
Europe	2	1	-1	-50%
United Kingdom	1	0	-1	-100%
Canada	1	5	+4	400%
TOTAL	**80**	**91**	**+11**	**+14%**

Year-to-date, from **January to September 2026**, a total of **306 permits** were issued, compared with **273 permits** during the corresponding period in 2025. This represents an increase of **33 permits, or 12%**, indicating continued growth in permitted air operations over the months of 2026.

One (1) new license was issued for operations commencing the period July to September 2026.