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THE GLOBAL ECONOMY THROUGH THE WORLD'S 50 BUSIEST AIRPORTS BY PASSENGER VOLUME

Rankings of the 50 busiest airports in the world show the rising wealth of emerging markets, continued dominance of U.S. travelers, and the outsized importance of global connectors. Outside the turbulence of 2020 and talks of deglobalization, more passengers than ever are taking to the skies, and the world has never been more interconnected.

FROM 2004
Americas 25/50
Europe 12/50
Asia 10/50



REGIONS*



TO 2024
Americas 17/50 (▼7)
Europe 8/50 (▼4)
Asia 21/50 (▲11)

Number of Passengers (Billions)

3.0-

2.5-

2.0-

1.5-

1.0-

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ATLANTA'S (#1) supremacy lies in its serving as a hub for the world's largest airline (Delta) and being within a 2-hour flight of 80% of the U.S. population.

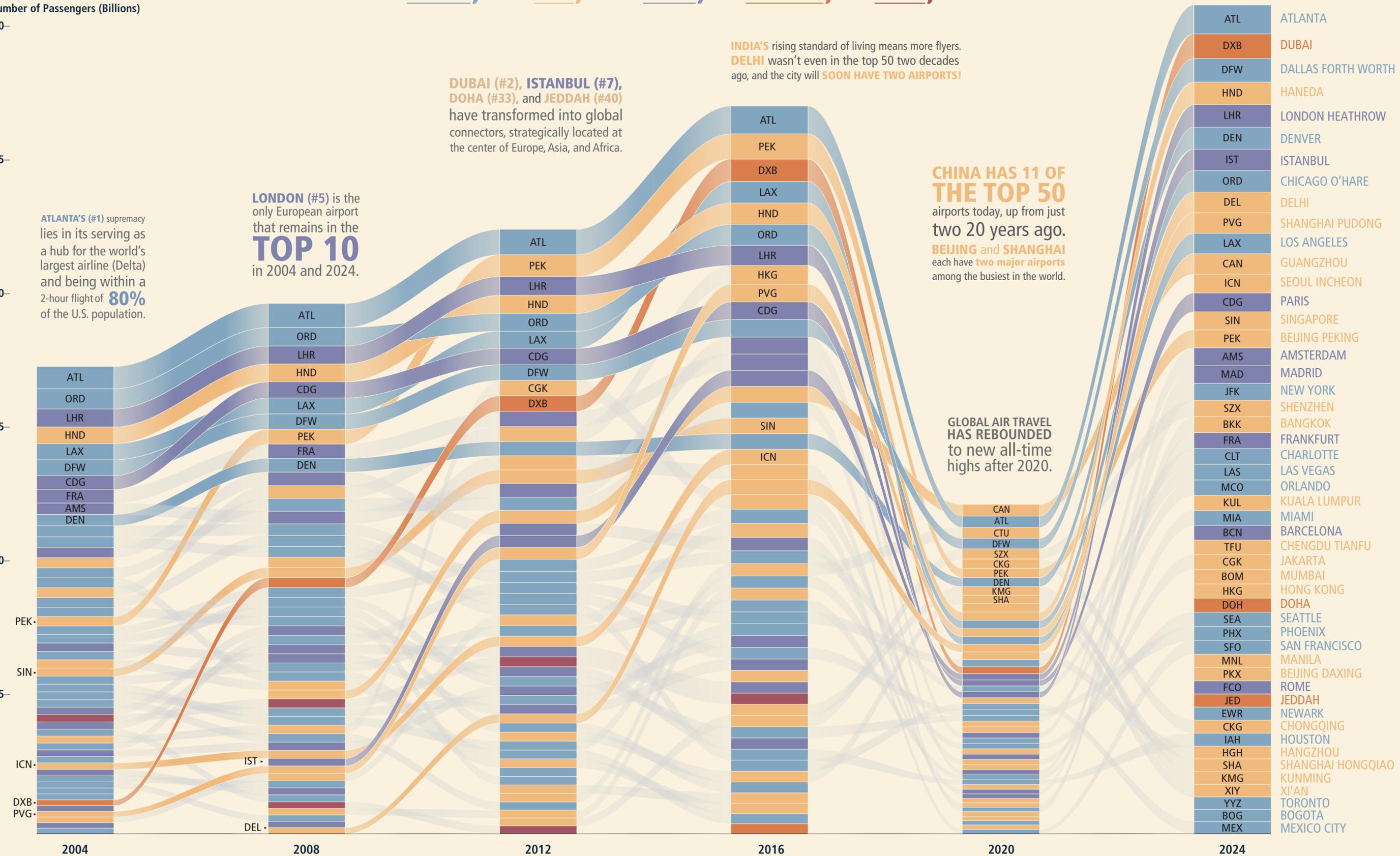
LONDON (#5) is the only European airport that remains in the TOP 10 in 2004 and 2024.

DUBAI (#2), ISTANBUL (#7), DOHA (#33), and JEDDAH (#40) have transformed into global connectors, strategically located at the center of Europe, Asia, and Africa.

INDIA'S rising standard of living means more flyers. DELHI wasn't even in the top 50 two decades ago, and the city will SOON HAVE TWO AIRPORTS!

CHINA HAS 11 OF THE TOP 50 airports today, up from just two 20 years ago. BEIJING and SHANGHAI each have two major airports among the busiest in the world.

GLOBAL AIR TRAVEL HAS REBOUNDED to new all-time highs after 2020.



*The 15 busiest airports today are highlighted over time; 10 busiest labelled 2004-2020

Source: Airports Council International, Payden Calculations, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

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