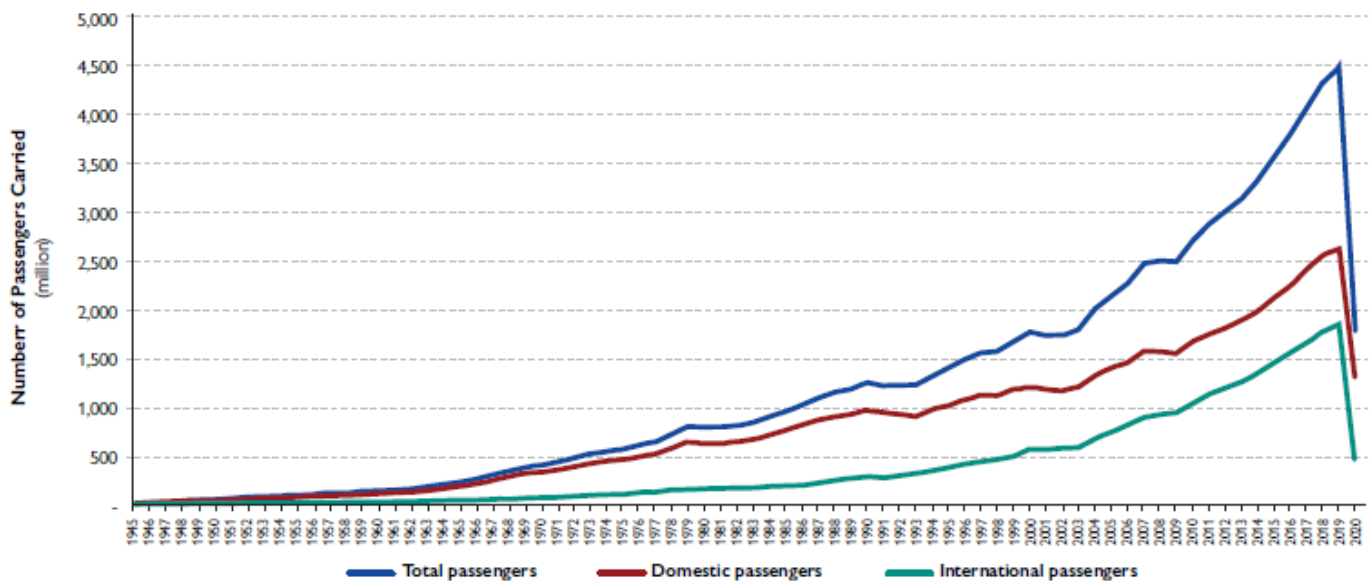


## WORLD MIGRATION REPORT DATA SNAPSHOT

### COVID-19 Impacts on air travel globally

As the saying goes “a picture can be worth a thousand words”, so these data snapshots have been provided to help explain changes in migration through innovative data analysis. The “thousand words” can be found in the report itself—clicks on the link below.

Figure 9. Air passengers carried globally, 1945–2020



Source: ICAO, 2021.

This Data Snapshot shows just how dramatic the COVID-19 pandemic’s effect was on air travel in 2020. COVID-19 mobility restrictions on international and internal movement resulted in global air passenger numbers dropping 60% in 2020, from a total of around 4.5 billion passengers in 2019 to 1.8 billion in 2020.

Read more about this data output on COVID-19 impacts on mobility in Chapter 2 (Global Overview) and Chapter 5 (COVID-19 impacts on migration, mobility & migrants) of the World Migration Report 2022. The full report can be accessed [here](#). The interactive data visualization platform is [here](#).

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