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European Airport Traffic Forecast Scenarios

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European Airport Passenger Traffic Forecast Snapshot

2025 & Beyond: Slower Growth Ahead

- Growth is projected to slow, based on current factors, +3.9% in 2025 and +7.9% in 2026 (vs. 2019).
- The post-pandemic rebound is fading, with growth dropping from below 10% in 2024 vs. 2023 to around 8% in 2025 before dipping further.
- While business and other travel segments recover, higher costs, taxes, and capacity constraints will start limiting growth.

Traffic Still Below Pre-COVID Projections

- Despite reaching 2019 levels in 2024, traffic remains well below original pre-pandemic forecasts.
- Airports continue facing financial strain as long-term investments were based on higher expected volumes.

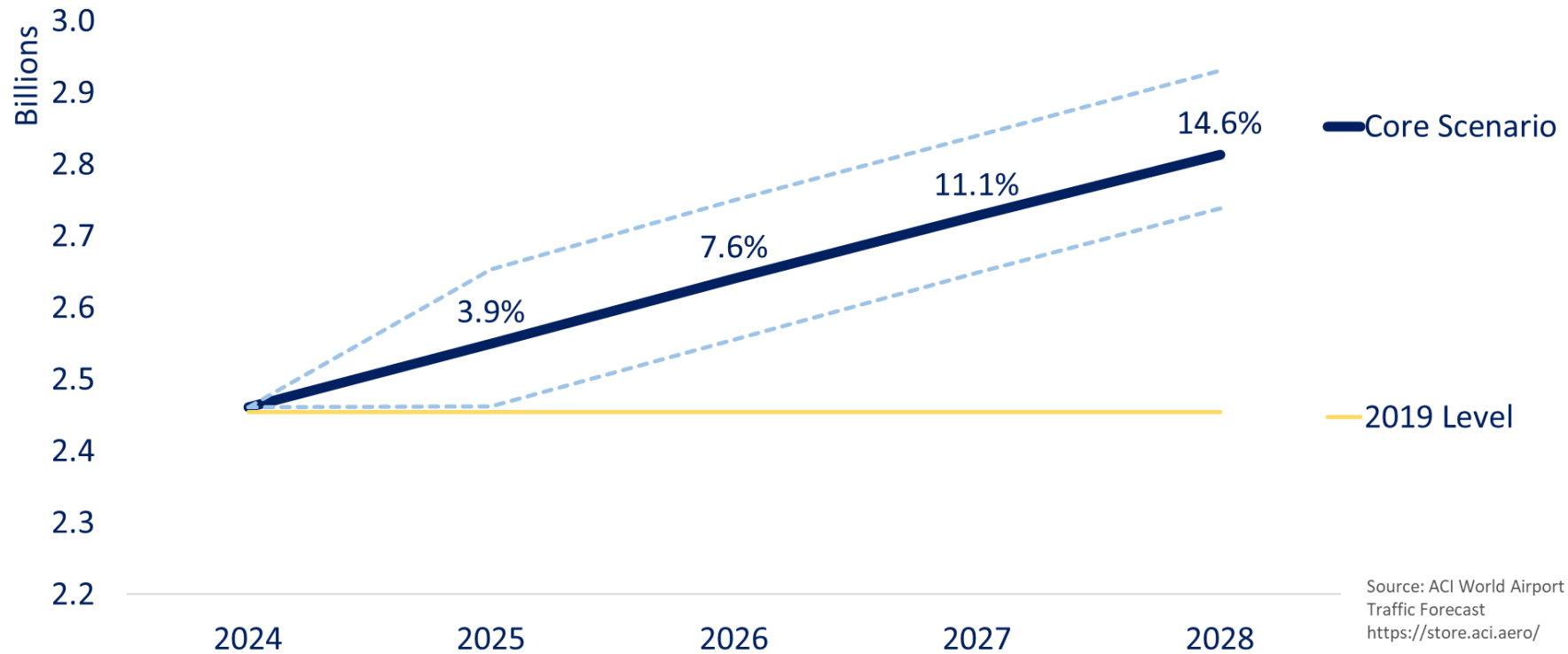
European Airport Passenger Traffic 3-Year Forecast:



Relative to 2019 level

Airport Traffic Forecast for Europe to 2028

% change versus 2019 Traffic Volume

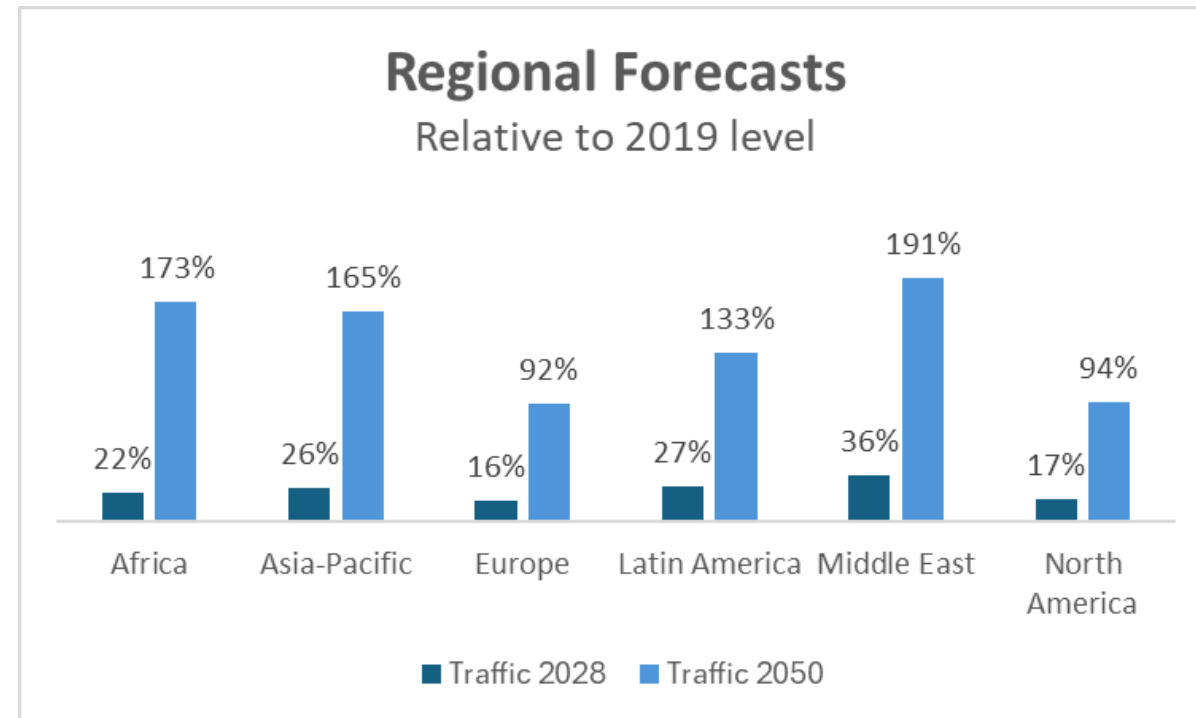


World Airport Traffic Forecast

The forecast for the European Region is part of the ACI World Airport Traffic Forecast.

The ACI World Airport Traffic Forecast is based on an ensemble of forecast methods extrapolating from ACI's global traffic database.

Methods used include trend decomposition, Exponential Smoothing, ARIMA methods, and linear regression with GDP variables.



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