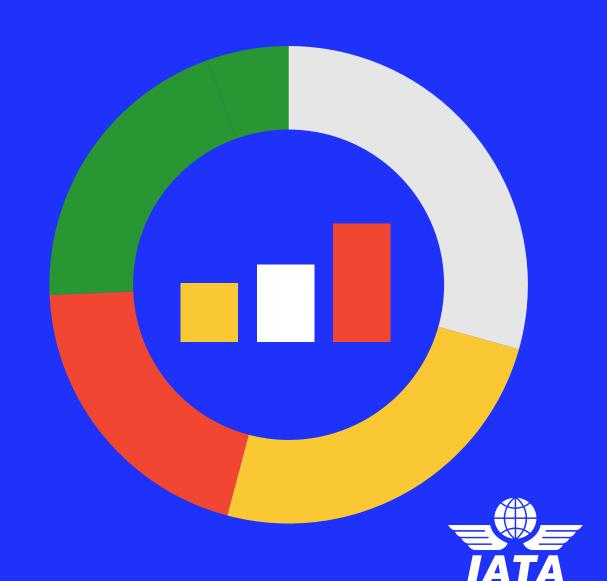
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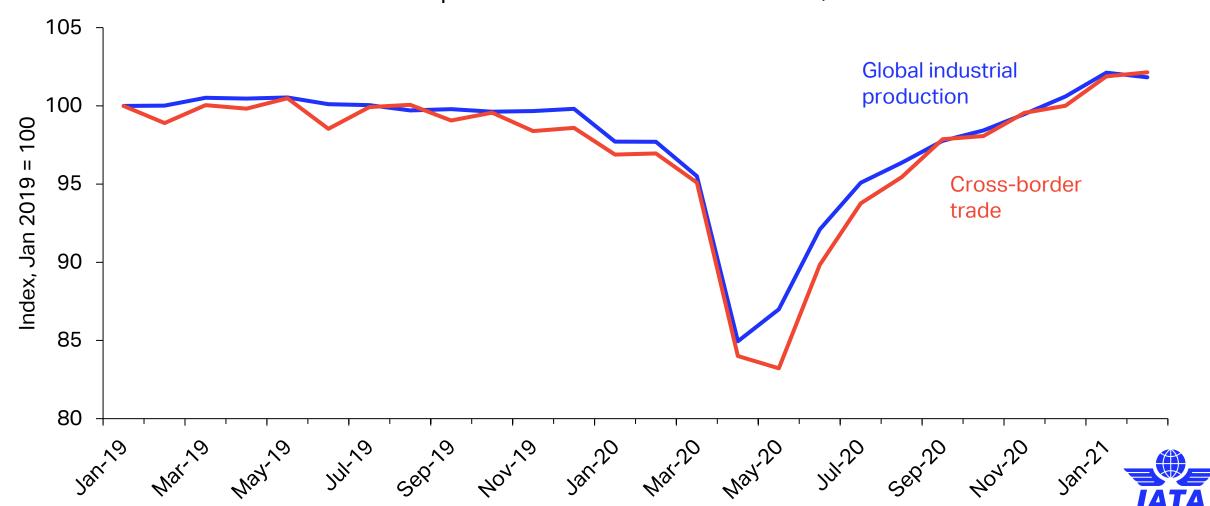
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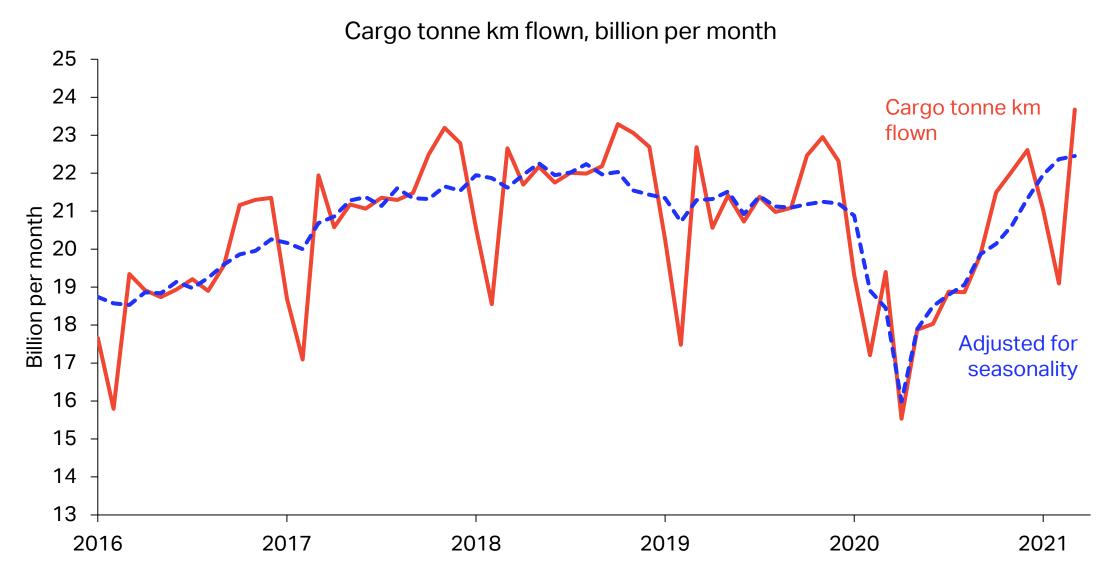


Strong global economic rebound positive for air cargo 'V-shaped' recovery increasing demand for air cargo services

Global industrial production and cross-border trade, indexed



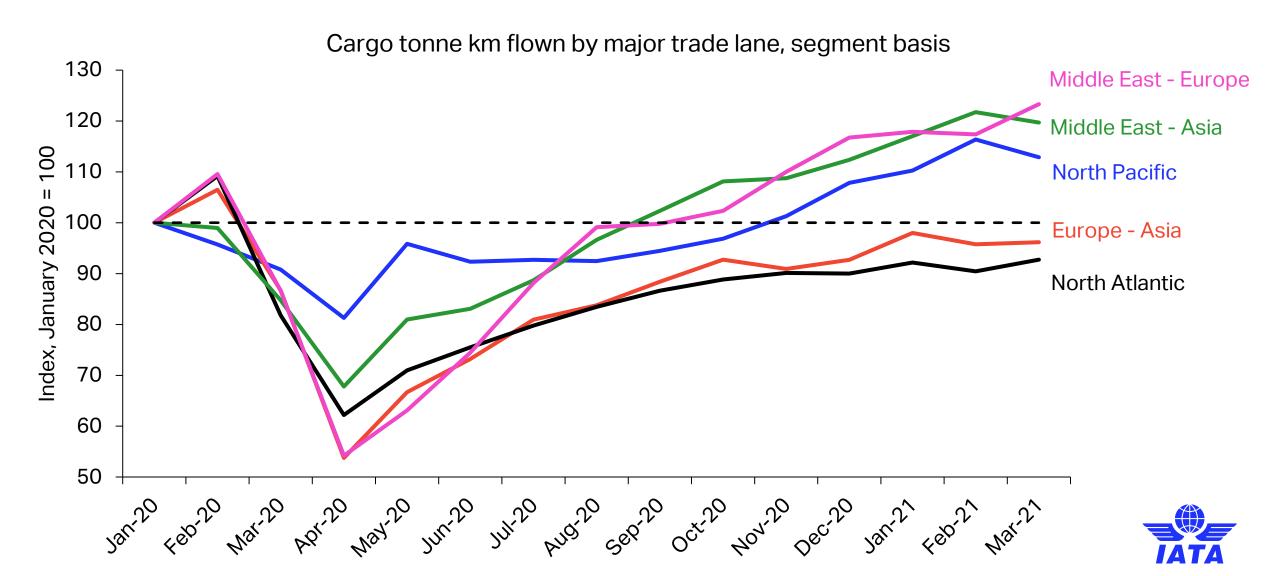
Record high for air cargo tonne km flown in March Cargo tonne km (CTKs) flown rise 4.4% above pre-crisis March 2019 level





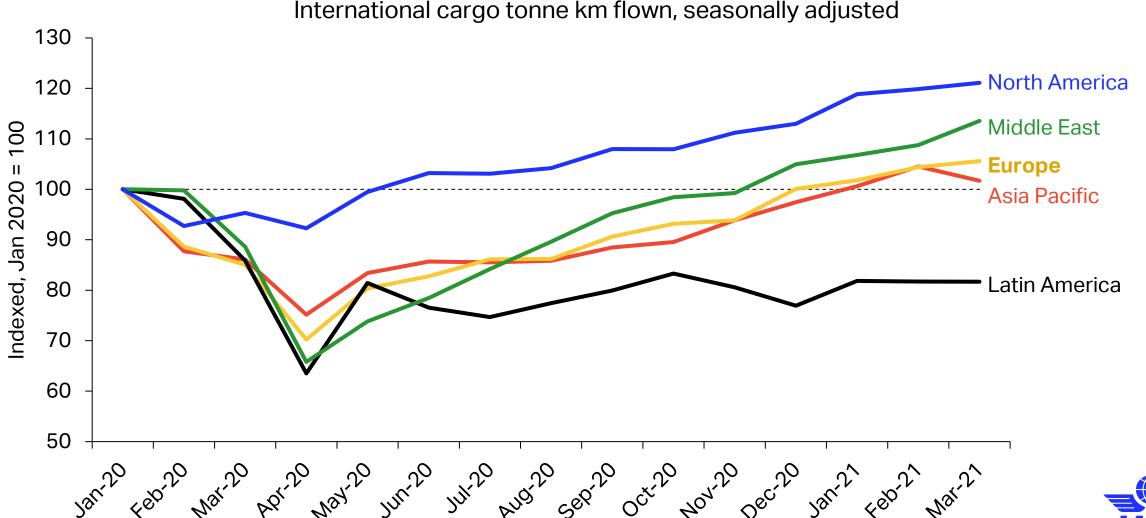
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But cargo performance differs widely by trade lane Segments across Pacific and Middle East hubs seeing strongest growth



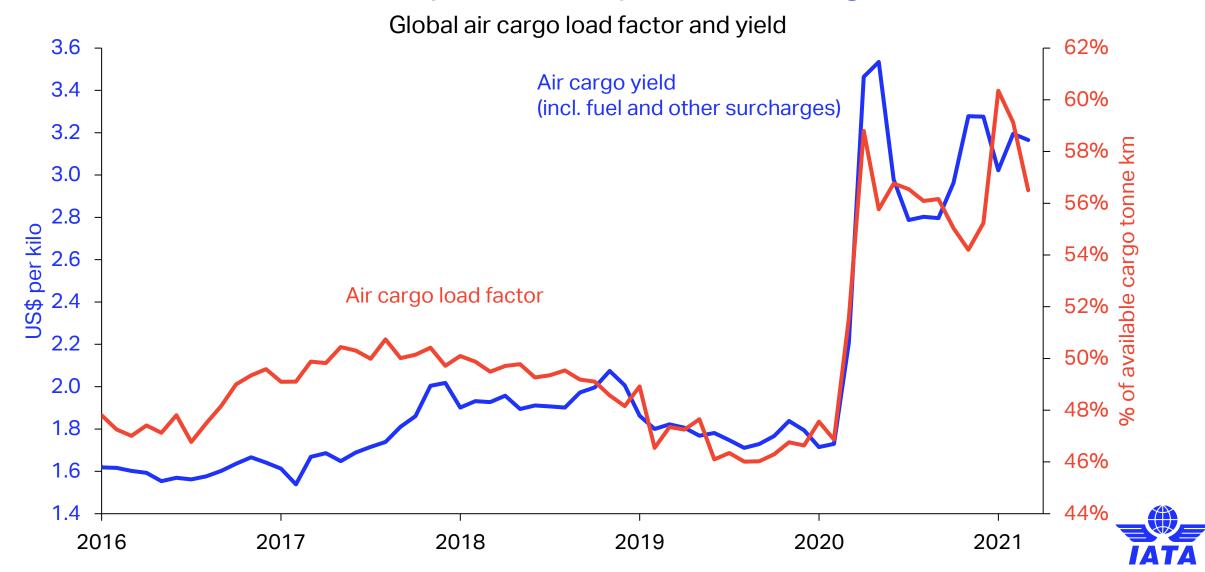


Airline performance depending on trade lane exposure N American airlines strong growth in air cargo, in contrast to L America

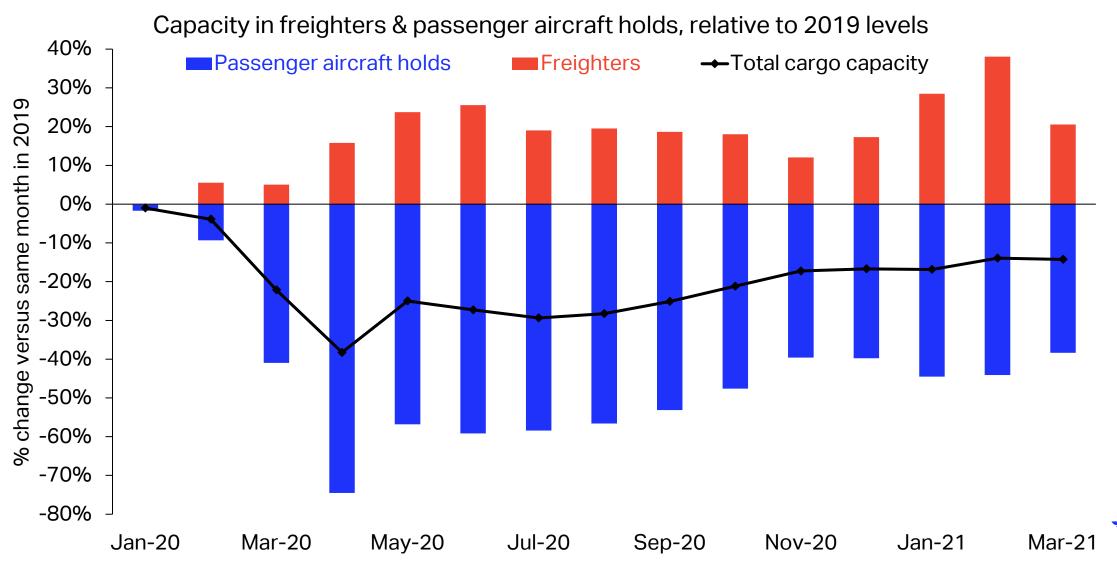




Yields and loads elevated due to capacity shortage Load factors around 10% points and yields 50% higher than normal

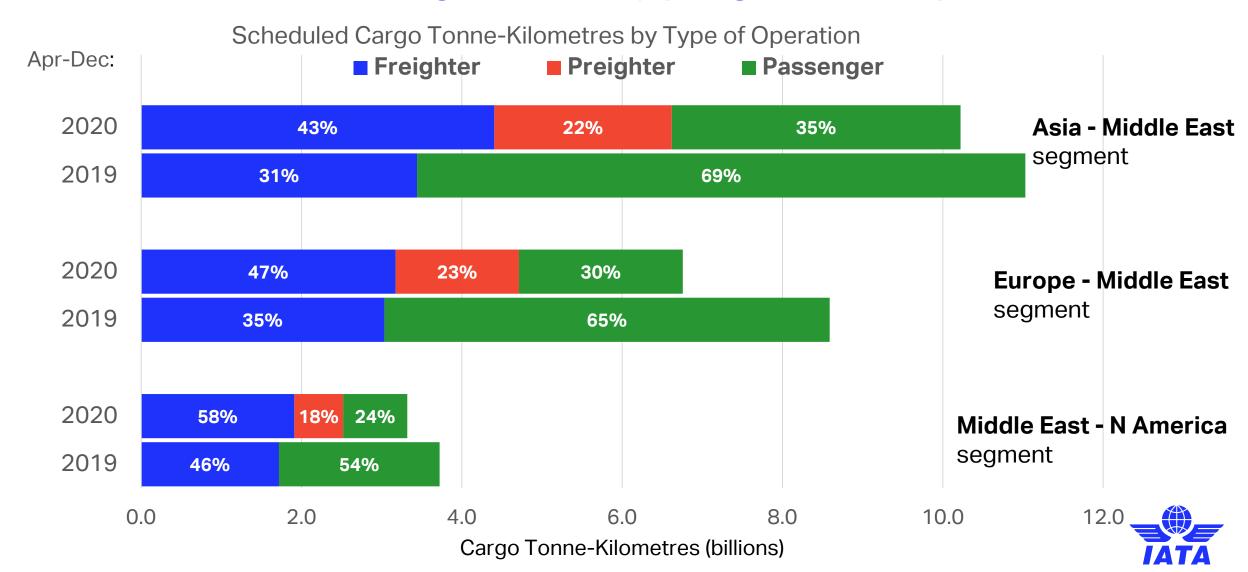


Cargo capacity shortage due to lack of passenger aircraft Capacity still 14% down on 2019, despite strong growth of freighters



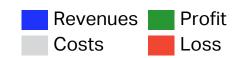


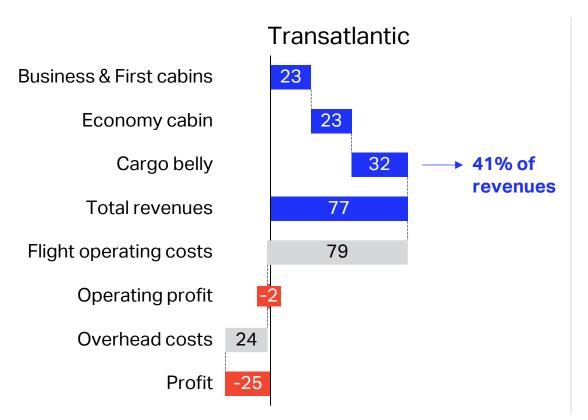
'Preighters' have played important role on some markets More than one fifth of cargo carried by preighters on top ME trade lanes

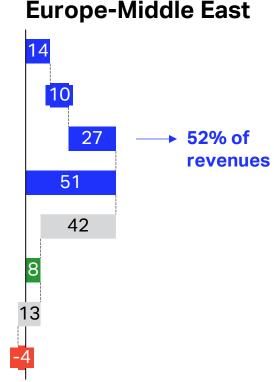


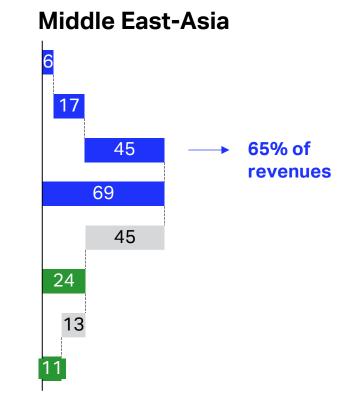
Cargo has kept some long-haul services cash positive Strong cargo replaced loss of high yield passengers on some markets

Estimated economics of an average B777-300 operation on different route areas in Mar-Aug 2020, (USD '000s)





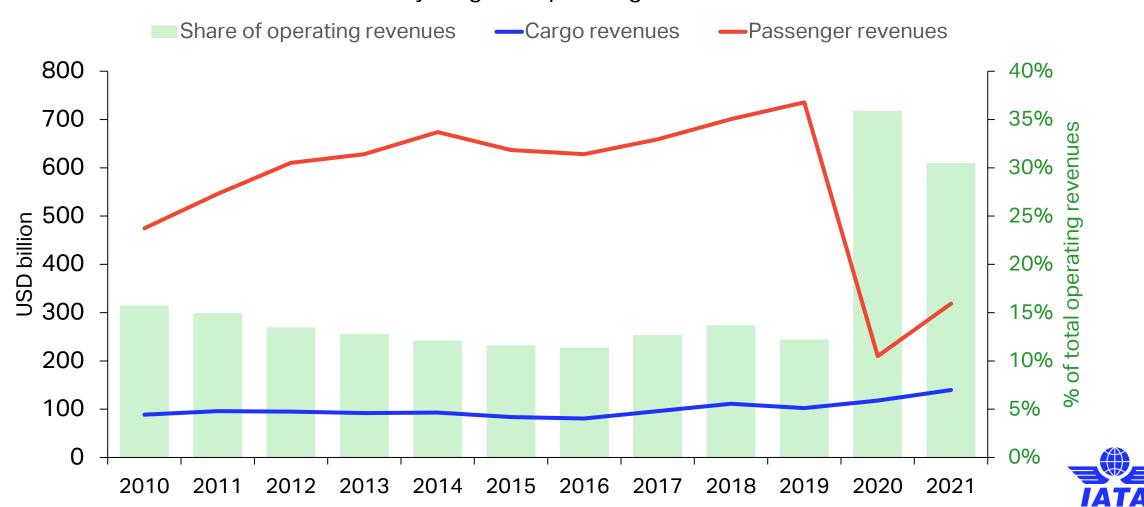






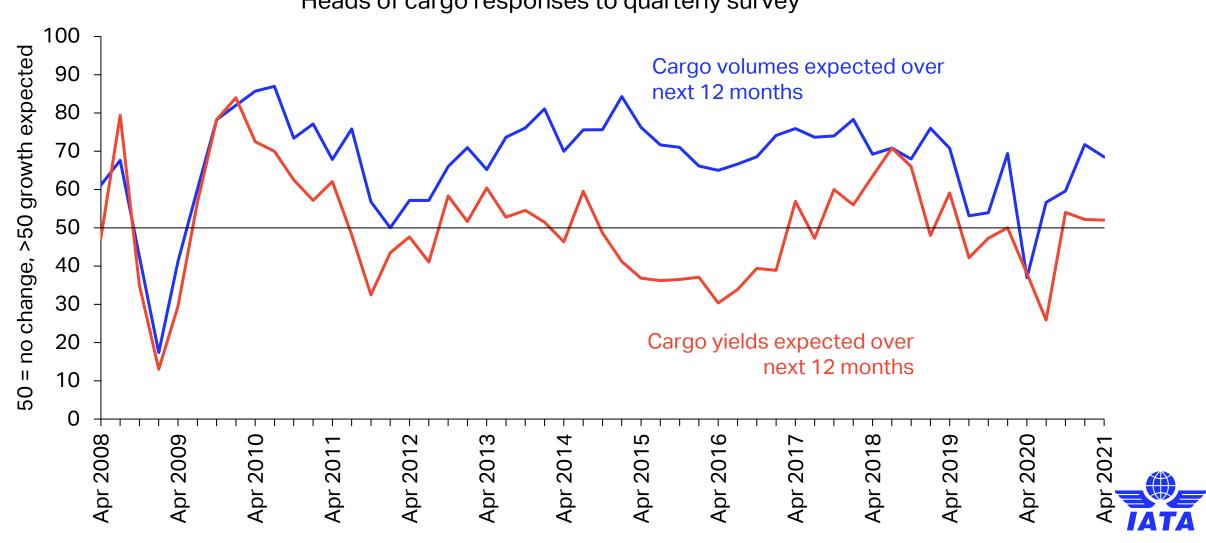
Cargo is now one-third of the typical airline business In the past air cargo was marginal at 10-15% revenues. 30% in 2021.

Global airline industry cargo and passenger revenues, USD billion



Airline heads of cargo positive about next 12 months IATA survey shows growth expected in cargo volumes & stable yields

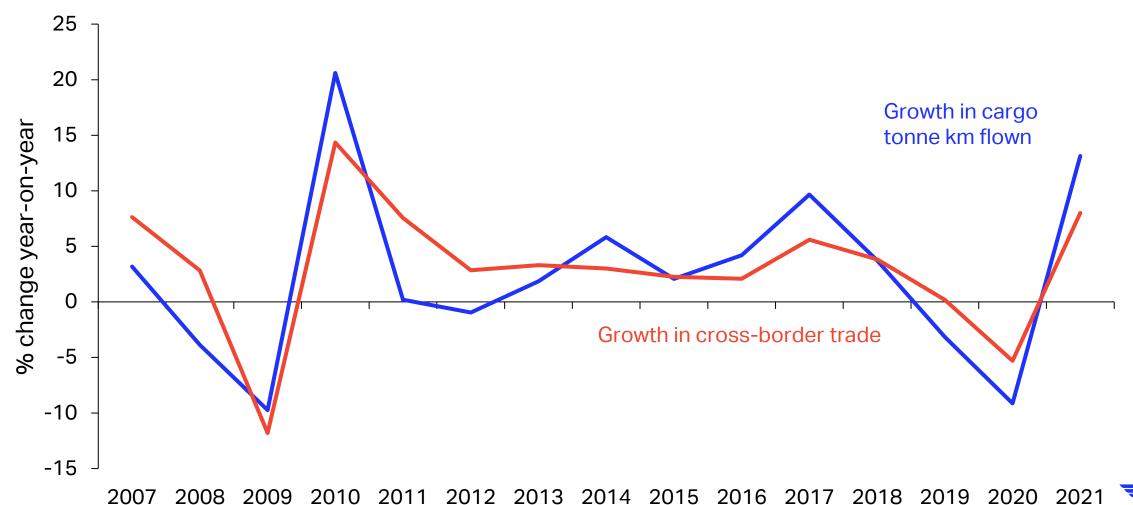
Heads of cargo responses to quarterly survey

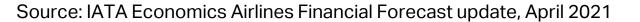


Source: IATA Economics using data from IATA quarterly Airlines Business Confidence survey

Air cargo expected to gain share of cross-border trade CTKs forecast to grow 13.1% in 2021 vs. 8% world or cross-border trade

Growth in cross-border trade and air cargo tonne km





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