During the year 2013, Athens International Airport’s passenger traffic amounted to 12.54 million, only 3.2% below the equivalent 2012 levels. Domestic passengers, at 4.30 million, presented a decline at the level of 4.6%, whereas international passengers, at 8.24 million, illustrated only small overall losses at the level of 2.4%. This result was formulated by the overall reduced travelling demand by the Greek residents (-9.1%), vis-a-vis the upward trend of the foreign residents. Not only did this trend reach prior-year levels, but even managed to surpass them by 2.7%.

The traffic evolution during the last months of the year indicates a clear recovery trend, with passenger traffic returning to growth since October. Not only was December the third consecutive month during which Athens International Airport achieved passenger traffic rise, but it was also the month with the highest traffic increase, at the level of 4.6%. This positive outcome was mainly driven by the international passengers’ substantial increase by 6.8%, the highest level of growth observed during the year, while domestic travellers reached and exceeded in December, for the first time during 2013, prior-year levels, by almost 1%, mainly attributed to the fact that Greek residents equalled the corresponding levels of 2012. It is also worth noting that, during December, foreign residents exceeded prior-year levels by a remarkable 11%, indicating the dynamic recovery of Athens as a tourist destination.