

HKIA Arrivals Report

July 2025

Executive Summary

Hosea Kutako International Airport recorded a strong performance in July 2025, reflecting both annual growth and a notable month-on-month improvement. The airport's robust arrival numbers highlight its continued dominance as Namibia's main international gateway, further supported by the recently introduced visa-on-arrival system.

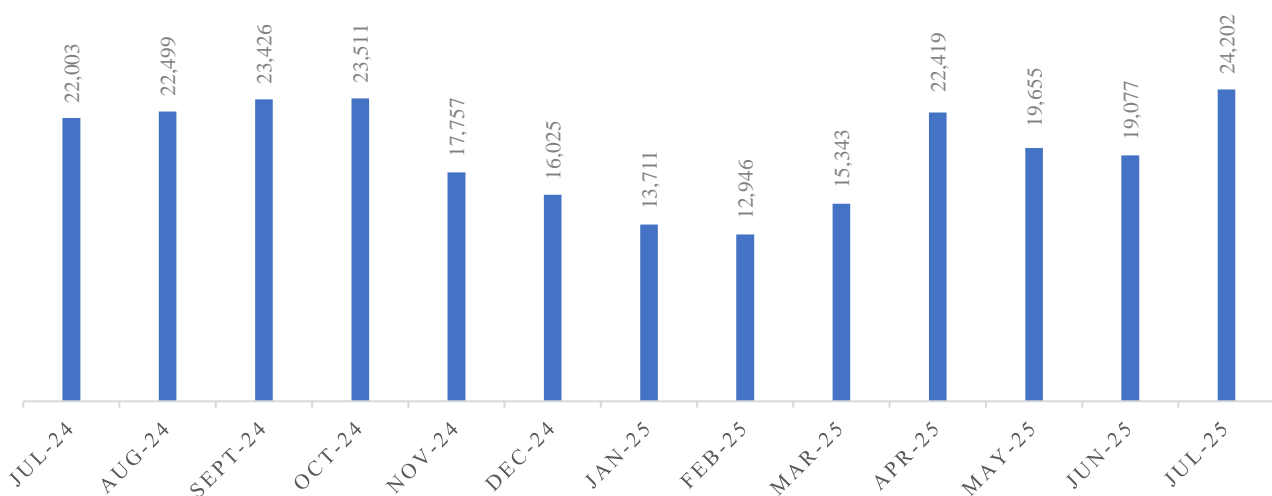
At the national level, HKIA maintained its position as the leading passenger terminal, far ahead of other airports, confirming its central role in driving Namibia's air transport and tourism sectors.

Analysis

In July 2025, Hosea Kutako International Airport recorded **24,202** international passenger arrivals, reflecting a **9.99%** annual increase from July 2024. Compared to June 2025, arrivals rose significantly by **26.86%**. This indicates positive sentiment toward Namibia as a hub for international travel. This is after the government announced that the tourism sector generated about **N\$171 million** in revenue between April and June 2025, due to the issuance of **115,857** visas during that period.

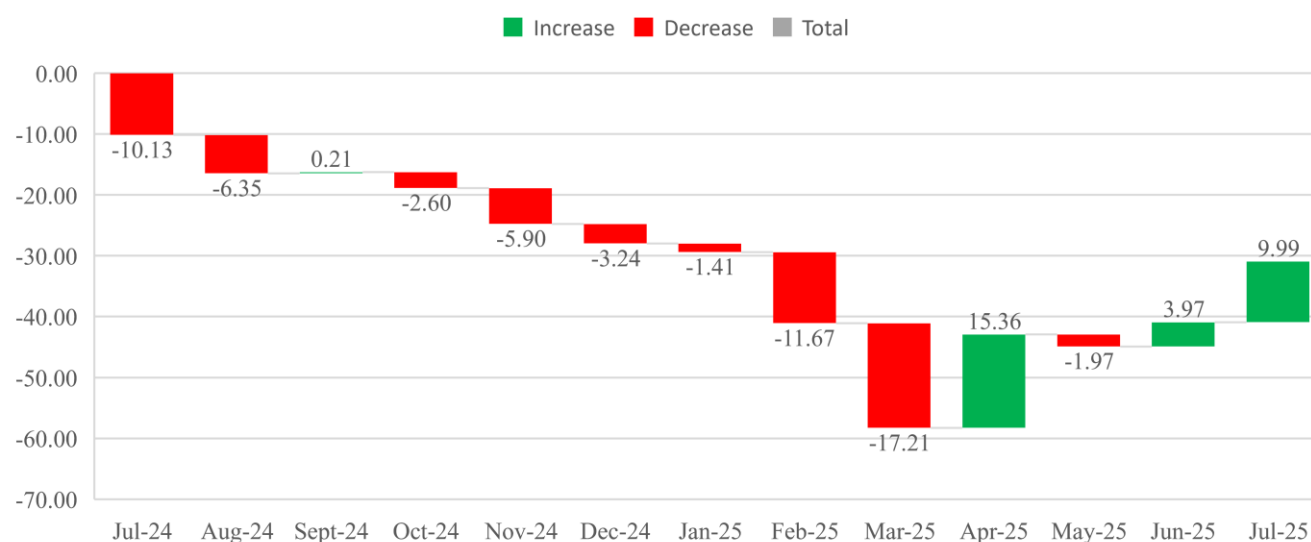
At a national level, HKIA remained the main hub for total passenger arrivals in June 2025, accounting for **85.14%** of both international and domestic arrivals. The remaining share was distributed among Walvis Bay Airport (**7.91%**), Eros Airport (**4.13%**), Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport (**2.14%**), and Katima Mulilo Airport (**0.50%**). HKIA continues to dominate Namibia's passenger arrivals terminals.

FIGURE 1: HKIA MONTHLY ARRIVALS,
JUL 2024 - JUL 2025



Source: NAC, HEI Research

FIGURE 2: HKIA YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES,
JUL 2024 - JUL 2025



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Outlook/Sentiment

Looking ahead, the sustained upward trend at HKIA suggests that Namibia is entering a more dynamic phase in international travel demand. The combination of improved accessibility through policy changes, such as the visa-on-arrival system, and the demonstrated ability of HKIA to absorb higher traffic volumes creates a solid foundation for continued growth. These developments also align with broader regional trends of recovery in aviation and tourism, which could further bolster Namibia's position as a preferred destination.

In the medium term, Namibia's ability to convert higher passenger arrivals into greater economic impact will be key. The tourism sector's recent contribution to revenue signals strong potential for scaling up; however, success will depend on complementary measures such as infrastructure upgrades, strategic airline partnerships, and enhanced service delivery. If these are effectively implemented, HKIA is well positioned to strengthen its role as a regional hub, while Namibia as a whole could see tourism emerge as an even more significant driver of economic activity.