

HKIA Arrivals Report

July 2026

Executive summary

Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) recorded 25,188 international passenger arrivals in July 2026, representing a 4.07% year-on-year increase and a 26.08% month-on-month increase from June. Despite the stronger performance in international arrivals, total passenger arrivals at HKIA declined by 4.00% year-on-year to 45,206, reflecting weaker regional and domestic passenger movements. International arrivals remained the largest component of HKIA's passenger traffic, accounting for 55.72% of total arrivals, while HKIA continued to dominate national passenger arrivals, accounting for 89.72% of the 50,388 arrivals recorded across the airports covered in July.

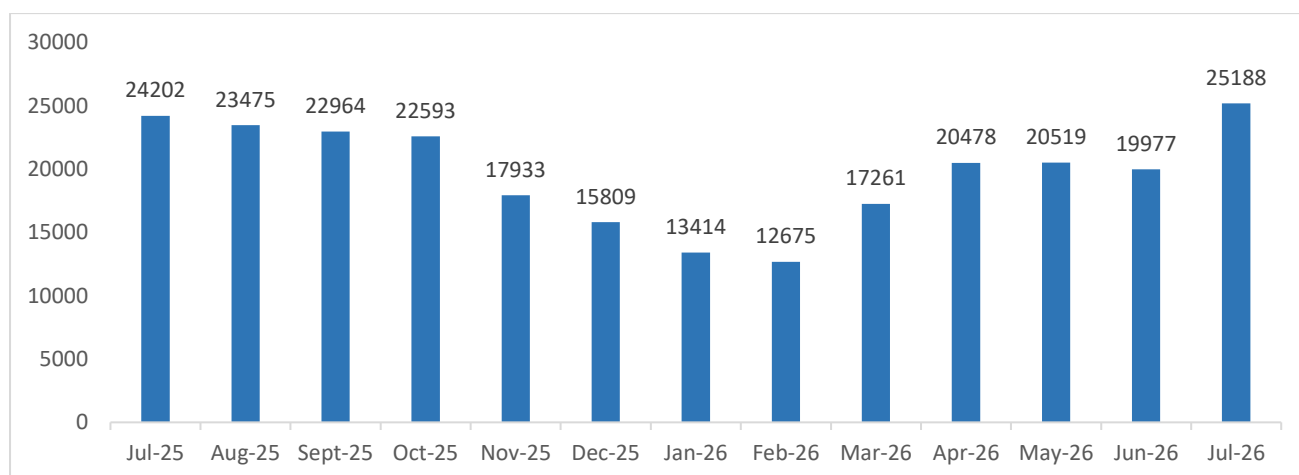
Analysis

PASSENGER ARRIVALS

Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) recorded 25,188 international passenger arrivals in July 2026, the highest monthly level recorded during 2026. This represents a 4.07% year-on-year increase from 24,202 arrivals in July 2025 and a 26.08% month-on-month increase from 19,977 arrivals in June 2026. The July increase represents a notable change in international passenger arrivals compared with June, and follows the upward trajectory observed since the beginning of the year. Arrivals rose from 13,414 in January to 25,188 in July, an increase of approximately 87.8% over the seven-month period. Although arrivals dipped slightly in February, volumes increased from March onwards, reaching above 20,000 in April and May, before a marginal decline in June and a recovery in July. The July increase is also consistent with Namibia's peak tourism season, which generally runs from July to October, and seasonal factors are therefore likely to have contributed to the higher level of international passenger arrivals.

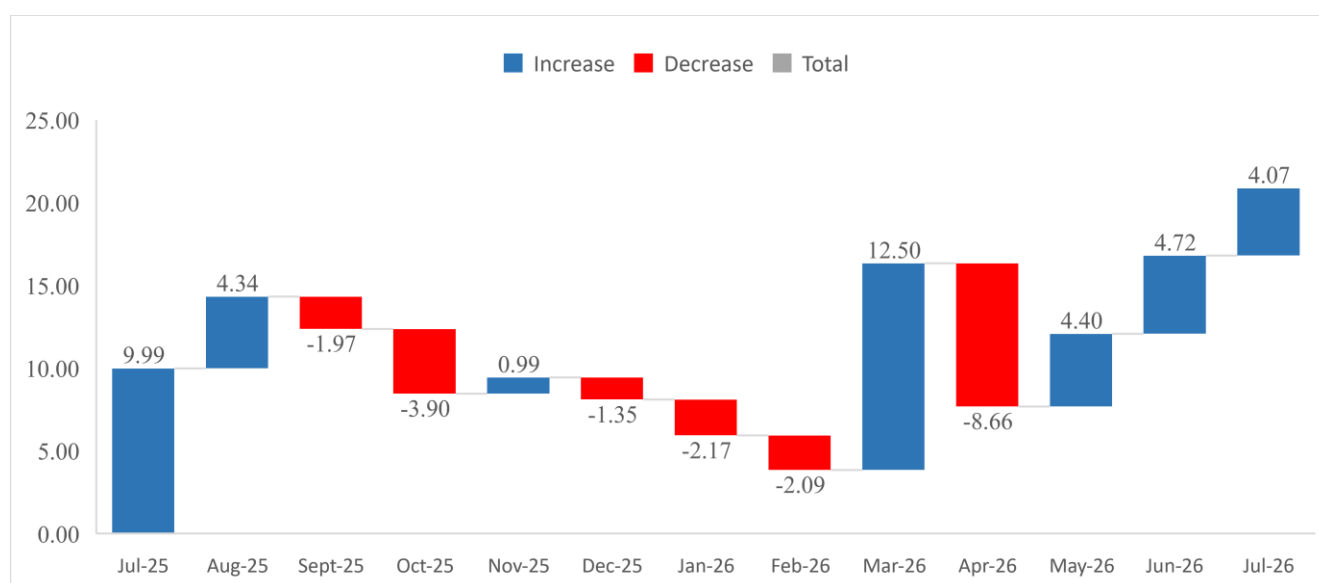
Despite the stronger performance in international arrivals, total passenger arrivals at HKIA declined by 4.00% year-on-year, from 47,090 in July 2025 to 45,206 in July 2026. This was mainly due to weaker regional and domestic arrivals, which declined by 12.16% and 23.45%, respectively. Overall, the July data indicate that international passenger activity is gaining momentum, with the month-on-month increase and the sustained rise from January providing a positive signal for international travel demand.

Figure 1: HKIA Monthly Arrivals, Jul 2025 – July 2026



Source: NAC & HEI Research

Figure 2: HKIA Year-on-Year Growth Rates, Jul 2025 - July 2026

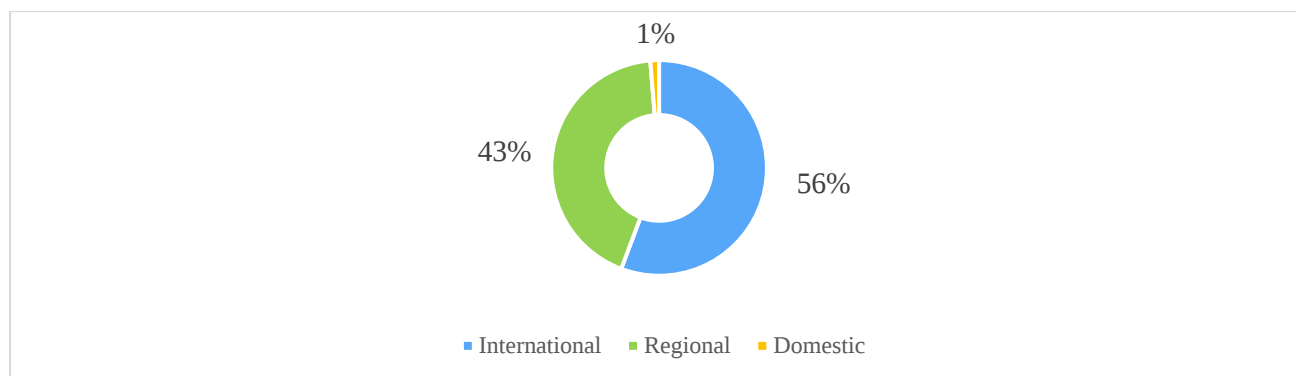


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PASSENGER COMPOSITION

International traffic nevertheless remained the largest component of passenger arrivals at HKIA in July 2026, accounting for 55.72% of total arrivals. Regional traffic represented 42.97%, while domestic arrivals accounted for only 1.31%. The distribution indicates that passenger activity at Hosea Kutako International Airport continues to be predominantly driven by international and regional traffic, with domestic movements constituting a relatively small proportion of total arrivals.

Figure 3: HKIA passenger arrivals by traffic type, July 2026



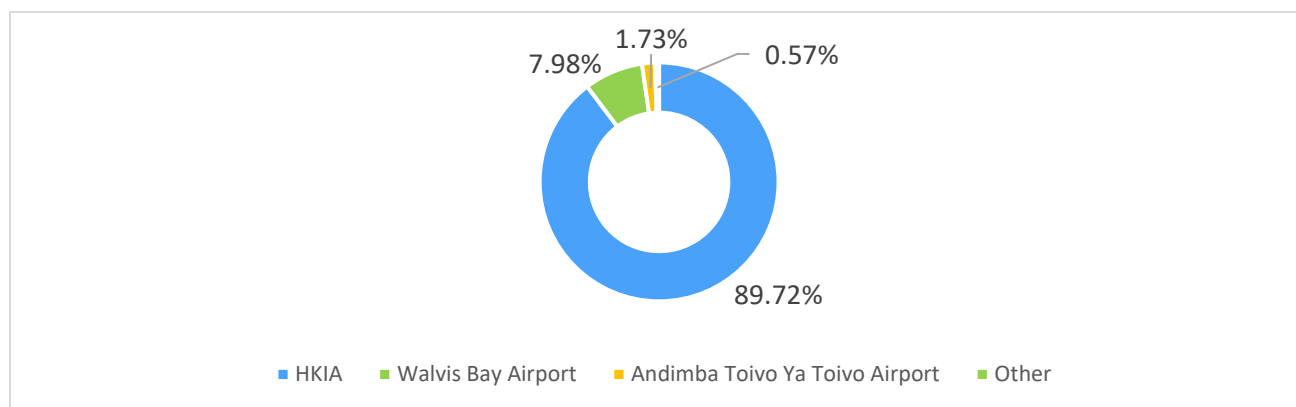
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DISTRIBUTION ACROSS AIRPORTS

At a national level, Hosea Kutako International Airport accounted for the largest share of passenger arrivals in July 2026, representing 89.72% of the 50,388 total passenger arrivals recorded across the airports. This was followed by Walvis Bay Airport with 7.98%, and Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport with 1.73%.

The remaining airports, Katima Mulilo Airport with 0.33%, Lüderitz Airport with 0.22%, Rundu Airport with 0.03%, and Keetmanshoop Airport with less than 0.01%, collectively accounted for less than 1% of total arrivals. The distribution highlights HKIA's continued dominance in Namibia's air passenger market, with the airport handling the vast majority of recorded passenger arrivals.

Figure 4: Share of passenger arrivals by airport, July 2026



Source: NAC & HEI Research

Outlook

The outlook for Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) remains cautiously optimistic. The increase in international passenger arrivals during 2026, culminating in the highest monthly level in July, indicates an improvement in international passenger activity compared with the beginning of the year. However, the 26.08% month-on-month increase recorded in July may partly reflect seasonal factors and is therefore unlikely to be sustained at the same rate in subsequent months.

Going forward, international passenger arrivals are expected to remain relatively elevated, although monthly fluctuations may occur because of seasonal travel patterns and changes in international and regional travel demand. Continued improvements in airline connectivity, airport capacity and travel facilitation could support passenger

activity over the medium term. Given HKIA's dominant share of national passenger arrivals, developments at the airport will remain closely linked to overall trends in Namibia's international aviation and tourism activity.