

International Express Service Market Size & Share Analysis - Growth Trends and Forecast (2026 - 2031)

> ****Industry:**** Express, CEP & Last-Mile Delivery (Logistics & Supply Chain)

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Executive Market Summary

Market Metric	Details
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Base Market Size	USD 74.5 billion
Projected Forecast (2031)	USD 74.5 billion
Growth Rate (CAGR)	5.97 %
Largest Market Region	N/A
Fastest-Growing Region	N/A

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Market OverviewStudy Period | 2018 - 2031 |

Market Size (2026) | USD 74.5 Billion |

Market Size (2031) | USD 99.56 Billion |

Growth Rate (2026 - 2031) | 5.97 % |

Fastest Growing Market | Middle East and Africa |

Largest Market | Asia Pacific |

Market Concentration | High |

Major Players*Disclaimer: Major Players sorted in no particular order

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Market Overview

International Express Service Market Analysis by Mordor Intelligence

The international express service market size in 2026 is estimated at USD 74.5 billion, growing from 2025 value of USD 70.3 billion with 2031 projections showing USD 99.56 billion, growing at 5.97% CAGR over 2026-2031. Rising cross-border e-commerce volumes, expanding free-trade frameworks, and accelerating supply-chain regionalization are reinforcing demand for premium door-to-door delivery, while technology investments in automated sortation and AI-enabled routing strengthen service reliability and cost control. Express carriers are also scaling temperature-controlled capabilities to capture biologics and specialty-food flows, and they are investing in sustainable aviation fuels plus electric ground fleets to comply with carbon mandates. Competitive intensity is heightening as geopolitical airspace closures reroute long-haul lanes and boost fuel burn, pressing operators to recalibrate networks through data-driven planning. Amid these shifts, Asia-Pacific retains a pivotal role as both production engine and consumption arena, underpinning new service corridors that link factory clusters with global buyer hubs.

Key Report Takeaways* By shipment weight, lightweight parcels accounted for 59.21% of the international express service market share in 2025, while heavyweight parcels are expanding at a 6.05% CAGR from 2026-2031, the fastest among weight bands.

* By route, inter-region flows captured 72.34% of the international express service market size in 2025, while intra-region services are forecast to grow at a 5.55% CAGR between 2026-2031.

* By end user industry, e-commerce led with 43.62% of the revenue share in 2025; healthcare is projected to advance at a 7.16% CAGR between 2026-2031.

* By region, Asia-Pacific dominated with a 54.38% share of the revenue in 2025, whereas the Middle East and Africa segment is poised for a 7.55% CAGR during 2026-2031.

Key Market Trends

Market Trends and Insights
Drivers Impact Analysis of International Express Service Market*
Driver | (~) % Impact on CAGR Forecast | Geographic Relevance | Impact Timeline |

Explosive growth of cross-border e-commerce | +1.8% | Global; APAC and North America lead | Medium term (2-4 years) |

Time-definite B2B delivery preference | +1.2% | Global; concentrated in manufacturing hubs | Short term (≤ 2 years) |

Trade liberalization and FTAs expansion | +0.9% | APAC core; spill-over to MEA and South America | Long term (≥ 4 years) |

AI-driven route optimization on underserved lanes | +0.7% | Global; early adoption in North America and Europe | Medium term (2-4 years) |

Temperature-controlled express for biologics and gourmet foods | +0.5% | North America, Europe, select APAC | Long term (≥ 4 years) |

SME fulfillment hubs in tier-2 APAC cities | +0.4% | APAC core; expansion to emerging markets | Medium term (2-4 years) |

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Competitive Landscape

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The international express service market is moderately consolidated, with DHL, FedEx, and UPS anchoring global coverage through multi-continent air fleets, expansive ground assets, and proprietary IT stacks. Their dominance forces midsize specialists such as SF Express, Aramex, CJ Logistics, and Yamato to carve niche advantages in home regions or vertical specialties. Artificial-intelligence route optimization and dynamic pricing narrow historical scale gaps, enabling challengers to match reliability on selective lanes. Strategic emphasis has shifted from general freight to high-margin segments like healthcare, perishables, and high-tech machinery, explaining why DHL earmarked EUR 2 billion (USD 2.20 billion) for life sciences and why FedEx opened a Qatar free-zone hub to bridge Asia-Europe flows.

Mergers and acquisitions remain a key tool for coverage expansion. European logistics M&A volumes reached 364 deals in 2024, a 15% jump year over year, highlighted by DSV's bid for Schenker and SF Express' EUR 280 million (USD 309 million) purchase of a European forwarder. Cross-border deals represented 44% of transactions, underscoring network consolidation aimed at lowering per-package overheads and bargaining power with airlines and ground-handlers. Despite consolidation, regulatory scrutiny limits megadeals, encouraging alliances and joint ventures such as Japan Post's pact with International Distributions Services to share long-haul uplift from Tokyo to London.

Technology partnerships amplify competitive positioning. UPS adopted an AI route-optimization engine that shaved minutes off each stop, promising lower emissions and driver overtime. FedEx rolled out a carbon-neutral premium lane in Europe, bundling sustainable aviation fuel credits with electric terminal handling. DHL's tie-up with Microsoft to deploy predictive analytics across supply-chain touchpoints illustrates the strategic shift toward data-driven differentiation, ensuring that customer-experience metrics-on-time performance, proactive alerting, and invoice accuracy-remain core battlegrounds in the international express service market.

International Express Service Industry Leaders* DHL Group

- * FedEx
- * La Poste Group
- * SF Express (KEX-SF)
- * United Parcel Service of America, Inc. (UPS)

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Global International Express Service Market Report ScopeHeavy Weight Shipments, Light Weight Shipments, Medium Weight Shipments are covered as segments by Shipment Weight. Inter-Region, Intra-Region are covered as segments by Route. E-Commerce, Financial Services (BFSI), Healthcare, Manufacturing, Primary Industry, Wholesale and Retail Trade (Offline), Others are covered as segments by End User Industry. Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, GCC, North America, South America are covered as segments by Region.Shipment WeightHeavy Weight Shipments | Light Weight Shipments | Medium Weight Shipments |

Segmentation Accordion Item

RegionAsia-Pacific | By Country | Australia |
| | China |
| | India |

		Indonesia	
		Japan	
		Malaysia	
		Pakistan	
		Philippines	
		Thailand	
		Vietnam	
		Rest of Asia-Pacific	
Europe		By Country	
		Albania	
		Bulgaria	
		Croatia	
		Czech Republic	
		Denmark	
		Estonia	
		Finland	
		France	
		Germany	
		Hungary	
		Iceland	
		Italy	
		Latvia	
		Lithuania	
		Netherlands	
		Norway	
		Poland	
		Romania	
		Russia	
		Slovak Republic	
		Slovenia	
		Spain	
		Sweden	
		Switzerland	
		United Kingdom	
		Rest of Europe	
Middle East and Africa		By Country	
		Egypt	
		Nigeria	
		Qatar	
		Saudi Arabia	
		South Africa	
		GCC	
		UAE	
		Rest of Middle East and Africa	
North America		By Country	
		Canada	
		Mexico	
		United States	
		Rest of North America	
South America		By Country	
		Argentina	
		Brazil	
		Chile	
		Rest of South America	
Rest of World			

Frequently Asked Questions

How big is the international express service market in 2026?

It is valued at USD 74.5 billion in 2026 and is projected to reach USD 99.56 billion by 2031, reflecting a 5.97% CAGR between 2026-2031.

Which region leads in international express services?

Asia-Pacific commands 54.38% share in 2025, supported by high export volumes and

expanding intra-regional trade corridors.

Which customer segment grows fastest between 2026 and 2031?

Healthcare posts the highest growth at a 7.16% CAGR between 2026-2031 thanks to increasing biologics and temperature-controlled pharmaceutical shipments.

What is driving heavy-weight parcel growth?

Just-in-time manufacturing in automotive and aerospace sectors is boosting demand, propelling heavy shipments at a 6.05% CAGR between 2026-2031.

How are carriers coping with fuel price swings?

They apply indexed surcharges, invest in fuel-efficient aircraft and sustainable aviation fuels, and deploy AI-based network re-routing to contain cost spikes.

What benefits does AI-driven route optimization deliver to express operators?

Machine-learning tools rebalance load factors, reduce empty miles, and enable dynamic pricing, helping carriers maintain service reliability even on previously uneconomical lanes.