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# State of eVTOL 2026

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Interview requests are typically returned within one business day. The founder is available for media checks, expert commentary on certification, vertiport rollouts, and demand-signal driven bookings.

## Executive summary — three things that moved

- 1 Type certificates issued worldwide held at 3 — but Joby cleared FAA Stage 5 TIA with the first FAA-conforming aircraft in flight, putting the US on track for a 4th type certificate before year-end.
- 2 FAA's eIPP program named six US cohort cities (NYC, LA, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Miami, Tampa Bay), turning a federal pilot framework into a hard launch map. Archer appears in 3 of the 6 cohort slots — more than any other operator.
- 3 evtol.travel tracked 12,400+ verified route-interest signups across 51 cities in Q2, a 38% MoM growth rate. Dubai, NYC, and LA cleared the 500-passenger launch-ready threshold for the first time.

## Headline metrics

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#### ACTIVE EVTOL TYPE CERTIFICATES WORLDWIDE

**3**

**+0 vs Q1 2026**

EHang EH216-S (CAAC, 2023), AutoFlight Prosperity I (CAAC, 2024), Volocopter VoloCity (EASA validation...

#### VERIFIED ROUTE-INTEREST SIGNUPS

**12,400+**

**+38% MoM**

Across 51 cities. Top corridor: JFK !" Manhattan.

#### VERTIPOINTS TRACKED GLOBALLY

**98**

**+12 net new this quarter**

Across 23 countries. United States (32), United Arab Emirates (9), and China (6) lead.

#### NAMED US EIPP COHORT CITIES

**6**

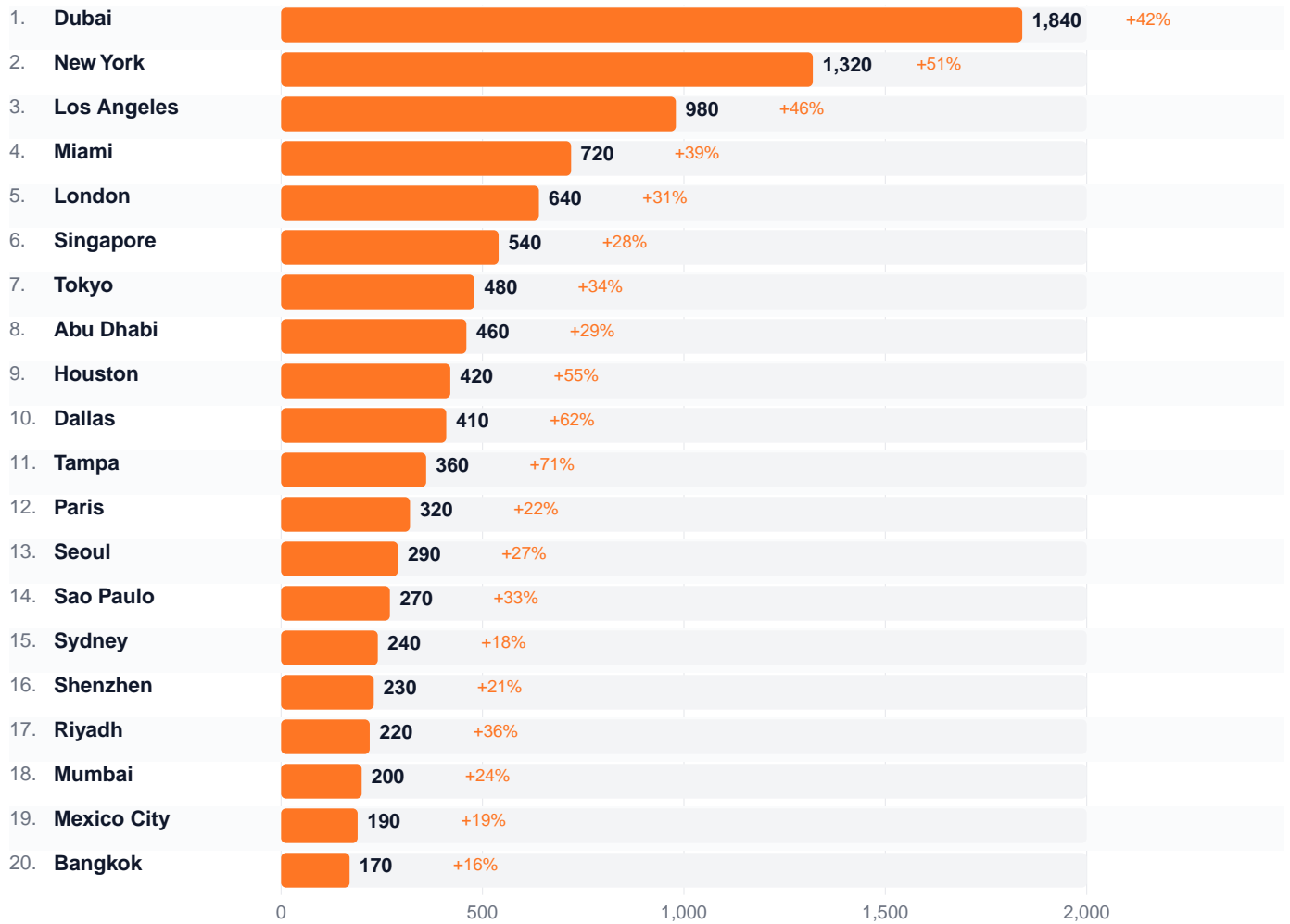
**+6 (new program)**

NYC, Los Angeles, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Miami, Tampa Bay.

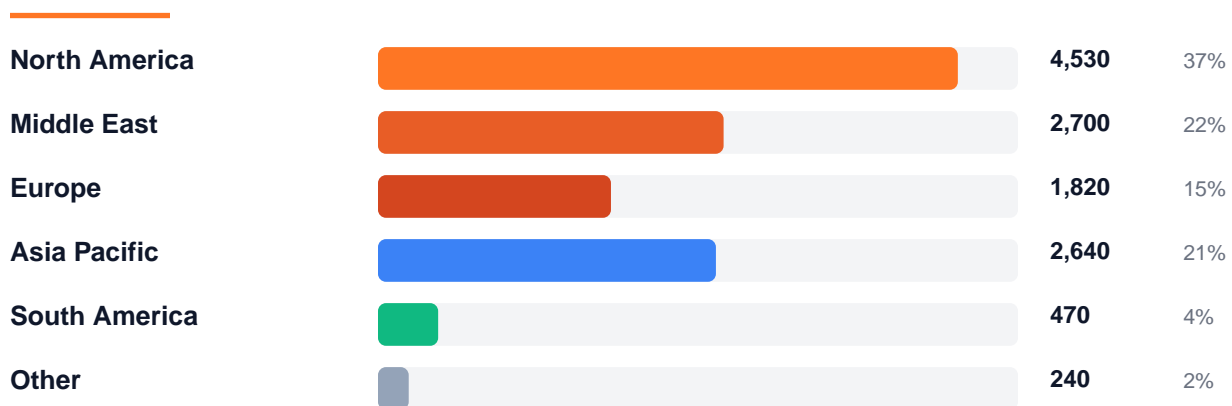
## Demand snapshot — top 20 cities

Verified route-interest signups across evtol.travel — by city, ranked either the origin or destination of a desired route.





## Regional breakdown



**Certifica  
tion  
tracker**

# — what moved this quarter

Quarter-over-quarter move  
stage framework document

## Joby Aviation · Joby S4

Regulator: FAA

85%

+7 pts



Stage 5 TIA — First FAA-Conforming Aircraft Flying

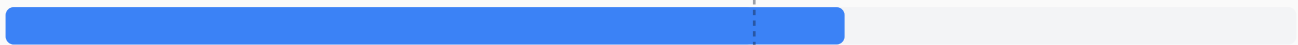
Stage 5 TIA reached; first FAA-conforming aircraft in flight (March 2026). On track for type cert mid-2026.

## Archer Aviation · Midnight

Regulator: FAA

65%

+7 pts



Type Certification — 100% MOC Accepted

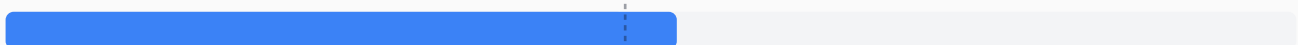
Hit 100% FAA Means of Compliance acceptance — an industry first. Type cert targeted late 2026.

## BETA Technologies · ALIA CX300

Regulator: FAA

52%

+4 pts



Type Certification In Progress

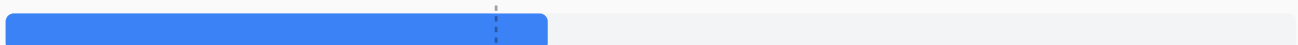
Conformity inspections advancing; selected for FAA eIPP. IPO completed Nov 2025 funding the runway.

## Eve Air Mobility · Eve eVTOL

Regulator: FAA / ANAC

42%

+4 pts



Type Certification In Progress

2,700+ global commitments; Revo (50) and AirX (50) added new binding orders.



### EHang · EH216-S

Regulator: CAAC

**100%**

no change

Air Operator Certificate (AOC)

Continuing commercial passenger operations in China; international expansion deals signed in Indonesia and...

### AutoFlight · Prosperity I

Regulator: CAAC

**100%**

no change

Type Certificate

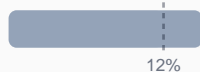
Type certified since 2024. EASA validation application progressing into review.

### Volocopter · VoloCity

Regulator: EASA

**15%**

+3 pts



12%

Restructuring — EU Regulatory Sandbox 2026

Accepted into EU regulatory sandbox; certification work resuming under Diamond ownership.

### Vertical Aerospace · VX4

Regulator: EASA / CAA

**30%**

+2 pts



28%

Certification Testing

Rolls-Royce electric motor partnership progressing; 1,400+ pre-orders maintained.

## Vertiport build-out

98 vertiports tracked across 23 countries — 12 added net new

COUNTRY	TRACKED	NEW Q2 2026
United States	32	+4
United Arab Emirates	9	+1
China	6	+1
Japan	5	+1
Spain	4	+0
India	4	+1
South Korea	3	+0



Italy	3	+0
Germany	3	+1
United Kingdom	2	+1

## Lead vertiport operators

- Skyports Infrastructure
- Atlantic Aviation
- Signature Aviation Vertiports
- Ferrovia Vertiports
- Groupe ADP / Volocopter joint ventures

## Operator activity log

Curated, source-verified list of the most consequential op

**APR 15, 2026**

### Joby completes piloted JFK! Manhattan demonstration flight

First piloted eVTOL demo flight in the New York City corridor, executed under FAA eIPP demonstration authority.

Operators: Joby Aviation

**APR 9, 2026**

### Archer + United Airlines confirm LA28 Olympics network anchor

Six-route LA28 network buildout confirmed: LAX, SoFi Stadium, Long Beach, Anaheim, Burbank, downtown LA.

Operators: Archer Aviation, United Airlines

**APR 4, 2026**

### BETA Technologies adds Hawaii corridor with SurfAir

Inter-island ALIA cargo and passenger demos planned across Oahu and Maui through 2026.

Operators: BETA Technologies, SurfAir Mobility

**MAR 28, 2026**

### White House signs eVTOL Integration Pilot Program (eIPP)

Six US cohort cities named: NYC, LA, DFW, Houston, Miami, Tampa Bay.

Operators: FAA, Joby Aviation, Archer Aviation, BETA Technologies

**MAR 21, 2026**

### Archer Midnight hits 100% FAA Means of Compliance — industry first

All MOC documents accepted by FAA; type certificate targeted late 2026.

Operators: Archer Aviation

**MAR 12, 2026**

### Joby first FAA-conforming production aircraft completes flight

Stage 5 TIA milestone reached; positions Joby for the next US type certificate.

Operators: Joby Aviation



**MAR 4, 2026**

### **Eve Air Mobility lands Revo and AirX binding orders**

+100 firm aircraft orders take backlog above 2,700 commitments.

*Operators: Eve Air Mobility*

**FEB 26, 2026**

### **Dubai launch countdown formally begins**

Dubai sets a public commercial launch target window for late 2026, with vertiports at DXB, Downtown, Palm Jumeirah, and Marina.

*Operators: Joby Aviation, Skyports Infrastructure, RTA Dubai*

## **What we're watching next quarter**

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### **Joby type certificate**

If Joby clears the remaining Stage 5 TIA tests on schedule, the FAA could issue the first US eVTOL type certificate within Q3 2026.

### **Dubai commercial soft launch**

Dubai's RTA + Joby + Skyports partnership has a public commercial launch target of late 2026. Q3 vertiport readiness will tell us if that holds.

### **FAA Part 194 final operating approvals**

First Part 121/135-style air carrier certificates that explicitly cover powered-lift operations are expected to be issued in Q3.

### **EASA SC-VTOL Enhanced first cert**

EASA has not yet issued any eVTOL type certificate. Vertical Aerospace and Volocopter are the candidates to watch in late 2026.

### **Asia Pacific demand acceleration**

Tokyo, Seoul, and Singapore route-interest growth was a step-change in Q2. If Q3 sustains the trend, Asia Pacific will overtake Europe in our regional ranking.

## **Methodology**

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#### DEMAND SIGNALS

**Verified route-interest signups submitted via [evtol.travel](https://evtol.travel) route-interest forms (/book, /fly/[city], country hub pages). De-duplicated by email + origin/destination pair. Bot-filtered at form submission time. Counts reflect cumulative signups attributed to a city as either origin or destination across all signup forms during the quarter.**

#### CERTIFICATION DATA

**Sourced from public regulator filings (FAA, EASA, CAAC, ANAC, UK CAA), company SEC disclosures, official press releases, and direct operator briefings. Status mapped to a 6-stage certification framework documented at <https://evtol.travel/evtol-certification-tracker>.**

#### VERTIPOINT DATA

**Aggregated from operator press releases, municipal planning documents, and Skyports / Atlantic / Signature / Ferrovial development pipelines. Excludes pure heliport conversions where no eVTOL-specific infrastructure has been announced.**



OPERATOR ACTIVITY

**Curated from the [evtol.travel](https://evtol.travel/) newsroom (<https://evtol.travel/blogs>) and verified against original-source company communications.**

LIMITATIONS

**Demand-signal numbers reflect declared interest — not booked or confirmed travel. Certification progress percentages are [evtol.travel](https://evtol.travel/)'s estimate based on publicly disclosed milestones; the regulators do not publish single-number progress scores. Vertiport counts include announced and in-development sites; an aircraft is not required to be flying for a vertiport to count as 'tracked'.**

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