

## **Airport Stats**

February recorded a decrease in air passenger numbers, with 849 fewer travellers than in February 2025. As a result, overall year-on-year passenger figures are now level. Reductions on the Birmingham, Edinburgh, London City and Southampton routes were partially offset by increased traffic through London Gatwick, limiting the overall decline in London-bound passengers to 233.

There were valid operational reasons for the reductions on the routes mentioned above:

### **Birmingham**

January and February are historically the lowest-demand months of the year. To improve the performance of the network, Aurigny temporarily reduced flight frequencies during this period.

### **Edinburgh**

In 2026, Aurigny operated only one rotation in February, starting after half-term. In contrast, February 2025 saw twice-weekly services running from half-term onwards. The difference reflects capacity being reallocated to the Southampton and Jersey routes, as well as three half-term flights to Grenoble.

### **London City**

Frequencies on the London City route were increased later in the year due to lower early-season demand. Meanwhile, improved load factors on the London Gatwick route meant some passengers opted for Gatwick when no City service was available, resulting in a broadly stable overall London market for February.

### **Southampton**

The reduction in passengers reflects lower available capacity. Aurigny was unable to operate as many flights as in the previous year due to limited spare aircraft availability within the schedule.

In March, VisitGuernsey and Aurigny launched a joint UK-wide campaign featuring price-led advertising and showcasing the islands' natural beauty to key target audiences. We are optimistic this activity will contribute to stronger results when March's figures are published.

The Jersey route also recorded positive growth, supported by Aurigny's new pricing structure. This increase helped offset the decline in ferry passengers travelling between Guernsey and Jersey compared with February 2025.

Reporting Month and Year

Feb-26

Air Passenger Movements (Arrivals and Departures)	Month				Year to date			
	Feb-25	Feb-26	Change %	Number	Year to Feb-25	Year to Feb-26	Change %	Number
Birmingham	2,257	1,835	-19%	422	4,199	3,425	-18%	774
Bournemouth	27	11	-59%	16	43	31	-28%	12
Bristol	1,358	1,295	-5%	63	2,358	2,487	5%	129
Cardiff	-	-		-	-	-		-
East Midlands	1	2	100%	1	1	2	100%	1
Exeter	1,158	1,099	-5%	59	2,090	1,978	-5%	112
Gatwick	18,367	18,817	2%	450	37,045	37,249	1%	204
Isle Of Man	-	-		-	-	-		-
Heathrow	-	-		-	-	-		-
Southend	-	-		-	3	-	-100%	3
Liverpool	-	2		2	-	2		2
Leeds/Bradford	-	-		-	-	-		-
Manchester	4,079	4,311	6%	232	7,972	8,282	4%	310
Newquay	-	-		-	-	-		-
Norwich	-	-		-	-	-		-
Southampton	5,695	5,334	-6%	361	10,996	10,434	-5%	562
Stansted	-	52		52	-	57		57
London City	2,643	1,960	-26%	683	4,088	3,462	-15%	626
Newcastle	-	-		-	-	-		-
Edinburgh	511	65	-87%	446	758	279	-63%	479
Other U.K.	46	56	22%	10	88	136	55%	48
<b>UK Total</b>	<b>36,142</b>	<b>34,839</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>69,641</b>	<b>67,824</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>1,817</b>
Guernsey	138	144	4%	6	227	218	-4%	9
Alderney	1,970	1,715	-13%	255	3,623	3,245	-10%	378
Jersey	4,235	5,392	27%	1,157	8,148	9,833	21%	1,685
<b>CI Total</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>7,251</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>11,998</b>	<b>13,296</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>1,298</b>
Dublin	-	-		-	188	159	-15%	29
Paris	622	530	-15%	92	1,054	1,095	4%	41
Other International	855	493	-42%	362	946	1,588	68%	642
<b>International Total</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>-31%</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>654</b>
<b>Total Air Passenger Movements</b>	<b>43,962</b>	<b>43,113</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>83,827</b>	<b>83,962</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>135</b>