

Airport Stats – September 2026

September saw air passenger movements increase by 5% compared with September 2025, representing an additional 3,540 travellers. Year-to-date performance also remains positive, with passenger numbers still up 3% on 2025 levels, equating to an additional 17,337 passenger movements.

London routes continued to perform strongly overall, delivering a net increase of 3,689 passengers compared with September 2025. While the London City and Gatwick services recorded reductions of 2,431 and 445 passengers respectively, the British Airways Heathrow route handled 6,565 passenger movements during the month.

There were also encouraging gains across regional connectivity. The Jersey route recorded an increase of 1,327 passenger movements, while Exeter and Southampton reported growth compared with the same period last year.

Birmingham, Bristol and Manchester were the only other scheduled routes to record a decline, with a combined reduction of just 774 passengers. Despite these decreases, overall route performance remained positive, contributing to continued growth in passenger numbers both for the month and year to date.

Reporting Month and Year

Sep-26

Air Passenger Movements (Arrivals and Departures)	Month		Change			Year to date		Change	
	Sep-25	Sep-26	%	Number		Year to Sep-25	Year to Sep-26	%	Number
Birmingham	3,549	3,488	-2%	61		27,993	26,923	-4%	1,070
Bournemouth	-	32		32		190	189	-1%	1
Bristol	2,896	2,370	-18%	526		21,606	19,163	-11%	2,443
Cardiff	-	-		-		2	-	-100%	2
East Midlands	106	2	-98%	104		1,339	20	-99%	1,319
Exeter	1,566	1,852	18%	286		13,093	13,109	0%	16
Gatwick	22,468	22,023	-2%	445		193,118	195,793	1%	2,675
Isle Of Man	-	-		-		5	6	20%	1
Heathrow	-	6,565	100%	6,565		-	37,818	100%	37,818
Southend	-	-		-		7	-	-100%	7
Liverpool	-	-		-		14	6	-57%	8
Leeds/Bradford	713	941	32%	228		3,272	4,006	22%	734
Manchester	5,787	5,600	-3%	187		50,117	50,279	0%	162
Newquay	-	-		-		5	13	160%	8
Norwich	103	1	-99%	102		777	1	-100%	776
Southampton	8,315	8,452	2%	137		68,462	67,404	-2%	1,058
Stansted	-	2		2		86	103	20%	17
London City	6,061	3,630	-40%	2,431		40,807	25,575	-37%	15,232
Newcastle	335	4	-99%	331		1,604	19	-99%	1,585
Edinburgh	637	661	4%	24		5,690	4,011	-30%	1,679
Other U.K.	-	144		144		1,107	1,247	13%	140
UK Total	52,536	55,767	6%	3,231		429,294	445,685	4%	16,391
Guernsey	62	112	81%	50		759	663	-13%	96
Alderney	3,192	2,578	-19%	614		23,318	20,753	-11%	2,565
Jersey	6,210	7,537	21%	1,327		48,753	53,969	11%	5,216
CI Total	9,464	10,227	8%	763		72,830	75,385	4%	2,555
Dublin	1,086	969	-11%	117		7,399	6,495	-12%	904
Paris	939	904	-4%	35		7,530	7,899	5%	369
Other International	1,925	1,623	-16%	302		13,150	12,076	-8%	1,074
International Total	3,950	3,496	-11%	454		28,079	26,470	-6%	1,609
Total Air Passenger Movements	65,950	69,490	5%	3,540		530,203	547,540	3%	17,337