

Airport Stats – April 2026

April saw a small increase in air passenger numbers between the UK and Guernsey, however, due to small reductions on international routes and the routes between the Channel Islands, there was an overall decrease of 1% when comparing April 2026 to April 2025, equating to 676 fewer people.

There was a notable increase in London traffic, with the addition of British Airways' new Heathrow route. While London City numbers reduced compared to the same month in 2025, an increase on the Gatwick route, plus the additional Heathrow passengers supported an increase of an extra 1,183 people travelling between London and Guernsey. There were negligible swings across Aurigny's core routes outside London – Birmingham, Bristol, Exeter, Manchester, and Southampton – with a minor net reduction of 358 passengers.

There was a notable reduction on the Jersey-Guernsey route during April, which reported 854 fewer passengers when compared to the previous month. We are currently waiting for the Guernsey Harbour to report their April figures, and suspect that their data will help offset some of the reduction, with increased ferry passenger numbers, due to Islands Unlimited commencing their 2026 service on 20 March.

Despite the 1% reduction in April, for the year to date, compared to 2025, air passenger numbers remain steady.

Reporting Month and Year

Apr-26

Air Passenger Movements (Arrivals and Departures)	Month		Change		Year to date		Change	
	Apr-25	Apr-26	%	Number	Year to Apr-25	Year to Apr-26	%	Number
Birmingham	3,040	3,111	2%	71	9,629	8,825	-8%	804
Bournemouth	24	19	-21%	5	86	71	-17%	15
Bristol	2,452	2,164	-12%	288	6,349	6,405	1%	56
Cardiff	-	-	-	-	2	-	-100%	2
East Midlands	106	-	-100%	106	107	4	-96%	103
Exeter	1,160	1,321	14%	161	4,574	4,496	-2%	78
Gatwick	20,654	21,362	3%	708	79,150	81,006	2%	1,856
Isle Of Man	-	4	-	4	1	4	300%	3
Heathrow	-	2,042	-	2,042	-	2,042	-	2,042
Southend	4	-	-100%	4	7	-	-100%	7
Liverpool	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Leeds/Bradford	-	-	-	-	1	-	-100%	1
Manchester	5,836	5,644	-3%	192	18,473	19,259	4%	786
Newquay	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Norwich	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southampton	7,327	7,217	-2%	110	25,121	24,479	-3%	642
Stansted	-	6	-	6	-	65	-	65
London City	5,149	3,582	-30%	1,567	13,005	10,297	-21%	2,708
Newcastle	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Edinburgh	460	524	14%	64	1,943	1,121	-42%	822
Other U.K.	82	96	17%	14	191	325	70%	134
UK Total	46,294	47,094	2%	800	158,639	158,407	0%	232
Guernsey	159	-	-100%	159	390	218	-44%	172
Alderney	2,566	2,291	-11%	275	8,539	7,660	-10%	879
Jersey	6,757	5,903	-13%	854	21,170	21,873	3%	703
CI Total	9,482	8,194	-14%	1,288	30,099	29,751	-1%	348
Dublin	1,204	1,095	-9%	109	1,450	332	-77%	1,118
Paris	794	962	21%	168	2,557	2,860	12%	303
Other International	443	196	-56%	247	1,925	2,939	53%	1,014
International Total	2,441	2,253	-8%	188	5,932	6,131	3%	199
Total Air Passenger Movements	58,217	57,541	-1%	676	194,670	194,289	0%	381