

Airport Stats

March saw a modest improvement in air passenger numbers compared with February, with an increase of 160 passengers. As a result, year-to-date passenger numbers remain broadly stable, showing a small overall increase of 295 passengers compared with 2025.

There were notable increases on the Manchester route, which carried an additional 668 passengers compared with March 2025, alongside smaller increases on the Bristol, Dublin and Paris routes. Passenger numbers through London City fell by 14% (515 passengers); however, this was offset by an increase of 944 passengers at Gatwick, leaving the overall London market stable.

The only significant reduction was on the Edinburgh route. In March 2025, 725 passengers used the service; however, in 2026 Aurigny reallocated capacity to the Southampton and Jersey routes to better align with demand, resulting in lower passenger numbers on the Edinburgh route this year.

Reporting Month and Year

Mar-26

Air Passenger Movements (Arrivals and Departures)	Month		Change		Year to date		Change	
	Mar-25	Mar-26	%	Number	Year to Mar-25	Year to Mar-26	%	Number
Birmingham	2,390	2,289	-4%	101	6,589	5,714	-13%	875
Bournemouth	19	21	11%	2	62	52	-16%	10
Bristol	1,539	1,754	14%	215	3,897	4,241	9%	344
Cardiff	2	-	-100%	2	2	-	-100%	2
East Midlands	-	2		2	1	4	300%	3
Exeter	1,324	1,197	-10%	127	3,414	3,175	-7%	239
Gatwick	21,451	22,395	4%	944	58,496	59,644	2%	1,148
Isle Of Man	1	-	-100%	1	1	-	-100%	1
Heathrow	-	-		-	-	-		-
Southend	-	-		-	3	-	-100%	3
Liverpool	-	-		-	-	2		2
Leeds/Bradford	1	-	-100%	1	1	-	-100%	1
Manchester	4,665	5,333	14%	668	12,637	13,615	8%	978
Newquay	-	4		4	-	4		4
Norwich	-	-		-	-	-		-
Southampton	6,798	6,828	0%	30	17,794	17,262	-3%	532
Stansted	-	2		2	-	59		59
London City	3,768	3,253	-14%	515	7,856	6,715	-15%	1,141
Newcastle	-	318		318	-	-		-
Edinburgh	725	-	-100%	725	1,483	597	-60%	886
Other U.K.	21	93	343%	72	109	229	110%	120
UK Total	42,704	43,489	2%	785	112,345	111,313	-1%	1,032
Guernsey	4	-	-100%	4	231	218	-6%	13
Alderney	2,350	2,124	-10%	226	5,973	5,369	-10%	604
Jersey	6,265	6,137	-2%	128	14,413	15,970	11%	1,557
CI Total	8,619	8,261	-4%	358	20,617	21,557	5%	940
Dublin	58	173	198%	115	246	332	35%	86
Paris	709	803	13%	94	1,763	1,898	8%	135
Other International	536	50	-91%	486	1,482	1,648	11%	166
International Total	1,303	1,026	-21%	277	3,491	3,878	11%	387
Total Air Passenger Movements	52,626	52,776	0%	150	136,453	136,748	0%	295