

Airport Stats – May 2026

Overall, passenger numbers in May increased by 774 compared with May 2025, demonstrating continued resilience in total traffic levels.

Year-to-date performance is now broadly in line with last year, with a modest increase of 393 passengers, bringing the total to 261,700.

It is also worth recognising that May 2025 provides a particularly strong comparison, due to the Liberation 80 celebrations, which generated additional inbound travel to the island.

Some routes, including Bournemouth, Liverpool, and Newquay, appear as reductions; however, these figures reflect very low levels of activity (fewer than 15 passengers in each case), and therefore do not materially impact overall performance.

London routes continue to perform strongly overall, with a net increase of 4,675 passengers compared with May 2025. Although there were reductions on Gatwick (-688) and London City (-2,270), this has been more than offset by the introduction of the British Airways Heathrow service, which recorded 7,633 passenger movements during the month.

Reporting Month and Year

May-26

Air Passenger Movements (Arrivals and Departures)	Month		Change			Year to date		Change	
	May-25	May-26	%	Number		Year to May-25	Year to May-26	%	Number
Birmingham	3,452	3,419	-1%	33		13,081	12,244	-6%	837
Bournemouth	35	22	-37%	13		121	93	-23%	28
Bristol	2,918	2,200	-25%	718		9,267	8,605	-7%	662
Cardiff	-	-		-		2	-	-100%	2
East Midlands	744	-	-100%	744		851	4	-100%	847
Exeter	2,276	1,269	-44%	1,007		6,850	5,765	-16%	1,085
Gatwick	23,249	22,561	-3%	688		102,399	103,567	1%	1,168
Isle Of Man	-	-		-		1	4	300%	3
Heathrow	-	7,633	100%	7,633		-	9,675	100%	9,675
Southend	-	-		-		7	-	-100%	7
Liverpool	14	-	-100%	14		14	2	-86%	12
Leeds/Bradford	135	330	144%	195		136	330	143%	194
Manchester	6,438	6,226	-3%	212		24,911	25,485	2%	574
Newquay	1	-	-100%	1		1	4	300%	3
Norwich	225	-	-100%	225		225	-	-100%	225
Southampton	9,245	8,343	-10%	902		34,366	32,822	-4%	1,544
Stansted	-	8	100%	8		-	73	100%	73
London City	4,330	2,060	-52%	2,270		17,335	12,357	-29%	4,978
Newcastle	-	5	100%	5		-	7	100%	7
Edinburgh	492	440	-11%	52		2,435	1,561	-36%	874
Other U K.	597	146	-76%	451		788	471	-40%	317
UK Total	54,151	54,662	1%	511		212,790	213,069	0%	279
Guernsey	159	-	-100%	159		549	218	-60%	331
Alderney	2,742	2,485	-9%	257		11,281	10,145	-10%	1,136
Jersey	5,635	6,539	16%	904		26,805	28,412	6%	1,607
CI Total	8,536	9,024	6%	488		38,635	38,775	0%	140
Dublin	973	931	-4%	42		2,423	1,263	-48%	1,160
Paris	967	999	3%	32		3,524	3,859	10%	335
Other International	2,010	1,795	-11%	215		3,935	4,734	20%	799
International Total	3,950	3,725	-6%	225		9,882	9,856	0%	26
Total Air Passenger Movements	66,637	67,411	1%	774		261,307	261,700	0%	393