Airport Stats – October 2026

October saw air passenger movements increase by 3% compared with October 2025, representing an additional 1,551 travellers. Year-to-date performance also remains positive, with passenger numbers still up 3% on 2025 levels, equating to an additional 18,888 passenger movements.

London routes continued to perform strongly overall, delivering a net increase of 3,729 passengers compared with October 2025. While the London City and Gatwick services recorded reductions of 1,624 and 1,036 passengers respectively, the British Airways Heathrow route handled 6,389 passenger movements during the month.

There were also encouraging gains on the Jersey route, which recorded an increase of 733 passenger movements, while Exeter reported growth compared with the same period last year.

Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester and Southampton were the scheduled routes to record a decline, with a combined reduction of 1,759 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	Oct-26

Air Passenger Movements	**Month**		**Change**		**Year to date**		**Change**	
(Arrivals and Departures)	**Oct-25**	**Oct-26**	**%**	**Number**	**Year to Oct-25**	**Year to Oct-26**	**%**	**Number**
Birmingham	3,239	3,027	-7%	-212	31,232	29,950	-4%	-1,282
Bournemouth	31	17	-45%	-14	221	206	-7%	-15
Bristol	2,785	2,231	-20%	-554	24,391	21,394	-12%	-2,997
Cardiff	-	-		-	2	-	-100%	-2
East Midlands	133	-	-100%	-133	1,472	20	-99%	-1,452
Exeter	1,536	1,695	10%	159	14,629	14,804	1%	175
Gatwick	22,179	21,143	-5%	-1,036	215,297	216,936	1%	1,639
Isle Of Man	-	4		4	5	10	100%	5
Heathrow	-	6,389	100%	6,389	-	44,207	100%	44,207
Southend	-	-		-	7	-	-100%	-7
Liverpool	-	2		2	14	8	-43%	-6
Leeds/Bradford	-	-		-	3,272	4,006	22%	734
Manchester	5,834	5,531	-5%	-303	55,951	55,810	0%	-141
Newquay	2	-	-100%	-2	7	13	86%	6
Norwich	-	-		-	777	1	-100%	-776
Southampton	8,439	7,749	-8%	-690	76,901	75,153	-2%	-1,748
Stansted	8	19	138%	11	94	122	30%	28
London City	4,905	3,281	-33%	-1,624	45,712	28,856	-37%	-16,856
Newcastle	224	-	-100%	-224	1,828	19	-99%	-1,809
Edinburgh	434	315	-27%	-119	6,124	4,326	-29%	-1,798
Other U K.	77	118	53%	41	1,184	1,365	15%	181
UK Total	**49,826**	**51,521**	**3%**	**1,695**	**479,120**	**497,206**	**4%**	**18,086**
Guernsey	66	-	-100%	-66	825	663	-20%	-162
Alderney	2,606	1,900	-27%	-706	25,924	22,653	-13%	-3,271
Jersey	6,000	6,733	12%	733	54,753	60,702	11%	5,949
CI Total	**8,672**	**8,633**	**0%**	**-39**	**81,502**	**84,018**	**3%**	**2,516**
Dublin	750	733	-2%	-17	8,149	7,228	-11%	-921
Paris	803	707	-12%	-96	8,333	8,606	3%	273
Other International	678	686	1%	8	13,828	12,762	-8%	-1,066
International Total	**2,231**	**2,126**	**-5%**	**-105**	30,310	28,596	-6%	-1,714
Total Air Passenger Movements	**60,729**	**62,280**	**3%**	**1,551**	**590,932**	**609,820**	**3%**	**18,888**