

## Press Release

### April Air Passenger Figures

	2005	2006	Change	%	
<b>MONTHLY COMPARISON</b>	65322	65771	449	0.7	
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL this year	242092	236591	-5501	-2.3	
MOVING ANNUAL TOTAL	788,695	801,155	12460	1.6	
<b>AIRLINES</b>					
AER ARANN	974	9730	8756	899.0	
BLUE ISLANDS	0	118	118	100.0	
BA CONNECT	19903	21381	1478	7.4	
BNWA	496	1633	1137	229.2	
EASTERN AIRWAYS	3766	4037	271	7.2	
EMERALD AIRWAYS	9323	0	-9323	-100.0	
EUROMANX	24443	21980	-2463	-10.1	
FLYBE	3198	3240	42	1.3	
FLYKEEN	1592	0	-1592	-100.0	
LOGANAIR	844	1938	1094	129.6	
VLM Airlines	0	650	650	100.0	
OTHER CHARTER SERVICES inc Private/Club flyers	783	1064	281	35.9	
<b>ROUTES</b>					
BELFAST CITY	BNWA/Flykeen/Euromanx	2184	2110	-74	-3.4
BIRMINGHAM	Flybe/Eastern	5050	4834	-216	-4.3
BLACKPOOL	BNWA/Flykeen	1334	991	-343	-25.7
BRISTOL	Eastern Airways	852	1004	152	17.8
DUBLIN	EuroManx/Aer Arann	2990	3102	112	3.7
GLASGOW	Euromanx/Loganair	2525	1938	-587	-23.3
GUERNSEY	Blue Islands	0	62	62	100.0
JERSEY	Blue Islands	0	56	56	100.0
GATWICK	BA Connect	8488	9990	1502	17.7
LEEDS/BRADFORD	Eastern Airways	486	0	-486	-100.0
LIVERPOOL	Aer Arann/Euromanx/Emerald	18190	15048	-3142	-17.3
LONDON CITY	Euromanx/VLM Airlines	5453	5223	-230	-4.2
LUTON	BA Connect/Aer Arann	2299	5921	3622	157.5
MANCHESTER	BA Connect/EuroManx/Aer Arann	11525	12989	1464	12.7
NEWCASTLE	Eastern Airways	576	655	79	13.7
SOUTHAMPTON	Eastern/Euromanx	1277	784	-493	-38.6
STANSTED	EuroManx	1310	1	-1309	-100.0
<b>AIRFREIGHT</b>					
GENERAL	tonnes	198	157	-41	-20.7
MAIL	tonnes	215	201	-14	-6.5
<b>AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS</b>					
TOTAL		3758	4171	413	11.0
including scheduled		2680	2588	-92	-3.4
charter		456	335	-121	-26.5
private/club		554	1199	645	116.4

AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

This was an all-time record April, albeit with modest growth of 0.7% on top of April 2005.

A good month was expected, with the Easter celebration falling entirely in April this year, but when March and April are taken together and compared with last year, passenger numbers have fallen by some 5%.

The largest loss in numbers continues to be on the Liverpool route, followed by Stansted (discontinued), Glasgow, Leeds (discontinued), and Southampton.

There has been good growth this month to Luton, Gatwick and Manchester which shows that the "core business" remains healthy.

The percentage of total passengers carried by each airline changed again to become, Euromanx 33.4%; BA Connect 32.5%; Aer Arann 14.8%; Eastern Airways 6.1%; Flybe 4.9%; Loganair (BA) 2.9%; British Northwest 2.5%; VLM 1%; and Blue Islands (new start during month) 0.2%.

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