

Isle of Man Airport Monthly Air Traffic Summary December and Year End 2018

For the second year running the Isle of Man Airport set a record for the number of passengers using the airport. Moreover, this year has seen a substantial increase, with nearly 850,000 passengers passing through the terminal during 2018 40,000 more than in 2017, an increase of almost 5%. The December and year-end results are briefly reviewed below:

December 2018 Airport Statistics

Overall:

- 67,540 passengers passed through IOM Airport in December 2018, an increase of 3,023, or 4.69% over December 2017. This was the ninth consecutive month of passenger improvements.
- December 2018 was the best December ever recorded for the airport.

North West market

- North West air services continued to do very well, up by 5.61%.
- 22,829 passengers flew between IOM and Liverpool, over 1,400 more than in 2017.
- Manchester saw a solid 4.09% increase of over 500 passengers to 13,644.

London market

- The London market was 655 passengers down, a 3.5% fall, primarily as a result of the disruption at Gatwick Airport due to drone activity.
- As a consequence of the drones, EasyJet carried 3.9% fewer passengers on their Gatwick route.
- Bas route to London City was also slightly down, by a little under 2%.

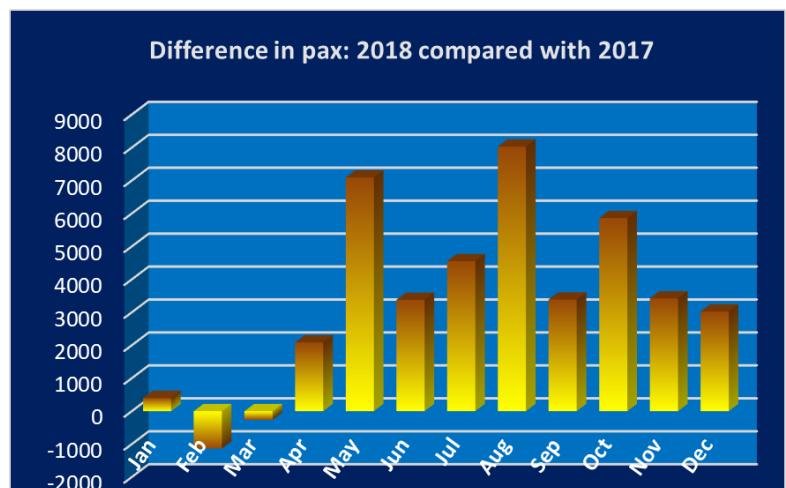
Other Markets

- Flybe's Birmingham route was up by 3.8% and their Geneva service that recommenced in mid-December carried 97 more passengers than December 2017, an increase of 40%.
- EasyJet's Bristol route did well, carrying 37.6 % more passengers.
- The new easyJet Belfast International route carried 1,742 passengers, 135% more than Eastern Airways' to Belfast City last December.
- Aer Lingus' Dublin route saw a 4% fall in passengers in December.
- Loganair flew 567 passengers on IOM/Edinburgh - an increase of 36%.

2018 Annual Airport Statistics

Overall result for year end 2017

- 847,251 passengers passed through IOM in 2017, 39,823 or 4.93% more than 2017.
- **This is again the highest annual total ever achieved by IOM Airport, beating last year's record by almost 5% or 40,000 passengers.**
- Ten out of the twelve 2018 months recorded increases with May and August showing increases of 7,000 and 8,000 passengers respectively. (see graphic)



- This record level has been achieved due to the continued excellent performance of the major markets, particularly the North West and, to a lesser extent, the South East.
- 2017 saw the withdrawal of Eastern Airways, signifying the termination of services to Belfast City, Glasgow and Newcastle, taken up following the demise of Citywing in early 2017.
- The impact of the withdrawal of Eastern was minimal as the EasyJet route to Belfast International commenced in June, generating well over double the number of passengers than carried by Eastern, and also helped by the steady growth of Loganair's Edinburgh route.

North West market

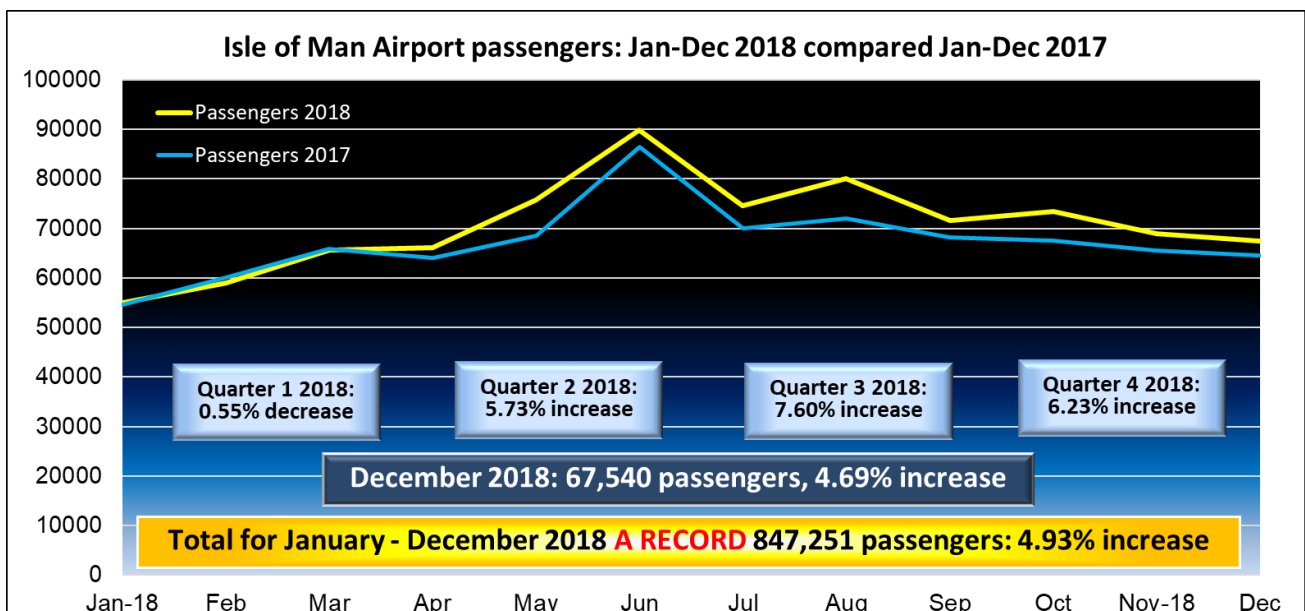
- The North West routes generated a record 428,222 passengers, over 30,000 passengers up or 7.8%, up on 2017. The NW constituted 51.5% of the total IOM traffic and about 75% of the total 2018 increase.
- The Liverpool route contributed to most of the increase and was up by 26,400 passengers, or 11.52%, to 255,777. EasyJet secured 50.8% of the Liverpool market whilst Flybe had 49.2%.
- Flybe's Manchester also increased, by 3.8%, to 172,445 passengers, a record for the route.

London market




















- The London market was up by 10,400 passengers - 4.14% - topping over 260,000 passengers.
- Much of the increase was due to the increase in frequency of the summer Luton route by easyJet which generated nearly 6,400 additional passengers - 38% up.
- Gatwick was 2.6% up with easyJet generating 178,800 passengers on the route.
- The London City route fell slightly to 61,400 passengers, a slight 0.8% decrease.































Other Markets

- The Aer Lingus Dublin service had a slightly disappointing year, with a 4.35% decrease.
- EasyJet's Bristol route increased again by 10.2%, to 29,536 passengers, another route record.
- Flybe carried 3.31% fewer passengers on the Birmingham service with a frequency reduction on the route. Their winter season Geneva route was up by 18%.
- Eastern ceased their short-lived Belfast, Glasgow and Newcastle routes in 2018 but the elimination of their traffic totalled only 8,693 passengers.
- Loganair's Edinburgh route strengthened, carrying 6,110 passengers, up by 74%
- Charter passengers again fell by over 20%, but private and business passengers both increased.
- EasyJet launched their Belfast International route and carried 12,977 passengers, also a route record, overtaking the previous highest carried by Manx2.com in 2008 by 11.3%.
- Total aircraft movements were about the same in 2018 as they were in 2017, but scheduled movements fell noticeably signifying the increase in the average number of passengers carried per movement. This increased from 54.2 to 61.2 passengers per flight for scheduled services.
- Air cargo had another poor year as total general cargo fell from 262 to 181 tonnes. This was primarily because easyJet does not carry air cargo on its flights. Mail was also down, by 13.8%.



Monthly air traffic summary December 2018

Totals this month		2018	2017	Change	% change
Passengers for the month		67,540	64,517	3023	4.69%
Cumulative for the year so far		847,251	807,428	39823	4.93%
Moving annual total		847,251	807,428	39823	4.93%
Passengers route by route					
Route	Current airline	2018	2017	Change	% change
Belfast City	Eastern 	0	740	-740	-100.0%
Belfast International	easyJet 	1,742	0	1,742	100.0%
Birmingham	Flybe 	3,599	3,467	132	3.8%
Bristol	easyJet 	2,374	1,725	649	37.6%
Dublin	Air Lingus 	3,250	3,381	-131	-3.9%
Edinburgh	Loganair 	567	418	149	35.6%
Geneva	Flybe 	338	241	97	40.2%
Glasgow	Eastern 	0	318	-318	-100.0%
Liverpool	Flybe 	9,833	9,506	327	3.4%
Liverpool	easyJet 	12,996	11,920	1,076	9.0%
Liverpool	TOTAL both airlines	22,829	21,426	1,403	6.5%
London City	BA CityFlyer 	4,194	4,278	-84	-2.0%
London Gatwick	easyJet 	13,960	14,531	-571	-3.9%
Manchester	Flybe 	13,644	13,108	536	4.1%
Non-scheduled	Others	1,043	884	159	18.0%
Passengers by airline					
Airline	Jan 2018 share	2018	2017	Change	% change
Air Lingus 	4.8%	3,250	3,381	-131	-3.9%
BA CityFlyer 	6.2%	4,194	4,278	-84	-2.0%
Eastern 	0.0%	0	1,058	-1,058	-100.0%
easyJet 	46.0%	31,072	28,176	2,896	10.3%
Flybe 	40.6%	27,414	26,322	1,092	4.1%
Loganair 	0.8%	567	418	149	35.6%
Others	1.5%	1,043	884	159	18.0%
Air Freight		2018	2017	Change	% change
General Cargo flown (tonnes)		18	17	1	5.9%
Mail flown (tonnes)		173	176	-3	-1.7%
Aircraft Movements		2018	2017	Change	% change
Scheduled aircraft movements		1,046	1,051	-5	-0.5%
Charter aircraft movements		141	108	33	30.6%
Other aircraft movements		333	392	-59	-15.1%
TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS		1,520	1,551	-31	-2.0%

Totals for the year		2018	2017	Change	% change
Passenger Total		847,251	807,428	39823	4.93%
Passengers route by route					
Route	Airline	2018	2017	Change	% change
Belfast City	Eastern 	4,162	7,987	-3,825	-47.9%
Belfast City	Citywing 	0	4,140	-4,140	-100.0%
Belfast City	Flybe 	0	172	-172	-100.0%
Belfast City	TOTAL all airlines	4,162	12,299	-8,137	-66.2%
Belfast International	EasyJet 	12,977	0	12,977	100.0%
Birmingham	Flybe 	42,708	44,261	-1,553	-3.5%
Blackpool	Citywing 	0	1,845	-1,845	-100.0%
Bristol	easyJet 	29,536	26,797	2,739	10.2%
Dublin	Air Lingus 	43,299	45,270	-1,971	-4.4%
Edinburgh	Loganair 	6,110	3,508	2,602	74.2%
Geneva	Flybe 	2,186	1,855	331	17.8%
Glasgow	Eastern 	2,003	4,105	-2,102	-51.2%
Glasgow	Citywing 	0	1,332	-1,332	-100.0%
Glasgow	TOTAL both airlines	2,003	5,437	-3,434	-63.2%
Gloucester	Citywing 	0	1,420	-1,420	-100.0%
Liverpool	Flybe 	125,877	122,272	3,605	2.9%
Liverpool	easyJet 	129,900	107,086	22,814	21.3%
Liverpool	TOTAL both airlines	255,777	229,358	26,419	11.5%
London City	BA CityFlyer 	61,430	61,916	-486	-0.8%
London Luton	easyJet 	23,260	16,877	6,383	37.8%
London Gatwick	easyJet 	175,843	171,379	4,464	2.6%
Manchester	Flybe 	172,445	166,114	6,331	3.8%
Newcastle	Citywing 	0	452	-452	-100.0%
Newcastle	Eastern 	183	2,949	-2,766	-93.8%
Newcastle	TOTAL both airlines	183	3,401	-3,218	-94.6%
Norwich	Flybe 	134	0	134	100.0%
Norwich	Loganair 	0	0	0	0.0%
Non-scheduled	Others	15,198	15,691	-493	-3.1%
Passengers by airline					
Airline	2018 share	2018	2017	Change	% change
Air Lingus 	5.1%	43,299	45,270	-1,971	-4.4%
BA CityFlyer 	7.3%	61,430	61,916	-486	-0.8%
Citywing 	0.0%	0	9,189	-9,189	-100.0%
Eastern 	0.7%	6,348	15,041	-8,693	-57.8%
easyJet 	43.8%	371,516	322,139	49,377	15.3%
Flybe 	40.5%	343,216	334,674	8,542	2.6%
Loganair 	0.7%	6,244	3,508	2,736	78.0%
Others	1.8%	15,198	15,691	-493	-3.1%
Air Freight					
		2017	2016	Change	% change
General Cargo flown (tonnes)		181	262	-81	-30.9%
Mail flown (tonnes)		2,080	2,413	-333	-13.8%
Aircraft Movements					
		2017	2016	Change	% change
Scheduled aircraft movements		13,602	14,618	-1,016	-7.0%
Charter aircraft movements		1,827	1,833	-6	-0.3%
Other aircraft movements		7,949	6,801	1,148	16.9%
TOTAL AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS		23,378	23,252	126	0.5%



Breakdown of traffic by region 2005-2018

