

MAG Passenger Numbers Continue to Grow with 10.3% Year on Year Growth

Passenger numbers at the MAG airports of Manchester, London Stansted and East Midlands showed continued strong growth during April. Together, the airports handled 4,049k passengers - 5% up on the previous year.

Manchester saw 1,723k passengers pass through the terminal in April 2015, up 2% on the same month last year. The total number of passengers flying from Manchester in the year rose to 22.4 million, an increase of 6.7% over the previous 12 months and the most in its 77-year history.

Stansted Airport saw 1,911k passengers pass through the terminal in April 2015, up 11% on the same month last year and the 11th consecutive month of double digit growth. The total number of passengers flying from Stansted Airport in the year rose to 21.1 million, an increase of 16.2% over the previous 12 months, the highest annual rate of growth of any major UK airport.

Airports (passengers)	April 2015	% change	Moving annual total	% change
Manchester	1,723k	+1.6%	22,351k	+6.7%
London Stansted	1,911k	+10.7%	21,108k	+16.2%
East Midlands	362k	+1.0%	4,592k	+5.1%
Bournemouth	53k	(15.7%)	648k	(3.1%)
Total	4,049k	+5.4%	48,700k	+10.3%

Ken O'Toole, Managing Director of Manchester Airport, said: "Manchester Airport's growth continues and we are already looking ahead to a busy summer schedule.

"Over the next few months, we look forward to adding further new routes and frequencies to our offering to ensure that the 22 million people who live within a two hour drive of the airport have a greater choice than ever before.

"With two full length runways, Manchester Airport is, and will continue to have, the available capacity and demand to meet the needs of our airlines and passengers."

"In addition, the recent abolition of Airport Passenger Duty (APD) for children under 12 means family summer holidays are more affordable. This is good news for passengers, the airport and the local economy."

Looking ahead, Thomas Cook has also just commenced brand new direct services flying to Miami and New York, plus will commence flights to Los Angeles and Boston in 2016.”

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