



## GMB Union: Save Our Airports

### Activity

The UK aviation industry transported **292 million people** and lifted **2.6 million tonnes** of freight in 2018 (see the table at the end of the briefing for a breakdown by airport).

### Economic contribution

Air transport alone (not including cargo handling, services in support of aviation, aerospace manufacturing etc.) contributed and estimated **£5 billion** to the UK's economy in 2018.

### Gross Value Added, 2018

Nation/region	GVA (£ms)
UK	5,007
England	4,644
North East	138
North West	344
Yorkshire and The Humber	213
East Midlands	104
West Midlands	44
East of England	547
London	2,476
South East	670
South West	108
Wales	20
Scotland	256
Northern Ireland	87

Source: ONS, Regional gross value added (balanced) by industry, SIC code 51 (air transport)

## Employment and wages

The gross median wage in air transport was **£30,220** in 2019 – 21.4 per cent higher than the average for all industries (ONS, Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings).

On standard ONS methodology:

- The aviation industry supports almost **300,000** jobs across the UK (145,000 direct jobs plus 126,000 jobs supported across the wider economy).
- In the tables below, 'air transport' refers to passenger and freight operations. 'Support to air transport' includes cargo handling, warehousing, and service activities in support of aviation.
- Indirect employment is across the GB economy as a whole and cannot be linked to a particular area.
- Higher [industry commissioned](#) estimates include aerospace manufacturing. These figures are for air transport operations only.

## GB aviation industry employment in 2018

	Total direct + indirect employment	Direct employment			Indirect employment (UK wide)		
		Total	Air transport	Support to air transport	All	Air transport	Support to air transport
Great Britain	271,271	145,125	79,000	66,125	126,146	63,217	62,929
North East	5,668	3,040	1,750	1,290	2,628	1,400	1,228

<b>North West</b>	31,430	16,725	8,000	8,725	14,705	6,402	8,303
<b>Yorkshire and The Humber</b>	9,699	5,280	4,000	1,280	4,419	3,201	1,218
<b>East Midlands</b>	4,337	2,300	1,000	1,300	2,037	800	1,237
<b>West Midlands</b>	9,027	4,800	2,250	2,550	4,227	1,800	2,427
<b>East</b>	26,044	13,810	6,000	7,810	12,234	4,801	7,433
<b>London</b>	100,840	54,540	37,000	17,540	46,300	29,608	16,692
<b>South East</b>	47,540	25,290	12,000	13,290	22,250	9,603	12,648
<b>South West</b>	11,341	6,005	2,500	3,505	5,336	2,001	3,336
<b>Wales</b>	2,391	1,260	450	810	1,131	360	771
<b>Scotland</b>	22,934	12,100	4,500	7,600	10,834	3,601	7,233

Source: GMB analysis based on ONS Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) figures and input-output analytical tables employment multipliers. These figures do not include Northern Ireland.

### **GB aviation industry employment in 2018 – constituency tables**

#### Notes

For definitions of categories, please see the country and regional tables.

Indirect employment is across the UK as a whole and cannot be tied to a particular area.

To give an example, the aviation industry is estimated to employ 26,800 people directly in Brentford and Isleworth and those jobs further support 21,567 additional jobs across Great Britain.

Constituencies with below 100 direct + indirect jobs have been excluded.

	<b>Total direct + indirect employment</b>	<b>Direct employment</b>			<b>Indirect employment (UK wide)</b>		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Air transport</b>	<b>Support to air transport</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Air transport</b>	<b>Support to air transport</b>
Brentford and Isleworth	48,367	26,800	26,000	800	21,567	20,805	761
Hayes and Harlington	39,773	21,000	8,000	13,000	18,773	6,402	12,372
Crawley	30,151	16,225	10,000	6,225	13,926	8,002	5,924
Wythenshawe and Sale East	27,434	14,600	7,000	7,600	12,834	5,601	7,233
Saffron Walden	11,370	6,020	2,500	3,520	5,350	2,001	3,350

Luton South	9,889	5,300	3,000	2,300	4,589	2,401	2,189
Edinburgh West	6,700	3,530	1,250	2,280	3,170	1,000	2,170
Meriden	6,642	3,500	1,250	2,250	3,142	1,000	2,141
Paisley and Renfrewshire North	5,763	3,050	1,250	1,800	2,713	1,000	1,713
North Somerset	4,690	2,500	1,250	1,250	2,190	1,000	1,190
Leeds North West	3,891	2,110	1,500	610	1,781	1,200	581
North West Leicestershire	3,752	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,752	800	952
Newcastle upon Tyne North	3,611	1,920	900	1,020	1,691	720	971
Gordon	3,381	1,810	1,000	810	1,571	800	771
Fareham	2,946	1,510	10	1,500	1,436	8	1,428
Meon Valley	2,928	1,500	0	1,500	1,428	0	1,428
Leeds Central	2,700	1,500	1,500	0	1,200	1,200	0
East Devon	2,581	1,400	1,000	400	1,181	800	381
Garston and Halewood	2,251	1,200	600	600	1,051	480	571
Feltham and Heston	2,106	1,110	400	710	996	320	676
Central Ayrshire	2,042	1,050	50	1,000	992	40	952
East Ham	1,970	1,010	5	1,005	960	4	956
Kensington	1,659	920	900	20	739	720	19
Rochford and Southend East	1,621	850	250	600	771	200	571
Newcastle upon Tyne East	1,440	800	800	0	640	640	0
Christchurch	1,351	700	100	600	651	80	571
Cities of London and Westminster	1,328	700	250	450	628	200	428
Vale of Glamorgan	1,321	700	300	400	621	240	381
Spelthorne	1,216	625	25	600	591	20	571
Aldershot	1,208	650	400	250	558	320	238
Witney	1,171	600	0	600	571	0	571
Norwich North	1,141	600	200	400	541	160	381
Eastleigh	1,141	600	200	400	541	160	381
Birmingham, Yardley	1,080	600	600	0	480	480	0

Thurrock	1,048	540	40	500	508	32	476
Cleethorpes	930	500	300	200	430	240	190
Hammersmith	910	505	500	5	405	400	5
Southampton, Test	887	455	5	450	432	4	428
Don Valley	863	450	100	350	413	80	333
Holborn and St Pancras	845	435	25	410	410	20	390
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey	818	425	75	350	393	60	333
Windsor	801	430	250	180	371	200	171
Banff and Buchan	781	400	0	400	381	0	381
Kenilworth and Southam	735	400	300	100	335	240	95
Paisley and Renfrewshire South	720	400	400	0	320	320	0
Tewkesbury	701	360	10	350	341	8	333
Orkney and Shetland	559	300	175	125	259	140	119
Surrey Heath	480	250	50	200	230	40	190
Brentwood and Ongar	457	235	10	225	222	8	214
Brent Central	450	250	250	0	200	200	0
Sedgefield	408	210	10	200	198	8	190
St Austell and Newquay	408	210	10	200	198	8	190
Kingston and Surbiton	380	210	200	10	170	160	10
Uxbridge and South Ruislip	369	190	10	180	179	8	171
Oxford West and Abingdon	369	190	15	175	179	12	167
Fylde	309	170	150	20	139	120	19
Liverpool, Riverside	309	170	150	20	139	120	19
Southampton, Itchen	293	150	0	150	143	0	143
Filton and Bradley Stoke	293	150	0	150	143	0	143
East Surrey	281	150	75	75	131	60	71
Dundee West	267	140	40	100	127	32	95
Orpington	258	140	100	40	118	80	38
Alyn and Deeside	244	125	0	125	119	0	119

Sleaford and North Hykeham	234	120	0	120	114	0	114
South East Cambridgeshire	222	115	15	100	107	12	95
Weaver Vale	215	110	0	110	105	0	105
North Shropshire	204	105	5	100	99	4	95
Cheltenham	204	105	5	100	99	4	95
Clwyd West	200	110	100	10	90	80	10
St Ives	195	100	0	100	95	0	95
Argyll and Bute	182	95	20	75	87	16	71
Na h-Eileanan An Iar	182	95	20	75	87	16	71
Reigate	168	90	50	40	78	40	38
Romsey and Southampton North	152	80	30	50	72	24	48
Bury St Edmunds	146	75	0	75	71	0	71
Runnymede and Weybridge	146	75	0	75	71	0	71
Bridgwater and West Somerset	146	75	0	75	71	0	71
Newport West	137	70	0	70	67	0	67
Glasgow Central	135	70	10	60	65	8	57
Bethnal Green and Bow	129	70	50	20	59	40	19
Slough	117	60	0	60	57	0	57
Dunfermline and West Fife	117	60	0	60	57	0	57
Blyth Valley	116	60	10	50	56	8	48
Wycombe	116	60	10	50	56	8	48
West Suffolk	111	60	40	20	51	32	19
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	110	60	50	10	50	40	10

**Passenger movements and freight carried, selected airports** Source: DfT, table TSGB0202 (AVI0102)

	<b>Passenger arrivals and departures (thousands)</b>	<b>Freight (thousand tonnes)</b>
Heathrow	80,100	1,685
Gatwick	46,081	113
Manchester	28,248	114
Stansted	27,995	226
Luton	16,766	26
Edinburgh	14,292	20
Birmingham	12,452	34
Glasgow	9,652	16
Belfast International	6,269	28
Newcastle	5,332	6
Liverpool (John Lennon)	5,042	0
East Midlands International	4,868	335
Aberdeen	3,056	6
Belfast City (George Best)	2,510	0
Southampton	1,991	0
Cardiff Wales	1,579	2
Doncaster Sheffield	1,222	7
Prestwick	681	13
Norwich	537	0
Sumburgh	246	0
Humberside	192	0
Scatsta	175	0
Stornoway	133	0
Islay	33	0