Department of Transport State Airport Aviation Statistics
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1.1 Dublin Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Dublin Airport for January to September 2021 were 8,455,325.
- This compares to 7,385,704 for 2020, which represents a reduction in passenger numbers of -35.30%%.
- Commercial movements at Dublin Airport for this period were 48,553, a reduction of -31.65% from 71,040 in 2020.

Dublin Monthly Passenger Traffic	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	2,105,782	213,110	-89.88%
Feb	2,048,967	106,182	-94.82%
Mar	1,044,039	123,341	-88.19%
Apr	26,862	131,975	391.31%
May	46,312	166,329	259.15%
Jun	94,334	300,834	218.90%
Jul	381,248	657,900	72.56%
Aug	516,402	1,257,670	143.54%
Sep	392,468	1,349,650	243.89%
Oct	262,785	-	-
Nov	175,180	-	-
Dec	291,325	-	-
YTD	7,385,704	8,455,325	-35.30%

Table 1: Passenger traffic at Dublin Airport 2020 and 2021.

Dublin Airport Commercial Movements	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	16,190	3,661	-77.39%
Feb	15,496	2,375	-84.67%
Mar	12,596	2,691	-78.64%
Apr	1,883	2,746	45.83%
May	2,082	2,981	43.18%
Jun	2,304	4,767	106.90%
Jul	6,073	7,822	28.80%
Aug	7,786	10,332	32.70%
Sep	6,630	11,178	68.60%
Oct	5,206	-	-
Nov	3,392	-	-
Dec	3,616	-	-
YTD	71,040	48,553	-31.65%

Table 2: Commercial Movements at Dublin Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

Dublin Airport Cargo (tonnes)	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	11,937	11,948	-0.09%
Feb	11,413	11,478	0.57%
Mar	11,618	13,882	19.49%
Apr	7,909	13,327	68.50%
May	10,633	13,425	26.26%
Jun	11,451	12,013	4.91%
Jul	10,402	12,220	17.48%
Aug	9,502	11,857	24.78%
Sep	10,838	12,577	16.05%
Oct	11,274	-	-
Nov	11,525	-	-
Dev	12,596	-	-
YTD	95,703	112,727	17.79

Table 3: Cargo figures at Dublin Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

1.2 Cork Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Cork Airport for the period January 2021 to September 2021 were 171,566.
- This compares to 497,902 passengers for the same period in 2020, which represents a decrease in passenger numbers of 65.54%.
- Commercial movements at Cork Airport for this period were 2,401, a reduction of -59.49% from 5,927 in 2020.

Cork Monthly Passenger Traffic	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	158,376	5,196	-96.72%
Feb	159,437	1,858	-98.83%
Mar	80,475	3,019	-96.25%
Apr	1,216	4,252	249.67%
May	2,212	7,414	235.17%
Jun	4,828	14,848	207.54%
July	27,937	32,566	16.57%
Aug	40,296	74,142	83.99%
Sep	23,125	28,271	22.25%
Oct	17,120	-	-
Nov	6,439	-	-
Dec	8,931	-	-
YTD	497,902	171,566	-65.54%

Table 4: Passenger traffic at Cork Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

Cork Airport Commercial Movements	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	1,390	80	-94.24%
Feb	1,354	24	-98.23%
Mar	1,192	56	-95.30%
Apr	82	128	56.10%
May	78	209	167.95%
Jun	90	328	264.44%
Jul	532	546	2.63%
Aug	732	733	0.14%
Sep	477	297	-37.74%
Oct	365	-	-
Nov	130	-	-
DEC	104	-	-
YTD	5,927	2,401	-59.49%

Table 5: Commercial Movements at Cork Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

Cork Airport Cargo (tonnes)	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	8	7	-12.50%
Feb	12	10	-16.67%
Mar	11	7	-36.36%
Apr	4	99	2375.00%
May	3	184	6033.33%
Jun	4	170	4150.00%
Jul	6	168	2700.00%
Aug	7	164	2242.86%
Sep	5	53	960.00%
Oct	8	-	-
Nov	8	-	-
Dec	7	-	-
YTD	60	862	1336.67%

Table 6: Cargo figures for Cork Airport up to September 2020 and 2021.

1.3 Shannon Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Shannon Airport for the period January 2021 to September 2021 were 179,020.
- This compares to 327,244 for the same period in 2020, which represents a decrease in passenger numbers of -45.29% for that period.
- Commercial movements at Shannon Airport for this period were 5,690, a reduction of -5.87% from 6,045 in 2020.

Shannon Monthly Traffic (Terminal Traffic Only)	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	93,079	5,557	-94.03%
Feb	95,037	2,201	-97.68%
Mar	53,584	1,861	-96.53%
Apr	4,275	4,682	9.52%
May	7,709	6,746	-12.49%
Jun	6,862	12,867	87.51%
Jul	25,724	32,120	24.86%
Aug	24,786	53,504	115.86%
Sep	16,188	59,482	267.45%
Oct	15,273	-	-
Nov	5,411	-	-
Dec	4,475	-	-
YTD	327,244	179,020	-45.29%

Table 7: Passenger traffic at Shannon Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

Shannon Airport Commercial Movements	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	1,221	333	-72.73%
Feb	1,179	372	-68.45%
Mar	691	477	-30.97%
Apr	261	421	41.00%
May	239	430	79.92%
Jun	322	676	63.66%
Jul	850	837	-1.53%
Aug	725	973	34.21%
Sep	557	1,171	110.23%
Oct	557	-	-
Nov	397	-	-
Dec	476	-	-
YTD	6,045	5,690	-5.87%

Table 8: Commercial Movements at Shannon Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

Shannon Airport Cargo (tonnes)	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	1,020	1,438	40.98%
Feb	1,193	1,164	-2.43%
Mar	1,120	1,407	25.63%
Apr	1,014	1,427	40.73%
May	1,137	1,370	20.49%
Jun	1,607	1,407	-12.45%
Jul	1,324	1,050	-20.69%
Aug	1,015	904	-10.94%
Sep	1,250	1,026	-17.92%
Oct	1,351	-	-
Nov	1,615	-	-
Dec	1,870	-	-
YTD	10,680	11,193	4.80%

Table 9: Cargo figures at Shannon Airport to end September 2020 and 2021.

1.4 Total Passenger Traffic at State Airports

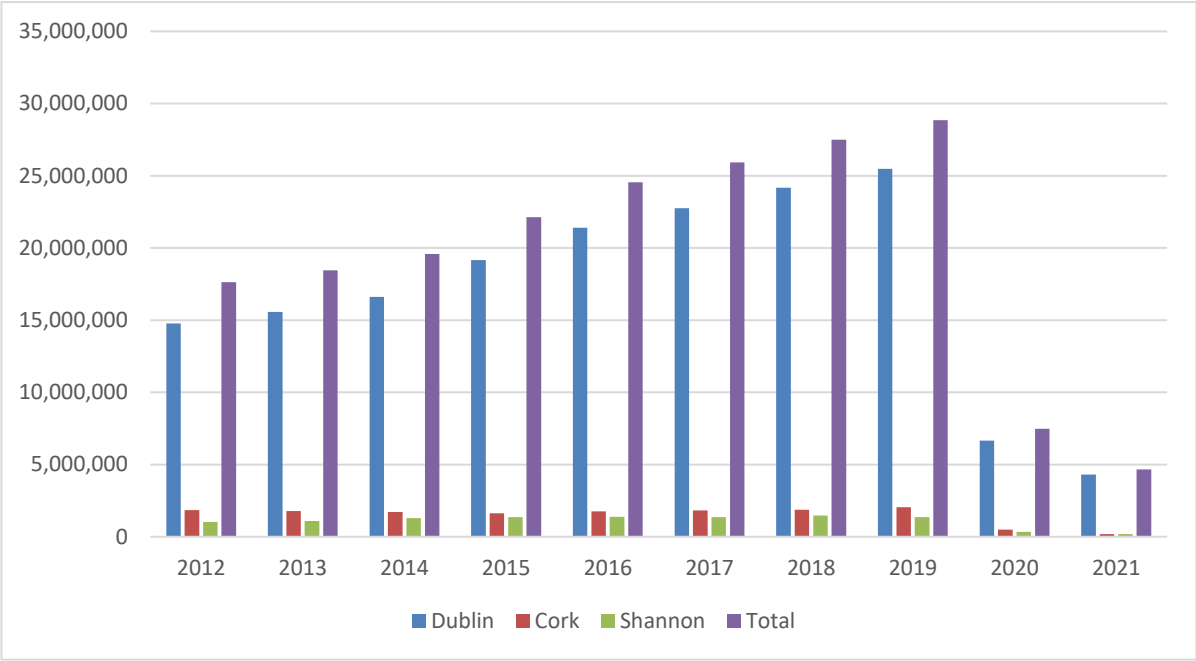
- Total passenger numbers at the 3 State Airports for the period January 2021 to September 2021 were 4,657,561.
- This compares to 7,481,563 for the same period in 2020, which represents a reduction in passenger numbers of -37.75% for that period.

Total Passenger Traffic at State Airports	2020	2021	% Change
Jan	2,357,237	223,863	-90.50%
Feb	2,303,406	110,241	-95.21%
Mar	1,178,075	128,215	-89.12%
Apr	32,407	140,908	334.81%
May	56,240	180,489	220.93%
Jun	106,024	328,540	209.87%
Jul	434,909	722,586	66.15%
Aug	581,484	1,385,316	138.24%
Sep	431,781	1,437,403	232.90%
Oct	295,178	-	-
Nov	187,030	-	-
Dec	304,731	-	-
YTD	7,481,563	4,657,561	-37.75%

Table 9: Total Passenger Traffic at State Airports to end September 2019 and 2020.

Total passenger traffic at State Airports for period Jan-September	Dublin	Cork	Shannon	Total
2012	14,772,000	1,836,700	1,023,700	17,632,400
2013	15,561,768	1,789,289	1,098,791	18,449,848
2014	16,607,423	1,702,344	1,282,164	19,591,931
2015	19,157,438	1,618,832	1,347,953	22,124,223
2016	21,411,264	1,754,899	1,376,585	24,542,748
2017	22,744,599	1,814,064	1,365,014	25,923,677
2018	24,161,699	1,871,125	1,462,219	27,495,043
2019	25,471,836	2,038,892	1,349,079	28,859,844
2020	6,656,414	497,902	327,244	7,481,560
2021	4,306,991	171,566	179,020	4,657,561

Table 10: Total passenger traffic at State Airports for January – September of each year (2012-2021).



Graph 1: Total passenger traffic at State Airports for January – September (2012-2021).

1.5 Background Notes:

- This publication is produced by the Department of Transport with the statistics provided by the relevant airports. Given the nature of this report in providing up to date data statistics, the figures are provisional and remain subject to change.
- The purpose of this publication is to supplement annual statistics available in the Central Statistics Office annual release entitled Aviation Statistics. Discrepancies arise between the figures in this quarterly bulletin and the CSO release due to, for example, classification differences or the fact that this provisional data is subject to correction before the Airports report end of year figures to the CSO. In the case of Shannon Airport, the CSO does not report on transit passenger numbers however they are reflected in this document. The CSO Aviation Statistics release remains the source of official statistics on aviation. The CSO Aviation Statistics release is available at: http://cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/er/as/aviationstatistics2014/