# Department of Transport State Airport Aviation Statistics
# Quarter 4 2021 Report

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## 1.1 Dublin Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Dublin Airport in 2021 were 8,455,325.
- This compares to 7,385,704 for 2020, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 14.48%.
- Commercial movements at Dublin Airport for this period were 85,433, an increase of 2.62% from 83,254 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 | 1,559,703 | 493.53% |
| Nov | 175,180 | 1,397,652 | 697.84% |
| Dec | 291,325 | 1,190,967 | 308.81% |
| YTD | 7,385,704 | 8,455,325 | 14.48% |

**Table 1: Passenger traffic at Dublin Airport for 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 | 12,013 | 130.75% |
| Nov | 3,392 | 11,895 | 250.68% |
| Dec | 3,616 | 12,972 | 258.74% |
| YTD | 83,254 | 85,433 | 2.62% |

**Table 2: Commercial Movements at Dublin Airport for 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 | 11,864 | 24.78% |
| Sep | 10,838 | 12,580 | 16.05% |
| Oct | 11,274 | 13,226 | 17.31% |
| Nov | 11,525 | 12,794 | 11.01% |
| Dev | 12,596 | 12,366 | -1.83% |
| YTD | 131,098 | 151,121 | 15.27% |

**Table 3: Cargo figures at Dublin Airport for 2020 and 2021.**

## 1.2 Cork Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Cork Airport in 2021 were258,802.
- This compares to 530,392 passengers in 2020, which represents a decrease in passenger numbers of 51.21%.
- Commercial movements at Cork Airport for this period were 3,409, a reduction of -47.78% from 6,528 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 | 14,842 | 207.54% |
| July | 27,937 | 32,566 | 16.57% |
| Aug | 40,296 | 74,045 | 83.75% |
| Sep | 23,125 | 28,271 | 22.25% |
| Oct | 17,120 | 0 | -100% |
| Nov | 6,439 | 14,953 | 132.23% |
| Dec | 8,931 | 72,386 | 710.50% |
| YTD | 530,392 | 258,802 | -51.21% |

**Table 4: Passenger traffic at Cork Airport for 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 | 0 | -100.00% |
| Nov | 130 | 135 | 3.85% |
| DEC | 104 | 873 | 739.42% |
| YTD | 6,528 | 3,409 | -47.78% |

**Table 5: Commercial Movements at Cork Airport in 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 | 0 | -100% |
| Nov | 8 | 0 | -100% |
| Dec | 7 | 1 | -85.71% |
| YTD | 83 | 863 | 939.76% |

**Table 6: Cargo figures for Cork Airport in 2020 and 2021.**

## 1.3 Shannon Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Shannon Airport for 2021 were 379,935.
- This compares to 352,403 for 2020, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 7.81% for that period.
- Commercial movements at Shannon Airport for this period were 9.144, an increase of 27.39% from 7,178 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 | 77,426 | 406.95% |
| Nov | 5,411 | 67,878 | 1154.44% |
| Dec | 4,475 | 55,611 | 1142.70% |
| YTD | 352,403 | 379,935 | 7.81% |

**Table 7: Passenger traffic at Shannon Airport for 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 | 532 | 41.00% |
| May | 239 | 430 | 79.92% |
| Jun | 322 | 676 | 63.66% |
| Jul | 662 | 837 | 26.44% |
| Aug | 725 | 973 | 34.21% |
| Sep | 557 | 1,171 | 110.23% |
| Oct | 499 | 1,193 | 139.08% |
| Nov | 397 | 1,098 | 176.57% |
| Dec | 425 | 1,163 | 173.65% |
| YTD | 7,178 | 9,144 | 27.39% |

**Table 8: Commercial Movements at Shannon Airport for 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 | 1,187 | -12.14% |
| Nov | 1,615 | 1,691 | 4.71% |
| Dec | 1,870 | 1,810 | -3.21% |
| YTD | 15,517 | 15,880 | 2.34% |

**Table 9: Cargo figures at Shannon Airport for 2020 and 2021.**

## 1.4 Total Passenger Traffic at State Airports

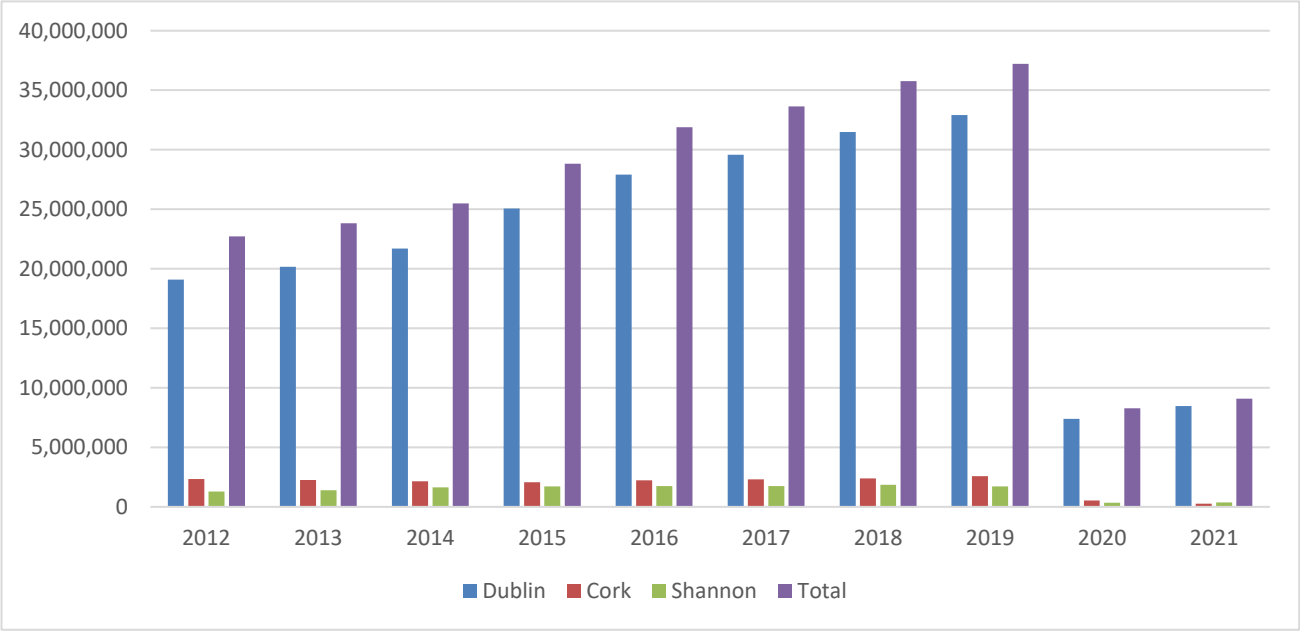
- Total passenger numbers at the 3 State Airports for 2021 were 9,094,137.
- This compares to 8,268,502 for 2020, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 9.99% for that period.

| 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 | 128,227 | -89.12% |
| Apr | 32,407 | 140,909 | 334.81% |
| May | 56,240 | 180,489 | 220.93% |
| Jun | 106,024 | 328,543 | 209.87% |
| Jul | 434,909 | 722,594 | 66.15% |
| Aug | 581,484 | 1,385,217 | 138.24% |
| Sep | 431,781 | 1,437,403 | 232.90% |
| Oct | 295,178 | 1,637,129 | 454.62% |
| Nov | 187,030 | 1,480483 | 691.58% |
| Dec | 304,731 | 1,318964 | 332.83% |
| YTD | 8,268,502 | 9,094,062 | 9.99% |

**Table 9: Total Passenger Traffic at State Airports for 2020 and 2021.**

| | Dublin | Cork | Shannon | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2012 | 19,090,800 | 2,333,626 | 1,286,100 | 22,710,526 |
| 2013 | 20,167,783 | 2,258,005 | 1,400,032 | 23,825,820 |
| 2014 | 21,711,967 | 2,144,476 | 1,639,315 | 25,495,758 |
| 2015 | 25,049,779 | 2,071,210 | 1,714,872 | 28,835,861 |
| 2016 | 27,907,384 | 2,230,564 | 1,748,935 | 31,886,883 |
| 2017 | 29,582,308 | 2,308,506 | 1,751,500 | 33,642,314 |
| 2018 | 31,495,998 | 2,392,821 | 1,864,762 | 35,753,581 |
| 2019 | 32,911,227 | 2,590,262 | 1,717,575 | 37,219,064 |
| 2020 | 7,385,704 | 530,392 | 352,406 | 8,268,502 |
| 2021 | 8,455,325 | 258,802 | 379,935 | 9,094,062 |

**Table 10: Total passenger traffic at State Airports for 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/