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1.1 Donegal Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Donegal Airport for the period January to September 2023 were 32,006.
- This compares to 28,470 in 2022, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 12% for that period.
- Donegal Airport operates a PSO with 29,521 passengers using this service between January and September in 2023.
- This compares to 25,983 passengers using the PSO service in 2022, an increase of 14%.

Donegal Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	1,175	2,410	105
Feb	1,226	2,317	89
Mar	2,600	2,765	6
Apr	3,969	3,026	-24
May	3,308	3,457	5
Jun	3,717	3,704	0.3
Jul	4,514	4,846	7
Aug	4,400	5,335	21
Sep	3,561	4,146	16
Oct	2,929	-	-
Nov	2,914	-	-
Dec	2,621	-	-
YTD	28,470	32,006	12

Table 1: Passenger traffic at Donegal Airport for the period Jan - Sept 2022 and 2023.

- Commercial movements at Donegal Airport were 1167 between January and September 2023.
- This is an increase of 3% compared to 2022 up from 1128.

Donegal Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	120	115	-4
Feb	88	110	25
Mar	120	125	4
Apr	132	120	9
May	132	127	4
Jun	126	128	2
Jul	132	152	15
Aug	144	148	3
Sep	134	142	6
Oct	126	-	-
Nov	122	-	-
Dec	109	-	-
YTD	1128	1167	3

Table 2: Commercial traffic at Donegal Airport between Jan – Sept 2022 and 2023.

1.2 Kerry Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Kerry Airport between January and September in 2023 was 328,394.
- This compares to 266,096 in 2022, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 23% for that period.
- Kerry Airport does not operate a PSO service at present, the Kerry-Dublin route is operated by Ryanair.

Kerry Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	7,158	21,563	201
Feb	15,579	24,612	58
Mar	22,099	26,172	18
Apr	33,828	40,955	21
May	33,047	40,825	24
Jun	35,218	40,538	15
Jul	41,171	45,902	11
Aug	41,433	48,518	17
Sep	36,563	39,309	8
Oct	36,143	-	-
Nov	25,883	-	-
Dec	28,019	-	-
YTD	266,096	328,394	23

Table 3: Passenger traffic at Kerry Airport between Jan - Sept 2022 and 2023

- Commercial movements at Kerry Airport between January and September for 2023 were 2753.
- This is an increase of 14% from 2022, up from 2,417 commercial movements.

Kerry Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	136	268	97
Feb	160	240	50
Mar	256	284	11
Apr	300	324	8
May	318	342	8
Jun	298	318	7
Jul	340	318	-6
Aug	308	332	8
Sep	301	327	9
Oct	304	-	-
Nov	265	-	-
Dec	261	-	-
YTD	2417	2753	14

Table 4: Commercial Movements at Kerry Airport between Jan - Sept for 2022 and 2023.

1.3 Ireland West Airport Knock Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Ireland West Airport Knock for the period January to September 2023 was 637,453.
- This compares to 546,812 for the same period in 2022, an increase in passenger numbers of 17%.

Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	13,842	39,286	184
Feb	32,654	43,850	34
Mar	39,930	51,236	28
Apr	70,066	79,047	13
May	63,364	73,467	16
Jun	73,603	82,006	11
Jul	86,879	91,261	5
Aug	92,662	101,818	10
Sep	73,812	75,482	2
Oct	75,841	-	-
Nov	48,746	-	-
Dec	48,694	-	-
YTD	546,812	637,453	17

Table 5: Passenger traffic at IWAK Jan – Sept 2022 and 2023.

- Commercial movements at Ireland West Airport Knock for the period January to June 2023 were 4,495.
- This is an increase of 13% compared to 2022, up from 3,963 commercial movements.

Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	174	324	86
Feb	254	306	20
Mar	328	396	21
Apr	506	545	8
May	526	568	8
Jun	527	582	10
Jul	554	582	5
Aug	554	604	9
Sep	540	588	9
Oct	542	-	-
Nov	352	-	-
Dec	352	-	-
YTD	3,963	4,495	13

Table 6: Commercial movements at IWAK for the period Jan – Sept 2022 and 2023.

1.4 Waterford Airport Key Statistics

- There have been no scheduled air services operating out of Waterford Airport since June 2016.

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