

Dublin Airport +15% to 11.5m in 'strong' HY1

The daa has reported that passenger numbers at Dublin Airport rose by 15% to 11.5m during the first six months of 2015, with the increase translating into more than 1.5m more passengers than in the corresponding period in 2014.



“Dublin Airport had very strong passenger growth in the first six months of 2015 increasing by over three times the European average. The outlook for the rest of the year remains positive with 2015 on course to be the busiest in the airport’s history,” said Dublin Airport Managing Director, Vincent Harrison.

“The growth is due to 22 new routes/services starting in the first half of the year as well as additional capacity on a number on existing services,” he said.

Passenger traffic to and from continental Europe grew by 16% in the first six months with almost 5.9m passengers travelling. UK traffic was up 13% with over 4.2m passengers flying to and from 25 cities and transatlantic traffic increased by 12%.



Dublin Airport Terminal 2 retailing.

In total, just over one million people travelled between Dublin and North America during the first half of the year and this summer there will be ten airlines operating 328 flights to and from North America to 11 destinations in the US and four in Canada – an average of 47 flights per day.

Other international traffic, which includes flights to two destinations in the Middle East and three to African destinations rose by 33% with almost 370,000 passengers flying to and from these locations.

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The number of passengers on domestic flights increased by 19% for the first six months with almost 36,000 people taking flights within the Republic of Ireland.

“We welcomed six new airlines in the first six months of the year offering greater choice and flexibility for both business and leisure passengers,” Mr Harrison added.

Dublin Airport currently offers flights to 167 destinations and is celebrating its 75th birthday this year.

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