

Busiest-ever August record for the Irish Aviation Authority

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) has announced that August 2017 is now officially the busiest ever record in Ireland as total flights recorded 110,020 movements, with air traffic up at all the country's airports of Dublin, Cork and Shannon.

The IAA says last August's results represented an increase of +2% over August 2016, with the 110,020 total movements including North Atlantic Communications flights and over flights.



INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC UP +4.2%

In relation to international arrivals and departures, the commercial terminal traffic for Shannon, Dublin and Cork airports was up by +4.2% in August 2017, when compared to August 2016. Individually, the August 2017 figures for the three State airports, when compared to the same month in the previous year were as follows.

Commercial terminal flights at Dublin grew by +4.4% with an average of 669 daily commercial movements, while flights at Cork increased by +3.6%, with an average of 69 commercial daily movements.

Dublin Airport has performed strongly this year.



Passengers at Dublin Airport. Click to enlarge.

By contrast, commercial terminal flights at Shannon rose by +2.8%, with an average of 61 commercial daily movements.

The IAA's analysis of North Atlantic Communications flights (*Europe /US Flights*) recorded 'a significant increase' of +7.6% in August 2017, when compared to August 2016.

There was, however, a decrease of -2.4% in Ireland's over flight traffic movements (*flights, which do not land in Ireland*) during August 2017 - in comparison to August 2016.

BUSINESS IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Commenting on the announcement, Eamonn Brennan, Chief Executive of the IAA said; "So far this year, we have safely managed over three quarters of a million flights through Irish airspace and at Dublin, Cork and Shannon.

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“We’re up about 3% on 2016 and the forecast remains good for the rest of 2017, which is good sign for the economy.

“August was another good month. We operate a state-of-the-art and very reliable air traffic management system, which has the capacity to handle more traffic in the years ahead.”



Aer Lingus at Dublin Airport.

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