Growing Connectivity
Growing Passengers
Growing Tourism
Growing Employment
Growing Investment
In 2019, Cork Airport saw strong growth with an increase in destination choices and frequency of flights from existing and new airlines in both the Summer (March-October) and Winter (October-March) seasons. In Summer 2019, eight new routes operated — three with Aer Lingus (Nice, Dubrovnik and Lisbon) and five with Ryanair (Naples, Malta, Budapest, Poznan, and London Luton) while Ryanair will operate five additional services this Winter (Alicante, Budapest, Katowice, Poznan and Malta).

Cork Airport is Ireland’s busiest and best connected regional international airport. As well as operating over 50 direct routes to the UK and Europe, Cork Airport also provides daily long-haul connectivity through major hub airports such as London Heathrow, Amsterdam Schiphol and Paris CDG.

The connectivity indices for Ireland’s regional airports are shown in the chart below. A higher figure for the connectivity indicator denotes a greater degree of access to the global air transport network.
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Cork Airport, working with its airline partners, plays a key role in the growth of employment in Ireland.

**DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT**
Direct employment supported by on-going operations at Cork Airport was estimated at 2,200 jobs in 2019. Adjusting for part-time and seasonal employment, this equates to 1,890 Full-Time Equivalent jobs (FTEs). The total income of these employees is €87m and the total direct Gross Value Added (GVA) generated by Cork Airport in 2019 was estimated to be €173m.

**INDIRECT & INDUCED IMPACT**
Adding in multiplier impacts — indirect (supplying and supporting businesses) and induced (the employees spending in the economy) — the total employment supported by activities at Cork Airport is estimated to be 5,050 jobs (or 4,410 FTEs), earning a total of €195m. The contribution to GDP is estimated to be €385m.

**CATALYTIC**
In addition, a further 7,130 jobs are a result of Cork Airport’s catalytic impacts, facilitating tourism, trade, investment and productivity growth. This earns €263m and generates €518m in GVA.

**GROWING PASSENGERS**

![Image of passengers with text: Growing Passengers.](image)

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**2.6M** **PASSENGER NUMBERS IN 2019**

**8%** **INCREASE IN PASSENGER NUMBERS ON 2018**

**PASSENGER GROWTH WAS DUE TO NEW SERVICES AND FREQUENCIES TO:**

- UK
- France
- Malta
- Italy
- Portugal
- Hungary
- Poland
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**AVERAGE COMPOUND GROWTH RATE PER ANNUM**

- **5.7%**

**GROWING INBOUND TOURISM**

Cork Airport is uniquely located as a gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Ancient East — hugely beneficial for inbound tourism. Traffic to/from the UK accounted for 53% of passenger traffic in 2019, two thirds of which were to/from London. Approximately, 47% of the traffic was to/from Continental Europe.

![Image of passengers with text: Growing Inbound Tourism.](image)

**53%** **PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN 2019 TO/FROM THE UK**

**47%** **PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN 2019 TO/FROM CONTINENTAL EUROPE**

**TOTAL**

- **12,180** **PEOPLE EMPLOYED DUE TO CORK AIRPORT**
- **10,740** **FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTEs) CREATED BY CORK AIRPORT**
- **€457M** **SALARIES/WAGES GENERATED AS A RESULT OF CORK AIRPORT**
- **€904M** **GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA) BY CORK AIRPORT**
SCHEDULED DESTINATIONS

London Airports
- Luton
- Stansted
- Gatwick

Canary Islands
- Tenerife
- Lanzarote
- Gran Canaria

Scheduled Flights
- Scheduled Flights
- Charter Flights

CORK AIRPORT | Love taking off
In 2019, the team at Cork Airport were very proud to be:

- Ireland’s fastest growing airport
- Ireland’s most punctual airport
- Ireland’s most customer friendly airport
- Enjoying its fourth consecutive year of traffic growth
- Europe’s Best Airport in its class (Airport Council International)

**daa plc**, the highly successful commercial semi-state aviation company that manages Cork Airport among its international aviation business portfolio, has firm plans to invest €40m at Cork Airport over the next three years. Growing passenger numbers, ever-higher security standards and the ever-increasing need to operate profitably, have resulted in the need to invest in a new Hold Baggage System (HBS) to meet new EU-wide regulations. daa will be investing over €8m in Cork Airport in the next year in new Hold Baggage Screening Equipment (HBS Standard 3) to further enhance passenger safety and security.

Investment will also be made in increased aircraft parking stands to facilitate future traffic growth as well as in additional car parking and commercial facilities to meet the expanding needs of Ireland’s fastest growing airport.

Cork Airport is focused on continued growth to deliver for business, international connectivity, jobs and tourism across the South of Ireland.

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