

THE FUTURE OF AIR TRANSPORT

KEY FACTS – The Midlands

There are a total of 35 civilian and military airports in the Midlands ranging from large regional airports to small airstrips. The two major airports in the region are Birmingham International and East Midlands and there are two smaller commercial airports - Coventry and Wolverhampton Business airports.

- Passenger traffic in the Midlands in 2002 – 11.3 million passengers per annum (mppa).
- Birmingham and East Midlands rank second and eighth in terms of total passenger traffic amongst regional airports in the UK.
- Birmingham and East Midlands rank eighth and first in terms of total freight tonnes in 2002 for airports outside the South East of England.
- Average number of return trips per head of population in the Midlands is currently estimated at 0.75.
- Overall growth in air passengers for the Midlands since 1991 has been around 9% a year, which is above the UK regional average (around 8%).
- East Midlands saw the largest percentage growth in passenger numbers, although Birmingham experienced the greatest increase in absolute passenger numbers.
- According to current estimates, aviation adds £0.7 billion to the Midlands economy each year and accounts for 0.6% of the Midlands' GDP.

The following section provides the key facts for the 3 major airports in the Midlands.

Birmingham International

- Birmingham International is the second largest regional airport in the UK and the only regional airport to derive over 10% of passengers from foreign business travel.

2002 Data	Birmingham International
Millions of passengers per annum (mppa)	8.0 mppa
Mppa average growth per annum (1991-2002)	8.6 %
Freight (tonnes)	13,326 tonnes
Freight average growth (1991-2002)	- 5.9 %
Air Transport Movement's (ATM's)	112,284
ATM's average growth p.a. (1991-2002)	4.9 %
Direct airport employment	<i>c.7,000</i>

East Midlands Airport

- East Midlands Airport is the third largest freight airport in the UK and handles more freight aircraft than any other UK airport.

2002 Data	East Midlands
Millions of passengers per annum (mppa)	3.2 mppa
Mppa average growth per annum ((1991-2002)	9.9 %
Freight (tonnes)	219,252 tonnes
Freight average growth per annum (1991-2002)	34.5 %
Air Transport Movement's (ATM's)	48,627
ATM's average growth p.a. (1991-2002)	5.1 %
Direct airport employment	<i>c.6,500</i>

Coventry Airport

2002 Data	Coventry
Millions of passengers per annum (mppa)	0.004 mppa
Mppa average growth per annum (1991-2002)	-3.6 %
Freight (tonnes)	4,673 tonnes
Freight average growth (1991-2002)	8.2 %
Air Transport Movements (ATMs)	3,860
ATMs average growth (1991-2002)	6.2 %
Direct airport employment	<i>N/A</i>

