

# THE FUTURE OF AIR TRANSPORT

## KEY FACTS – South West

- The South West has five main airports: Bournemouth, Bristol, Exeter, Newquay and Plymouth.
- All except Exeter (which is a local authority company) are owned and/or operated privately. Newquay is on RAF St Mawgan and operates under license from MoD.
- In 2002, of the 189 million passengers passing through UK airports, just over 4.4 million used the main South West airports.
- People living in the South West make fewer journeys by air than those in most other parts of the UK at around 0.7 return trips per person.
- In 2000 up to 65% of people in the South West choose to travel from airports outside the region – particularly airports in the South East.
- South West airports are generally small - the largest, Bristol, ranks sixth of the UK's regional airports.
- Overall growth in air passengers for the South West was around 13%pa, higher than the UK regional average (around 8%pa). The highest growth was at Bristol (14.4%pa) and the lowest was at Plymouth (1.6%pa)
- Growth has been faster in international services (both scheduled and charter) than domestic.
- Bristol has seen the largest increase in passenger numbers both in terms of percentages and absolute numbers.
- Bournemouth has the only significant cargo operation - Bristol and Exeter handle predominantly mail freight.
- The population of the region is around 5 million, of whom over 10,000 are employed either directly or indirectly in the aviation industry.
- The aviation industry directly contributes around £0.2billion (0.3%) to the region's economy.

## South West Airports

	PAX 1991 mppa	PAX 2002 Mppa	Average Growth pa	Range of Services	Freight/ Mail Tonnes	Total ATMs	Direct Jobs
<b>Bournemouth</b>	0.125	0.394	11%	'No frills' to Dublin, Frankfurt; Prestwick Charter	10,500	7,500	500
<b>Bristol</b>	0.783	3.446	14.4%	Domestic & short haul scheduled; 'No frills'; Charter	5,000	46,000	2800
<b>Exeter</b>	0.164	0.348	7.1%	Channel Islands; Dublin; 'no frills' Charter;	1,000	5,500	950
<b>Newquay</b>	N/A	0.117	N/A	Gatwick; Stansted; Isles of Scilly; Zurich charter (summer only)	0	8,200	100
<b>Plymouth</b>	0.085	0.101	1.6%	Gatwick via Newquay; Cork; Dublin; Bristol; Manchester; Newcastle	50	5,000	350

	Existing Infrastructure Capacities				
	Runway			Apron	Terminal Capacity (mppa)
	Length (m)	Capacity ATMs	Hourly Capacity (ATMs) †	Stands	
<b>Bournemouth</b>	2272	170,000	20	6	0.75
<b>Bristol</b>	2011	135-160,000	30	21	3.5-4.0
<b>Exeter</b>	2087	155-160,000	25-30	8	0.90
<b>Newquay</b>	2700	*50,000	20	N/A	0.90
<b>Plymouth</b>	1075	155-160,000	4	5	0.40

† estimate only

\*currently limited to 7,000 under license from MoD.