

## Leeds/Bradford Airport Statistics February 2009

	Feb-08	Feb-09	% This month	% +/-
<b>Movements</b>				
Scheduled	2671	2106	64.70%	-21.15%
Charter	83	78	2.40%	-6.02%
Private/Misc	1976	1071	32.90%	-45.80%
Total	4730	3255		-31.18%
<b>Passengers</b>				
Scheduled	167793	122907	93.15%	-26.75%
Charter	6786	7748	5.87%	14.18%
Transit	1823	1294	0.98%	-29.02%
TOTAL	176402	131949		-25.20%
International	128646	96767	79.15%	-24.78%
Domestic	46133	33888	20.85%	-26.54%
MOVING ANNUAL TOTAL	2865470	2793308		-2.52%

What can you say? A dreadful reduction in Passenger numbers (-25%) and movements (-31%). The only positives are that Feb 08 was a leap year, which in itself equates to a 3% reduction and the number of charter passengers actually increased by 14%. Maybe passengers are returning the traditional package holiday. Apparently the Inclusive Tour (IT/Package) sector doesn't suffer as much, in an economic downturn, as scheduled airlines. There was also a lot of disruption due to snow this year which will account for a proportion of the reduction in Private flight movements.

With regard to the international passenger numbers, I will start with the positive news. The Islamabad flights increased by 52%, interestingly Murcia increased by 19%, Paris by 18% and Arrecife by 6%. All the rest of the international routes, either didn't operate in Feb 09 compared to Feb 08, or the passenger numbers reduced in number. Ten destinations reduced by over 30% and that doesn't include the ones that didn't operate this year. The worst being Bridgetown(60%), Salzburg (55%), Barcelona(45%) and Las Palmas (41%). The new charter route of Sharm El Sheikh was the main reason the charter passengers increased.

On the Domestic front, the only increase in passengers was on the Newquay route (60% increase). The worst performing that still operated in Feb 09 were Edinburgh (-51%), Heathrow (-42%), Bristol (-32%), The Heathrow flight still just carried the most passengers, but probably for the last time, followed by the two Belfast flights and then Southampton.

The number of commercial flights that diverted away from LBIA was 7, which considering the weather was very good. Most of the other UK Airports had more diversions away from their intended arrival airport, so why didn't we get them??, since according to the CAA we didn't receive any.

Reference: CAA Statistics website