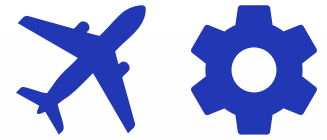


Jet-Fuelled Growth



The Impact of Aviation in Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Yorkshire and The Humber

AVIATION'S IMPACT IN NUMBERS



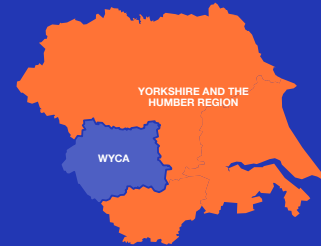
13,013 jobs

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority area has 13,013 jobs directly generated by aviation.



1,233 jobs

Of these, Leeds North West constituency has the largest share, with 1,233 jobs.



23,000 jobs

The wider Yorkshire and The Humber region boasts 23,000 jobs directly generated by aviation.



£475 million

Leeds Bradford Airport contributes £475 million in GVA to the Leeds City Region.



4 million

More than four million passengers travel through Leeds Bradford Airport every year.

INTRODUCTION TO AVIATION IN LEEDS

Aviation is a fast-growing sector in the UK. It supports key industries like advanced manufacturing, tech, life sciences, and tourism – many of which the Government's Industrial Strategy identifies as growth-driving sectors.

Leeds Bradford Airport plays a vital role in the region and provides a gateway to international markets.

Passengers can fly direct to 80 destinations, while the connections to Amsterdam Schiphol and Dublin open up global opportunities for businesses and residents. The Leeds Bradford Airport 'Vision for 2030' is backed by £200 million in private

investment. It has the ambition to create up to 5,500 new jobs and reach seven million passengers – helping to contribute nearly £1 billion to the local economy.

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority supports the airport's growth as a transport hub and sees the surrounding area as a key employment zone. Airlines play a major role in supporting the local economy, particularly Jet2 which is headquartered in Leeds. Leeds Bradford Airport also underpins industries such as advanced manufacturing and engineering, chemicals and low-carbon technologies.

Leeds Bradford Airport's 'Vision 2030' document clearly states how the airport will improve Yorkshire's connection to the rest of the world. This substantial private investment will benefit local communities and the wider Yorkshire region, serving as a catalyst for considerable, long-term economic growth.

TRACY BRABIN, MAYOR OF WEST YORKSHIRE



LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT

SUSTAINABLE AVIATION IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The aviation industry has a clear and credible plan for decarbonising the sector. This includes more efficient planes, flying more efficient routes, ramping up the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and using new zero-emission technologies such as hydrogen. Research from Sustainable Aviation shows a homegrown SAF industry could boost the UK economy by £1.8 billion by the end of the decade and create 10,300 green jobs. The industry could grow to employ more than 60,000 people and support over £10 billion in GVA in the next 25 years.

Yorkshire is also becoming a national leader in low-carbon technologies and SAF.

The University of Sheffield's Sustainable Aviation Fuels Innovation Centre tests and develops new fuels, and the University is also home to the Energy Innovation Centre which Boeing uses to test, develop and assess new sustainable aviation fuels.

Bradford Low Carbon Hydrogen, meanwhile, is set to become the UK's largest hydrogen production facility, boosting green hydrogen production and demand.

AIRLINES AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Leeds Bradford Airport and Jet2

Jet2, one of the UK's largest airlines, is the only airline based in northern England. Its headquarters at Leeds Bradford Airport has significantly boosted local employment in airline engineering, creating technical jobs and providing attractive career opportunities.

Jet2 has partnered with Leeds Beckett University to redevelop two of its tourism degrees, to ensure students develop the skills needed for the travel industry. The airline also runs its own training programmes for pilots and cabin crew at two centres in Bradford.

Also based at Leeds Bradford Airport is the Aviation Academy – part of Craven College in Skipton – which provides opportunities for pilot training in Yorkshire.

Advanced manufacturing

Yorkshire is a manufacturing and engineering powerhouse, with advanced manufacturers making up 14 per cent of the high-growth businesses in West Yorkshire. There are around 6,000 manufacturing businesses in the region, providing jobs that are both well-paid and skilled. This includes specialisms in the space and aerospace industries. Manufacturers such as Boeing, Airbus, Lockheed Martin, Space-X and One Web use the supply chains in West Yorkshire to design, engineer and manufacture components.

HOW AVIATION SUPPORTS WEST YORKSHIRE'S ECONOMIC AMBITIONS

Aviation helps West Yorkshire grow by connecting people and businesses to global markets. There are huge opportunities for further development – 13 million journeys are made by passengers from Yorkshire each year, but only four million are through Leeds Bradford Airport. Meeting the needs of leisure and business travellers by continuing to develop new routes, such as expansion to North America and the Middle East, will support the growth of the airport.

The development of a parkway station near the airport will provide sustainable public transport options. Working together, West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds Bradford Airport can continue to improve access to the airport site and support development of the North West Employment Hub. This will help to support the airport, boost job creation and house-building, and drive growth across the wider region.

