Country destinations with most international business passengers and growth, 2007

COUNTRY	Business Passengers (m)	% of total international business passengers	% passenger growth over 1996	Share of total UK trade
Top 5 destinations:	()	, and a second		
Germany	4.0	11.9%	45%	11.8%
United States	3.7	11.1%	36%	13.9%
Irish Republic	3.1	9.4%	128%	3.8%
Netherlands	2.3	7.0%	58%	6.7%
France	2.2	6.6%	17%	7.8%
Emerging markets:				
India	0.5	1.5%	151%	1.3%
United Arab Emirates	0.4	1.1%	155%	0.6%
China	0.3	0.9%	521%	3.4%
Total International	33.3	100%	61%	100%

Source: CAA Passenger Surveys, 1994-96, 2005-07. ONS Exports and Imports of Goods and Services by Country.

Notes: excludes international-international connectors at UK airports

Most business travellers fly to either Europe or North America. However, emerging markets such as China, India and the United Arab Emirates had the largest growth rates between 1996-2007. The key destinations for business travellers align with the level of trade the UK has with each country.

Long-haul destinations are still dominated by travel to North America, accounting for 40 per cent of long-haul passengers. Half of all long-haul business travellers used either British Airways or Virgin Atlantic in 2007, a figure that has remained unchanged from 1996.