

Airport's numbers take off

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GOLD Coast Airport numbers jumped by 25 per cent last month compared with the previous year's May figures.

A total of 361,282 people passed through the airport last month, an increase of more than 90,000.

"In light of the increasing concerns over fuel costs, this has been a solid performance by our airline partners and the destinations serviced by our airports," said Dennis Chant, Queensland Airport's managing director.

"We are acutely aware of the pressures fuel costs are placing on the air transport industry and the economy as a whole, so we continue to work closely with our airline partners and our communities to sustain the current level of services," he said.

In the next 18 months, Gold Coast Airport will spend as much as \$100 million on a major expansion.

More than 4 million passengers came through the terminal last year.