

ADS Commercial Aircraft & Engine Data

April 2026 results

April aircraft orders return to highest performance since 2016

- 164 aircraft orders placed in April 2026 was 763% more than April 2025
- 115 aircraft delivered in April 2026 was 13% more than in April 2025, and the largest number of aircraft deliveries in April since 2015
- 16,683 aircraft on backlog order at the end of April 2026 is a new all-time record and 5% ahead of the backlog figure at this time last year

Approximate value to the UK of Commercial Aircraft Orders & Deliveries

Commercial Aircraft		Gross Orders ¹		Deliveries		Total Backlog	
		#	Approx Value to UK ²	#	Approx Value to UK	#	Approx Value to UK ²
Total	YTD April 2026	733	£18 - 21bn	376	£7.5 - 8.5bn	16,683	£335 - 385bn
Single-aisle	YTD April 2026	531	£5 - 6.5bn	313	£3.5 - 4bn	13,572	£133 - 162bn
Wide-body	YTD April 2026	202	£13 - 14.5bn	63	£4 - 4.5bn	3,111	£202 - 223bn

Source: ADS Group Commercial Aerospace Market Information

- 145 additional aircraft orders in April 2026 compared to April last year is a significant rebound, after lower April order numbers from 2022 through to now.
- The appetite for widebody aircraft orders has shown significant improvement with 94 orders in April 2026, which is an 840% uplift on April 2025.
- 733 aircraft orders placed year-to-date is 36% ahead of the first four months of 2025 as confidence in the sector remains buoyant despite global headwinds.
- 115 aircraft deliveries in April 2026 is just 13 more than April 2025 with the delivery of widebody aircraft in decline compared to the same month last year.
- 95 deliveries for single-aisle aircraft in April are up 17% year-on-year, point to ongoing efforts to ramp up narrowbody production rates.
- 376 aircraft delivered so far this year, is a new best for January to April since 2019.
- There have been 44 cancellations for aircraft so far in 2026, 61% less than by April 2025.

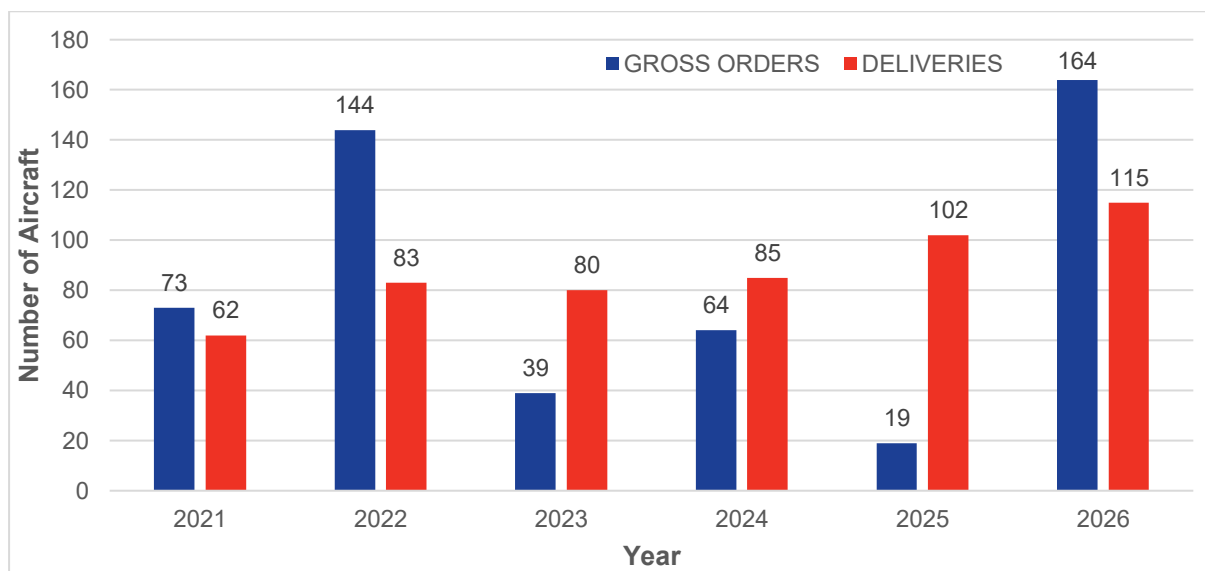
¹ Gross orders and backlog are for Airbus and Boeing commercial aircraft. Gross orders do not account for known cancellations. There were 5 COMAC aircraft deliveries recorded so far in 2026 (included in deliveries). Engine orders and backlog are for confirmed single-aisle and wide-body engine orders.

² Prices of aircraft using 2019 pricelist with US dollar inflation rate of 2.6% on the assumed 2025 value, aircraft prices have not been reported reliably since 2017. The relevant Bank of England exchange rate for April 2026 was 1.3477.

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Gross Orders and Delivery of Aircraft in April Timeseries



- 16,683 backlog orders could be worth up to £386bn³ to the UK based on current values.
- At current projected production rates this is likely 12 years' worth of work⁴.
- Single-aisle aircraft continue to dominate the order book, deliveries and backlog, accounting for 70 to 85% of each, thus reflecting their central role in airline fleet renewal and network expansion.

Summary Tables Aircraft

Commercial Aircraft		Month of April		End of April
		Gross Orders	Deliveries†	Backlog*
Total	April 2026	164	115	16,683
	April 2025	19	102	15,871
	% change	763%	13%	5%
Single-aisle	April 2026	70	95	13,572
	April 2025	9	81	13,372
	% change	678%	17%	1%
Wide-body	April 2026	94	20	3,111
	April 2025	10	21	2,499
	% change	840%	-5%	24%

Forecast

- Due to persistent geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty, **ADS continues not to issue a forecast for aircraft deliveries to the end of 2026** and will review the outlook over the next few months.

³ Estimated UK content values have been recalculated using updated 2026 aircraft price assumptions, resulting in higher implied backlog values relative to earlier publications. They are not directly comparable with figures published in earlier periods.

⁴ This is based on dividing the current backlog of aircraft by 2025 deliveries of 1,411 and rounding to the nearest whole year.