

RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
May 06, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of May 2009

**RYANAIR HOLDINGS PLC**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**c/o Ryanair Ltd Corporate Head Office**  
**Dublin Airport**  
**County Dublin Ireland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Ryanair's 5.3M April passengerS double those of BA

**12% INCREASE IN RYANAIR'S PASSENGER NUMBERS**

Ryanair, Europe's largest low fare airline today (6th May 09) confirmed April traffic of 5.3million, a 12% increase over April 2008 and more than double British Airways' declining April traffic.

Ryanair's continued growth proves that passengers prefer Ryanair's low fares over the high fares and fuel surcharges imposed by flag carriers, such as Air France, British Airways and Lufthansa.

The following are Ryanair's passenger and load factor statistics for April 2009:

	<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Passengers (m) 1</b>	<b>4.7m</b>	<b>5.3m</b>	<b>+12%</b>
<b>Load Factor 2</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>+3%</b>

1. Represents the number of booked seats flown by Ryanair.

2. Represents the number of passengers as a proportion of the number of seats available to passengers.

Stephen McNamara, Head of Communications, said:

*"We continue to grow our monthly traffic as passengers switch to Ryanair's guaranteed lowest fares and no fuel surcharge from BA's high fares, unfair fuel surcharges and flight delays.*

*"Ryanair carried 5.3 million passengers in April, an increase of 12%, and while some growth can be attributed to Easter falling later this year April was another strong month of growth at the expense of high cost airlines who see passengers continue to switch to Ryanair. Ryanair now carries more than double the monthly traffic of BA proving, yet again, that the self titled "World's favourite airline" isn't even Britain's favourite anymore".*

Ends.

Wednesday 6th May 2009

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

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By:\_\_\_/s/ James Callaghan\_\_\_

James Callaghan  
Company Secretary & Finance Director