

# The Berlin Airlift – facts and figures

## Tonnage lifted to Berlin by British aircraft:

RAF aircraft: 394,509 tons

Civil aircraft: 147,727 tons

TOTAL: 542,236 tons

**Tonnage lifted to Berlin by USAF aircraft: 1,783,572.7 tons**

**Total combined British and American airlift tonnage: 2,325,508.7 tons**

## Tonnage by type:

Type	British	American
Food	241,712.9 tons	296,303.1 tons
Coal	164,799.7 tons	1421,729.6 tons
Military	18,239.1 tons	-
Liquid fuel	92,282.4 tons	54,540 tons
Miscellaneous	25,201.9 tons	-

**British tonnage exported from Berlin: 35,843.1 tons**

## Passengers lifted to and from Berlin:

Nationality	To	From
British	36,281	131,436
American	24,216	36,584
Total	60,434	165,020

**Highest daily combined British and American tonnage: 12,940.9 tons on 16 April 1949**

**Highest daily British tonnage: 2,314.5 tons on 5 July 1949**

**Highest daily RAF tonnage: 1,735.6 gtons on 17 August 1948**

**Highest daily British civil tonnage: 1,009.6 tons on 22 May 1949**

**British aircraft consumed over 35 million gallons of aviation fuel, flew more than 30 million miles, and spent more than 200,000 hours in the air flying to and from Berlin.**