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Bonus income for airlines

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Aer Lingus earned \$239 million in ancillary income, which was 12.6 per cent of income. Photograph: Cathal McNaughton/Reuters

Ancillary revenue is becoming more and more lucrative for airlines, with \$40.5 billion collected by 67 airlines last year, from baggage fees, food, shopping, hotels, car rental, and frequent flyer incentives. In a survey by Cartrawler and Idea Works based on the 2015 financial filings, United topped the list with \$6.2 billion followed by American (\$4.7 billion) and Delta (\$3.7 billion). Among the European carriers Air France topped the list with \$2.1 billion, British Airways had a quarter of that at £594 million. The Irish carriers earned \$1.7 billion for Ryanair which represents per cent of income and Aer Lingus \$239 million, which was 12.6 per cent of income.