



ENAIRE surpasses the 2.1-million-flight mark in 2019

- Air traffic continues to grow, but at a slower pace than in previous months. Spain registered a growth rate of 2.4%, well above the European average of 0.9%
- All types of flights continue to increase: overflights, 4.8%; domestic flights, 3.8%; and international flights, 1.1%
- Traffic went up in every traffic control centre except for Palma: Seville (+4.6%), Barcelona (+3.4%), Madrid (+2.2%), Canary Islands (+0.6%)

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ENAIRE completed a historic year with a total of 2,149,648 flights managed, a figure that is 2.4% higher than in 2018, a year that was already the busiest up to that point.

This growth positions Spain above the European average, which stands at 0.9% annually.

All types of flights increased over the past 12 months, with overflights (those that do not land at or take off from a Spanish airport) growing the most, by 4.8% (465,279).

Domestic flights are up 3.8% (434,417). International flights totalled 1,249,952, a 1.1% increase over 2018.

The amount of air traffic managed by all ENAIRE control centres went up

Every ENAIRE control centre, with the exception of Palma, saw increased activity in 2019: Seville, 426,507 flights (+4.6%); Barcelona, 985,428 (+3.4%); Madrid, 1,187,649 (+2.2%); Canary Islands, 357,662 (+0.6%); and Palma, 330,965 (107 additional flights).





Cumulative traffic comparison January-December 2019/2018								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRE network	2,149,648	2.4	1,249,952	1.1	434,417	3.8	465,279	4.8
Madrid CC	1,187,649	2.2	618,386	0.7	205,868	2.7	363,395	4.4
Barcelona CC	985,428	3.4	694,413	2.7	182,969	3.4	108,046	8.0
Canary Islands CC	357,662	0.6	168,537	-5.5	149,752	3.9	39,373	19.4
Seville CC	426,507	4.6	206,598	1.9	115,178	8.8	104,731	5.7
Palma CC	330,965	0.0	223,780	-0.4	106,607	1.1	578	-27.2

Note. The total number of flights operated by ENAIRE's network does not necessarily match the total number of flights managed by each Control Centre (CC). This is due to the fact that a flight is registered according to the air space and route it crosses. For example: a flight departing from Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport bound for Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat will be registered at the Control Centres in Madrid and Barcelona.

Traffic in 2019 in the Central-Northern Region

A total of 1,187,649 flights were controlled in 2019 from ENAIRE's Control Centre in Madrid, 2.2% more than in 2018.

This Control Centre in Madrid manages air navigation services for the airspace above 435,000 square kilometres, including the autonomous regions of Galicia, the Principality of Asturias, Cantabria, Basque Country, Navarra, Castilla y León, La Rioja and Madrid; part of Castilla-La Mancha, Extremadura and Aragón, and the coastal area of the Cantabrian Sea and the Galician coast.

Traffic in 2019 in the Eastern Region

A total of 985,428 flights were controlled in 2019 from ENAIRE's Control Centre in Barcelona, 3.4% more than in 2018. Of note is the 8% growth (108,046 total flights) in overflights guided from this facility.

ENAIRE's Air Control Centre in Barcelona manages an airspace that covers 300,000 square kilometres and includes Catalonia, Valencia, part of the regions of Murcia and Aragon, as well as a large patch of Spain's Mediterranean territorial waters. The Barcelona and Valencia terminal areas (TMA) fall within its radius.





Traffic in 2019 in the Balearic Islands

A total of 330,965 flights were controlled in 2019 from ENAIRE's Control Centre in Palma, with no change compared to 2018. The reduction in overflights, to 578 movements from 794 in the previous year, was notable.

This Centre manages the air navigation services for the five islands (Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza, Formentera and Cabrera) and the various islets that make up the Balearic archipelago. Only the first three have airports and navaids. Its airspace spans 51,400 square kilometres.

Traffic in 2019 in the Southern Region

A total of 426,507 flights were controlled in 2019 from ENAIRE's Control Centre in Seville, a 4.6% increase over 2018.

ENAIRE's Seville Control Centre manages an airspace of 179,000 square kilometres that covers Andalusia, the province of Badajoz, part of Ciudad Real, Albacete and Murcia, the entire Bay of Cádiz and the entire western Mediterranean, as well as Ceuta and Melilla.

Traffic in 2019 in the Canary Islands Region

A total of 357,662 flights were controlled in 2019 from ENAIRE's Control Centre in the Canary Islands, 0.6% more than in 2018. Of note is the 19.4% growth in overflights, with 39,373 movements.

ENAIRE's Air Control Centre in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, in the Canary Islands, manages the air navigation services for a geographical area spanning 1,370,000 square kilometres. Especially over ocean areas where the Canarian archipelago and part of Western Sahara are located.

About ENAIRE

ENAIRE is the company belonging to the Public Works Department that provides air navigation services in Spain. It renders aerodrome control services at 21 airports, including the busiest in terms of air traffic, plus enroute and approach control, from five control centres: Barcelona, Madrid, Gran Canaria, Palma and Seville. In addition, ENAIRE provides communications, navigation and surveillance services to 45 air control towers.





In 2019, ENAIRE handled 2.1 million flights to and from four continents (Europe, America, Asia and Africa), transporting 300 million passengers.

ENAIRE is the fourth most important European air navigation service provider, and, in a clear commitment to the Single Sky initiative, belongs to international partnerships such as SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) Joint Undertaking, SESAR Deployment Manager, A6, iTEC, CANSO (Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation) and ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).