



Traffic volume lowest in April and May

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- After the State of Emergency was lifted, the drop in air traffic in June was lower than in May
- The trend is clearly recovering, especially in domestic flights
- Avoiding the spread of COVID-19 remains the top priority

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ENAIRe managed a total of 415,617 flights in the first half of the year, 59.2% less than in the same period last year. This is due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had the following impact, by month, on the air traffic managed by ENAIRe:

Month of 2020	Flights managed by ENAIRe	%
January	140,988	-2.4
February	138,973	+3.6
March*	92,895	-40.7
April	9,627	-94.7
May	11,992	-93.8
June**	21,142	-89.7

**14 March: State of Emergency declared.

**21 June: State of Emergency lifted.

In June, domestic traffic fell 89.7%, below the 93.8% recorded in May, compared to the same months in 2019. This recovering trend was especially evident for domestic flights, which totalled 98,731 in the first six months as a whole, a 53.2% decrease.

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International flights in H1 totalled 219,512, 62.5% lower, and overflights (which do not depart from or arrive at a Spanish airport) 97,374, 56.1% lower.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused and continues to cause a reduction in global, European and domestic traffic that is without precedent in the history of air transport. Containing the spread and ensuring people's health take precedence over any other priority.

As a result, these decreases continue to be generalised at every ENAIRe control centre: Palma (-73.2% and 37,527 flights), Barcelona (-63.4% and 165,681), Madrid (-56.7% and 249,319), Seville (-54.8% and 92,073) and Canary Islands (-51% and 87,102).

Air traffic comparison January-June 2020/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRe network	415,617	-59.2	219,512	-62.5	98,731	-53.2	97,374	-56.1
Madrid CC	249,319	-56.7	129,860	-57.0	45,272	-55.1	74,187	-57.3
Barcelona CC	165,681	-63.4	102,876	-67.2	38,837	-56.0	23,968	-52.6
Seville CC	92,073	-54.8	40,171	-59.3	27,803	-50.2	24,099	-51.2
Canary Islands CC	87,102	-51.0	41,520	-52.1	35,162	-51.2	10,420	-45.9
Palma CC	37,527	-73.2	16,732	-81.5	20,653	-57.9	142	-53.4

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.

Figures for June

ENAIRe managed 21,142 flights in June (-89.7%), of which 8,260 were international flights (-93.4%), 8,033 domestic (-79.3%) and 4,849 overflights (-88.5%).

All ENAIRe control centres reported cumulative drops, with the Canary Islands and Seville centres reporting the lowest decreases.

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Traffic comparison June 2020/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRe network	21,142	-89.7	8,260	-93.4	8,033	-79.3	4,849	-88.5
Madrid CC	10,248	-90.4	4,053	-92.7	2,507	-86.3	3,688	-88.9
Barcelona CC	8,063	-92.1	4,238	-94.2	2,546	-84.9	1,189	-87.4
Seville CC	4,366	-88.7	1,361	-93.1	2,192	-78.3	813	-90.8
Canary Islands CC	4,285	-84.5	578	-95.1	3,190	-74.5	517	-84.2
Palma CC	3,337	-92.0	1,485	-95.2	1,824	-83.1	28	-42.9

Recovery plan for air navigation services

ENAIRe is developing a plan to recover air navigation services based on traffic growth forecasts received from the Manager of the European Network, and in full cooperation with said European agency, in order to standardise operational criteria with a view to returning to pre-pandemic flight levels.

This Plan provides for a recovery of air traffic control operations in stages based on the expected demand and scheduling criteria in order to efficiently use the available resources.

Delayed collection of route charges from airlines

Mindful of the historically exceptional nature of the situation we are experiencing, ENAIRe is exercising responsibility and solidarity by deferring the collection of the route fees it charges airlines until November.

About ENAIRe

ENAIRe is the company of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda that manages air navigation in Spain. It renders aerodrome control services at 21 airports, including the busiest in terms of air traffic, plus en-route 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 320 million passengers.

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