



The figures for April, May and June were down around 90%

In August, ENAIRE managed half as many flights as it did in the same month last year

- Air traffic in the past month totalled 106,945 flights, 51.1% less
- Domestic flights (30,091 in August) are showing the best numbers, considering the overall situation involving air traffic
- The drop in flight numbers in Europe is larger than in Spain
- The Barcelona Control Centre handled more traffic than Madrid
- The number of flights so far this year is 603,901

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The number of flights managed by ENAIRE in August recovered significantly from the previous months, which were affected more by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this trend in August, the figures are showing a new drop in air traffic. Last August, Spain's air navigation manager handled 106,945 flights, 51.1% less than in the same month in 2019, which indicates a recovery of almost half the traffic recorded over the same period in the previous year.

This fall is significantly less than that recorded in the previous months: in April, flights fell by 94.7%; in May, they did so by 93.8%, in June the decrease was 89.7%, and in July it was 63.1%.

The effects of the pandemic have had an impact on the traffic managed by ENAIRE, as detailed in the table below:

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Month of 2020	Flights managed by ENAIRE	%
March *	92,895	-40.7
April	9,627	-94.7
May	11,992	-93.8
June **	21,142	-89.7
July	81,339	-63.1
August	106,945	-51.1

*14 March: State of Emergency declared.

**21 June: State of Emergency lifted.

Domestic flights, which numbered 30,091 in August, recovered the most (-23.7%). International flights totalled 57,680 (-56.6%), and overflights (which do not depart from or arrive at a Spanish airport) numbered 19,174 (-58.8%).

The average drop in flights in Europe (-51.5%) was higher than in Spain in August.

The drop in flight numbers continues to be generalised at every ENAIRE control centre: Canary Islands (-40.0% and 18,126 flights), Palma (-42.0% and 27,489), Seville (-49.1% and 21,115), Barcelona (-52.0% and 53,053) and Madrid (-52.9% and 51,649).

The Barcelona Control Centre was the busiest in Spain in August in terms of flights managed, ahead of the Madrid Control Centre.

Traffic comparison August 2020/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRE network	106,945	-51.1	57,680	-56.6	30,091	-23.7	19,174	-58.8
Madrid CC	51,649	-52.9	22,554	-59.9	12,271	-29.7	16,824	-53.3
Barcelona CC	53,053	-52.0	36,743	-55.3	13,494	-22.4	2,816	-74.7
Seville CC	21,115	-49.1	10,171	-50.6	8,087	-20.9	2,857	-73.2
Canary Islands CC	18,126	-40.0	5,490	-57.2	11,762	-16.0	874	-74.2
Palma CC	27,489	-42.0	17,612	-49.6	9,823	-21.1	54	8.0

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.

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Cumulative data from January to August

ENAIRe managed 603,901 flights from 1 January to 31 August (-58.6%), of which 321,508 were international (-62.2%), 152,357 (-47.7%) were domestic and 130,036 (-58.7%) were overflights.

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

Air traffic comparison January–August 2020/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRe network	603,901	-58.6	321,508	-62.2	152,357	-47.7	130,036	-58.7
Madrid CC	338,811	-57.6	169,407	-59.2	66,846	-51.3	102,558	-58.2
Barcelona CC	259,256	-61.5	167,799	-64.9	62,543	-49.4	28,914	-60.2
Seville CC	128,936	-55.1	57,975	-58.6	42,106	-45.0	28,855	-59.0
Canary Islands CC	119,070	-50.0	51,381	-54.2	55,692	-44.2	11,997	-54.2
Palma CC	86,386	-63.1	48,485	-69.7	37,673	-48.9	228	-45.3

Recovery plan for air navigation services

ENAIRe is executing 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 and that also considers health promotion and service continuity criteria.

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.

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).