



The recovery of air traffic in Spain exceeds the European average

## ENAIRe managed over 147,000 flights in September, just 27% less than in 2019

- Domestic flights fared the best, with a drop of 10%
- Nearly 800,000 flights were managed in the first nine months of the year
- If the flights are compared to those of September 2020, the number is 88.6% higher

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Month by month, the trend continues as air traffic recovers to pre-pandemic levels. ENAIRe managed over 147,000 flights in September (147,221), which is just 27.6% below the average for the entire network for the same month in 2019, the baseline year for data comparisons, since traffic in 2020 fell to very low levels as a result of COVID-19.

This recovery in the number of flights in Spain is higher than that recorded throughout Europe, which saw a decrease in September of 29.7% with respect to September 2019.

A comparison between the flights managed by ENAIRe in September 2021 and those in the same period in 2020 shows an increase of 88.6%.

Domestic flights (34,442) exhibited the best trend in September, with a drop of 10.2% compared to the same month in 2019. International flights (81,867) went down by 33.3% compared to two years ago, and overflights (those that do not depart from or land at a Spanish airport) fell by 27.0% to 30,912.

Every ENAIRe control centre reported traffic drops in September compared to the same month in 2019: Palma, 14.4%; Seville, 15.8%; Canary Islands, 19.7%; Barcelona, 27.5% and Madrid, 28.8%.

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Traffic comparison September 2021/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRe network	147,221	- 27.6	81,867	- 33.3	34,442	- 10.2	30,912	- 27.0
Madrid CC	75,340	- 28.8	35,105	- 35.2	15,137	- 16.4	25,098	- 25.0
Barcelona CC	72,474	- 27.5	49,467	- 33.1	15,966	-2.4	7,041	- 26.7
Seville CC	22,688	- 19.7	9,334	- 22.2	11,595	- 9.9	1,759	-48.0
Canary Islands CC	32,391	- 15.8	22,049	13.8	10,285	3.3	57	- 99.4
Palma CC	34,154	- 14.4	15,190	-48.4	9,969	- 4.4	8,995	20,818.6

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 airspace 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.

### Data from January to September

In the first nine months of the year, ENAIRe managed nearly 800,000 flights (799,680), 51.8% fewer than in the same period in 2019, of which 409,313 were international (-58.0%), 224,465 domestic (-31.9%), and 165,902 overflights (-53.5%).

A comparison of the flights managed by ENAIRe between January and September 2021 with those in the same period in 2020 shows an increase of 17.3%.

So far this year, over half the traffic has been international (51%), 28% domestic and 21% overflights.



Cumulative air traffic comparison January-September 2021/2019								
	TOTAL	%	International	%	Domestic	%	Overflights	%
ENAIRe network	799,680	- 51.8%	409,313	- 58.0%	224,465	- 31.9%	165,902	- 53.5%
Madrid CC	406,354	- 55.1%	180,134	- 61.6%	94,769	- 39.0%	131,451	- 52.9%
Barcelona CC	377,004	- 51.3%	243,482	- 55.8%	95,211	- 31.9%	38,311	- 53.4%
Seville CC	136,728	- 48.7%	43,423	- 65.0%	80,614	- 28.4%	12,691	- 57.1%
Canary Islands CC	184,293	- 43.4%	74,571	- 53.2%	63,666	- 26.5%	46,056	- 42.1%
Palma CC	172,796	- 37.0%	110,876	- 41.5%	61,612	- 26.7%	308	- 33.0%

### Recovery plan

During the summer season, ENAIRe implemented a Recovery Plan for Air Navigation Services based on the forecasts it was receiving from the European Network Manager. With this Plan, which ended on 30 September, ENAIRe worked in close cooperation with EUROCONTROL to standardise operational criteria in preparation for returning to pre-pandemic flight levels while ensuring the quality of the services provided.

The Plan allowed air traffic control operations to be recovered in stages, based on the expected demand and scheduling criteria, and the efficient use of the available resources.

### ENAIRe lowers its charges to help the sector

ENAIRe has again drastically reduced its air navigation charges in 2021 to speed the recovery of the aviation sector.

Of the 38 countries in EUROCONTROL, Spain, through ENAIRe, is the one that is lowering its route charges the most in 2021, around 8% below the average charge.

ENAIRe reduced its continental route charge in 2020 (-16.7%) and 2021 (-11%) by 26%, and in the Canary Islands (-12.5% / -8.5%, respectively) by 20%, thus

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helping the aviation sector to recover from the crisis brought about by the pandemic.

### 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).

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