



BELGOCONTROL STATISTICS

Movements: September 2009

Belgocontrol, the autonomous public company in charge of the safety of air navigation in the Belgian civil airspace and at the Belgian public airports, presents its results for the month of September 2009 with respect to the controlled movements at Brussels National Airport as well as at the regional airports and for overflights.

In September 2009 Belgocontrol managed a total of 98,794 movements, or a decrease of 5.09 % (- 5,293 movements) compared to the same month of last year (104,087 movements).

Brussels Airport

21,002 movements were recorded in September 2009, representing a decrease of 9.40 % compared to the same month of 2008 (23,182 movements). From a historical point of view, this brings us back to the level of 1994.... It takes a long time for the long-awaited revival to show in the figures.

Air traffic controlled by CANAC

The CANAC centre manages all movements in the controlled civil airspace above Belgium, from ground level to flight level 245, and above the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, between flight levels 135 and 245.

CANAC controlled 48,794 movements in September 2009, which is a decrease of -6.51 % compared to the same period last year (52,194).

The regional airports

In September 2009, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 28,998 movements. In comparison with 28,711 movements in September 2008, this represents a slight increase of 287 movements (1.00 %).

The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 10,136 movements in September 2008, increased by 606 units or 5.98 % and reached 10,742 movements in September 2009. The IFR flights are increasing at Charleroi and Ostend but are decreasing at Antwerp and Liege.

The number of VFR flights decreases from 18,575 movements in September 2008 to 18,256 movements for the same month of this year, or a decrease of 319 units (-1.72 %).

Regarding the total number of movements, Charleroi ranks first (8,979), followed by Ostend (8,770), Antwerp (7,050) and Liege (4,199).

As regards the number of IFR movements, the ranking looks different. Charleroi is in pole position (4,048), followed by Liege (2,542), Ostend (2,236) and Antwerp (1,916).

We remind you that in Liege, Belgocontrol assures the air traffic control only at night during the week and H24 during weekends. The movements controlled by the military by day during the week are therefore not included in our statistics.

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 7,050 movements (1,916 IFR and 5,134 VFR) were registered in September 2009. This means a decrease of 2.70 % compared to the same period in 2008, when 7,246 movements (2,295 IFR and 4,951 VFR) were recorded. There is a steep decrease in the number of IFR flights (-16.51 %) but an increase in the number of VFR flights (+3.70 %).

Charleroi-Brussels South registered 8,979 movements (4,048 IFR and 4,931 VFR) in September 2009, or an increase of 8.74 % compared to the same period of 2008, when 8,257 movements (3,391 IFR and 4,866 VFR) were recorded. There is a distinct increase in the number of IFR flights (+19.37%) and the VFR figures are also on the rise (+1.34 %).

At **Liege-Bierset** 4,199 movements (2,542 IFR and 1,657 VFR) were registered in September 2009: a decrease of 6.69 % compared to the 4,500 movements (2,701 IFR and 1,799 VFR) that were recorded the previous year. The number of IFR flights decreases by 5.89 % and the VFR flights by 7.89 %.

Ostend-Bruges recorded 8,770 movements (2,236 IFR and 6,534 VFR) in September 2009, or an increase of 0.71 % compared to the 8,708 movements (1,749 IFR and 6,959 VFR) in September 2008. There is a marked progress in the number of IFR flights (27.84 %) but the number of VFR fell by -6.11 %.

Annex: [statistics 09-15.pdf](#)

For your information:

IFR = Instrument Flight Rule

VFR = Visual Flight Rule

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created on October 2nd 1998, with the mission to guarantee the safety of air navigation in the airspace for which Belgium is responsible. Its zone of activities extends from ground level (at Brussels airport and the airports of Antwerp, Charleroi, Liege and Ostend) to 8,000 metres for Belgium and from 4,500 to 8,000 metres for the grand duchy of Luxembourg. The Eurocontrol centre in Maastricht is responsible for the area above 8,000 metres, and jointly manages the air traffic of the upper airspace of Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the western part of Germany. Belgocontrol manages the air traffic at five public airports: permanently at Brussels Airport, Antwerp, Charleroi, and Ostend, and only at night during the week and 24/24h during weekends in Liege (the military is responsible for the traffic control by day during the week).



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