



## *BELGOCONTROL STATISTICS*

### *Movements: November 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 November 2009 with respect to the controlled movements at Brussels National Airport as well as at the regional airports and for overflights.

In November 2009 Belgocontrol managed a total of 77,441 movements, or a decrease of 3.09 % (2,473 movements) compared to the same month of last year (79,914 movements). This decrease mainly affected Brussels Airport (- 6.26 %), but it also had an impact on the movements controlled by CANAC (overflights and approaches) (-2.75 %) and to a lesser extent on the movements at the regional airports (-0.68%).

#### Brussels Airport

17,772 movements were recorded in November 2009, representing a decrease of 6.26 % (-1,186 movements) compared to the same month of 2008 (18,958 movements). It is one of the less steep monthly decreases in a long time, but the number of movements has been continuously dropping ever since May 2008, which means for 18 months now... November 2008 registered a historical decrease of 15.09 % compared to November 2007. November is traditionally the month in which the airline companies switch to their winter schedules and because of the economic crisis, they have readjusted their activities downward. The number of scheduled airline movements has registered a 5.52 % decrease, cargo movements -21.51 % and charters -0.86 %.

#### 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 40,968 movements in November 2009, which is a decrease of 2.75 % (-1,158 movements) compared to the same period last year (42,126).

#### The regional airports

In November 2009, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 18,701 movements. In comparison to the 18,830 movements in November 2008, this represents a decrease of 129 movements (- 0.68 %).

The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 8,722 movements in November 2008, increased by 754 movements, or + 8.64 % and reached 9,476 movements in November 2009. The IFR flights are increasing at Charleroi and Ostend but decreasing at Antwerp and Liege.

The number of VFR flights decreases from 10,108 movements in November 2008 to 9,225 movements for the same month of this year, or a decrease of 883 units (-8.74 %), owing to a large part to bad weather conditions.

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 3,921 movements (1,711 IFR and 2,210 VFR) were registered in November 2009. This means a decrease of 16.18 % compared to the same period in 2008, when 4,678 movements (1,965 IFR and 2,713 VFR) were recorded. There is a decrease in the number of IFR flights (-12.93 %) and in the VFR flights (-18.54 %).

**Charleroi-Brussels South** registered 6,223 movements (3,523 IFR and 2,700 VFR) in November 2009, or a decrease of 4.51 % compared to the same period of 2008, when 6,517 movements (2,907 IFR and 3,610 VFR) were recorded. The number of IFR flights have increased (by 21.19 %) but the number of VFR flights have decreased by 25.21 %.

At **Liege-Bierset** 3,557 movements (2,374 IFR and 1,183 VFR) were registered in November 2009: an increase of 6.24 % compared to the 3,348 movements (2,456 IFR and 892 VFR) that were recorded the previous year. The number of IFR flights decreased by 3.34 % but the VFR increased by 32.62 %.

**Ostend-Bruges** recorded 5,000 movements (1,868 IFR and 3,132 VFR) in November 2009, or an increase of 16.63 % compared to the 4,287 movements (1,394 IFR and 2,893 VFR) registered in November 2008. There is an increase in the number of IFR movements (34.00%) and in the number of VFR movements (8.26 %).

Regarding the total number of movements, Charleroi ranks first (6,223), followed by Ostend (5,000), Antwerp (3,921) and Liege (3,557).

As regards the number of IFR movements, the ranking looks different. Charleroi is in pole position (3,523), followed by Liege (2,374), Ostend (1,868) and Antwerp (1,711).

We remind you that in Liege, Belgocontrol assures the air traffic control only at night during the week and 24/24h during weekends. The movements controlled by the military by day during the week are therefore not included in our statistics.



Annex: [statistics 09-17.pdf](#)

For your information:

IFR = Instrument Flight Rule

VFR = Visual Flight Rule

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

