



BELGOCONTROL STATISTICS

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

In December 2009 Belgocontrol managed a total of 73,143 movements, or a decrease of 3,746 movements (-4.87 %) compared to the same month of last year (76,889 movements).

Brussels Airport

16,117 movements were recorded in December 2009, representing a decrease of 7.09 % compared to the same month of 2008 (17,347 movements).

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 (24,500 ft), and above the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, between flight levels 135 (13,500 ft) and 245 (24,500 ft).

CANAC controlled 37,849 movements in December 2009, which is a decrease of 3.68 % compared to the same period last year (39,295).

The regional airports

In December 2009, the four regional airports together recorded a total of 19,177 movements controlled by Belgocontrol, in comparison to the 20,247 movements in December 2008, or a decrease of 1,070 movements (- 5.28 %). Excepting Charleroi, the regional airports register a decrease of the number of movements. This is among others due to persistent winter weather conditions just before Christmas.

The total number of « regional » IFR flights, which was 8,466 movements in December 2008, increased by 1,017 movements, (+ 12.01 %) and reached 9,483 movements in December 2009. The IFR flights are increasing everywhere, except in Antwerp. The number of VFR flights decreases from 11,781 movements in December 2008 to 9,694 movements in December 2009, or a decrease of 2,087 units (-17.71 %).

Regarding the total number of movements controlled by Belgocontrol, Charleroi ranks first with 6,626 movements, followed by Ostend (4,784), Antwerp (4,483) and Liege (3,284). 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.

As regards the number of IFR movements, Charleroi is also in pole position with 3,549 IFR movements, followed by Liege (2,421), Ostend (1,817) and Antwerp (1,696).

At **Antwerp-Deurne** 4,483 movements (1,696 IFR and 2,787 VFR) were registered in December 2009. This means a decrease of 19.73 % compared to the same period in 2008, when 5,585 movements (2,213 IFR and 3,372 VFR) were recorded. There is a decrease in the number of IFR flights (-23.36 %) and in the VFR flights (-17.35 %).

Charleroi-Brussels South registered 6,626 movements (3,549 IFR and 3,077 VFR) in December 2009, or an increase of 9.34 % compared to the same period of 2008, when 6,060 movements (2,668 IFR and 3,392 VFR) were recorded. The number of IFR flights increased noticeably (33.02 %), but the number of VFR flights decreased by 9.29 %.

At **Liege-Bierset** 3,284 movements (2,421 IFR and 863 VFR) were registered in December 2009: a decrease of 3.89 % compared to the 3,417 movements (2,234 IFR and 1,183 VFR) that were recorded a year before. The number of IFR flights increased by 8.37 %, but the number of VFR decreased by 27.05 %.

Ostend-Bruges recorded 4,784 movements (1,817 IFR and 2,967 VFR) in December 2009, or a decrease of 7.73 % compared to the 5,185 movements (1,351 IFR and 3,834 VFR) registered in December 2008. There is an increase in the number of IFR movements (34.49%), but a decrease in the number of VFR movements (22.61 %).

For your information:

IFR = Instrument Flight Rule

VFR = Visual Flight Rule

Belgocontrol is an autonomous public company, created in October 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).

