



Aena airports surpass pre-pandemic figures for second month in a row with more than 16.6 million passengers in February

- This is a 2.2% increase on the same month of 2019 and 39.6% more than in 2022
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Aena network airports ended the month of February 2023 with 16,622,180 passengers, exceeding the data for the same month in 2019, the year before the pandemic, by 2.2%. This also represents an increase of 39.6% compared to February 2022.

In February 2023, 154,217 aircraft flights were handled, matching 2019 figures and exceeding those of 2022 by 18.9%; and 80,480 tonnes of cargo were moved, 2.5% more than in the same month in 2019 and 2.2% more than in February 2022.

Of the total number of passengers registered in February, 16,542,112 were commercial passengers. A total of 10,539,161 of these commercial passengers travelled on international flights, 0.2% less than in February 2019 and 44% more than in 2022, while 6,002,951 travelled on domestic flights, 6.4% more than before the pandemic and 32.5% more than last year.

Between January and February 2023, airports in the Aena network handled 33,552,280 passengers (2.2% more than in 2019), recorded 310,717 aircraft movements (1% less than in 2019) and transported 155,027 tonnes of goods, 0.5% less than in the same period in 2019.

Passengers

Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport recorded the highest number of passengers in the first month of the year with 4,174,111, up by 0.6% on February 2019, as well as an increase of 45.1% compared to February last year.

It is followed by Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, with 3,132,658 (-4.1% compared to 2019 and +58% compared to 2022); Gran Canaria, with 1,162,836, (+3.3% and +30.7%); Málaga-Costa del Sol, with 1,123,164 (+6.7% and +28.9%); Tenerife Sur, with 1,055,210 (+10.7% and +28%); Palma de Mallorca, with 905,954 (+1.1% and +26.9%); Alicante-Elche Miguel Hernández, with 790,766 (+1% and +35.5%) and Lanzarote-César Manrique, with 622,198 passengers, up by 12.7% versus the same month of 2019 and 26% more than the passengers in February 2022.

Operations

In terms of the number of operations, the airport that recorded the highest number of movements in February was Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, with a total of 27,886 (-7.6% compared to 2019 and +24.5% compared to 2022), followed by Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, with 20,764 flights (-8.5% and +36.2%); Gran Canaria, with 10,295 (-0.6% and +18.7%); Málaga-Costa del Sol, with 8,570 (+5.3% and +9.7%); Palma de Mallorca, 8,362 (+5.4% and +19.4%) and Tenerife Sur, with 7,055 and 18.1% more than in the same month of 2019 and an increase of 18.2% compared to February 2022.

Freight

With regard to freight traffic, the airport that recorded the highest cargo traffic was Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, with 47,733 tonnes, 15.9% more than in the same month of 2019 and an increase of 8.4% over 2022. It is followed by the airports of Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, with 11,999 tonnes (-2.9% compared to 2019 and +5.1% compared to 2022); Zaragoza, which recorded 9,200 tonnes (-34.2% and -18.1%) and Vitoria, with 5,713 tonnes and 16.2% more than in the same month of 2019 and 1.4% less than in February 2022.