

Aena airports in Spain close 2023 with more than 283 million passengers

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- In December, more than 20.1 million passengers were carried, 12.8% more than in the same month of 2022 and 10.6% more than in 2019
- In 2023, there were 2,403,918 aircraft movements and 1,079,676 tonnes of cargo were transported across the network

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The airports of the Aena network in Spain have closed 2023 with an all-time record number of passengers: 283,195,399, 16.2% more than in 2022 and 2.9% more than in 2019, prior to the pandemic, the previous record year in which 275,247,387 passengers were reached.

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Annual balance

Throughout 2023, Aena managed 2,403,918 aircraft movements, 8.5% more than in 2022; and 1,079,676 tonnes of freight were transported, up 7.9% on 2022 which represents a historic record in the transport of goods.

Of the total number of passengers last year, 282,388,924 were commercial passengers. 189,725,690 travelled on international flights, 18.2% more than in 2022, while 92,663,234 travelled on domestic flights, up 12.6% on that same year.

2023 traffic by airports

Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport recorded the highest number of passengers in 2023 with 60,220,984, up 18.9% compared to 2022.



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It is followed by Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, with 49,909,544 (+19.9% compared to 2022); Palma de Mallorca, with 31,105,987 (+8.9%); Málaga-Costa del Sol, with 22,344,373 (+21.1%); Alicante-Elche Miguel Hernández, with 15,747,678 (+19.2%); Gran Canaria, with 13,961,638 (+12.4%) Tenerife Sur, with 12,337,244 (+14%) and Valencia, with 9,948,141 (+22.6%).

In terms of operations, the airport with the most movements in 2023 was Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, with a total of 389,179 (+10.6% versus 2022), followed by Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, with 318,957 flights (+12.5%); Palma de Mallorca, with 228,920 (+3.7%); Málaga-Costa del Sol, with 161,684 (+12.2%); Gran Canaria, with 129,552 (+8.4%) and Alicante-Elche Miguel Hernández, with 100,547 landings and take-offs (+11.6%).

With regard to freight, the airport that recorded the highest volume of freight traffic was Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas, with 643,535 tonnes, 13.6% more than in 2022. It is followed by the airports of Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, which registered 156,485 tonnes (+0.6%); Zaragoza, with 129,753 tonnes (+2.2%) and Vitoria, with 71,689 tonnes (-2.6%).

December 2023

For the month of December, the Aena airport network recorded a total of 20,188,071 passengers, 12.8% more than in the same month of 2022. Of these, 20,129,651 were commercial passengers, of which 7,203,881 were on domestic flights, 7.5% more than in December 2022. 12,925,770 passengers travelled on international routes, up 16.4%.

The number of aircraft operations in December 2022 was 176,368 in the airports of the Aena network, 11.3% more than in the same month of 2022.

Cargo transported totalled 99,728 tonnes, 17.3% more than in December 2022.