

Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, February 2015

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Aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 1.8% in February from the same month a year earlier. These 91 airports reported 355,531 movements during the month compared with 362,053 at 92 airports in February 2014.

Prince Rupert Airport in British Columbia, while still open, lost its status as a flight service station effective July 24, 2014. This airport accounted for 193 movements in February 2014.

The total number of movements was the lowest recorded for the month of February since 2011, possibly as a result of the adverse weather conditions experienced in much of the country. Environment Canada reported that temperatures during the month in both Ontario and Quebec were colder than historic averages and record levels of snow fell in the Maritimes.

Decreases in both itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) and local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) contributed to the overall decline. Itinerant movements fell 1.1% to 260,955, the lowest level since 1986. Local movements, which fell by 3.7% to 94,576, were the lowest since 2011.

Note to readers

This release also includes the monthly aircraft movement statistics of major airports from November 2014 to January 2015. Data for November 2013, December 2013 and February 2014 have been revised.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2715](#).

Additional analytical information is now available in "Monthly Aircraft Movements: Major airports – NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations," as part of the service bulletin *Aviation* ([51-004-X](#)), from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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