

# Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, November 2018

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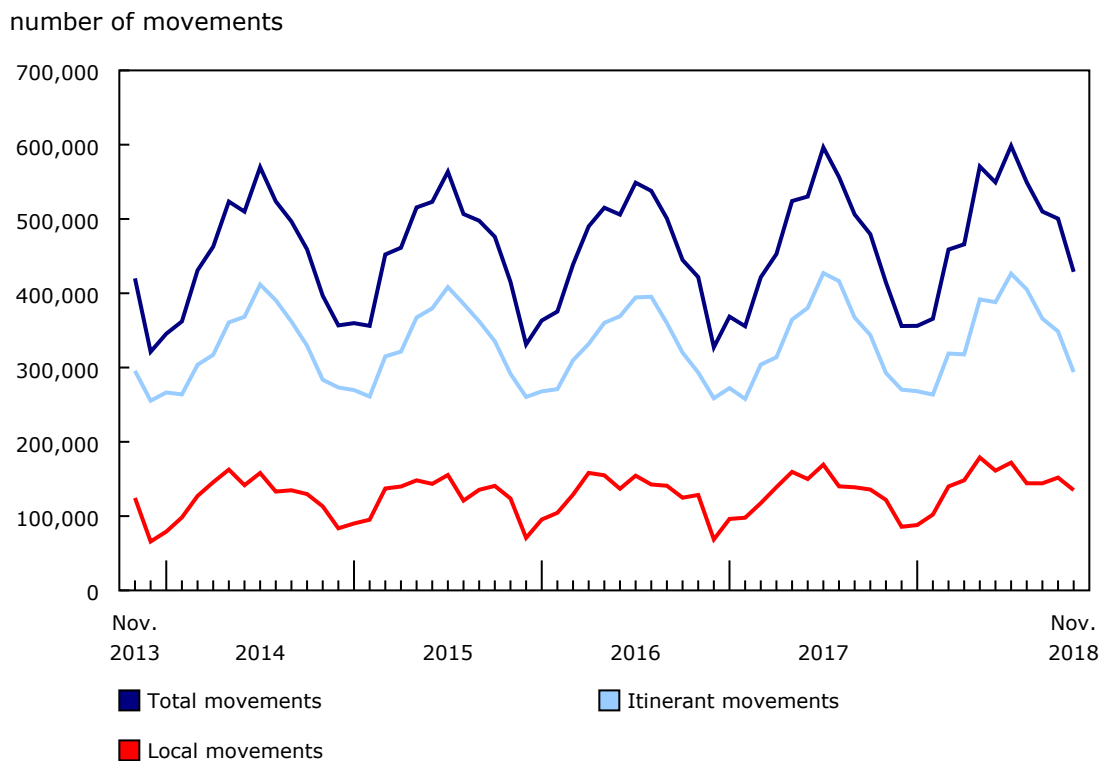
There were 428,861 aircraft take-offs and landings at the 91 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations in November, up from 414,525 movements in November 2017.

A rise 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 year-over-year increase. Itinerant movements increased 0.4% to 293,884 and local movements were up 10.8% to 134,977.

Domestic itinerant movements (within Canada) were virtually unchanged at 242,600 in November, up 0.1% compared with the same month a year earlier. Transborder movements (between Canada and the United States) rose 0.5% to 38,088 movements, while other international traffic was up 5.3% to 13,196 movements.

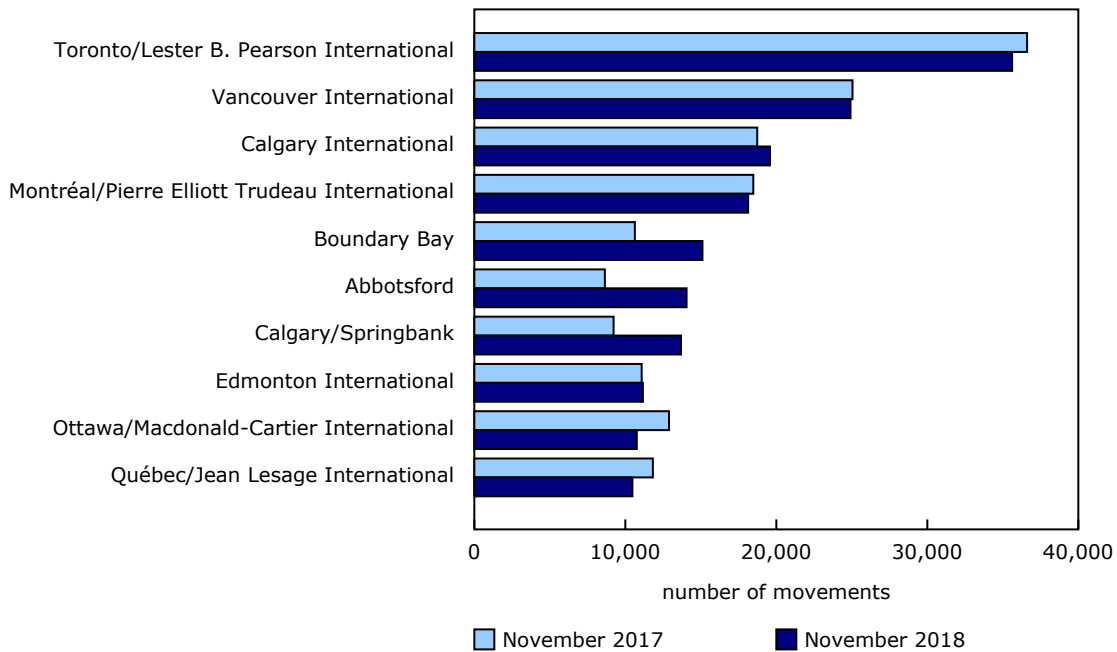
In November, 10 airports accounted for 40.4% of total activity. Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International, Ontario, the nation's busiest airport, reported 35,615 movements, down 2.7% compared with November 2017. This was followed by Vancouver International, British Columbia, with 24,911 movements (-0.5%) and Calgary International, Alberta, with 19,578 movements (+4.5%).

**Chart 1**  
**Total aircraft movements at major airports**



Source(s): Tables [23-10-0002-01](#) and [23-10-0009-01](#).

**Chart 2**  
**Total aircraft movements at top 10 Canadian airports, November 2018**



Source(s): Table 23-10-0002-01.

**Note to readers**

*This survey collects data on itinerant and local aircraft movements at major airports in Canada.*

*Major airports include all airports with either a NAV CANADA Air Traffic Control Tower or a NAV CANADA Flight Service Station.*

*An aircraft movement is defined as a take-off, landing, or simulated approach by an aircraft as defined by NAV CANADA.*

*Data for the same month in the previous year may have been revised.*

*Annual estimates are released each year.*

*The data in this monthly release are not seasonally adjusted.*

Available tables: [23-10-0002-01](#) to [23-10-0015-01](#) .

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, November 2018](#)," as part of the service bulletin *Aviation* ([51-004-X](#)).

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