

# Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, June 2019

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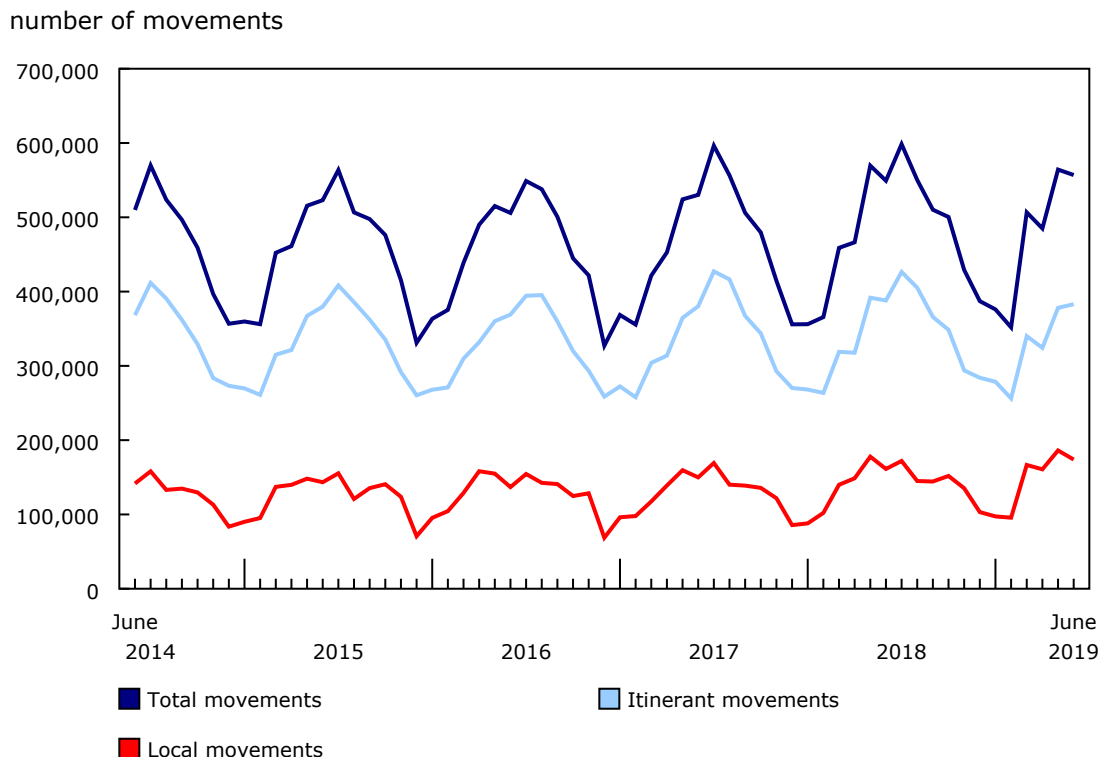
Aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations increased 1.4% in June. Combined, 90 airports recorded 556,917 movements, compared with 91 airports totalling 549,294 movements in June 2018.

A rise in local movements (flights that take place in the vicinity of the airport) contributed to the year-over-year increase, while itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) were down. Local movements rose 7.8% to 173,887, and itinerant movements were down 1.3% to 383,030.

Domestic itinerant movements (within Canada) edged down 1.1% to 324,924 in June. Transborder movements (between Canada and the United States) decreased 3.2% to 42,927 movements, while other international traffic increased slightly (+0.2%) to 15,179 movements.

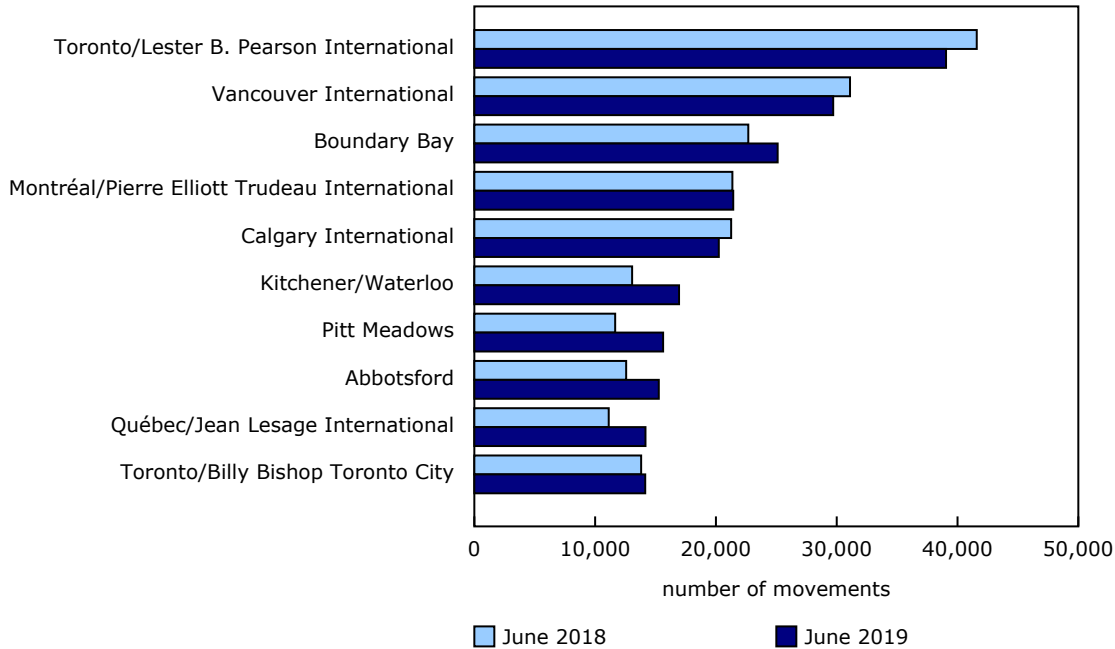
In June, 10 airports accounted for 38.0% of total activity. Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International, Ontario, the nation's busiest airport, reported 39,048 movements, a decrease of 6.1% compared to June 2018. This was followed by Vancouver International, British Columbia, which reported 29,707 movements (-4.5%) and Boundary Bay, British Columbia, with 25,109 movements (+10.7%).

**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, June 2019**



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.*

*On January 3, 2019, the air traffic control tower at Toronto/Buttonville Municipal Airport, Ontario, was officially closed, reducing the number of Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations from 91 to 90. Starting in January 2019, movements for Toronto/Buttonville Municipal Airport were excluded from major airport movements. Data for prior to January 2019 will continue to be available.*

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

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

*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, June 2019](#)," as part of the service bulletin *Aviation* ([51-004-X](#)).

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