

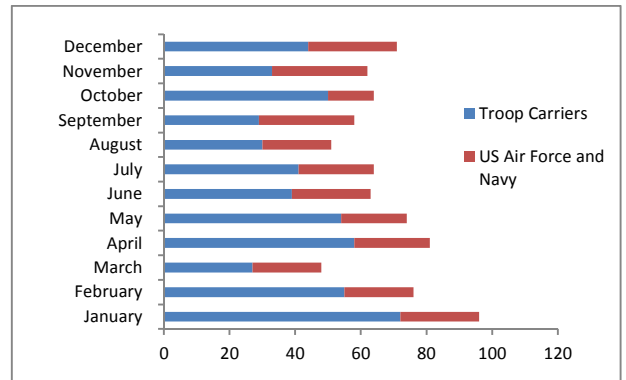


Shannonwatch records and documents flights by the US military and its contractors in and out of Shannon Airport.

The U.S. military have been using Shannon Airport on an ongoing basis since 2002. The aircraft recorded there include:

- U.S. troop carriers (Omni Air International, World Airways, North American Airlines);
- U.S. Air Force and Navy planes, including C-130 Hercules, C-17's, in-flight refueling aircraft, executive jets, and Boeing 737's;
- U.S. registered cargo planes operated by airlines with military contracts. These include Evergreen International, Kalitta Air, Murray Air (now National Air Cargo).

Monthly Count of U.S. Military Aircraft at Shannon (2013)



Figures based on landings recorded by Shannonwatch. Actual figures may be higher.

Shannon Airport has also been used repeatedly over the years by CIA rendition planes. These were used to transfer individuals from one country to another by means that bypassed all judicial and administrative due process.

Between 2003 and 2009 hundreds of rendition-linked flights passed through Shannon. Shannonwatch have identified 22 known or suspected rendition aircraft that were using the airport in that period.

Garda have been asked on many occasions to search rendition-linked aircraft and to confirm if military planes are carrying illegal or undeclared munitions. However **no proper inspections have been carried out.**

U.S. Troops Passing Through Shannon 2002 - 2014

Year	Total
2002	73,000
2003	122,000
2004	159,000
2005	341,000
2006	281,000
2007	263,000
2008	256,000
2009	265,000
2010	229,000
2011	250,000
2012	101,108
2013	69,840

Over **2.4 million U.S. troops** and their weapons have passed through Shannon Airport in the last 12 years.

Permits Issued to Carry Munitions of War through Ireland or Irish Airspace ¹

Year	Number of Applications Received ²	Number of Permits Issued
2009	1306	1276
2010	1352	1307
2011	1393	1382
2012	821	807
2013	714	693

¹ Issued by the Minister for Transport

² The vast majority of permit requests were from American civil airlines, chartered by the US military

Shannon Airport has been used by the US military on their way to/from Iraq and Afghanistan for over a decade. It has also operated as a stopover point for CIA rendition planes. All this came about without the permission of the Irish people. As a result we are complicit in gross violations of human rights, the killing of innocent civilians, and unending cycles of suffering for millions of people.

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