



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

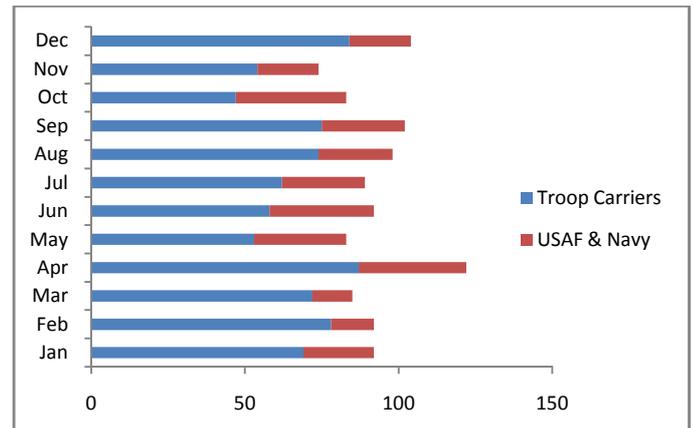
On average **more than 3 U.S. military flights per day** go through Shannon

These include:

- U.S. troop carriers (Omni Air International)
- U.S. Air Force and Navy planes, including C-130 Hercules, C-17's, in-flight refueling aircraft, executive jets, Boeing 737's, ...
- U.S. registered Cargo planes (Evergreen International, Kalitta Air, Murray Air)

Other aircraft operators carrying military equipment, ammunitions and explosives also use Shannon Airport.

Monthly Count of U.S. Military Aircraft at Shannon



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 are used to transfer individuals from one country to another by means that bypass all judicial and administrative due process.

Garda have been asked on many occasions to search rendition-linked aircraft and to confirm if cargo planes are carrying illegal or undeclared munitions. As far as Shannonwatch is aware, no military or CIA planes have been inspected at Shannon in the last decade.

U.S. Troops Passing Through Shannon 2002 - 2011

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

Over **2.2 million U.S. troops** in 10 years.

An average of over **650 armed foreign troops a day** now passing through Shannon.

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

Year	Number of Applications Received ²	Number of Permits Issued
2007	1517	1495
2008	1387	1359
2009	1306	1276
2010	1352	1307
2011	1393	1382

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 almost 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. Now we are all complicit in gross violations of human rights, the killing of innocent civilians, and unending cycles of suffering for millions of people.