NATS provides air traffic navigation services to aircraft flying through UK controlled airspace. The work we do at our two centres in the UK ensures we can move more than 6,000 flights every day safely and efficiently.

And finally...

It is said that an army marches on its stomach and on average the Centre provides the following every week:

- 1,960 breakfasts
- 1,329 lunches
- 575 sandwiches

Every week!

The Building

When it opened, Swanwick Centre was the largest purpose-built air traffic centre in the world and the busiest centre in Europe.

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The People

NATS employs circa 4,500 people. With approximately 1,150 people, Swanwick Centre makes up a quarter of the workforce.

- **Professionals**: 170
- **Engineers**: 735
- **Air Traffic Controllers**: 170
- **Air Traffic Service Assistants**: 170

Swanwick based NATS employees

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Swanwick handles an average of 5,500 flights each day. This equates to over 2 million flights handled annually. This means on average, 200 million passengers fly through Swanwick airspace annually.

- **Daily flights**: 5,500
- **Annual flights**: 2 million
- **Annual passengers**: 200 million

Managing some of the busiest airspace in the world, Controllers at Swanwick Centre handle over 1.8 million flights and 200 million passengers a year.

Swanwick controls 200,000 square miles of airspace over England and Wales as well as the complex airspace above London.

- **Military / Restricted use airspace**
- **LACC Airspace**
- **Military ATC**

The Airspace

LACC manages en route traffic in the London Flight Information Region. This includes the upper airspace over England and Wales up to the Scottish border and connects the southern UK into the wider international airspace network.

RAF controllers provide air traffic services to military aircraft flying through UK airspace. They work closely with civilian controllers to ensure the safe co-ordination of all traffic across the skies.

L TCC handles traffic below 24,500 feet flying to or from London’s airports. This area, one of the busiest in Europe, extends south and east towards the coast, west towards Bristol and north to near Birmingham.

The centre is continuously operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Swanwick Centre is home to the following:

- **The Operation**
- **The People**
- **The Building**
- **The Airspace**

Swanwick Centre

Swanwick Centre operates two air traffic control centres in the UK. One at Swanwick in Hampshire and the other in Prestwick in Ayrshire.