





Special points of interest:

- One of only 22 en route air traffic control facilities in the U.S.
- Opened in Palmdale on March 1, 1963
- Approximately 500 total employees; 320+ air traffic controllers
- 177,000 square miles of airspace including parts of 4 states
- 5,500 to 6,500 operations per day
- Works general aviation, business aviation, airline and military aircraft

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ZLA: The Basics

Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZLA) is one of only 22 en route centers



throughout the United States. Originally commissioned on March 15, 1937 in Burbank it was moved to 7th and Flower Streets in Los Angeles in 1943 then to Inglewood in 1946 and finally to its current location on March 1, 1963.



Operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, ZLA employees approximately 500 individuals with air traffic controllers making up roughly 320 of that number. ZLA air traffic controllers work 5,500 to 6,500 operations (aircraft) per day across approximately 177,000 squares miles of airspace including portions of four states (California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah). ZLA's vertical airspace begins at the earth's surface and continues up to 60,000 feet. Special Use Airspace, used primarily by the military, makes up 40% of ZLA's total airspace.



ZLA works a varied mix of aircraft, including small general aviation aircraft, private business aircraft, domestic and international airlines and all types of military aircraft. Aircraft from some of the United States premier military installations such as Edwards Air Force Base, MCAS Miramar, Camp Pendleton and MCAGCC 29 Palms fly through ZLA.

ZLA Departures & Arrivals &
Overflights (10 hours)

ZLA works with four other FAA en route centers, five FAA approach control facilities, one international area control facility, one international approach control facility, and three military approach control facilities.

Major airports served by ZLA

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Las Vegas International Airport (LAS), San Diego International Airport (SAN), Ontario International (ONT), Long Beach Airport (LGB), Burbank Bob Hope Airport (BUR), Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Santa Monica Airport (SMO)

