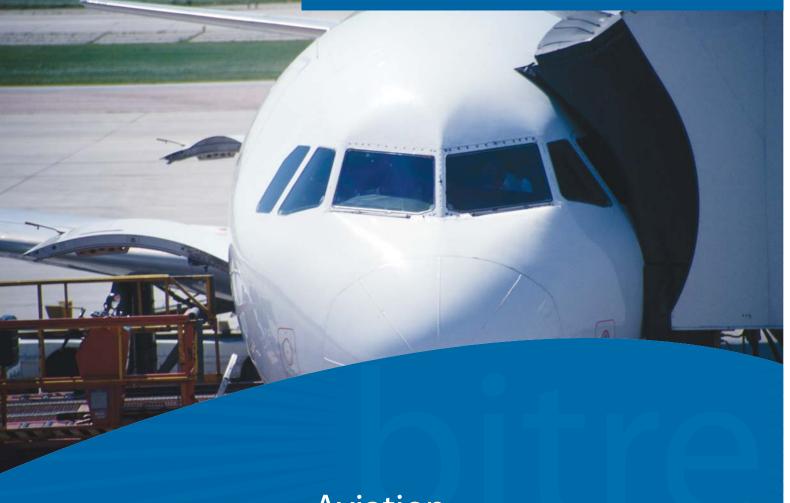


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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of September 2018.

The data cover revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled regular public transport services over Australian flight stages and fixed-wing charter operators. These estimates include passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights operated by these carriers. The passengers carried refer to traffic on board by stages.

Estimates of passengers and aircraft movements for charter aviation are included in this publication, where BITRE confidentiality standards are met.

Individual routes shown are restricted to those with an average exceeding 8 000 passengers per month over the previous six months where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the month of September 2018, there were 65 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of September 2018 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of September 2018 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended September 2018 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on the 65 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 14.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 15. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight, Toll Priority and Virgin Australia Cargo.

The long-term trends for the top ten competitive RPT routes are presented graphically on pages 16-25.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at the top 50 regional airports are presented on pages 26-27.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 28. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed estimates for individual Australian airports, with the exception of Perth Airport.

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics with data provided by airlines. Estimates are included where data were not available and data presented in this publication may contain revisions to previously published data.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals, and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

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HIGHLIGHTS

There were 5.28 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in September 2018, an increase of 0.2 per cent on September 2017. For the month of September 2018 there were 55 550 aircraft trips, a decrease of 2.5 per cent compared to September 2017.

5.08 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in September 2018, an increase of 0.2 per cent on September 2017.

For the year ending September 2018 there were 61.10 million RPT passengers, an increase of 2.7 per cent on the year ending September 2017.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.02 billion for the month, up 1.1 per cent compared with September 2017. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 0.2 per cent compared with September 2017 to a total of 7.40 billion.

With RPT passenger traffic increasing and capacity decreasing, the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 80.4 per cent in September 2017 to 81.4 per cent in September 2018. Load factors on individual routes increased on 35 of the 65 RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years.

For the month of September 2018, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 739 653 passengers, a decrease of 0.3 per cent compared with September 2017. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 397 239 passengers (down 1.6 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 303 208 passengers (down 1.3 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in RPT passenger numbers, compared to September 2017, was on the Melbourne – Perth route (up 15.6 per cent). There were large increases on a number of other routes, including Melbourne – Sunshine Coast (up 15.4 per cent), Kalgoorlie – Perth (up 14.1 per cent) and Proserpine – Sydney (up 11.9 per cent).

Routes with traffic decreases in September 2018 compared with September 2017 included Brisbane – Proserpine (down 20.8 per cent), Brisbane – Gladstone (down 12.2 per cent), Brisbane – Darwin (down 9.6 per cent) and Brisbane – Cairns (down 9.1 per cent).

In September 2018, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.26 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 2.15 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.45 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 40.1 thousand tonnes in September 2018, an increase of 9.0 per cent compared with September 2017.

In September 2018, there were 2.10 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 0.2 per cent lower than in September 2017. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest growth was at Ayers Rock airport (up 28.0 per cent on September 2017), while the largest decrease was recorded at Toowoomba Wellcamp airport (down 21.4 per cent on September 2017).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 195.6 thousand passengers in September 2018, an increase of 1.4 per cent on September 2017. Perth Airport accounted for 37.9 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

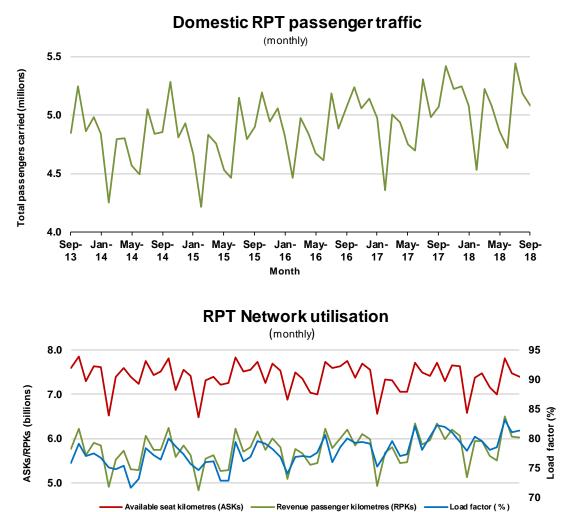
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.26	5.28	0.2
Aircraft trips (000s)	57.0	55.6	-2.5
Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity			

Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.07	5.08	0.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.96	6.02	1.1
Available seats (millions)	6.43	6.40	-0.5
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.41	7.40	-0.2
Load factor %	80.4	81.4	1.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	53.2	52.2	-1.9





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Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

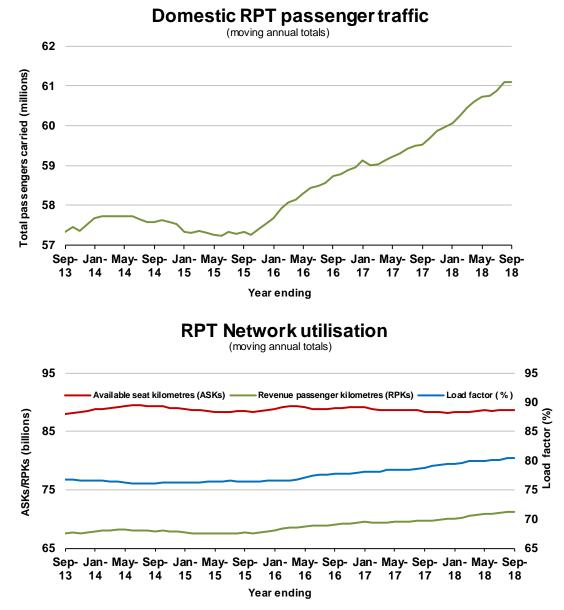
	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.94	63.55	2.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	684.8	676.0	-1.3
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Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

Summary of annual RPT activity

YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
59.52	61.10	2.7
69.63	71.29	2.4
77.07	77.47	0.5
88.34	88.58	0.3
78.8	80.5	1.7 *
639.1	631.2	-1.2
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TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

Table 1: Passengers carried (000s) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 999.6	9 279.6	3.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 708.2	4 809.9	2.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 517.2	3 566.1	1.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 714.3	2 754.2	1.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 426.0	2 499.4	3.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 038.1	2 097.4	2.9
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 000.4	2 064.1	3.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 887.3	1 913.8	1.4
9	Perth - Sydney	1 722.0	1 720.9	-0.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 614.8	1 642.7	1.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 369.3	1 347.9	-1.6
12	Canberra - Melbourne	1 109.0	1 163.8	4.9
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 127.5	1 135.8	0.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	955.5	993.8	4.0
15	Brisbane - Perth	966.9	969.0	0.2
16	Canberra - Sydney	953.5	957.3	0.4
17	Launceston - Melbourne	914.4	954.3	4.4
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	834.6	856.5	2.6
19	Cairns - Melbourne	837.9	854.7	2.0
20	Brisbane - Mackay	684.9	738.0	7.7
21	Hobart - Sydney	644.7	697.0	8.1
22	Brisbane - Canberra	587.2	634.5	8.1
23	Adelaide - Perth	613.8	634.4	3.3
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	567.2	621.2	9.5
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	589.1	583.6	-0.9
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	466.6	539.9	15.7
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	535.4	514.2	-4.0
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	468.4	493.6	5.4
29	Karratha - Perth	446.6	439.5	-1.6
30	Ballina - Sydney	396.5	433.8	9.4
31	Brisbane - Darwin	407.5	387.7	-4.9
32	Perth - Port Hedland	338.6	354.3	4.6
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	343.8	344.1	0.1
34	Broome - Perth	297.0	341.7	15.1
35	Darwin - Sydney	321.2	314.8	-2.0
36	Darwin - Melbourne	307.2	307.4	0.1
37	Newman - Perth	284.8	300.6	5.6
38	Launceston - Sydney	288.0	287.8	0.0
39	Kalgoorlie - Perth	238.6	266.1	11.5
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	238.0	261.4	7.0
40 41	Brisbane - Gladstone	292.2	256.6	-12.2
42	Albury - Sydney	224.6	223.7	-0.4
43	Melbourne - Mildura Adelaide - Gold Coast	209.3	223.6	6.8
44 45		214.3	222.3	3.7
45	Brisbane - Hobart	209.8	222.0	5.8
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	214.5	203.3	-5.2
47	Darwin - Perth	193.6	200.7	3.7
48	Ayers Rock - Sydney	190.4	196.9	3.4
49 50	Brisbane - Emerald	198.5	196.2	-1.2
50	Adelaide - Canberra	178.1	194.9	9.5

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	190.8	190.1	-0.4
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	193.3	188.4	-2.5
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	184.9	182.3	-1.4
54	Sydney - Tamworth	182.4	175.6	-3.7
55	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	173.7	169.1	-2.6
56	Sydney - Townsville	159.3	165.7	4.0
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	176.5	164.7	-6.7
58	Cairns - Townsville	140.0	148.6	6.2
59	Proserpine - Sydney	10.9	138.4	NA (a
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	123.1	129.0	4.8
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	124.0	128.9	3.9
62	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	134.8	124.2	-7.9
63	Armidale - Sydney	126.7	123.7	-2.3
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	117.8	112.5	-4.5
65	Geraldton - Perth	114.2	111.6	-2.3
	Total domestic network	59 516.3	61 099.1	2.7

Table 1: (continued) Passengers carried (000s) — annual activity

(a) Proserpine - Sydney route included from September 2017, prior data not shown.

Table 2: Passengers carri	ed (000s) — monthly activity
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	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	742.2	739.7	-0.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	403.9	397.2	-1.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	307.1	303.2	-1.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	225.1	222.9	-1.0
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	201.7	201.8	0.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	161.0	186.2	15.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	178.6	179.2	0.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	151.2	151.3	0.1
9	Perth - Sydney	139.4	141.0	1.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	121.8	122.6	0.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	117.6	107.0	-9.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	98.4	96.8	-1.7
13	Cairns - Sydney	96.4	91.3	-5.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	85.3	86.4	1.4
15	Cairns - Melbourne	78.8	83.0	5.3
16	Canberra - Sydney	82.6	82.1	-0.6
17	Brisbane - Perth	83.0	79.3	-4.5
18	Launceston - Melbourne	69.6	70.6	1.5
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	73.2	70.1	-4.2
20	Brisbane - Mackay	64.2	63.8	-0.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	55.2	57.1	3.5
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	47.1	54.3	15.4
23	Hobart - Sydney	49.7	51.1	2.8
24	Adelaide - Perth	50.5	50.4	-0.2
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	50.0	50.0	-0.1
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	50.8	47.5	-6.4
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	46.5	43.6	-6.2
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	41.9	40.1	-0.2
29	Karratha - Perth	35.1	36.6	4.2
29 30	Ballina - Sydney	36.0	35.7	-1.0
31	Broome - Perth	32.2	32.3	0.2
32	Brisbane - Darwin	35.6	32.3	-9.6
32 33	Perth - Port Hedland	28.5	29.4	-9.0
33 34	Darwin - Sydney	28.5	29.4	
		29.0 27.1		-3.8 5.3
35	Darwin - Melbourne		28.6	
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	30.0	27.9	-7.0
37	Newman - Perth	23.6	24.9	5.6
38	Kalgoorlie - Perth	20.6	23.5	14.1
39	Brisbane - Gladstone	23.4	20.6	-12.2
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.8	20.4	-20.8
41	Albury - Sydney	19.6	20.0	1.9
42	Launceston - Sydney	18.9	19.9	5.5
43	Brisbane - Hobart	17.9	19.2	7.1
44	Melbourne - Mildura	17.7	19.1	7.8
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	18.5	18.8	2.0
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	16.9	18.1	7.2
47	Adelaide - Canberra	16.3	17.9	10.0
48	Darwin - Perth	17.8	17.2	-3.4
49	Ayers Rock - Sydney	17.1	16.8	-1.8
50	Sydney - Townsville	15.5	16.8	8.3

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	16.6	16.5	-0.6
52	Brisbane - Emerald	16.8	16.2	-3.4
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	15.6	16.0	2.4
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	15.9	15.5	-2.2
55	Sydney - Tamworth	15.4	15.4	-0.1
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	14.8	14.0	-5.5
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	14.0	13.7	-2.6
58	Cairns - Townsville	12.3	12.3	0.0
59	Proserpine - Sydney	10.9	12.2	11.9
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.1	11.2	1.1
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	11.3	11.0	-3.3
62	Armidale - Sydney	10.2	10.8	5.5
63	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	10.7	10.7	-0.5
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	11.0	10.3	-5.6
65	Geraldton - Perth	9.4	9.4	0.3
	Total domestic network	5 071.6	5 080.8	0.2

Table 2: (continued) Passengers	carried (000s) — monthly activity
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	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	886.8	884.9	-0.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	479.8	478.6	-0.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	374.2	357.4	-4.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	262.5	265.8	1.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	258.9	252.6	-2.4
6	Melbourne - Perth	199.0	219.5	10.3
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	204.9	197.7	-3.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	187.6	187.1	-0.3
9	Perth - Sydney	169.7	166.7	-1.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	149.4	157.6	5.5
11	Brisbane - Cairns	139.6	127.6	-8.6
12	Canberra - Melbourne	144.6	147.7	2.1
13	Cairns - Sydney	116.9	118.4	1.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	104.7	105.2	0.5
15	Cairns - Melbourne	91.1	93.5	2.6
16	Canberra - Sydney	106.7	107.3	0.5
17	Brisbane - Perth	100.7	91.3	-9.3
18	Launceston - Melbourne	87.2	87.3	0.1
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	92.4	88.6	-4.1
20	Brisbane - Mackay	79.2	78.9	-0.3
21	Brisbane - Canberra	71.9	73.8	2.7
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	52.0	59.0	13.5
23	Hobart - Sydney	60.0	62.6	4.2
24	Adelaide - Perth	69.5	64.1	-7.8
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	59.8	61.0	2.0
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	63.9	66.1	3.5
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	53.5	52.9	-0.9
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	51.1	49.7	-2.7
29	Karratha - Perth	53.4	54.0	1.2
30	Ballina - Sydney	44.0	43.2	-1.7
31	Broome - Perth	40.9	40.2	-1.7
32	Brisbane - Darwin	41.1	39.1	-5.0
33	Perth - Port Hedland	43.4	42.6	-1.7
34	Darwin - Sydney	36.8	37.1	0.8
35	Darwin - Melbourne	31.6	33.8	6.9
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	37.6	38.4	2.1
37	Newman - Perth	42.8	42.4	-0.8
38	Kalgoorlie - Perth	35.9	38.2	6.5
39	Brisbane - Gladstone	30.1	28.8	-4.3
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	29.7	25.0	-16.0
40 41	Albury - Sydney	26.7	23.0	3.6
42	Launceston - Sydney	20.7	22.8	3.3
42 43	Brisbane - Hobart	20.4	22.5	10.1
	Melbourne - Mildura			1.8
44 45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	28.8 21.2	29.3 21.6	
45 46				1.6
46 47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	27.5	27.4	-0.5
47 40	Adelaide - Canberra	24.7	25.0	1.3
48 40	Darwin - Perth	21.8	22.8	4.7
49	Ayers Rock - Sydney Sydney - Townsville	21.2 19.0	21.5 20.2	1.4 6.7

Table 3: Available seats (000s) — monthly activity

continued

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	21.7	21.0	-3.1
52	Brisbane - Emerald	23.7	21.6	-8.8
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	24.0	22.1	-8.0
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	19.9	19.6	-1.4
55	Sydney - Tamworth	22.7	21.9	-3.2
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	20.1	18.9	-6.1
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	24.7	24.5	-1.1
58	Cairns - Townsville	23.2	20.0	-14.0
59	Proserpine - Sydney	14.0	14.5	3.3
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.7	15.1	2.4
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	15.5	13.8	-11.2
62	Armidale - Sydney	14.1	15.1	7.2
63	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.2	13.7	-9.4
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	19.1	19.0	-0.2
65	Geraldton - Perth	18.6	18.3	-1.6
	Total domestic network	6 434.5	6 400.7	-0.5

Table 3: (continued) Available seats (000s) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	83.7	83.6	-0.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	84.2	83.0	-1.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	82.1	84.8	2.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	85.8	83.9	-1.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	77.9	79.9	2.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	80.9	84.8	3.9
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	87.1	90.6	3.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	80.6	80.8	0.2
9	Perth - Sydney	82.2	84.6	2.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	81.5	77.8	-3.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	84.3	83.8	-0.5
12	Canberra - Melbourne	68.1	65.5	-2.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	82.4	77.2	-5.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	81.5	82.2	0.7
15	Cairns - Melbourne	86.4	88.7	2.3
16	Canberra - Sydney	77.4	76.5	-0.9
17	Brisbane - Perth	82.5	86.8	4.3
18	Launceston - Melbourne	79.8	80.9	1.1
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	79.2	79.1	-0.1
20	Brisbane - Mackay	81.1	80.8	-0.3
21	Brisbane - Canberra	76.7	77.3	0.6
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	90.6	92.1	1.5
23	Hobart - Sydney	82.8	81.7	-1.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	72.7	78.7	6.0
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	83.7	82.0	-1.7
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	79.5	72.0	-7.5
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	87.0	82.3	-4.7
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	82.1	80.7	-1.4
29	Karratha - Perth	65.8	67.8	2.0
30	Ballina - Sydney	81.9	82.4	0.5
31	Broome - Perth	78.8	80.3	1.5
32	Brisbane - Darwin	86.6	82.5	-4.1
33	Perth - Port Hedland	65.8	69.0	3.2
34	Darwin - Sydney	81.0	77.4	-3.6
35	Darwin - Melbourne	85.9	84.7	-1.2
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	79.7	72.6	-7.1
37	Newman - Perth	55.2	58.8	3.6
38	Kalgoorlie - Perth	57.3	61.4	4.1
39	Brisbane - Gladstone	77.8	71.4	-6.4
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	86.9	81.9	-5.0
40 41	Albury - Sydney		72.2	-5.0
41 42		73.4		
	Launceston - Sydney	85.6	87.5	1.9
43	Brisbane - Hobart	87.8	85.4	-2.4
44 45	Melbourne - Mildura	61.5	65.1	3.6
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	87.0	87.4	0.4
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	61.3	66.1	4.8
47	Adelaide - Canberra	65.9	71.5	5.6
48	Darwin - Perth	81.9	75.5	-6.4
49	Ayers Rock - Sydney	80.7	78.2	-2.5
50	Sydney - Townsville	81.6	82.8	1.2

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

continued

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Point diff
51	Dubbo - Sydney	76.3	78.3	2.0
52	Brisbane - Emerald	70.8	75.0	4.2
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	65.1	72.5	7.4
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	79.9	79.2	-0.7
55	Sydney - Tamworth	67.8	70.0	2.2
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	73.4	73.9	0.5
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	56.8	55.9	-0.9
58	Cairns - Townsville	52.7	61.3	8.6
59	Proserpine - Sydney	77.9	84.4	6.5
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	74.9	74.0	-0.9
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	73.1	79.6	6.5
62	Armidale - Sydney	72.5	71.4	-1.1
63	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	70.8	77.8	7.0
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	57.5	54.3	-3.2
65	Geraldton - Perth	50.6	51.6	1.0
	Total domestic network	80.4	81.4	1.0

Table 4: (continued) Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 952	4 935	-0.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 965	2 939	-0.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 207	2 108	-4.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 482	1 517	2.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 608	1 578	-1.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	915	1 036	13.2
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 079	1 052	-2.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 127	1 146	1.7
9	Perth - Sydney	746	710	-4.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	932	884	-5.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	866	839	-3.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	978	943	-3.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	632	628	-0.6
14	Brisbane - Townsville	735	734	-0.1
15	Cairns - Melbourne	485	488	0.6
16	Canberra - Sydney	1 354	1 395	3.0
17	Brisbane - Perth	509	487	-4.3
18	Launceston - Melbourne	698	671	-3.9
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	558	553	-0.9
20	Brisbane - Mackay	621	601	-3.2
21	Brisbane - Canberra	520	536	3.1
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	293	330	12.6
23	Hobart - Sydney	381	394	3.4
24	Adelaide - Perth	465	424	-8.8
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	362	366	1.1
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	496	427	-13.9
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	671	669	-0.3
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	286	277	-3.1
29	Karratha - Perth	484	476	-1.7
30	Ballina - Sydney	287	280	-2.4
31	Broome - Perth	360	337	-6.4
32	Brisbane - Darwin	254	237	-6.7
33	Perth - Port Hedland	364	355	-2.5
33 34	Darwin - Sydney	218	216	-2.5
34 35	Darwin - Melbourne	180	181	0.6
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	400	369	-7.8
30 37	Newman - Perth	318		
	Kalgoorlie - Perth		317	-0.3
38 20	5	286	309 381	8.0 -4.0
39 40	Brisbane - Gladstone	397		
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	168	140	-16.7
41	Albury - Sydney	498	502	0.8
42	Launceston - Sydney	130	132	1.5
43	Brisbane - Hobart	116	127	9.5
44	Melbourne - Mildura	415	401	-3.4
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	120	121	0.8
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	168	168	0.0
47	Adelaide - Canberra	145	153	5.5
48	Darwin - Perth	130	136	4.6
49	Ayers Rock - Sydney	120	120	0.0
50	Sydney - Townsville	108	124	14.8

Table 5: Aircraft trips ^(a) — monthly activity

continued

	City-Pair	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	499	443	-11.2
52	Brisbane - Emerald	322	290	-9.9
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	468	443	-5.3
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	343	306	-10.8
55	Sydney - Tamworth	357	321	-10.1
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	306	264	-13.7
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	640	632	-1.3
58	Cairns - Townsville	376	316	-16.0
59	Proserpine - Sydney	78	80	2.6
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	106	109	2.8
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	150	150	0.0
62	Armidale - Sydney	336	363	8.0
63	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	124	103	-16.9
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	167	169	1.2
65	Geraldton - Perth	186	183	-1.6
	Total domestic network	53 229	52 211	-1.9

Table 5: (continued) Aircraft trips ^(a) — monthly activity

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

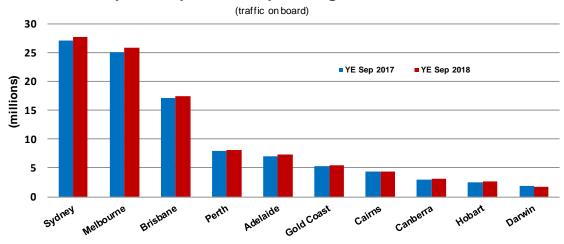
	Airport	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	27 133.0	27 763.6	2.3	22.7
2	Melbourne	25 114.7	25 863.6	3.0	21.2
3	Brisbane	17 179.9	17 399.2	1.3	14.2
4	Perth	7 988.6	8 179.0	2.4	6.7
5	Adelaide	7 079.7	7 332.7	3.6	6.0
6	Gold Coast	5 372.8	5 515.9	2.7	4.5
7	Cairns	4 297.4	4 331.8	0.8	3.5
8	Canberra	2 989.2	3 131.5	4.8	2.6
9	Hobart	2 469.9	2 630.3	6.5	2.2
10	Darwin	1 810.8	1 772.4	-2.1	1.5
	Total top ten airports	101 436.0	103 920.0	2.4	85.0
	Total domestic network	119 032.6	122 198.3	2.7	100.0

Table 6: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity

Table 7: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - monthly activity

	Airport	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	2 271.3	2 261.0	-0.5	22.3
2	Melbourne	2 119.1	2 145.2	1.2	21.1
3	Brisbane	1 499.9	1 454.9	-3.0	14.3
4	Perth	665.7	696.6	4.6	6.9
5	Adelaide	591.6	601.3	1.7	5.9
6	Gold Coast	462.8	459.1	-0.8	4.5
7	Cairns	377.8	369.8	-2.1	3.6
8	Canberra	267.4	270.7	1.2	2.7
9	Hobart	189.5	198.7	4.9	2.0
10	Darwin	159.9	160.6	0.4	1.6
	Total top ten airports	8 605.0	8 617.9	0.1	84.8
	Total domestic network	10 143.3	10 161.5	0.2	100.0

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport.



Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

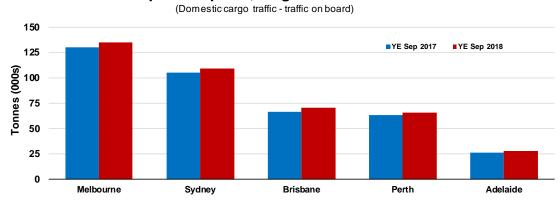
	Airport	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	130.1	134.8	3.6	28.8
2	Sydney	104.9	109.5	4.4	23.4
3	Brisbane	66.3	70.1	5.7	15.0
4	Perth	63.6	65.7	3.3	14.0
5	Adelaide	26.3	27.9	6.2	6.0
	Total top five airports	391.2	408.0	4.3	87.2
	Total domestic network	450.2	468.1	4.0	100.0

Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

	Airport	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	10.6	11.2	5.3	27.9
2	Sydney	8.5	10.0	16.5	24.8
3	Brisbane	5.3	6.3	18.1	15.7
4	Perth	5.4	5.1	-4.9	12.8
5	Adelaide	2.0	2.6	28.7	6.4
	Total top five airports	31.9	35.1	10.2	87.6
	Total domestic network	36.8	40.1	9.0	100.0

Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.



Top five airports, cargo movements

Total domestic network - cargo movement



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Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

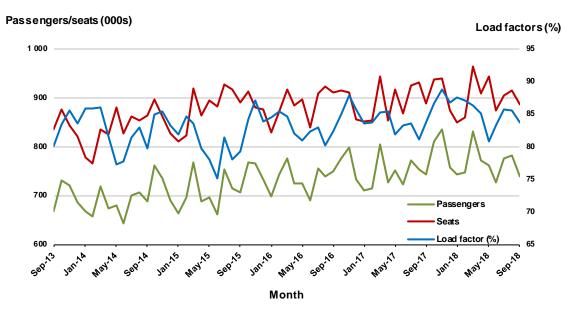
TOP TEN ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

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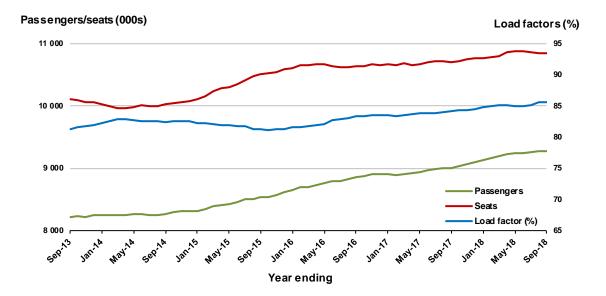
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	742.2	739.7	-0.3
Seats (000s)	886.8	884.9	-0.2
Load factor %	83.7	83.6	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	4 952	4 935	-0.3

* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8 999.6	9 279.6	3.1
Seats (000s)	10 700.6	10 847.7	1.4
Load factor %	84.1	85.6	1.5 *
Aircraft trips	59 625	60 046	0.7

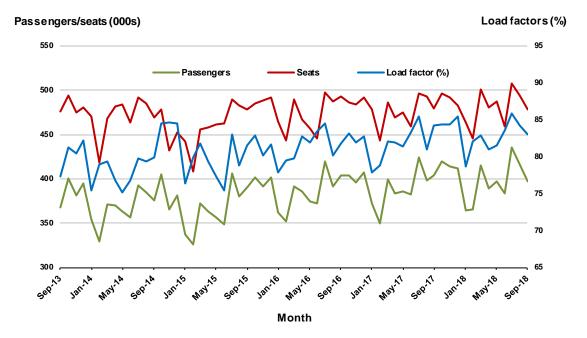


2. Brisbane - Sydney

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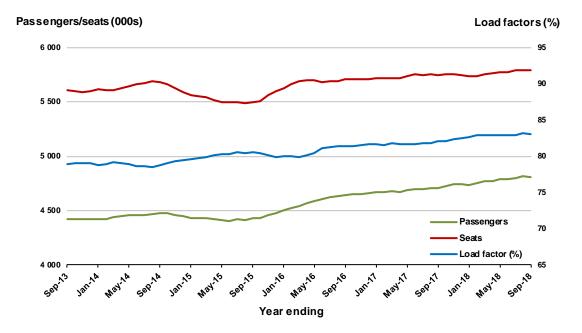
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	403.9	397.2	-1.6
Seats (000s)	479.8	478.6	-0.3
Load factor %	84.2	83.0	-1.2 *
Aircraft trips	2 965	2 939	-0.9

* percentage point difference



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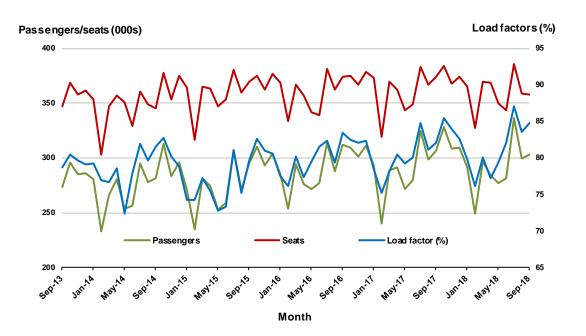
	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 708.2	4 809.9	2.2
Seats (000s)	5 740.7	5 787.6	0.8
Load factor %	82.0	83.1	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	35 414	35 174	-0.7
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3. Brisbane - Melbourne

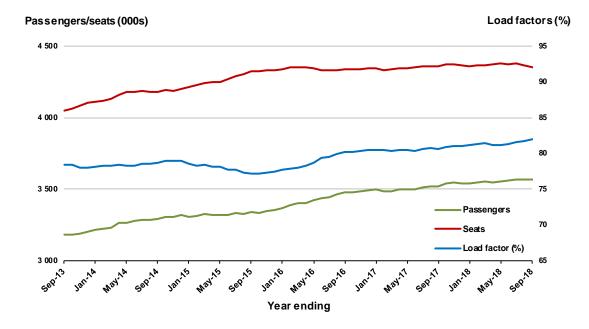
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	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	307.1	303.2	-1.3
Seats (000s)	374.2	357.4	-4.5
Load factor %	82.1	84.8	2.7 *
Aircraft trips	2 207	2 108	-4.5

* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 517.2	3 566.1	1.4
Seats (000s)	4 361.9	4 351.4	-0.2
Load factor %	80.6	82.0	1.3 *
Aircraft trips	25 791	25 548	-0.9
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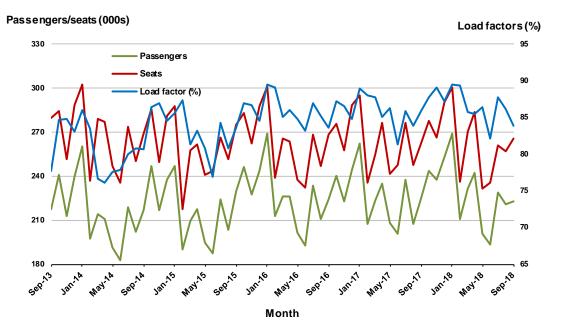


4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Monthly data

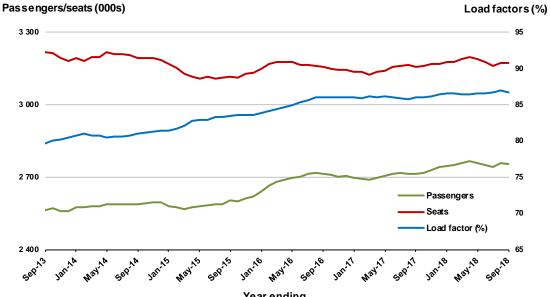
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	225.1	222.9	-1.0
Seats (000s)	262.5	265.8	1.3
Load factor %	85.8	83.9	-1.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 482	1 517	2.4

* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 714.3	2 754.2	1.5
Seats (000s)	3 157.4	3 174.7	0.5
Load factor %	86.0	86.8	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	18 093	17 990	-0.6



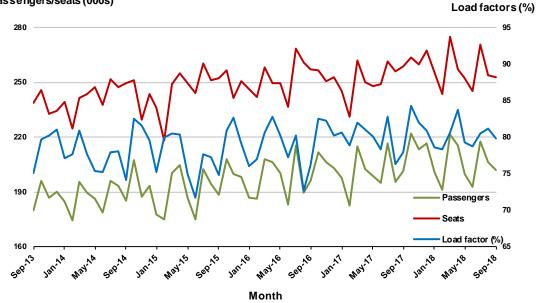
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	201.7	201.8	0.0
Seats (000s)	258.9	252.6	-2.4
Load factor %	77.9	79.9	2.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 608	1 578	-1.9

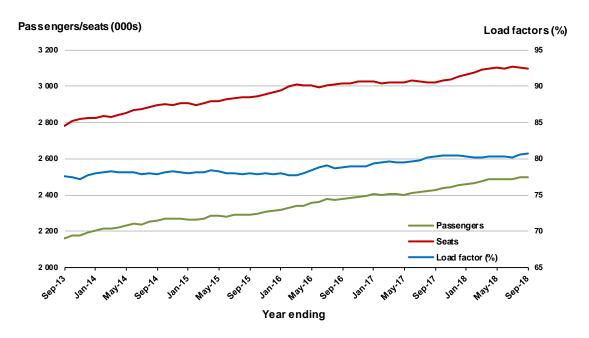
* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 426.0	2 499.4	3.0
Seats (000s)	3 022.5	3 097.3	2.5
Load factor %	80.3	80.7	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	19 082	19 218	0.7

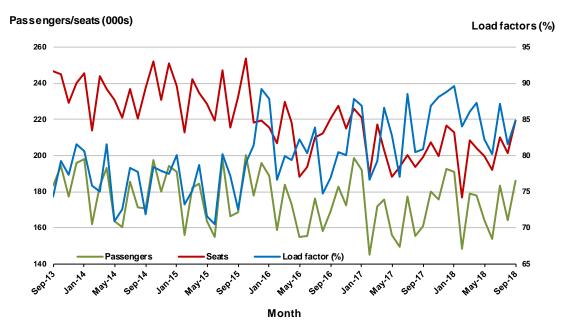


6. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

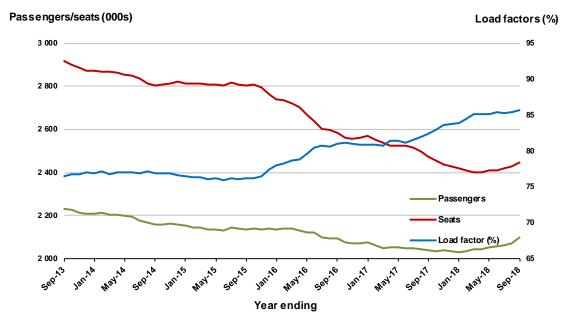
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	161.0	186.2	15.6
Seats (000s)	199.0	219.5	10.3
Load factor %	80.9	84.8	3.9 *
Aircraft trips	915	1 036	13.2

* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 038.1	2 097.4	2.9
Seats (000s)	2 473.9	2 448.4	-1.0
Load factor %	82.4	85.7	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	11 235	11 466	2.1
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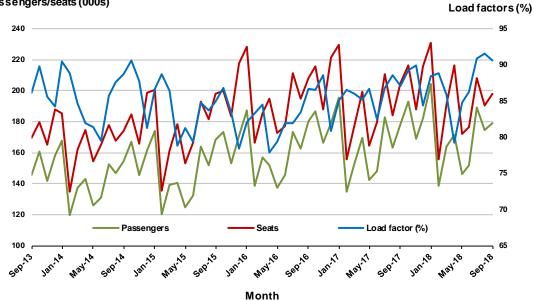


7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Monthly data			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	178.6	179.2	0.4
Seats (000s)	204.9	197.7	-3.5
Load factor %	87.1	90.6	3.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 079	1 052	-2.5

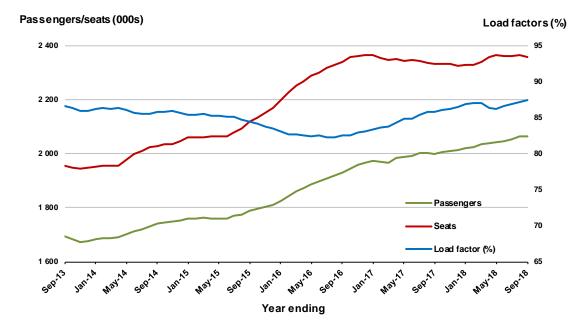
* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 000.4	2 064.1	3.2
Seats (000s)	2 331.3	2 359.8	1.2
Load factor %	85.8	87.5	1.7 *
Aircraft trips	12 437	12 500	0.5



8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	151.2	151.3	0.1
Seats (000s)	187.6	187.1	-0.3
Load factor %	80.6	80.8	0.2 *
Aircraft trips	1 127	1 146	1.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

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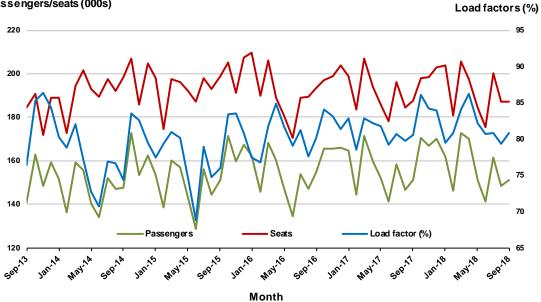
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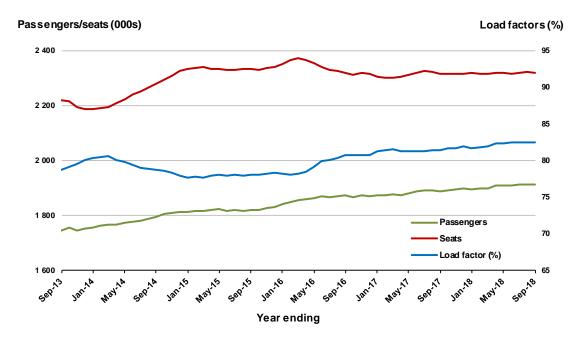
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 887.3	1 913.8	1.4
Seats (000s)	2 316.0	2 321.0	0.2
Load factor %	81.5	82.5	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	14 026	13 887	-1.0



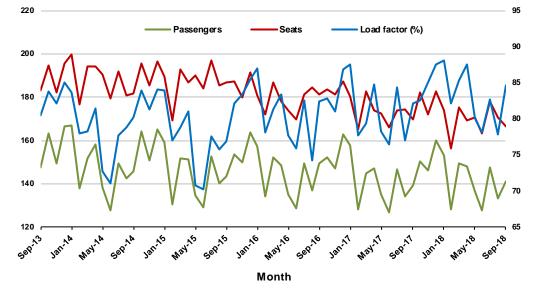
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data			
	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	139.4	141.0	1.1
Seats (000s)	169.7	166.7	-1.8
Load factor %	82.2	84.6	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	746	710	-4.8

* percentage point difference

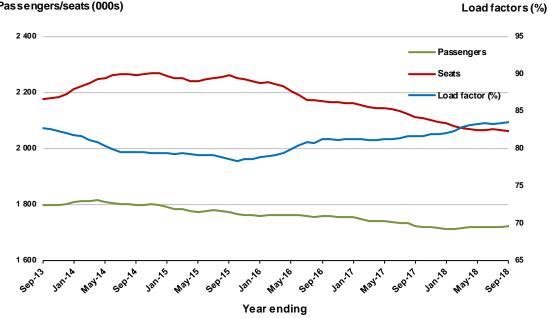
Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factors (%)



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 722.0	1 720.9	-0.1
Seats (000s)	2 110.0	2 060.8	-2.3
Load factor %	81.6	83.5	1.9 *
Aircraft trips	9 070	9 013	-0.6





10. Hobart - Melbourne

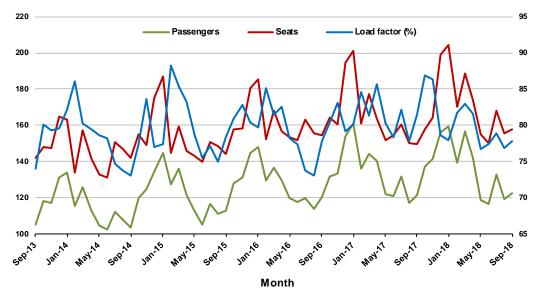
Monthly data

	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	121.8	122.6	0.7
Seats (000s)	149.4	157.6	5.5
Load factor %	81.5	77.8	-3.7 *
Aircraft trips	932	884	-5.2

* percentage point difference

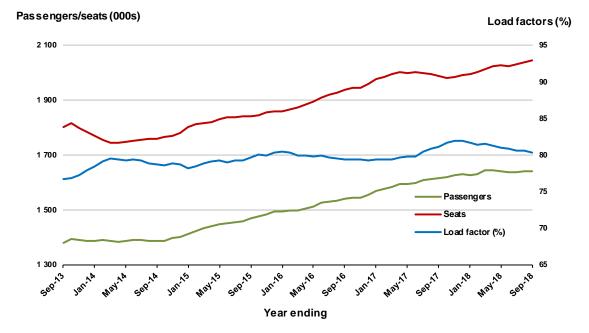
Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factors (%)



Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 614.8	1 642.7	1.7
Seats (000s)	1 989.3	2 045.6	2.8
Load factor %	81.2	80.3	-0.9 *
Aircraft trips	12 235	11 735	-4.1



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Table 10: Top fifty regional airports (000s) — passenger movements, monthly

	Airport	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
1	Cairns	377.8	369.8	-2.1
2	Hobart	189.5	198.7	4.9
3	Darwin	159.9	160.6	0.4
ł	Townsville	144.9	142.2	-1.9
5	Newcastle	112.1	101.9	-9.1
6	Launceston	98.6	100.6	2.0
,	Mackay	72.2	73.2	1.4
3	Alice Springs	54.3	56.7	4.3
)	Rockhampton	50.1	46.7	-6.9
0	Ballina	44.0	43.0	-2.3
1	Broome	39.8	41.2	3.5
2	Ayers Rock	31.4	40.2	28.0
13	Hamilton Island	38.5	39.8	3.5
4	Proserpine	42.0	38.3	-8.8
15	Karratha	35.3	36.7	4.1
6	Coffs Harbour	36.1	32.9	-9.0
17	Port Hedland	29.2	30.2	3.2
8	Newman	23.6	25.0	5.8
9	Kalgoorlie	21.7	24.4	12.6
20	Mildura	21.3	23.3	9.5
21	Albury	23.9	22.1	-7.8
22	Gladstone	23.5	20.6	-12.4
23	Dubbo	20.5	18.7	-8.5
24	Wagga Wagga	20.0	18.6	-6.8
25	Port Macquarie	19.0	17.8	-6.5
26	Mount Isa	17.7	17.6	-0.8
27	Tamworth	16.8	16.4	-2.4
28	Emerald	16.8	16.2	-3.4
29	Paraburdoo	13.6	14.5	6.8
30	Hervey Bay	15.6	14.3	-8.6
31	Bundaberg	14.8	14.0	-5.5
32	Port Lincoln	14.0	13.7	-2.2
33	Toowoomba Wellcamp	14.8	11.6	-21.4
34	Devonport	11.7	11.6	-1.3
35	Armidale	10.9	11.4	4.6
36	Kununurra	9.8	10.8	9.4
37	Geraldton	9.4	9.4	0.3
88	Thursday Island	9.2	9.4	2.2
39	Moranbah	8.7	9.0	4.2
10	Learmonth	7.8	7.5	-3.6
1	Roma	7.2	7.4	2.5
2	Weipa	6.6	6.9	5.2
13	Whyalla	5.9	6.7	14.5
14	Orange	5.5	6.7	22.4
15	Griffith	6.7	6.7	0.7
16	Mount Gambier	6.9	6.7	-3.4
17	Gove	7.2	6.4	-10.8
8	Olympic Dam	7.0	6.4	-7.7
19	Broken Hill	5.9	6.3	7.5
50	Burnie	4.9	5.8	18.2
	Total top 50 regional airports	1 984.7	1 976.7	-0.4
	Total regional airports	2 099.7	2 095.2	-0.2
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Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport.

	Airport	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
	Cairns	4 297.4	4 331.8	0.8
	Hobart	2 469.9	2 630.3	6.5
	Darwin	1 810.8	1 772.4	-2.1
ł	Townsville	1 559.4	1 654.1	6.1
5	Launceston	1 333.0	1 379.4	3.5
3	Newcastle	1 277.9	1 270.8	-0.6
7	Mackay	776.0	839.4	8.2
3	Alice Springs	614.8	623.1	1.4
9	Rockhampton	566.0	555.0	-1.9
10	Ballina	503.9	536.8	6.5
11	Proserpine	387.7	463.7	19.6
12	Karratha	448.6	441.1	-1.7
13	Hamilton Island	460.3	422.9	-8.1
14	Broome	372.0	418.9	12.6
15	Coffs Harbour	411.3	408.3	-0.7
16	Ayers Rock	361.7	403.4	11.5
17	Port Hedland	349.4	363.9	4.1
18	Newman	286.0	301.3	5.3
19	Kalgoorlie	248.2	277.2	11.7
	Mildura	252.0	270.9	7.5
	Albury	267.4	263.4	-1.5
	Gladstone	292.9	256.9	-12.3
	Dubbo	233.9	224.9	-3.9
	Wagga Wagga	221.3	223.7	1.1
	Port Macquarie	229.6	217.9	-5.1
	Mount Isa	197.1	209.6	6.3
	Emerald	198.9	196.4	-1.3
	Tamworth	198.0	190.6	-3.7
	Paraburdoo	166.5	175.2	5.2
	Port Lincoln	173.9	169.4	-2.6
	Hervey Bay	173.9	166.4	-4.3
	Bundaberg	176.7	164.7	-6.8
	Devonport	146.5	148.4	1.3
	Toowoomba Wellcamp	148.4	143.2	-3.5
	Armidale	131.6	131.2	-0.3
	Geraldton	114.3	111.7	-0.3
	Kununurra	103.9	104.4	-2.0
	Moranbah Thursday Island	121.0	101.4	-16.2
	Roma	100.5	100.2	-0.3
40		83.4	86.1	3.2
	Learmonth	82.0	85.9	4.8
	Gove	84.0	85.1	1.3
	Weipa Mount Combine	77.4	80.6	4.2
	Mount Gambier	79.5	80.0	0.7
	Olympic Dam	60.9	77.4	27.2
	Griffith	73.0	76.0	4.1
	Orange	59.9	74.5	24.4
	Whyalla	63.0	73.7	17.1
	Burnie	60.4	68.8	13.8
50	Broken Hill	58.8	68.7	16.8
	Total top 50 regional airports	22 965.1	23 521.1	2.4
	Total regional airports	24 302.0	24 914.7	2.5
	Total domestic network	119 032.6	122 198.3	2.7

Table 11: Top fifty regional airports (000s) — passenger movements, annua	Table 11: Top fit	fty regional airports ((000s) — passeng	jer movements, annua
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DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

Table 12: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 419 767	2 452 977	1.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	45 703	44 810	-2.0

Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

Table 13: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - monthly activity

	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	192 993	195 622	1.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	3 741	3 339	-10.7

Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Sep 2017	YE Sep 2018	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	4 839 534	4 905 954	1.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	91 406	89 620	-2.0
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 857 827	1 846 293	-0.6
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	31 786	30 212	-5.0

Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

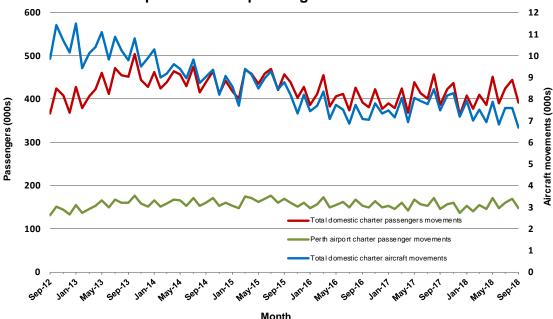
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Sep 2017	Sep 2018	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	385 986	391 244	1.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	7 482	6 678	-10.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	145 267	148 299	2.1
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 504	2 288	-8.6

Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.





DEFINITIONS

Aircraft Trips	The number of flight stages. A return flight counts as two aircraft trips.	
Airport Movements	Airport movements (passenger and cargo) are measured once on arrival and once on departure. Each domestic trip generates two movements at airports. For example, a trip from Melbourne to Sydney will be counted twice, as a passenger departure at Melbourne and as a passenger arrival at Sydney. At the national level, the sum of all domestic airport traffic will therefore be equal to twice the number of trips undertaken.	
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of seats available on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.	
City-Pair	The ports shown make up the city-pair route. Passenger movements shown for a city pair reflect total traffic in both directions.	
Flight Stage	The operation of an aircraft from take-off to landing.	
Load Factor	The total revenue passenger kilometres performed as a percentage of the total available seat kilometres.	
Passengers Carried	Revenue passengers carried.	
Regular Public Transport Services (RPT)	All air service operations in which aircraft are available for the transport of members of the public and are conducted in accordance with fixed schedules. It does not include charter or other non-scheduled operations.	
Revenue Passengers	All passengers paying any fare. Frequent flyer redemption travellers are regarded as revenue passengers.	
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of revenue passengers travelling on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.	
Traffic on board by stages	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.	
	Data not included	
NA	Not applicable	