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# FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of December 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 December 2018, there were 65 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of December 2018 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of December 2018 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended December 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 5.33 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in December 2018, a decrease of 1.8 per cent on December 2017. For the month of December 2018 there were 55 205 aircraft trips, a decrease of 1.9 per cent compared to December 2017.

5.14 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in December 2018, a decrease of 2.0 per cent on December 2017. This was the first decrease in the number of RPT passengers since October 2015 (excluding the decrease recorded in February 2017, which was largely due to the 2016 leap year).

For the year ending December 2018 there were 61.08 million RPT passengers, an increase of 1.9 per cent on the year ending December 2017.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.07 billion for the month, down 2.1 per cent compared with December 2017. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 1.6 per cent compared with December 2017 to a total of 7.53 billion.

With RPT passenger traffic decreasing at a faster rate than capacity the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 81.0 per cent in December 2017 to 80.6 per cent in December 2018. Load factors on individual routes decreased on 36 of the 65 RPT routes.

For the month of December 2018, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 746 815 passengers, a decrease of 1.4 per cent compared with December 2017. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 407 337 passengers (down 1.1 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 302 663 passengers (down 2.1 per cent).

The greatest percentage decrease in RPT passenger numbers, compared to December 2017, was on the Proserpine – Sydney route (down 24.6 per cent). There were large decreases on a number of other routes, including Brisbane – Proserpine (down 17.3 per cent), Alice Springs – Darwin (down 12.9 per cent) and Darwin – Perth (down 12.7 per cent).

Routes with traffic increases in December 2018 compared with December 2017 included Kalgoorlie – Perth (up 17.8 per cent), Brisbane – Hobart (up 11.2 per cent) and Adelaide – Alice Springs (up 7.1 per cent).

In December 2018, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.32 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 2.20 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.46 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 41.5 thousand tonnes in December 2018, a decrease of 2.2 per cent compared with December 2017.

In December 2018, there were 2.07 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 1.7 per cent lower than in December 2017. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the largest decrease was at Toowoomba Wellcamp airport (down 23.0 per cent on December 2017), while the strongest increase was recorded at Griffith airport (up 19.8 per cent on December 2017).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 186.8 thousand passengers in December 2018, an increase of 3.0 per cent on December 2017. Perth Airport accounted for 38.4 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

# TOTAL NETWORK

## Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total passengers carried (millions) | 5.43 | 5.33 | -1.8 |
| Aircraft trips (000s) | 56.3 | 55.2 | -1.9 |

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity
Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

# RPT NETWORK

## Summary of monthly RPT activity

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total passengers carried (millions) | 5.25 | 5.14 | -2.0 |
| Revenue passenger kilometres (billions) | 6.20 | 6.07 | -2.1 |
| Available seats (millions) | 6.62 | 6.49 | -2.0 |
| Available seat kilometres (billions) | 7.65 | 7.53 | -1.6 |
| Load factor % | 81.0 | 80.6 | -0.4 * |
| Aircraft trips (000s) | 52.7 | 51.8 | -1.7 |

* percentage point difference

## Domestic RPT passenger traffic
(monthly)
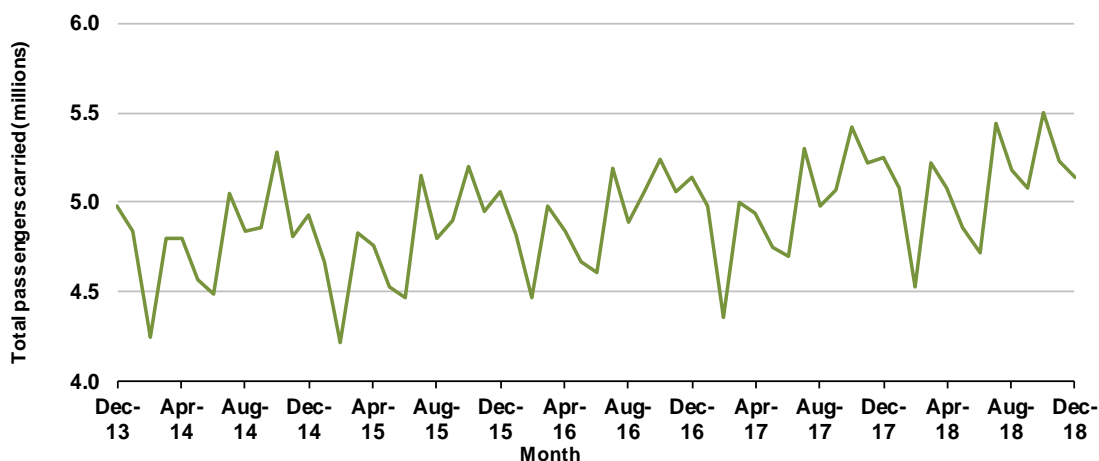


## RPT Network utilisation
(monthly)
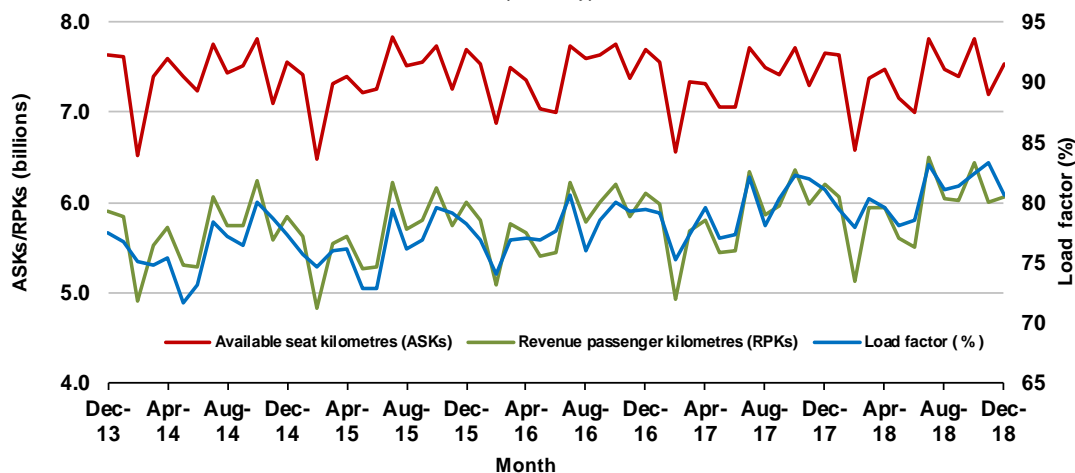
# TOTAL NETWORK

## Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total passengers carried (millions) | 62.41 | 63.56 | 1.8 |
| Aircraft trips (000s) | 684.6 | 673.6 | -1.6 |

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity
Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

# RPT NETWORK

## Summary of annual RPT activity

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total passengers carried (millions) | 59.97 | 61.08 | 1.9 |
| Revenue passenger kilometres (billions) | 70.01 | 71.26 | 1.8 |
| Available seats (millions) | 77.13 | 77.34 | 0.3 |
| Available seat kilometres (billions) | 88.19 | 88.45 | 0.3 |
| Load factor % | 79.4 | 80.6 | 1.2 * |
| Aircraft trips (000s) | 638.2 | 629.5 | -1.3 |

* percentage point difference

## Domestic RPT passenger traffic
(moving annual totals)
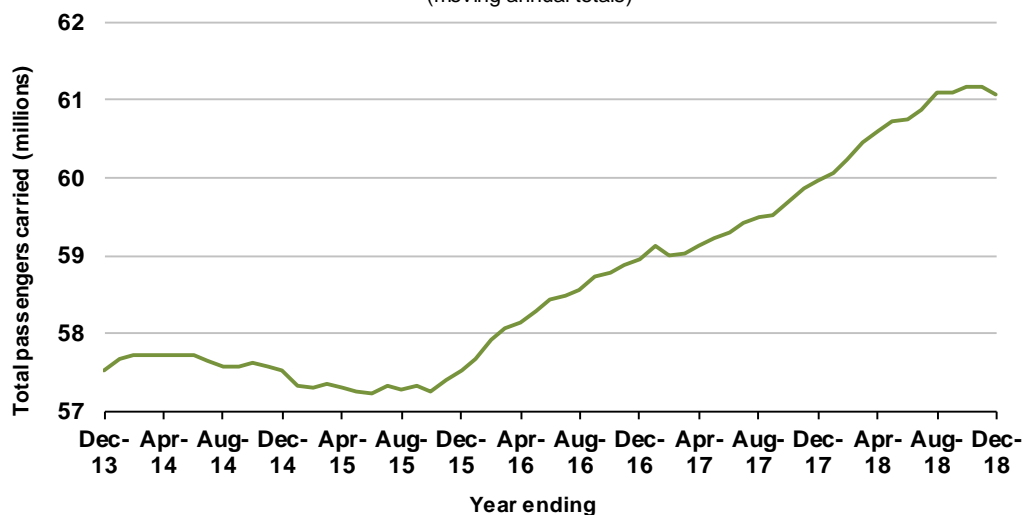


## RPT Network utilisation
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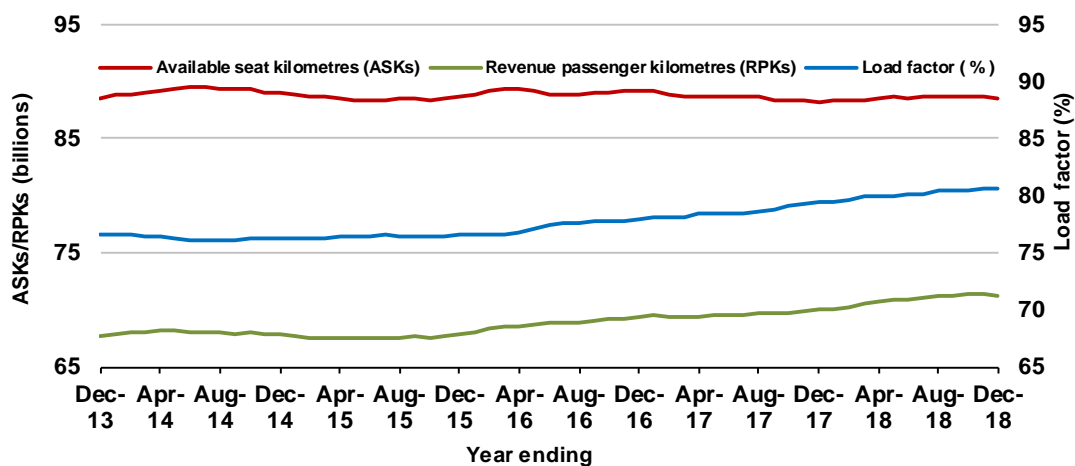
# TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

|  | City-Pair | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne - Sydney | 9 097.1 | 9 250.9 | 1.7 |
| 2 | Brisbane - Sydney | 4 746.3 | 4 825.7 | 1.7 |
| 3 | Brisbane - Melbourne | 3 541.1 | 3 569.2 | 0.8 |
| 4 | Gold Coast - Sydney | 2 740.7 | 2 722.8 | -0.7 |
| 5 | Adelaide - Melbourne | 2 456.4 | 2 498.3 | 1.7 |
| 6 | Melbourne - Perth | 2 033.2 | 2 113.2 | 3.9 |
| 7 | Gold Coast - Melbourne | 2 012.6 | 2 064.2 | 2.6 |
| 8 | Adelaide - Sydney | 1 898.3 | 1 906.5 | 0.4 |
| 9 | Perth - Sydney | 1 716.5 | 1 716.6 | 0.0 |
| 10 | Hobart - Melbourne | 1 630.3 | 1 652.8 | 1.4 |
| 11 | Brisbane - Cairns | 1 377.9 | 1 320.1 | -4.2 |
| 12 | Canberra - Melbourne | 1 133.0 | 1 175.7 | 3.8 |
| 13 | Cairns - Sydney | 1 129.3 | 1 133.5 | 0.4 |
| 14 | Brisbane - Townsville | 960.2 | 996.0 | 3.7 |
| 15 | Brisbane - Perth | 969.1 | 956.8 | -1.3 |
| 16 | Launceston - Melbourne | 923.2 | 955.4 | 3.5 |
| 17 | Canberra - Sydney | 949.2 | 953.6 | 0.5 |
| 18 | Cairns - Melbourne | 841.3 | 857.7 | 1.9 |
| 19 | Adelaide - Brisbane | 849.6 | 846.5 | -0.4 |
| 20 | Brisbane - Mackay | 697.9 | 743.3 | 6.5 |
| 21 | Hobart - Sydney | 655.9 | 705.6 | 7.6 |
| 22 | Brisbane - Canberra | 594.3 | 643.3 | 8.3 |
| 23 | Adelaide - Perth | 614.1 | 634.8 | 3.4 |
| 24 | Sunshine Coast - Sydney | 582.7 | 628.8 | 7.9 |
| 25 | Brisbane - Newcastle | 590.7 | 582.7 | -1.3 |
| 26 | Melbourne - Sunshine Coast | 485.8 | 544.9 | 12.2 |
| 27 | Brisbane - Rockhampton | 522.1 | 513.7 | -1.6 |
| 28 | Melbourne - Newcastle | 476.1 | 490.3 | 3.0 |
| 29 | Karratha - Perth | 436.9 | 440.8 | 0.9 |
| 30 | Ballina - Sydney | 403.9 | 436.0 | 7.9 |
| 31 | Brisbane - Darwin | 406.2 | 376.6 | -7.3 |
| 32 | Perth - Port Hedland | 337.3 | 362.4 | 7.4 |
| 33 | Coffs Harbour - Sydney | 347.2 | 339.8 | -2.1 |
| 34 | Broome - Perth | 313.4 | 338.9 | 8.1 |
| 35 | Darwin - Sydney | 321.7 | 310.7 | -3.4 |
| 36 | Darwin - Melbourne | 306.3 | 307.3 | 0.3 |
| 37 | Newman - Perth | 284.9 | 305.7 | 7.3 |
| 38 | Launceston - Sydney | 286.4 | 287.9 | 0.5 |
| 39 | Kalgoorlie - Perth | 241.9 | 278.6 | 15.2 |
| 40 | Brisbane - Gladstone | 281.6 | 253.0 | -10.2 |
| 41 | Brisbane - Proserpine | 259.5 | 250.5 | -3.5 |
| 42 | Brisbane - Hobart | 212.7 | 229.0 | 7.7 |
| 43 | Albury - Sydney | 224.0 | 226.3 | 1.0 |
| 44 | Melbourne - Mildura | 212.0 | 226.1 | 6.6 |
| 45 | Adelaide - Gold Coast | 214.2 | 220.5 | 2.9 |
| 46 | Hamilton Island - Sydney | 196.0 | 204.7 | 4.4 |
| 47 | Brisbane - Emerald | 197.6 | 195.2 | -1.2 |
| 48 | Adelaide - Canberra | 181.6 | 195.2 | 7.5 |
| 49 | Ayers Rock - Sydney | 191.5 | 194.8 | 1.7 |
| 50 | Darwin - Perth | 198.4 | 194.3 | -2.0 |

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

|    | City-Pair | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|----|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 51 | Dubbo - Sydney | 190.8 | 188.7 | -1.1 |
| 52 | Port Macquarie - Sydney | 192.3 | 186.9 | -2.8 |
| 53 | Sydney - Wagga Wagga | 182.8 | 181.3 | -0.8 |
| 54 | Sydney - Tamworth | 180.7 | 175.1 | -3.1 |
| 55 | Adelaide - Port Lincoln | 171.5 | 169.6 | -1.1 |
| 56 | Sydney - Townsville | 160.6 | 169.1 | 5.3 |
| 57 | Brisbane - Bundaberg | 173.9 | 162.8 | -6.3 |
| 58 | Cairns - Townsville | 141.8 | 149.4 | 5.4 |
| 59 | Proserpine - Sydney | 47.4 | 133.9 | NA (a) |
| 60 | Adelaide - Alice Springs | 124.5 | 130.3 | 4.7 |
| 61 | Brisbane - Mount Isa | 125.3 | 129.8 | 3.6 |
| 62 | Brisbane - Hamilton Island | 128.2 | 124.3 | -3.0 |
| 63 | Armidale - Sydney | 126.2 | 121.8 | -3.5 |
| 64 | Geraldton - Perth | 111.9 | 113.3 | 1.2 |
| 65 | Alice Springs - Darwin | 118.8 | 109.7 | -7.6 |
|    | **Total domestic network** | **59 968.0** | **61 081.9** | **1.9** |

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

## Table 2: Passengers carried (000s) — monthly activity

| | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne - Sydney | 757.6 | 746.8 | -1.4 |
| 2 | Brisbane - Sydney | 412.0 | 407.3 | -1.1 |
| 3 | Brisbane - Melbourne | 309.0 | 302.7 | -2.1 |
| 4 | Gold Coast - Sydney | 253.1 | 239.8 | -5.3 |
| 5 | Adelaide - Melbourne | 216.5 | 209.9 | -3.0 |
| 6 | Melbourne - Perth | 192.7 | 194.8 | 1.1 |
| 7 | Gold Coast - Melbourne | 182.2 | 184.2 | 1.1 |
| 8 | Adelaide - Sydney | 170.3 | 163.0 | -4.3 |
| 9 | Hobart - Melbourne | 156.4 | 159.1 | 1.8 |
| 10 | Perth - Sydney | 159.9 | 152.2 | -4.8 |
| 11 | Brisbane - Cairns | 117.6 | 108.6 | -7.7 |
| 12 | Cairns - Sydney | 99.9 | 96.5 | -3.4 |
| 13 | Launceston - Melbourne | 93.5 | 92.1 | -1.5 |
| 14 | Canberra - Melbourne | 92.3 | 90.5 | -1.9 |
| 15 | Brisbane - Perth | 90.0 | 82.4 | -8.4 |
| 16 | Brisbane - Townsville | 84.4 | 81.7 | -3.3 |
| 17 | Adelaide - Brisbane | 79.5 | 74.1 | -6.9 |
| 18 | Cairns - Melbourne | 70.3 | 73.4 | 4.4 |
| 19 | Hobart - Sydney | 68.2 | 70.4 | 3.3 |
| 20 | Canberra - Sydney | 69.5 | 65.3 | -6.0 |
| 21 | Brisbane - Mackay | 60.9 | 62.6 | 2.7 |
| 22 | Sunshine Coast - Sydney | 58.3 | 61.1 | 4.9 |
| 23 | Adelaide - Perth | 56.7 | 56.3 | -0.6 |
| 24 | Brisbane - Canberra | 53.0 | 51.9 | -2.1 |
| 25 | Brisbane - Newcastle | 52.1 | 49.6 | -4.8 |
| 26 | Melbourne - Sunshine Coast | 47.2 | 47.2 | 0.1 |
| 27 | Brisbane - Rockhampton | 41.6 | 42.3 | 1.8 |
| 28 | Ballina - Sydney | 41.1 | 41.7 | 1.5 |
| 29 | Melbourne - Newcastle | 43.0 | 40.9 | -4.9 |
| 30 | Karratha - Perth | 32.9 | 32.2 | -2.1 |
| 31 | Launceston - Sydney | 32.7 | 31.5 | -3.6 |
| 32 | Brisbane - Darwin | 31.8 | 29.9 | -6.1 |
| 33 | Coffs Harbour - Sydney | 29.1 | 27.9 | -4.0 |
| 34 | Perth - Port Hedland | 24.9 | 26.5 | 6.5 |
| 35 | Brisbane - Hobart | 22.7 | 25.3 | 11.2 |
| 36 | Broome - Perth | 25.5 | 24.2 | -4.9 |
| 37 | Darwin - Sydney | 25.2 | 22.6 | -10.5 |
| 38 | Darwin - Melbourne | 22.6 | 22.4 | -1.0 |
| 39 | Newman - Perth | 20.9 | 22.3 | 6.8 |
| 40 | Kalgoorlie - Perth | 18.8 | 22.1 | 17.8 |
| 41 | Brisbane - Proserpine | 26.7 | 22.0 | -17.3 |
| 42 | Brisbane - Gladstone | 21.0 | 20.0 | -4.7 |
| 43 | Hamilton Island - Sydney | 20.4 | 19.3 | -5.3 |
| 44 | Adelaide - Gold Coast | 20.2 | 19.3 | -4.3 |
| 45 | Albury - Sydney | 17.5 | 18.0 | 2.8 |
| 46 | Melbourne - Mildura | 17.7 | 18.0 | 1.7 |
| 47 | Sydney - Townsville | 16.5 | 16.9 | 2.4 |
| 48 | Port Macquarie - Sydney | 16.8 | 15.9 | -5.0 |
| 49 | Adelaide - Canberra | 15.4 | 15.0 | -2.6 |
| 50 | Brisbane - Emerald | 14.6 | 14.7 | 0.5 |

**Table 2: (continued) Passengers carried (000s) — monthly activity**

|    | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|----|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 51 | Adelaide - Port Lincoln | 14.9 | 14.7 | -1.4 |
| 52 | Darwin - Perth | 15.9 | 13.9 | -12.7 |
| 53 | Dubbo - Sydney | 14.3 | 13.7 | -4.4 |
| 54 | Sydney - Tamworth | 13.8 | 13.5 | -2.6 |
| 55 | Sydney - Wagga Wagga | 13.6 | 13.4 | -1.5 |
| 56 | Brisbane - Bundaberg | 14.0 | 12.9 | -8.0 |
| 57 | Ayers Rock - Sydney | 13.9 | 12.6 | -9.3 |
| 58 | Brisbane - Hamilton Island | 10.9 | 11.6 | 6.4 |
| 59 | Cairns - Townsville | 10.6 | 10.8 | 2.2 |
| 60 | Adelaide - Alice Springs | 9.7 | 10.4 | 7.1 |
| 61 | Brisbane - Mount Isa | 9.5 | 9.9 | 4.4 |
| 62 | Armidale - Sydney | 10.0 | 9.5 | -5.3 |
| 63 | Proserpine - Sydney | 12.4 | 9.4 | -24.6 |
| 64 | Geraldton - Perth | 8.7 | 8.8 | 1.1 |
| 65 | Alice Springs - Darwin | 7.5 | 6.5 | -12.9 |
|    | **Total domestic network** | **5 246.5** | **5 144.1** | **-2.0** |

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

|  | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne - Sydney | 873.2 | 849.9 | -2.7 |
| 2 | Brisbane - Sydney | 482.5 | 470.0 | -2.6 |
| 3 | Brisbane - Melbourne | 374.3 | 368.2 | -1.6 |
| 4 | Gold Coast - Sydney | 290.1 | 272.9 | -5.9 |
| 5 | Adelaide - Melbourne | 267.6 | 253.0 | -5.4 |
| 6 | Melbourne - Perth | 217.0 | 223.1 | 2.8 |
| 7 | Gold Coast - Melbourne | 215.9 | 216.7 | 0.4 |
| 8 | Adelaide - Sydney | 203.1 | 190.7 | -6.1 |
| 9 | Hobart - Melbourne | 198.9 | 205.0 | 3.1 |
| 10 | Perth - Sydney | 182.6 | 173.7 | -4.9 |
| 11 | Brisbane - Cairns | 133.9 | 127.6 | -4.7 |
| 12 | Cairns - Sydney | 116.9 | 115.8 | -1.0 |
| 13 | Launceston - Melbourne | 118.3 | 120.2 | 1.6 |
| 14 | Canberra - Melbourne | 135.1 | 131.6 | -2.5 |
| 15 | Brisbane - Perth | 104.3 | 96.7 | -7.3 |
| 16 | Brisbane - Townsville | 108.0 | 100.5 | -7.0 |
| 17 | Adelaide - Brisbane | 100.9 | 89.4 | -11.4 |
| 18 | Cairns - Melbourne | 84.6 | 89.4 | 5.7 |
| 19 | Hobart - Sydney | 85.8 | 86.1 | 0.4 |
| 20 | Canberra - Sydney | 97.0 | 87.5 | -9.8 |
| 21 | Brisbane - Mackay | 75.2 | 79.9 | 6.2 |
| 22 | Sunshine Coast - Sydney | 74.6 | 75.7 | 1.5 |
| 23 | Adelaide - Perth | 73.3 | 70.2 | -4.2 |
| 24 | Brisbane - Canberra | 70.3 | 68.6 | -2.5 |
| 25 | Brisbane - Newcastle | 70.2 | 66.6 | -5.2 |
| 26 | Melbourne - Sunshine Coast | 59.1 | 59.5 | 0.6 |
| 27 | Brisbane - Rockhampton | 52.3 | 55.4 | 5.8 |
| 28 | Ballina - Sydney | 48.8 | 49.6 | 1.6 |
| 29 | Melbourne - Newcastle | 52.0 | 49.5 | -4.9 |
| 30 | Karratha - Perth | 53.6 | 53.1 | -0.9 |
| 31 | Launceston - Sydney | 38.6 | 38.0 | -1.7 |
| 32 | Brisbane - Darwin | 41.3 | 41.6 | 0.7 |
| 33 | Coffs Harbour - Sydney | 37.9 | 37.1 | -2.2 |
| 34 | Perth - Port Hedland | 40.7 | 43.9 | 7.8 |
| 35 | Brisbane - Hobart | 27.8 | 31.2 | 12.2 |
| 36 | Broome - Perth | 34.8 | 33.4 | -3.9 |
| 37 | Darwin - Sydney | 35.8 | 35.0 | -2.1 |
| 38 | Darwin - Melbourne | 30.6 | 30.6 | -0.1 |
| 39 | Newman - Perth | 40.6 | 42.3 | 4.1 |
| 40 | Kalgoorlie - Perth | 32.8 | 36.9 | 12.5 |
| 41 | Brisbane - Proserpine | 32.0 | 30.2 | -5.5 |
| 42 | Brisbane - Gladstone | 28.6 | 29.6 | 3.7 |
| 43 | Hamilton Island - Sydney | 29.3 | 26.7 | -9.1 |
| 44 | Adelaide - Gold Coast | 24.1 | 24.3 | 0.8 |
| 45 | Albury - Sydney | 24.8 | 25.1 | 0.9 |
| 46 | Melbourne - Mildura | 27.3 | 27.6 | 1.1 |
| 47 | Sydney - Townsville | 19.7 | 19.7 | 0.2 |
| 48 | Port Macquarie - Sydney | 21.4 | 21.6 | 1.0 |
| 49 | Adelaide - Canberra | 22.6 | 21.9 | -3.0 |
| 50 | Brisbane - Emerald | 21.9 | 22.6 | 3.3 |

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

|    | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|----|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 51 | Adelaide - Port Lincoln | 22.8 | 23.6 | 3.6 |
| 52 | Darwin - Perth | 21.3 | 21.9 | 2.8 |
| 53 | Dubbo - Sydney | 19.9 | 19.8 | -0.5 |
| 54 | Sydney - Tamworth | 21.2 | 21.0 | -1.1 |
| 55 | Sydney - Wagga Wagga | 20.2 | 19.6 | -3.3 |
| 56 | Brisbane - Bundaberg | 19.9 | 19.3 | -3.2 |
| 57 | Ayers Rock - Sydney | 18.7 | 19.8 | 6.3 |
| 58 | Brisbane - Hamilton Island | 15.1 | 15.6 | 3.3 |
| 59 | Cairns - Townsville | 20.0 | 20.1 | 0.6 |
| 60 | Adelaide - Alice Springs | 15.2 | 15.8 | 4.1 |
| 61 | Brisbane - Mount Isa | 13.4 | 15.6 | 16.5 |
| 62 | Armidale - Sydney | 13.9 | 13.6 | -2.5 |
| 63 | Proserpine - Sydney | 14.4 | 11.4 | -20.6 |
| 64 | Geraldton - Perth | 17.0 | 17.1 | 0.6 |
| 65 | Alice Springs - Darwin | 14.7 | 13.9 | -5.6 |
|    | **Total domestic network** | **6 616.7** | **6 486.8** | **-2.0** |

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

| | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Point diff |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne - Sydney | 86.8 | 87.9 | 1.1 |
| 2 | Brisbane - Sydney | 85.4 | 86.7 | 1.3 |
| 3 | Brisbane - Melbourne | 82.6 | 82.2 | -0.4 |
| 4 | Gold Coast - Sydney | 87.2 | 87.9 | 0.7 |
| 5 | Adelaide - Melbourne | 80.9 | 83.0 | 2.1 |
| 6 | Melbourne - Perth | 88.8 | 87.3 | -1.5 |
| 7 | Gold Coast - Melbourne | 84.4 | 85.0 | 0.6 |
| 8 | Adelaide - Sydney | 83.9 | 85.5 | 1.6 |
| 9 | Hobart - Melbourne | 78.6 | 77.6 | -1.0 |
| 10 | Perth - Sydney | 87.6 | 87.7 | 0.1 |
| 11 | Brisbane - Cairns | 87.8 | 85.1 | -2.7 |
| 12 | Cairns - Sydney | 85.5 | 83.3 | -2.2 |
| 13 | Launceston - Melbourne | 79.0 | 76.6 | -2.4 |
| 14 | Canberra - Melbourne | 68.3 | 68.8 | 0.5 |
| 15 | Brisbane - Perth | 86.3 | 85.2 | -1.1 |
| 16 | Brisbane - Townsville | 78.2 | 81.3 | 3.1 |
| 17 | Adelaide - Brisbane | 78.8 | 82.9 | 4.1 |
| 18 | Cairns - Melbourne | 83.1 | 82.1 | -1.0 |
| 19 | Hobart - Sydney | 79.5 | 81.8 | 2.3 |
| 20 | Canberra - Sydney | 71.6 | 74.6 | 3.0 |
| 21 | Brisbane - Mackay | 81.0 | 78.4 | -2.6 |
| 22 | Sunshine Coast - Sydney | 78.1 | 80.7 | 2.6 |
| 23 | Adelaide - Perth | 77.4 | 80.3 | 2.9 |
| 24 | Brisbane - Canberra | 75.4 | 75.7 | 0.3 |
| 25 | Brisbane - Newcastle | 74.2 | 74.5 | 0.3 |
| 26 | Melbourne - Sunshine Coast | 79.9 | 79.4 | -0.5 |
| 27 | Brisbane - Rockhampton | 79.4 | 76.4 | -3.0 |
| 28 | Ballina - Sydney | 84.2 | 84.1 | -0.1 |
| 29 | Melbourne - Newcastle | 82.6 | 82.6 | 0.0 |
| 30 | Karratha - Perth | 61.3 | 60.6 | -0.7 |
| 31 | Launceston - Sydney | 84.7 | 83.1 | -1.6 |
| 32 | Brisbane - Darwin | 77.0 | 71.7 | -5.3 |
| 33 | Coffs Harbour - Sydney | 76.7 | 75.4 | -1.3 |
| 34 | Perth - Port Hedland | 61.4 | 60.4 | -1.0 |
| 35 | Brisbane - Hobart | 81.8 | 81.0 | -0.8 |
| 36 | Broome - Perth | 73.3 | 72.5 | -0.8 |
| 37 | Darwin - Sydney | 70.4 | 64.4 | -6.0 |
| 38 | Darwin - Melbourne | 73.9 | 73.2 | -0.7 |
| 39 | Newman - Perth | 51.4 | 52.7 | 1.3 |
| 40 | Kalgoorlie - Perth | 57.3 | 60.0 | 2.7 |
| 41 | Brisbane - Proserpine | 83.3 | 72.9 | -10.4 |
| 42 | Brisbane - Gladstone | 73.6 | 67.6 | -6.0 |
| 43 | Hamilton Island - Sydney | 69.5 | 72.5 | 3.0 |
| 44 | Adelaide - Gold Coast | 83.6 | 79.4 | -4.2 |
| 45 | Albury - Sydney | 70.6 | 71.9 | 1.3 |
| 46 | Melbourne - Mildura | 65.0 | 65.4 | 0.4 |
| 47 | Sydney - Townsville | 83.8 | 85.6 | 1.8 |
| 48 | Port Macquarie - Sydney | 78.6 | 73.9 | -4.7 |
| 49 | Adelaide - Canberra | 68.1 | 68.4 | 0.3 |
| 50 | Brisbane - Emerald | 66.7 | 64.9 | -1.8 |

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

|    | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Point diff |
|----|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 51 | Adelaide - Port Lincoln | 65.3 | 62.1 | -3.2 |
| 52 | Darwin - Perth | 74.8 | 63.5 | -11.3 |
| 53 | Dubbo - Sydney | 71.8 | 69.1 | -2.7 |
| 54 | Sydney - Tamworth | 65.2 | 64.2 | -1.0 |
| 55 | Sydney - Wagga Wagga | 67.3 | 68.6 | 1.3 |
| 56 | Brisbane - Bundaberg | 70.5 | 67.1 | -3.4 |
| 57 | Ayers Rock - Sydney | 74.7 | 63.7 | -11.0 |
| 58 | Brisbane - Hamilton Island | 72.2 | 74.3 | 2.1 |
| 59 | Cairns - Townsville | 52.9 | 53.7 | 0.8 |
| 60 | Adelaide - Alice Springs | 64.1 | 65.9 | 1.8 |
| 61 | Brisbane - Mount Isa | 71.0 | 63.6 | -7.4 |
| 62 | Armidale - Sydney | 71.9 | 69.8 | -2.1 |
| 63 | Proserpine - Sydney | 86.4 | 82.0 | -4.4 |
| 64 | Geraldton - Perth | 51.0 | 51.3 | 0.3 |
| 65 | Alice Springs - Darwin | 50.8 | 46.9 | -3.9 |
|    | **Total domestic network** | **81.0** | **80.6** | **-0.4** |

## Table 5: Aircraft trips [a] — monthly activity

|  | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne - Sydney | 4 875 | 4 740 | -2.8 |
| 2 | Brisbane - Sydney | 2 944 | 2 844 | -3.4 |
| 3 | Brisbane - Melbourne | 2 223 | 2 193 | -1.3 |
| 4 | Gold Coast - Sydney | 1 628 | 1 537 | -5.6 |
| 5 | Adelaide - Melbourne | 1 655 | 1 518 | -8.3 |
| 6 | Melbourne - Perth | 987 | 1 111 | 12.6 |
| 7 | Gold Coast - Melbourne | 1 150 | 1 147 | -0.3 |
| 8 | Adelaide - Sydney | 1 212 | 1 149 | -5.2 |
| 9 | Hobart - Melbourne | 1 168 | 1 120 | -4.1 |
| 10 | Perth - Sydney | 800 | 811 | 1.4 |
| 11 | Brisbane - Cairns | 836 | 842 | 0.7 |
| 12 | Cairns - Sydney | 648 | 606 | -6.5 |
| 13 | Launceston - Melbourne | 863 | 855 | -0.9 |
| 14 | Canberra - Melbourne | 896 | 845 | -5.7 |
| 15 | Brisbane - Perth | 519 | 522 | 0.6 |
| 16 | Brisbane - Townsville | 746 | 675 | -9.5 |
| 17 | Adelaide - Brisbane | 597 | 550 | -7.9 |
| 18 | Cairns - Melbourne | 444 | 465 | 4.7 |
| 19 | Hobart - Sydney | 495 | 498 | 0.6 |
| 20 | Canberra - Sydney | 1 180 | 1 179 | -0.1 |
| 21 | Brisbane - Mackay | 578 | 604 | 4.5 |
| 22 | Sunshine Coast - Sydney | 446 | 449 | 0.7 |
| 23 | Adelaide - Perth | 486 | 449 | -7.6 |
| 24 | Brisbane - Canberra | 507 | 509 | 0.4 |
| 25 | Brisbane - Newcastle | 498 | 500 | 0.4 |
| 26 | Melbourne - Sunshine Coast | 343 | 333 | -2.9 |
| 27 | Brisbane - Rockhampton | 627 | 647 | 3.2 |
| 28 | Ballina - Sydney | 304 | 303 | -0.3 |
| 29 | Melbourne - Newcastle | 288 | 274 | -4.9 |
| 30 | Karratha - Perth | 478 | 468 | -2.1 |
| 31 | Launceston - Sydney | 221 | 212 | -4.1 |
| 32 | Brisbane - Darwin | 249 | 248 | -0.4 |
| 33 | Coffs Harbour - Sydney | 401 | 396 | -1.2 |
| 34 | Perth - Port Hedland | 351 | 349 | -0.6 |
| 35 | Brisbane - Hobart | 156 | 175 | 12.2 |
| 36 | Broome - Perth | 319 | 292 | -8.5 |
| 37 | Darwin - Sydney | 212 | 200 | -5.7 |
| 38 | Darwin - Melbourne | 174 | 173 | -0.6 |
| 39 | Newman - Perth | 314 | 310 | -1.3 |
| 40 | Kalgoorlie - Perth | 284 | 297 | 4.6 |
| 41 | Brisbane - Proserpine | 181 | 172 | -5.0 |
| 42 | Brisbane - Gladstone | 376 | 390 | 3.7 |
| 43 | Hamilton Island - Sydney | 174 | 163 | -6.3 |
| 44 | Adelaide - Gold Coast | 136 | 136 | 0.0 |
| 45 | Albury - Sydney | 440 | 445 | 1.1 |
| 46 | Melbourne - Mildura | 379 | 363 | -4.2 |
| 47 | Sydney - Townsville | 112 | 113 | 0.9 |
| 48 | Port Macquarie - Sydney | 347 | 319 | -8.1 |
| 49 | Adelaide - Canberra | 134 | 134 | 0.0 |
| 50 | Brisbane - Emerald | 289 | 336 | 16.3 |

**Table 5: (continued) Aircraft trips — monthly activity**

|    | City-Pair | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|----|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 51 | Adelaide - Port Lincoln | 580 | 603 | 4.0 |
| 52 | Darwin - Perth | 129 | 127 | -1.6 |
| 53 | Dubbo - Sydney | 425 | 421 | -0.9 |
| 54 | Sydney - Tamworth | 331 | 330 | -0.3 |
| 55 | Sydney - Wagga Wagga | 364 | 370 | 1.6 |
| 56 | Brisbane - Bundaberg | 275 | 297 | 8.0 |
| 57 | Ayers Rock - Sydney | 106 | 112 | 5.7 |
| 58 | Brisbane - Hamilton Island | 119 | 124 | 4.2 |
| 59 | Cairns - Townsville | 327 | 303 | -7.3 |
| 60 | Adelaide - Alice Springs | 110 | 115 | 4.5 |
| 61 | Brisbane - Mount Isa | 141 | 141 | 0.0 |
| 62 | Armidale - Sydney | 326 | 325 | -0.3 |
| 63 | Proserpine - Sydney | 80 | 63 | -21.3 |
| 64 | Geraldton - Perth | 170 | 171 | 0.6 |
| 65 | Alice Springs - Darwin | 134 | 115 | -14.2 |
|    | **Total domestic network** | **52 689** | **51 769** | **-1.7** |

# TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

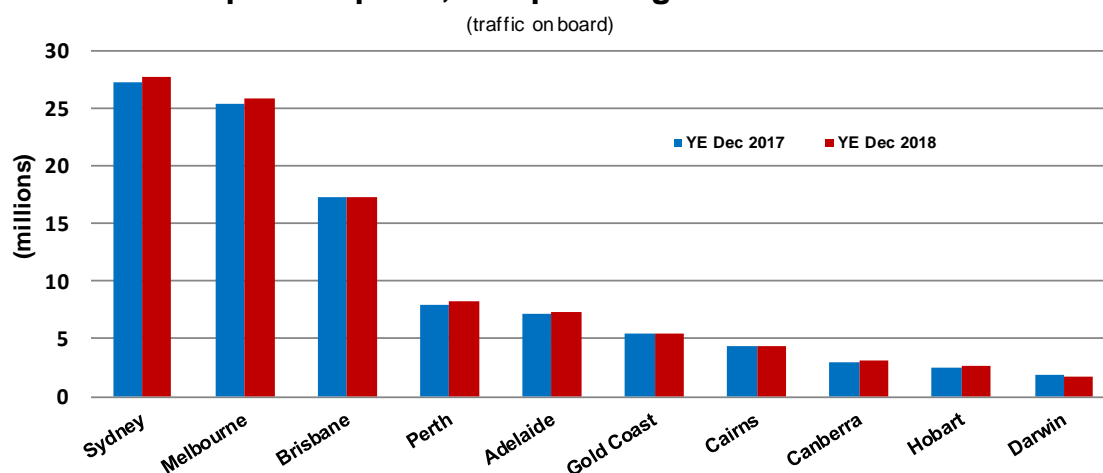**Table 6: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity**

| | Airport | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change | % of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sydney | 27 326.6 | 27 709.2 | 1.4 | 22.7 |
| 2 | Melbourne | 25 346.6 | 25 875.0 | 2.1 | 21.2 |
| 3 | Brisbane | 17 289.4 | 17 364.7 | 0.4 | 14.2 |
| 4 | Perth | 7 985.7 | 8 222.7 | 3.0 | 6.7 |
| 5 | Adelaide | 7 149.2 | 7 321.2 | 2.4 | 6.0 |
| 6 | Gold Coast | 5 420.0 | 5 489.4 | 1.3 | 4.5 |
| 7 | Cairns | 4 312.1 | 4 309.4 | -0.1 | 3.5 |
| 8 | Canberra | 3 022.4 | 3 154.4 | 4.4 | 2.6 |
| 9 | Hobart | 2 510.3 | 2 676.6 | 6.6 | 2.2 |
| 10 | Darwin | 1 802.4 | 1 744.5 | -3.2 | 1.4 |
| | **Total top ten airports** | **102 164.9** | **103 867.1** | **1.7** | **85.0** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **119 936.0** | **122 163.9** | **1.9** | **100.0** |

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

| | Airport | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change | % of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sydney | 2 380.7 | 2 321.7 | -2.5 | 22.6 |
| 2 | Melbourne | 2 216.0 | 2 196.3 | -0.9 | 21.3 |
| 3 | Brisbane | 1 508.3 | 1 464.9 | -2.9 | 14.2 |
| 4 | Perth | 705.8 | 702.2 | -0.5 | 6.8 |
| 5 | Adelaide | 640.9 | 619.4 | -3.4 | 6.0 |
| 6 | Gold Coast | 504.4 | 491.1 | -2.6 | 4.8 |
| 7 | Cairns | 369.3 | 359.9 | -2.5 | 3.5 |
| 8 | Hobart | 255.5 | 266.7 | 4.4 | 2.6 |
| 9 | Canberra | 245.5 | 238.5 | -2.8 | 2.3 |
| 10 | Launceston | 140.4 | 138.8 | -1.2 | 1.3 |
| | **Total top ten airports** | **8 966.7** | **8 799.3** | **-1.9** | **85.5** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **10 493.1** | **10 288.1** | **-2.0** | **100.0** |

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

## Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(traffic on board)

# TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

| | Airport | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change | % of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne | 132.0 | 133.9 | 1.5 | 28.3 |
| 2 | Sydney | 106.2 | 107.4 | 1.1 | 22.6 |
| 3 | Brisbane | 66.5 | 73.9 | 11.1 | 15.6 |
| 4 | Perth | 64.6 | 67.2 | 4.1 | 14.2 |
| 5 | Adelaide | 26.9 | 27.5 | 2.2 | 5.8 |
| | **Total top five airports** | **396.2** | **409.9** | **3.5** | **86.5** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **454.8** | **474.0** | **4.2** | **100.0** |

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

| | Airport | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change | % of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Melbourne | 12.5 | 11.1 | -11.0 | 26.7 |
| 2 | Sydney | 9.9 | 9.3 | -5.8 | 22.4 |
| 3 | Brisbane | 6.2 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 16.2 |
| 4 | Perth | 6.0 | 5.9 | -2.0 | 14.3 |
| 5 | Adelaide | 2.6 | 2.2 | -13.2 | 5.4 |
| | **Total top five airports** | **37.2** | **35.3** | **-5.1** | **84.9** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **42.4** | **41.5** | **-2.2** | **100.0** |

Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.
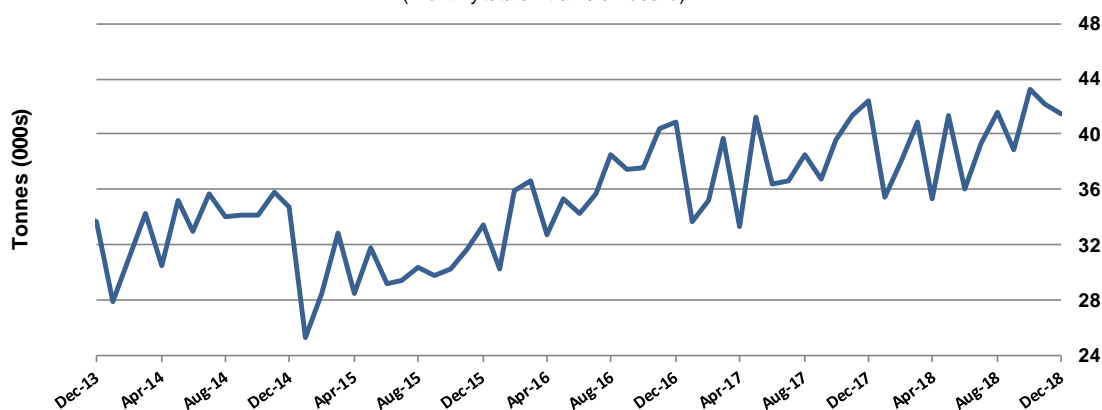
## Top five airports, cargo movements
### (Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)
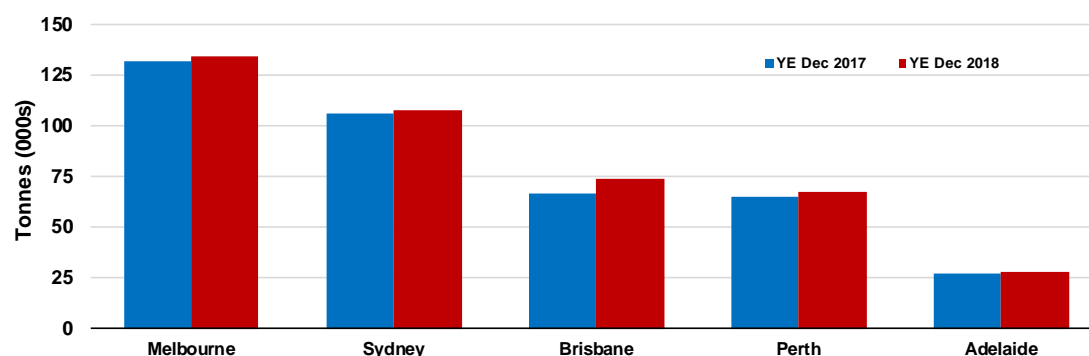


## Total domestic network - cargo movement
### (monthly totals - traffic on board)



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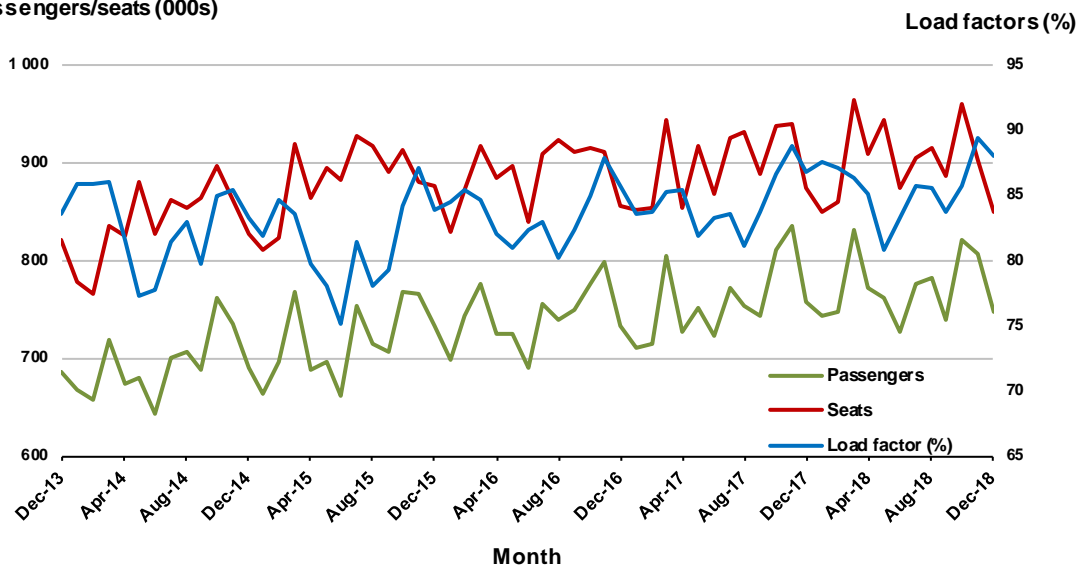
## TOP TEN ROUTES

### 1. Melbourne - Sydney

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 757.6 | 746.8 | -1.4 |
| Seats (000s) | 873.2 | 849.9 | -2.7 |
| Load factor % | 86.8 | 87.9 | 1.1 * |
| Aircraft trips | 4 875 | 4 740 | -2.8 |

* percentage point difference



**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 9 097.1 | 9 250.9 | 1.7 |
| Seats (000s) | 10 772.6 | 10 809.4 | 0.3 |
| Load factor % | 84.5 | 85.6 | 1.1 * |
| Aircraft trips | 60 059 | 60 024 | -0.1 |

* percentage point difference
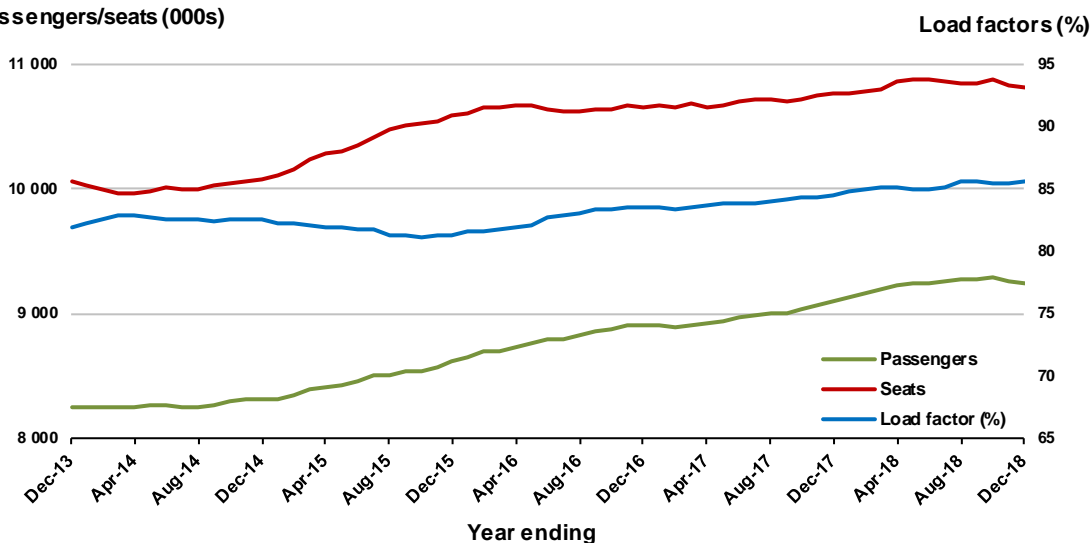
## 2. Brisbane - Sydney

**Monthly data**

| | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 412.0 | 407.3 | -1.1 |
| Seats (000s) | 482.5 | 470.0 | -2.6 |
| Load factor % | 85.4 | 86.7 | 1.3 * |
| Aircraft trips | 2 944 | 2 844 | -3.4 |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**        **Load factors (%)**
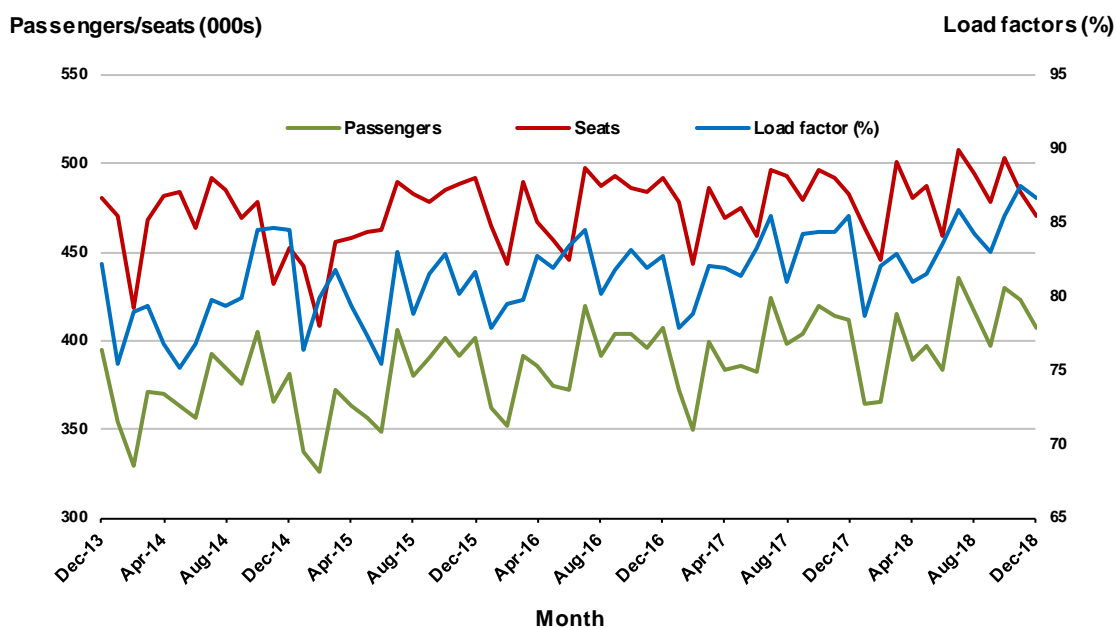


**Moving annual data**

| | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 4 746.3 | 4 825.7 | 1.7 |
| Seats (000s) | 5 749.6 | 5 774.3 | 0.4 |
| Load factor % | 82.5 | 83.6 | 1.0 * |
| Aircraft trips | 35 401 | 35 087 | -0.9 |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**        **Load factors (%)**
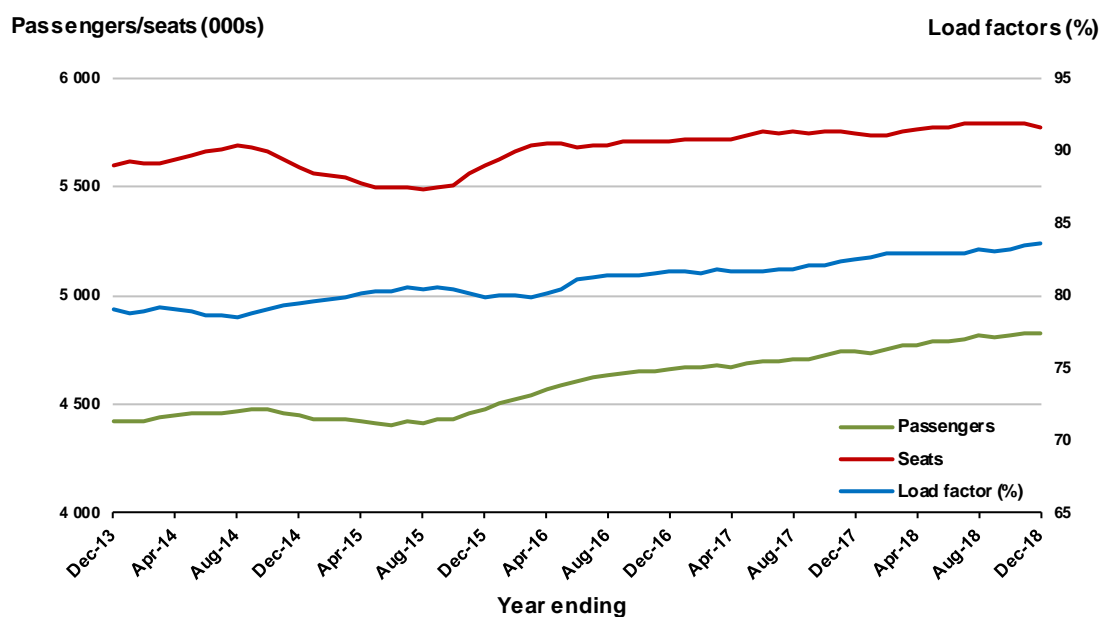
## 3. Brisbane - Melbourne

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 309.0 | 302.7 | -2.1 |
| Seats (000s) | 374.3 | 368.2 | -1.6 |
| Load factor % | 82.6 | 82.2 | -0.4 * |
| Aircraft trips | 2 223 | 2 193 | -1.3 |

* percentage point difference
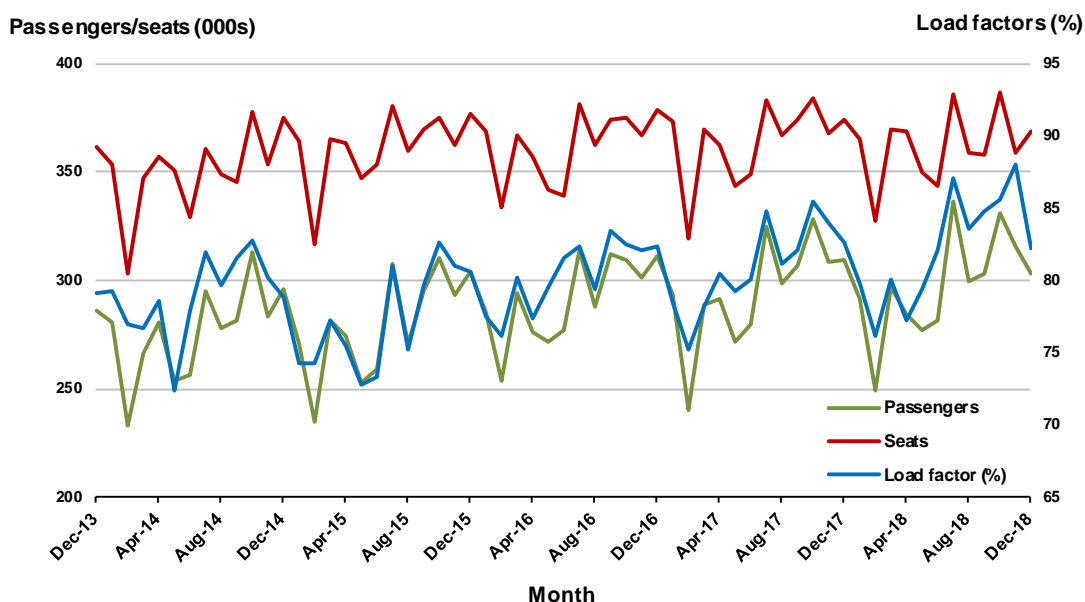


**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 3 541.1 | 3 569.2 | 0.8 |
| Seats (000s) | 4 367.8 | 4 338.5 | -0.7 |
| Load factor % | 81.1 | 82.3 | 1.2 * |
| Aircraft trips | 25 806 | 25 501 | -1.2 |

* percentage point difference
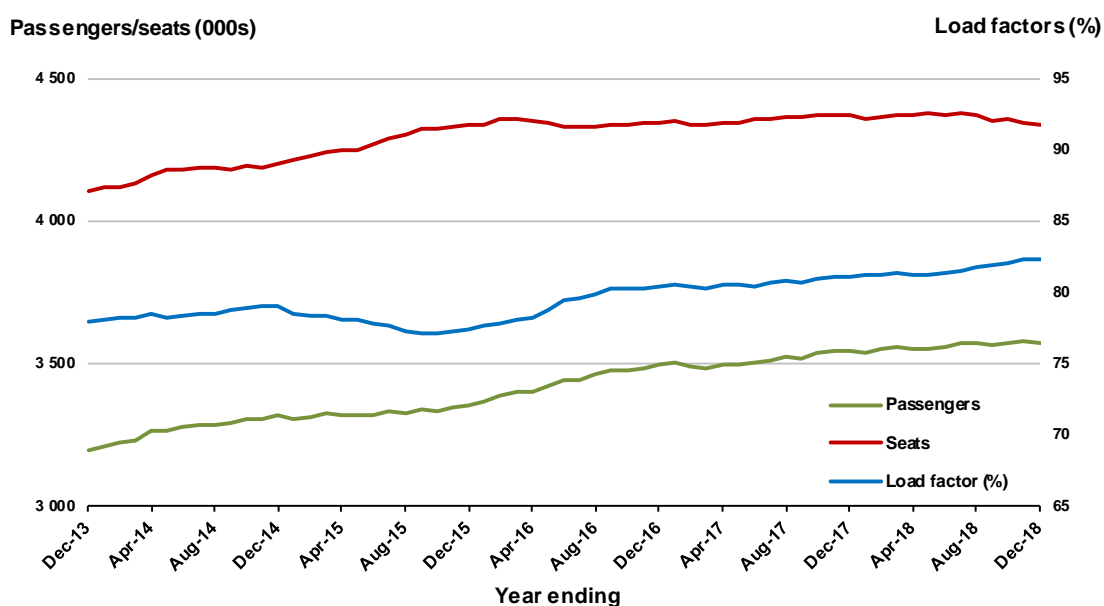
## 4. Gold Coast - Sydney

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 253.1 | 239.8 | -5.3 |
| Seats (000s) | 290.1 | 272.9 | -5.9 |
| Load factor % | 87.2 | 87.9 | 0.7 * |
| Aircraft trips | 1 628 | 1 537 | -5.6 |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                        **Load factors (%)**



**Month**
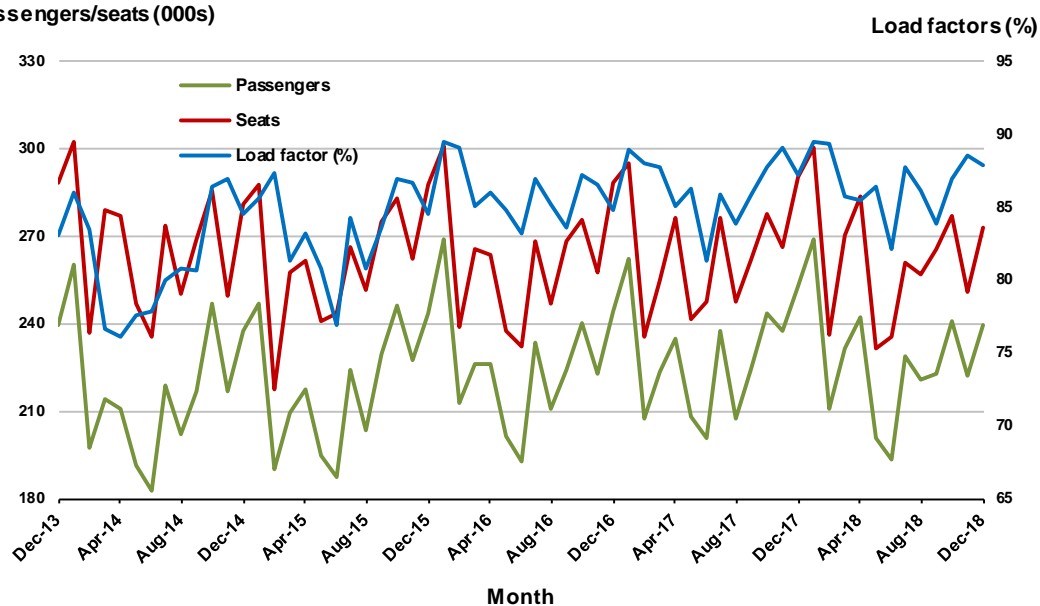
**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 2 740.7 | 2 722.8 | -0.7 |
| Seats (000s) | 3 170.5 | 3 141.1 | -0.9 |
| Load factor % | 86.4 | 86.7 | 0.2 * |
| Aircraft trips | 18 038 | 17 838 | -1.1 |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                        **Load factors (%)**



**Year ending**
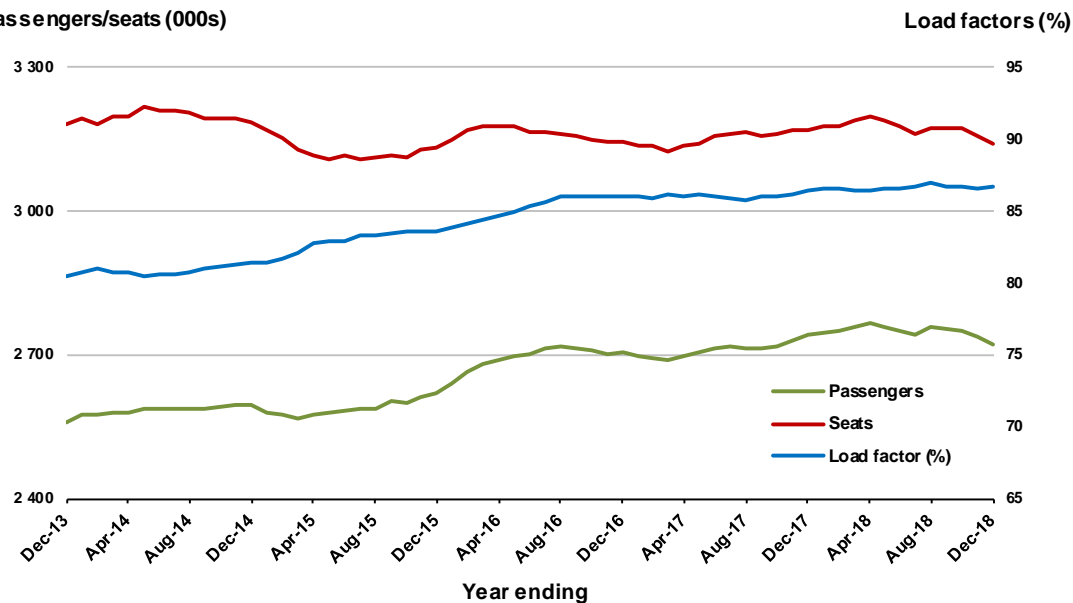
# 5. Adelaide - Melbourne

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Passengers carried (000s) | 216.5 | 209.9 | -3.0 |
| Seats (000s) | 267.6 | 253.0 | -5.4 |
| Load factor % | 80.9 | 83.0 | 2.1 * |
| Aircraft trips | 1 655 | 1 518 | -8.3 |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                                                 **Load factors (%)**
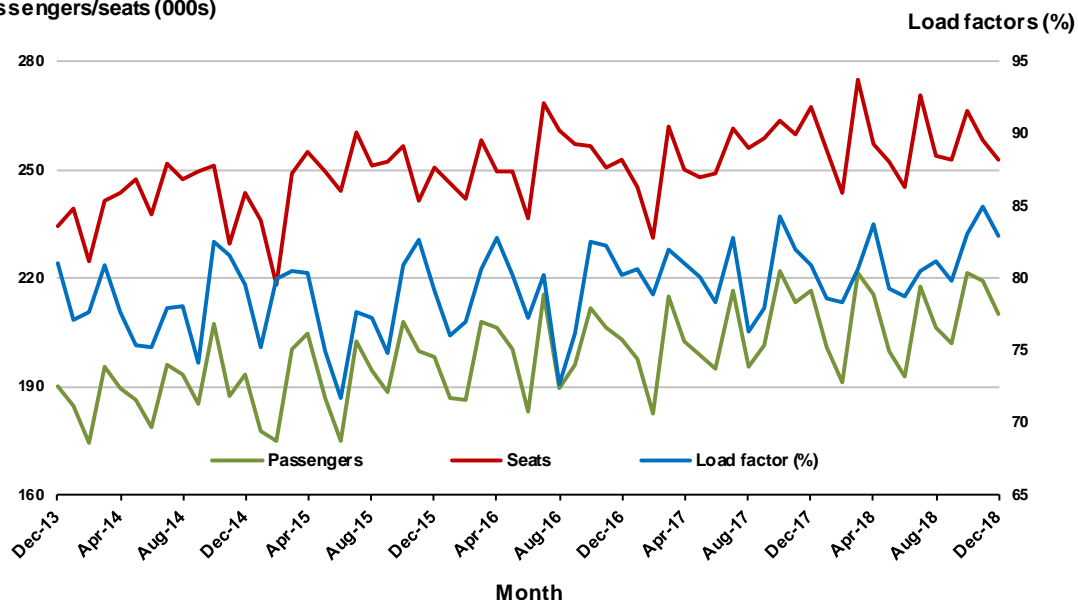


**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Passengers carried (000s) | 2 456.4 | 2 498.3 | 1.7 |
| Seats (000s) | 3 053.3 | 3 083.6 | 1.0 |
| Load factor % | 80.5 | 81.0 | 0.6 * |
| Aircraft trips | 19 128 | 19 104 | -0.1 |

* percentage point difference

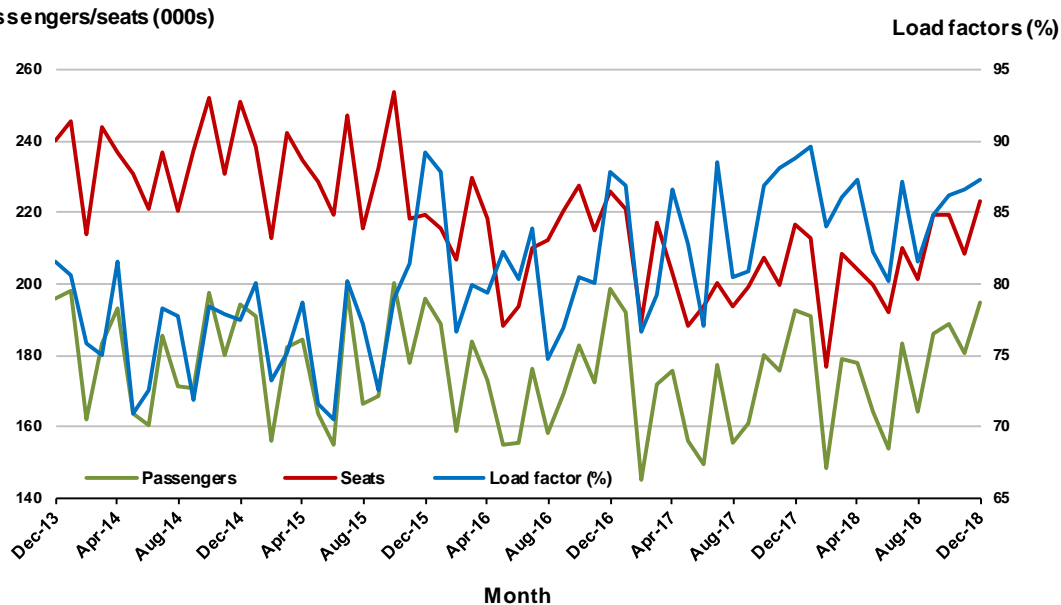**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                                                 **Load factors (%)**
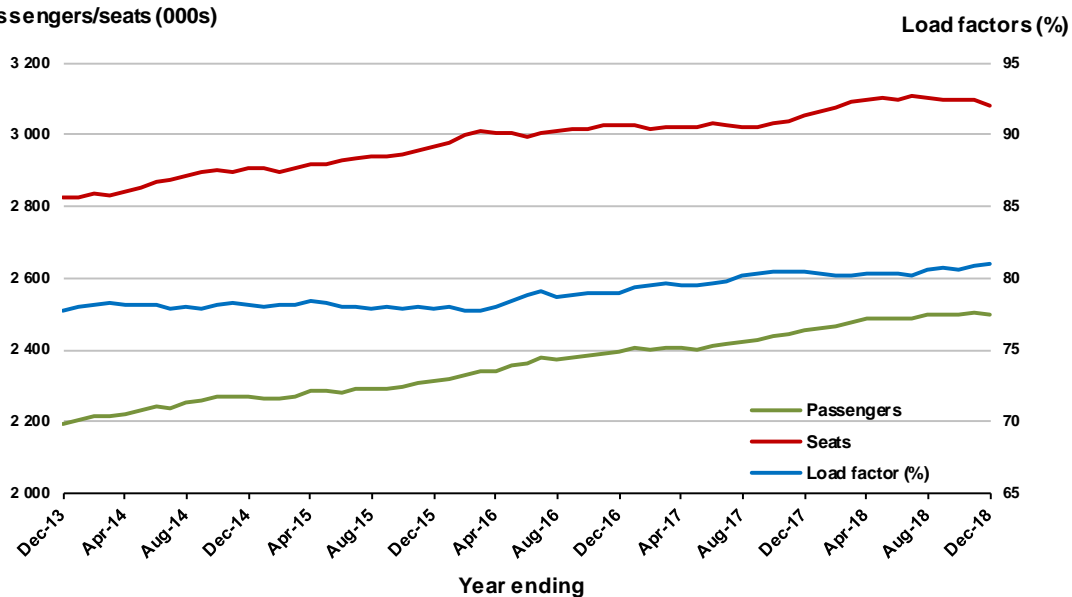
## 6. Melbourne - Perth

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 192.7 | 194.8 | 1.1 |
| Seats (000s) | 217.0 | 223.1 | 2.8 |
| Load factor % | 88.8 | 87.3 | -1.5 * |
| Aircraft trips | 987 | 1 111 | 12.6 |

* percentage point difference



**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 2 033.2 | 2 113.2 | 3.9 |
| Seats (000s) | 2 429.2 | 2 475.5 | 1.9 |
| Load factor % | 83.7 | 85.4 | 1.7 * |
| Aircraft trips | 11 110 | 11 731 | 5.6 |

* percentage point difference
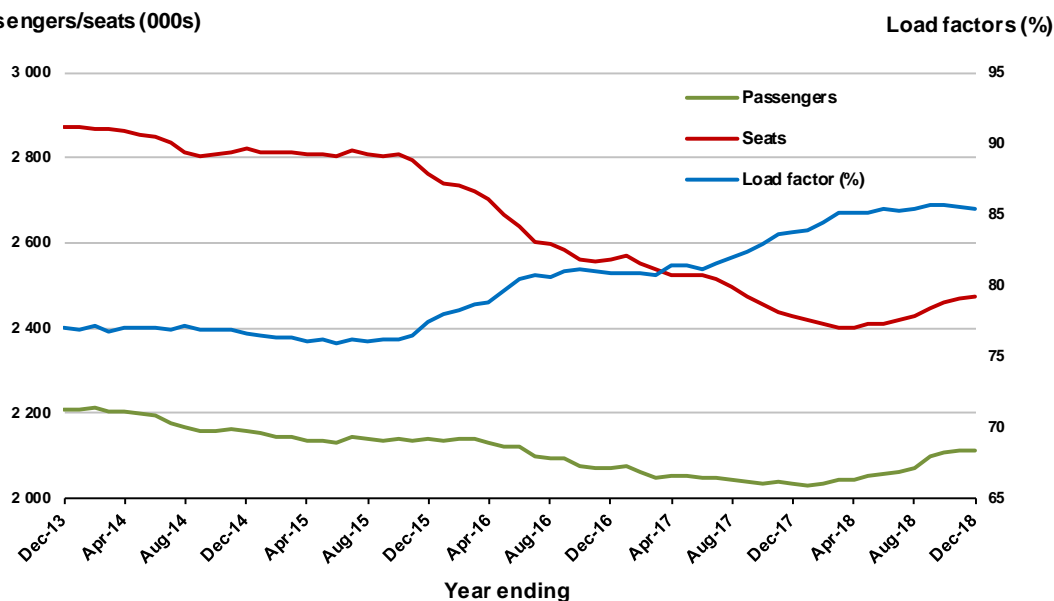
# 7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 182.2 | 184.2 | 1.1 |
| Seats (000s) | 215.9 | 216.7 | 0.4 |
| Load factor % | 84.4 | 85.0 | 0.6 * |
| Aircraft trips | 1 150 | 1 147 | -0.3 |

* percentage point difference
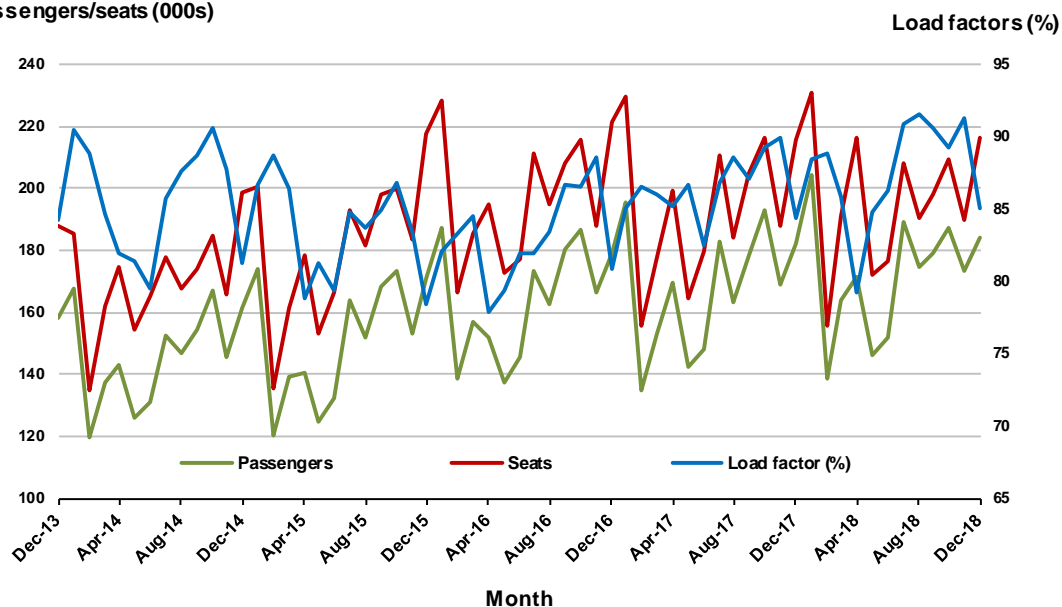


**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 2 012.6 | 2 064.2 | 2.6 |
| Seats (000s) | 2 326.6 | 2 355.3 | 1.2 |
| Load factor % | 86.5 | 87.6 | 1.1 * |
| Aircraft trips | 12 389 | 12 449 | 0.5 |

* percentage point difference
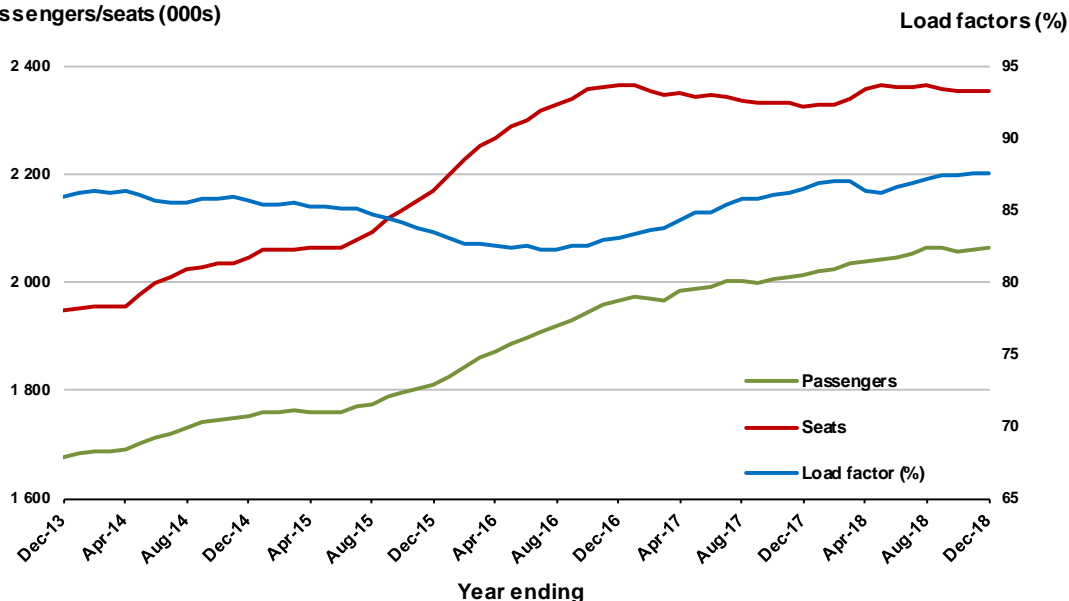
## 8. Adelaide - Sydney

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 170.3 | 163.0 | -4.3 |
| Seats (000s) | 203.1 | 190.7 | -6.1 |
| Load factor % | 83.9 | 85.5 | 1.6 * |
| Aircraft trips | 1 212 | 1 149 | -5.2 |

* percentage point difference



**Passengers/seats (000s)**  **Load factors (%)**
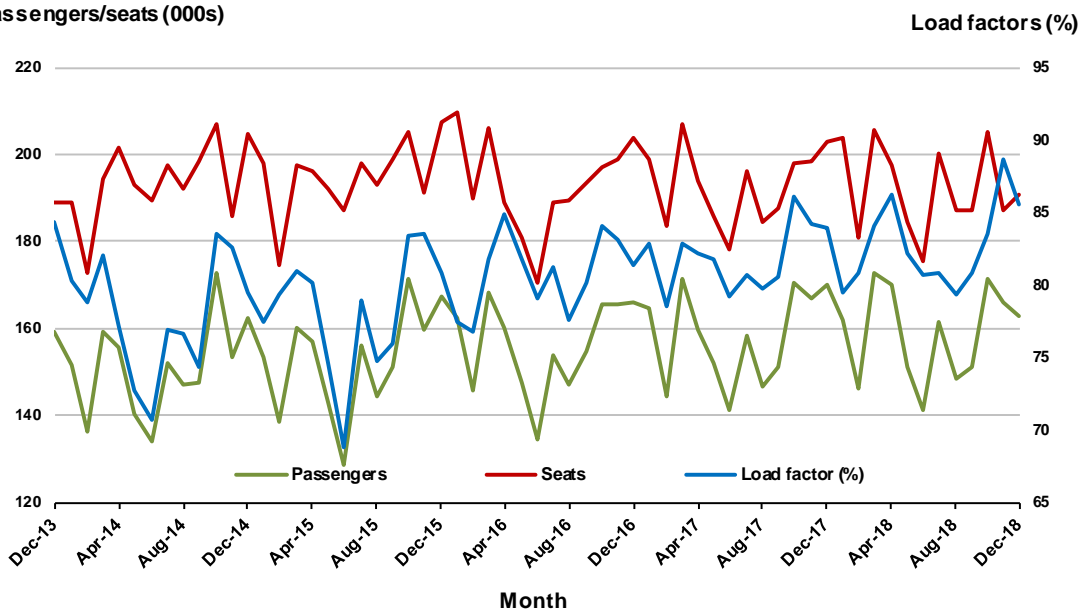
**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 1 898.3 | 1 906.5 | 0.4 |
| Seats (000s) | 2 315.8 | 2 304.7 | -0.5 |
| Load factor % | 82.0 | 82.7 | 0.8 * |
| Aircraft trips | 13 931 | 13 876 | -0.4 |

* percentage point difference



**Passengers/seats (000s)**  **Load factors (%)**
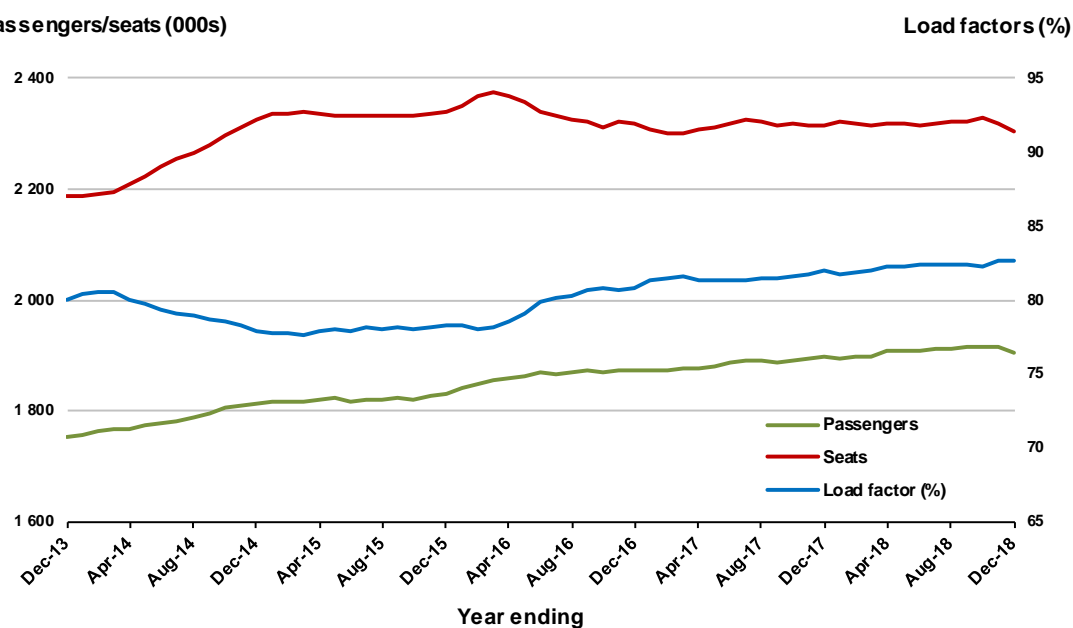
# 9. Hobart - Melbourne

**Monthly data**

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 156.4 | 159.1 | 1.8 |
| Seats (000s) | 198.9 | 205.0 | 3.1 |
| Load factor % | 78.6 | 77.6 | -1.0 * |
| Aircraft trips | 1 168 | 1 120 | -4.1 |

* percentage point difference
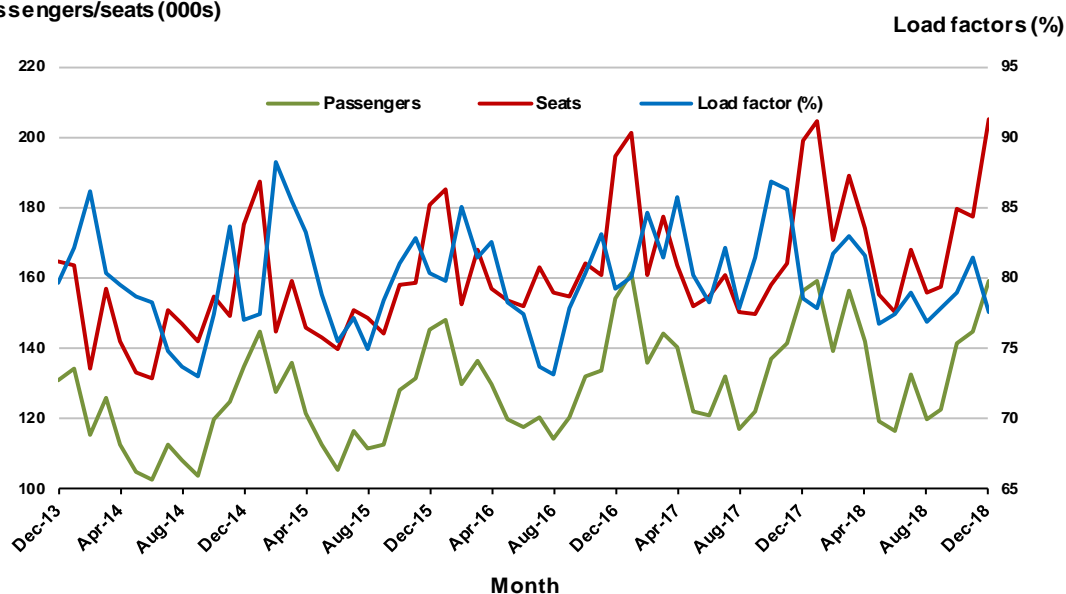


**Moving annual data**

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Passengers carried (000s) | 1 630.3 | 1 652.8 | 1.4 |
| Seats (000s) | 1 990.6 | 2 086.7 | 4.8 |
| Load factor % | 81.9 | 79.2 | -2.7 * |
| Aircraft trips | 12 161 | 11 680 | -4.0 |

* percentage point difference
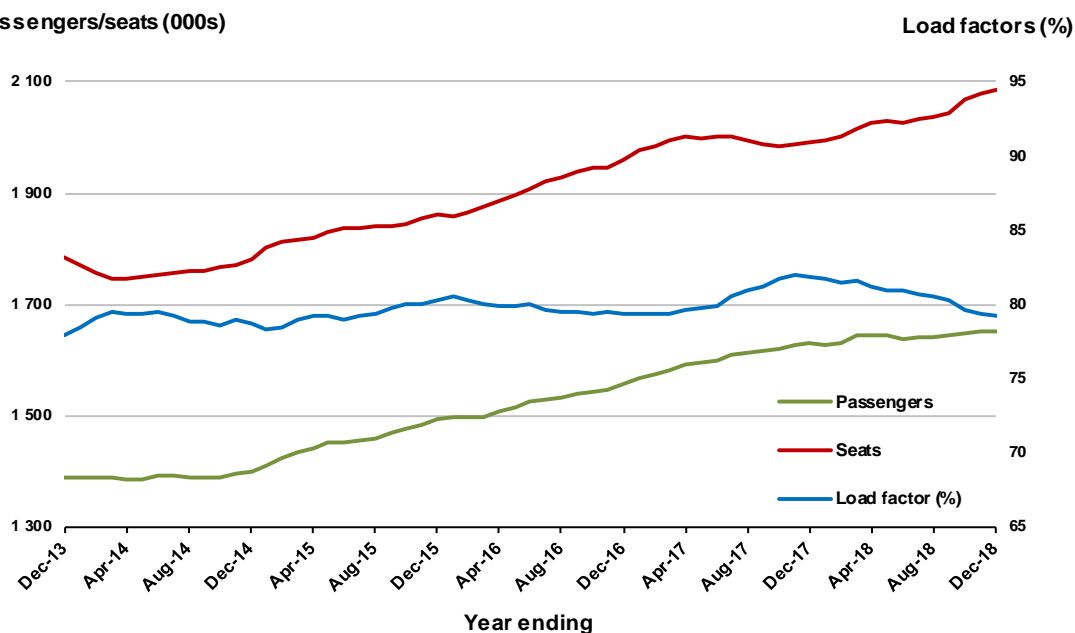
# 10. Perth - Sydney

## Monthly data

|                              | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Passengers carried (000s)    | 159.9    | 152.2    | -4.8     |
| Seats (000s)                 | 182.6    | 173.7    | -4.9     |
| Load factor %                | 87.6     | 87.7     | 0.1 *    |
| Aircraft trips               | 800      | 811      | 1.4      |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                    **Load factors (%)**



**Month**
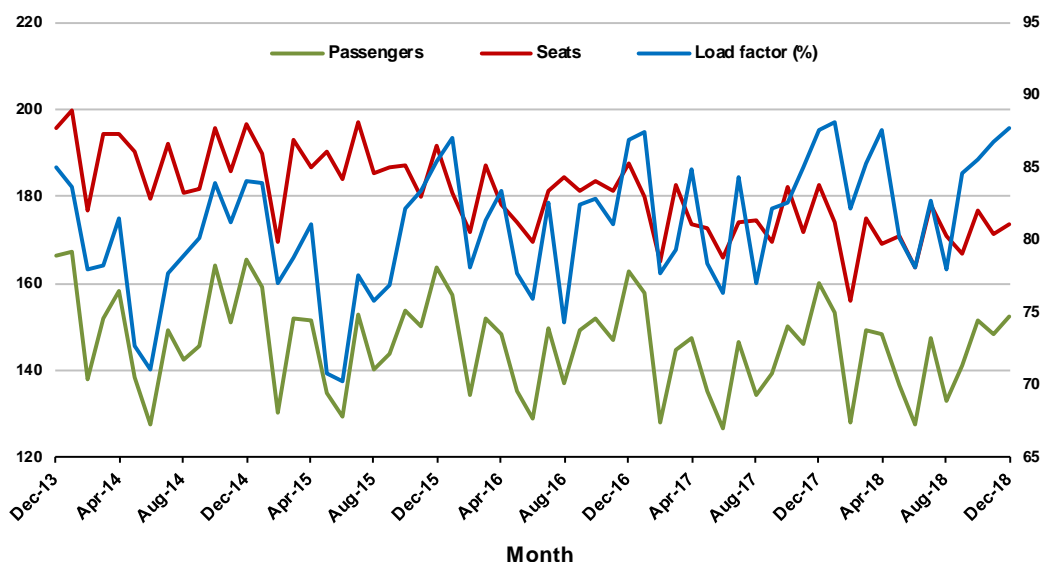
## Moving annual data

|                              | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Passengers carried (000s)    | 1 716.5     | 1 716.6     | 0.0      |
| Seats (000s)                 | 2 094.4     | 2 045.9     | -2.3     |
| Load factor %                | 82.0        | 83.9        | 2.0 *    |
| Aircraft trips               | 9 031       | 9 072       | 0.5      |

* percentage point difference

**Passengers/seats (000s)**                                    **Load factors (%)**



**Year ending**
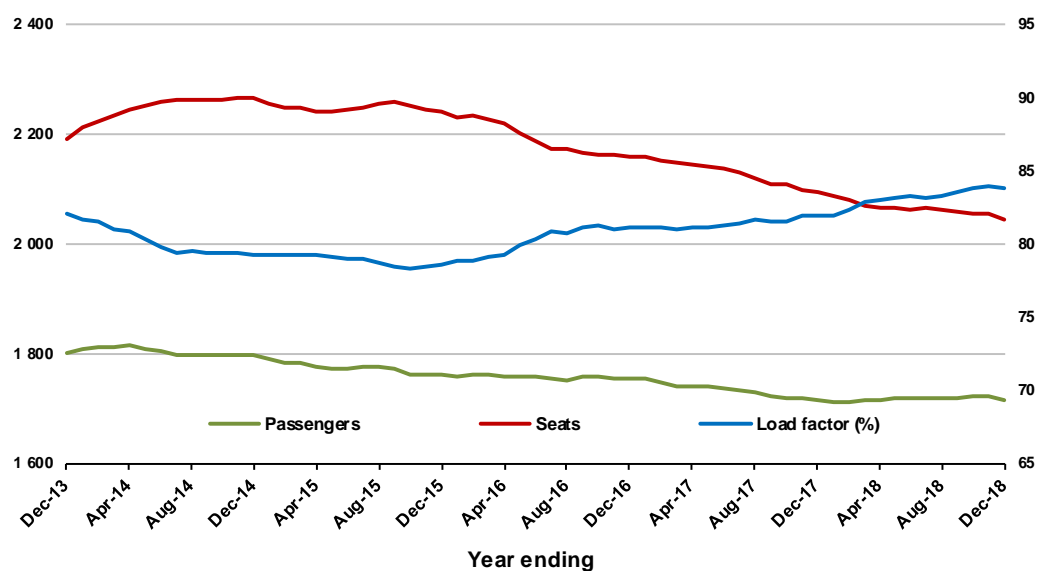
# TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

| | Airport | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cairns | 369.3 | 359.9 | -2.5 |
| 2 | Hobart | 255.5 | 266.7 | 4.4 |
| 3 | Launceston | 140.4 | 138.8 | -1.2 |
| 4 | Townsville | 140.8 | 134.5 | -4.5 |
| 5 | Darwin | 137.1 | 127.8 | -6.8 |
| 6 | Newcastle | 114.3 | 106.2 | -7.2 |
| 7 | Mackay | 67.9 | 70.0 | 3.1 |
| 8 | Ballina | 51.3 | 51.5 | 0.4 |
| 9 | Alice Springs | 46.1 | 45.1 | -2.1 |
| 10 | Rockhampton | 45.2 | 44.5 | -1.7 |
| 11 | Hamilton Island | 39.2 | 40.6 | 3.6 |
| 12 | Proserpine | 45.1 | 37.2 | -17.5 |
| 13 | Coffs Harbour | 35.1 | 33.9 | -3.4 |
| 14 | Karratha | 33.2 | 32.2 | -2.9 |
| 15 | Ayers Rock | 28.5 | 30.3 | 6.5 |
| 16 | Broome | 28.6 | 27.4 | -4.3 |
| 17 | Port Hedland | 25.5 | 27.1 | 6.1 |
| 18 | Kalgoorlie | 19.9 | 23.0 | 15.6 |
| 19 | Newman | 21.0 | 22.3 | 5.9 |
| 20 | Albury | 22.4 | 20.6 | -8.2 |
| 21 | Mildura | 21.3 | 20.2 | -5.4 |
| 22 | Gladstone | 21.0 | 20.0 | -4.7 |
| 23 | Port Macquarie | 19.9 | 18.5 | -6.8 |
| 24 | Dubbo | 18.0 | 15.9 | -11.6 |
| 25 | Mount Isa | 15.1 | 15.6 | 3.5 |
| 26 | Wagga Wagga | 17.7 | 15.2 | -13.8 |
| 27 | Emerald | 14.7 | 14.7 | 0.0 |
| 28 | Port Lincoln | 14.9 | 14.7 | -1.3 |
| 29 | Tamworth | 15.1 | 14.6 | -3.1 |
| 30 | Hervey Bay | 15.4 | 14.4 | -6.3 |
| 31 | Bundaberg | 14.0 | 12.9 | -8.0 |
| 32 | Paraburdoo | 12.2 | 12.8 | 5.4 |
| 33 | Devonport | 12.3 | 12.6 | 2.6 |
| 34 | Toowoomba Wellcamp | 13.1 | 10.1 | -23.0 |
| 35 | Armidale | 10.6 | 9.9 | -6.6 |
| 36 | Geraldton | 8.7 | 8.8 | 1.1 |
| 37 | Thursday Island | 8.8 | 8.7 | -1.5 |
| 38 | Moranbah | 7.0 | 7.6 | 8.4 |
| 39 | Kununurra | 6.6 | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| 40 | Griffith | 5.7 | 6.8 | 19.8 |
| 41 | Roma | 6.2 | 6.8 | 9.0 |
| 42 | Burnie | 5.7 | 6.6 | 15.9 |
| 43 | Weipa | 6.3 | 6.3 | -0.6 |
| 44 | Learmonth | 5.2 | 6.1 | 17.6 |
| 45 | Mount Gambier | 6.1 | 6.0 | -1.5 |
| 46 | Gove | 6.7 | 6.0 | -11.6 |
| 47 | Merimbula | 5.8 | 5.9 | 2.2 |
| 48 | Whyalla | 5.1 | 5.6 | 10.5 |
| 49 | Orange | 4.9 | 5.3 | 8.8 |
| 50 | Olympic Dam | 6.0 | 5.2 | -14.5 |
| | **Total top 50 regional airports** | **1 996.7** | **1 960.4** | **-1.8** |
| | **Total regional airports** | **2 106.4** | **2 070.8** | **-1.7** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **10 493.1** | **10 288.1** | **-2.0** |

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

Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics

"The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)", not based in Major Urban areas.

**Table 11: Top fifty regional airports (000s) — passenger movements, annual**

| | Airport | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cairns | 4 312.1 | 4 309.4 | -0.1 |
| 2 | Hobart | 2 510.3 | 2 676.6 | 6.6 |
| 3 | Darwin | 1 802.4 | 1 744.5 | -3.2 |
| 4 | Townsville | 1 590.5 | 1 649.2 | 3.7 |
| 5 | Launceston | 1 341.8 | 1 382.0 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Newcastle | 1 289.8 | 1 254.9 | -2.7 |
| 7 | Mackay | 786.4 | 847.5 | 7.8 |
| 8 | Alice Springs | 618.5 | 621.7 | 0.5 |
| 9 | Rockhampton | 557.1 | 551.7 | -1.0 |
| 10 | Ballina | 509.7 | 538.2 | 5.6 |
| 11 | Proserpine | 425.6 | 448.6 | 5.4 |
| 12 | Karratha | 439.2 | 442.0 | 0.6 |
| 13 | Hamilton Island | 423.6 | 427.4 | 0.9 |
| 14 | Broome | 388.4 | 416.4 | 7.2 |
| 15 | Ayers Rock | 366.0 | 416.3 | 13.8 |
| 16 | Coffs Harbour | 416.1 | 403.6 | -3.0 |
| 17 | Port Hedland | 347.6 | 371.5 | 6.9 |
| 18 | Newman | 285.9 | 306.2 | 7.1 |
| 19 | Kalgoorlie | 252.1 | 289.6 | 14.9 |
| 20 | Mildura | 255.4 | 270.7 | 6.0 |
| 21 | Albury | 269.8 | 260.2 | -3.6 |
| 22 | Gladstone | 282.3 | 253.2 | -10.3 |
| 23 | Dubbo | 237.3 | 219.7 | -7.4 |
| 24 | Wagga Wagga | 225.1 | 217.1 | -3.6 |
| 25 | Port Macquarie | 228.1 | 215.1 | -5.7 |
| 26 | Mount Isa | 200.7 | 211.3 | 5.3 |
| 27 | Emerald | 197.8 | 195.3 | -1.3 |
| 28 | Tamworth | 198.3 | 189.6 | -4.4 |
| 29 | Paraburdoo | 166.5 | 178.1 | 7.0 |
| 30 | Port Lincoln | 171.7 | 169.9 | -1.1 |
| 31 | Hervey Bay | 174.0 | 163.9 | -5.8 |
| 32 | Bundaberg | 174.1 | 162.9 | -6.4 |
| 33 | Devonport | 147.6 | 147.5 | 0.0 |
| 34 | Toowoomba Wellcamp | 152.0 | 136.7 | -10.1 |
| 35 | Armidale | 133.0 | 128.9 | -3.0 |
| 36 | Geraldton | 112.1 | 113.4 | 1.1 |
| 37 | Kununurra | 104.6 | 107.2 | 2.5 |
| 38 | Moranbah | 115.6 | 103.7 | -10.3 |
| 39 | Thursday Island | 100.4 | 100.8 | 0.4 |
| 40 | Learmonth | 82.6 | 88.3 | 6.9 |
| 41 | Roma | 83.8 | 87.9 | 4.9 |
| 42 | Gove | 84.2 | 84.2 | 0.1 |
| 43 | Mount Gambier | 80.3 | 80.5 | 0.2 |
| 44 | Weipa | 78.1 | 80.5 | 3.1 |
| 45 | Griffith | 73.7 | 79.8 | 8.3 |
| 46 | Orange | 64.1 | 76.8 | 19.9 |
| 47 | Whyalla | 64.8 | 76.3 | 17.6 |
| 48 | Olympic Dam | 69.6 | 74.8 | 7.4 |
| 49 | Burnie | 61.2 | 71.1 | 16.1 |
| 50 | Broken Hill | 61.6 | 70.1 | 13.8 |
| | **Total top 50 regional airports** | **23 113.2** | **23 512.9** | **1.7** |
| | **Total regional airports** | **24 491.5** | **24 962.2** | **1.9** |
| | **Total domestic network** | **119 936.0** | **122 163.9** | **1.9** |

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport.
Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics
"The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)", not based in Major Urban areas.

# DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total domestic charter passengers | 2 439 760 | 2 476 277 | 1.5 |
| Total domestic charter aircraft trips | 46 447 | 44 059 | -5.1 |

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

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

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total domestic charter passengers | 181 288 | 186 766 | 3.0 |
| Total domestic charter aircraft trips | 3 600 | 3 436 | -4.6 |

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

## Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

|  | YE Dec 2017 | YE Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total domestic charter passenger movements | 4 879 520 | 4 952 554 | 1.5 |
| Total domestic charter aircraft movements | 92 894 | 88 118 | -5.1 |
| Perth airport charter passenger movements | 1 852 279 | 1 874 453 | 1.2 |
| Perth airport charter aircraft movements | 31 738 | 29 992 | -5.5 |

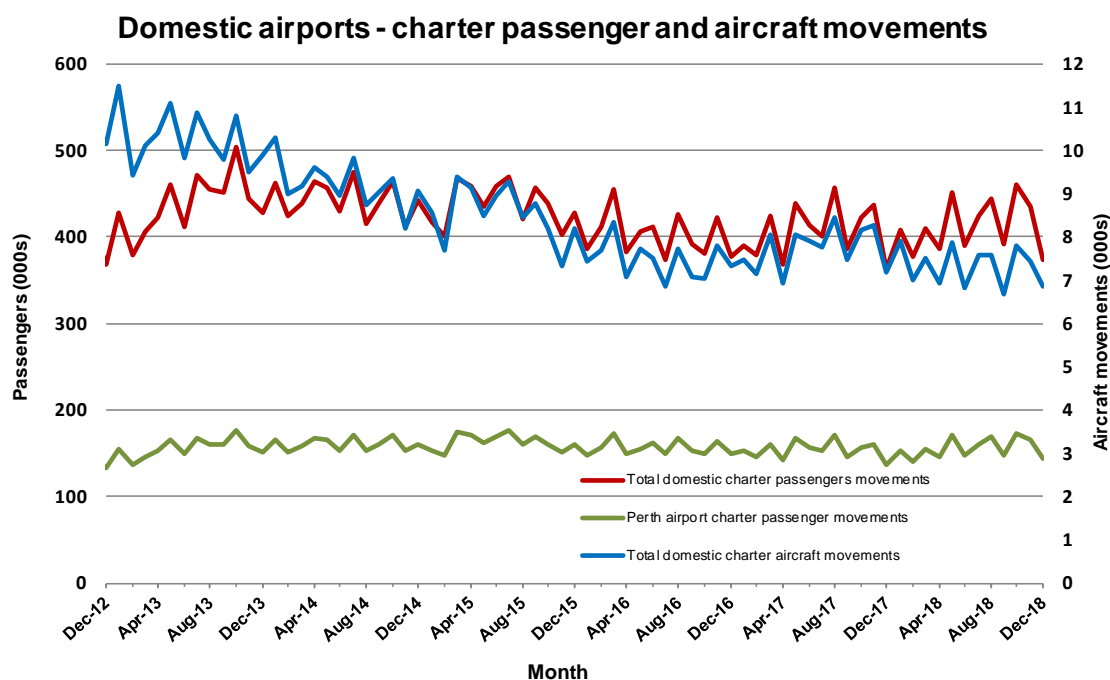Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

## Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

|  | Dec 2017 | Dec 2018 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total domestic charter passenger movements | 362 576 | 373 532 | 3.0 |
| Total domestic charter aircraft movements | 7 200 | 6 872 | -4.6 |
| Perth airport charter passenger movements | 137 148 | 143 519 | 4.6 |
| Perth airport charter aircraft movements | 2 455 | 2 382 | -3.0 |

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.



**Domestic airports - charter passenger and aircraft movements**

Legend:
— Total domestic charter passengers movements
— Perth airport charter passenger movements
— Total domestic charter aircraft movements

# 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 |