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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of July 2017.

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 July 2017 there were 65 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of July 2017 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of July 2017 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended July 2017 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 5.49 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in July 2017, an increase of 2.2 per cent on July 2016. For the month of July 2017 there were 58 254 aircraft trips, virtually the same as July 2016.

5.29 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in July 2017, an increase of 2.1 per cent on July 2016.

For the year ending July 2017 there were 59.36 million RPT passengers, an increase of 1.6 per cent on the year ending July 2016.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.33 billion for the month, up 1.7 per cent compared with July 2016. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 0.3 per cent compared with July 2016 to a total of 7.70 billion.

With RPT passenger traffic increasing and capacity decreasing, the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 80.6 per cent in July 2016 to 82.2 per cent in July 2017. Load factors on individual routes increased on 45 of the 65 RPT routes available for publishing.

For the month of July 2017, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 771 829 passengers, an increase of 2.3 per cent compared with July 2016. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 424 563 passengers (up 1.1 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 324 721 passengers (up 3.5 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in RPT passenger numbers, compared to July 2016, was on the Brisbane – Proserpine route (up 26.5 per cent). There were large increases on a number of other routes, including Adelaide – Canberra (up 14.6 per cent), Brisbane – Moranbah (up 12.1 per cent) and Hobart – Sydney (up 11.3 per cent).

Routes with traffic decreases in July 2017 compared with July 2016 included Hamilton Island – Sydney (down 34.1 per cent), Brisbane – Gladstone (down 17.7 per cent), Brisbane – Hamilton Island (down 13.1 per cent) and Karratha – Perth (down 10.5 per cent).

In July 2017, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.37 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 2.22 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.56 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 36.6 thousand tonnes in July 2017, an increase of 2.5 per cent compared to July 2016.

In July 2017 there were 2.21 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 2.2 per cent higher than in July 2016. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest growth was at Olympic Dam airport (up 44.9 per cent on July 2016), while the largest decrease was at Hamilton Island airport (down 27.0 per cent on July 2016).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 198.96 thousand passengers in July 2017, an increase of 6.3 per cent on July 2016. Perth airport accounted for 38.3 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.37	5.49	2.2
Aircraft trips (000s)	58.3	58.3	0.0

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

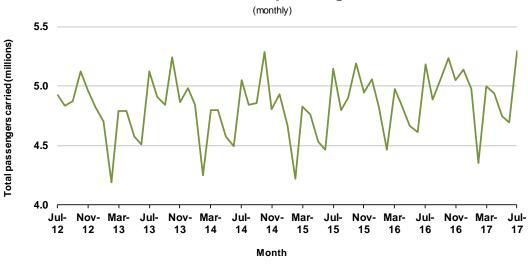
RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

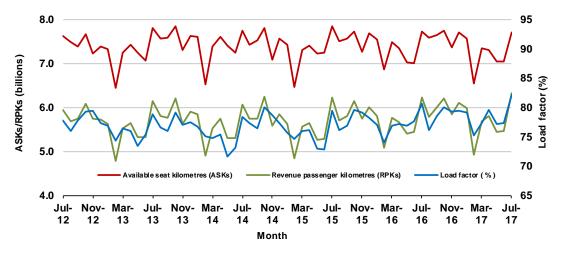
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.19	5.29	2.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.22	6.33	1.7
Available seats (millions)	6.65	6.66	0.1
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.72	7.70	-0.3
Load factor %	80.6	82.2	1.6 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	54.8	54.5	-0.6

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	60.93	61.77	1.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	682.8	681.1	-0.2

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

RPT NETWORK

Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	58.44	59.36	1.6
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	68.83	69.57	1.1
Available seats (millions)	77.06	77.17	0.1
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.76	88.62	-0.2
Load factor %	77.5	78.5	1.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	636.0	636.3	0.0

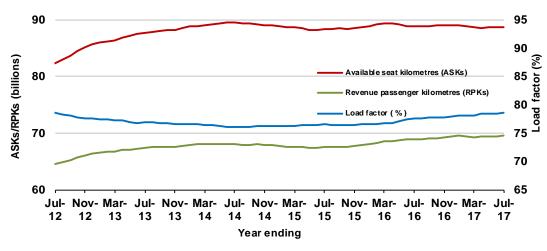
^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 797.4	8 992.0	2.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 622.0	4 700.2	1.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 444.5	3 511.5	1.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 711.7	2 716.6	0.2
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 375.8	2 414.3	1.6
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 100.3	2 049.1	-2.4
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 908.1	2 001.5	4.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 867.2	1 891.2	1.3
9	Perth - Sydney	1 756.8	1 734.8	-1.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 529.8	1 610.5	5.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 338.3	1 364.0	1.9
12	Cairns - Sydney	1 084.3	1 124.5	3.7
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 001.7	1 086.5	8.5
14	Brisbane - Perth	995.3	966.9	-2.9
15	Brisbane - Townsville	984.9	957.0	-2.8
16	Canberra - Sydney	947.1	955.0	8.0
17	Launceston - Melbourne	914.1	911.1	-0.3
18	Cairns - Melbourne	806.7	835.3	3.6
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	819.0	830.5	1.4
20	Brisbane - Mackay	696.3	677.8	-2.7
21	Hobart - Sydney	589.8	639.7	8.5
22	Adelaide - Perth	614.2	616.2	0.3
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	557.7	588.9	5.6
24	Brisbane - Canberra	563.4	586.2	4.0
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	521.0	561.3	7.7
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	566.8	541.5	-4.5
27	Melbourne - Newcastle	439.2	469.3	6.8
28	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	431.5	461.0	6.8
29	Karratha - Perth	535.9	457.2	-14.7
30	Brisbane - Darwin	402.2	407.9	1.4
31	Ballina - Sydney	374.0	393.7	5.3
32	Perth - Port Hedland	352.8	342.7	-2.9
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	337.3	342.6	1.6
34	Darwin - Sydney	319.1	320.0	0.3
35	Darwin - Melbourne	293.2	307.3	4.8
36	Brisbane - Gladstone	362.3	297.8	-17.8
37	Broome - Perth	298.9	290.6	-2.8
38	Newman - Perth	316.2	290.5	-8.2
39	Launceston - Sydney	290.8	289.6	-0.4
40	Kalgoorlie - Perth	226.9	235.7	3.9
41	Brisbane - Proserpine	234.7	233.9	-0.3
42	Hamilton Island - Sydney	253.0	225.6	-10.8
43	Albury - Sydney	222.3	225.2	1.3
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	223.0	214.9	-3.6
45	Melbourne - Mildura	203.1	208.0	2.4
46	Brisbane - Hobart	203.2	208.0	2.4
47	Brisbane - Emerald	202.1	198.6	-1.7
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	191.6	193.8	1.1
49	Darwin - Perth	182.6	191.9	5.1
50	Ayers Rock - Sydney	173.1	190.6	10.1

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

	City-Pair	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	%Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	186.8	190.3	1.9
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	189.2	186.0	-1.7
53	Sydney - Tamworth	167.1	181.9	8.9
54	Adelaide - Canberra	168.6	177.2	5.1
55	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	181.7	174.8	-3.8
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	168.2	174.2	3.5
57	Sydney - Towns ville	158.8	158.5	-0.2
58	Cairns - Townsville	138.1	140.4	1.7
59	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	144.8	140.0	-3.3
60	Armidale - Sydney	127.4	126.8	-0.4
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	120.1	122.5	2.0
62	Brisbane - Mount Isa	123.2	121.9	-1.0
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	122.0	120.2	-1.5
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	117.5	116.8	-0.6
65	Geraldton - Perth	117.6	113.8	-3.2
	Total domestic network	58 441.7	59 364.2	1.6

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	754.2	771.8	2.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	420.1	424.6	1.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	313.7	324.7	3.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	233.4	237.3	1.7
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	215.4	216.5	0.5
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	173.4	182.7	5.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	176.4	177.5	0.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	153.7	158.4	3.1
9	Perth - Sydney	149.6	146.7	-1.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	120.2	132.0	9.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	125.5	129.9	3.5
12	Cairns - Sydney	108.9	108.7	-0.2
13	Canberra - Melbourne	84.1	91.9	9.3
14	Brisbane - Townsville	92.9	91.3	-1.7
15	Cairns - Melbourne	85.6	91.0	6.3
16	Brisbane - Perth	83.6	85.7	2.5
17	Canberra - Sydney	82.5	82.5	0.0
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	76.2	75.7	-0.6
19	Launceston - Melbourne	76.1	74.3	-2.3
20	Brisbane - Mackay	58.3	60.9	4.5
21	Brisbane - Canberra	53.4	54.2	1.4
22	Hobart - Sydney	46.9	52.2	11.3
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	50.0	51.9	3.7
24	Adelaide - Perth	50.7	51.7	2.1
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	48.0	50.7	5.8
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	48.6	49.8	2.5
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	43.1	45.9	6.6
28	Brisbane - Darwin	42.9	42.1	-1.8
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	39.6	39.8	0.4
30	Darwin - Sydney	38.5	38.4	-0.2
31	Karratha - Perth	40.7	36.4	-10.5
32	Broome - Perth	32.4	33.9	4.4
33	Ballina - Sydney	33.8	33.5	-0.7
34	Darwin - Melbourne	31.2	32.3	3.4
35	Perth - Port Hedland	29.6	28.3	-4.6
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	27.7	28.1	1.4
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	19.5	24.7	26.5
38	Newman - Perth	25.6	23.6	-7.9
39	Darwin - Perth	20.3	21.8	7.4
40	Launceston - Sydney	22.0	21.0	-4.4
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	29.5	24.2	-17.7
42	Albury - Sydney	19.6	20.4	4.0
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	19.5	19.6	0.3
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	20.2	18.7	-7.7
44 45	Melbourne - Mildura	20.2 17.6	18.2	3.4
46	Brisbane - Emerald	16.8	18.1	7.8
47	Ayers Rock - Sydney	17.5	17.7	1.2
47 48	Brisbane - Hobart	16.5	17.7	5.6
49	Sydney - Townsville	16.8	17.4	2.1
4 9	Port Macquarie - Sydney	15.4	16.3	6.2

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	15.2	16.1	5.9
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	16.0	15.4	-3.6
53	Hamilton Island - Sydney	23.2	15.3	-34.1
54	Adelaide - Canberra	13.2	15.1	14.6
55	Sydney - Tamworth	14.5	15.1	4.2
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	15.0	14.8	-1.6
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	14.0	13.6	-2.9
58	Cairns - Townsville	12.9	13.4	4.1
59	Alice Springs - Darwin	11.9	12.4	3.4
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.7	12.1	3.2
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	10.7	11.4	6.2
62	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	12.8	11.2	-13.1
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	9.4	10.5	12.1
64	Armidale - Sydney	10.2	10.3	0.7
65	Geraldton - Perth	9.6	9.3	-2.7
	Total domestic network	5 186.4	5 293.9	2.1

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	908.9	924.0	1.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	497.2	496.4	-0.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	380.8	382.8	0.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	268.4	276.2	2.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	268.4	261.5	-2.6
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	211.6	210.4	-0.6
7	Melbourne - Perth	210.2	200.5	-4.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	189.1	196.3	3.8
9	Perth - Sydney	181.2	174.1	-3.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	163.0	160.8	-1.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	142.1	146.2	2.9
12	Cairns - Sydney	120.7	122.5	1.5
13	Canberra - Melbourne	125.9	150.8	19.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	110.3	111.0	0.6
15	Cairns - Melbourne	96.8	102.7	6.1
16	Brisbane - Perth	103.1	101.5	-1.5
17	Canberra - Sydney	114.5	112.5	-1.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	94.6	93.5	-1.1
19	Launceston - Melbourne	94.1	91.7	-2.6
20	Brisbane - Mackay	75.4	75.8	0.4
21	Brisbane - Canberra	67.3	70.9	5.3
22	Hobart - Sydney	59.8	63.8	6.7
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	65.2	71.0	8.9
24	Adelaide - Perth	73.5	71.7	-2.5
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	57.5	60.7	5.6
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	64.5	55.8	-13.5
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	49.8	52.7	5.8
28	Brisbane - Darwin	48.0	46.1	-4.0
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	52.1	52.0	-0.2
30	Darwin - Sydney	46.2	45.3	-1.8
31	Karratha - Perth	68.4	56.4	-17.6
32	Broome - Perth	39.1	39.8	1.8
33	Ballina - Sydney	42.5	43.6	2.6
34	Darwin - Melbourne	35.6	35.9	1.0
35	Perth - Port Hedland	50.0	43.6	-12.8
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	37.6	40.4	7.3
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	21.9	30.1	37.0
38	Newman - Perth	48.4	43.8	-9.5
39	Darwin - Perth	25.0	24.6	-1.5
40	Launceston - Sydney	25.9	24.4	-5.6
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	48.1	33.3	-30.9
42	Albury - Sydney	29.4	29.4	0.0
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	33.8	36.3	7.3
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	24.6	21.9	-10.9
45	Melbourne - Mildura	27.3	29.4	7.7
46	Brisbane - Emerald	30.6	24.4	-20.1
47	Ayers Rock - Sydney	21.4	21.9	2.2
48	Brisbane - Hobart	19.9	20.4	2.7
49	Sydney - Towns ville	20.3	20.0	-1.7
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	22.2	21.4	-3.6

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	24.6	24.4	-0.8
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	25.5	25.1	-1.5
53	Hamilton Island - Sydney	29.5	25.1	-14.9
54	Adelaide - Canberra	20.4	25.2	23.8
55	Sydney - Tamworth	24.1	25.2	4.5
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	20.9	18.9	-9.4
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	24.6	24.4	-0.8
58	Cairns - Townsville	25.8	24.1	-6.7
59	Alice Springs - Darwin	19.7	19.8	0.4
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.7	15.3	3.7
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	19.9	15.4	-22.3
62	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.9	16.2	1.9
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	22.2	17.6	-20.6
64	Armidale - Sydney	16.3	16.1	-1.2
65	Geraldton - Perth	20.4	19.6	-3.9
	Total domestic network	6 650.3	6 657.5	0.1

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	83.0	83.5	0.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	84.5	85.5	1.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	82.4	84.8	2.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	87.0	85.9	-1.1
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	80.3	82.8	2.5
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	82.0	86.8	4.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	83.9	88.5	4.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	81.3	80.7	-0.6
9	Perth - Sydney	82.6	84.3	1.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	73.7	82.1	8.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	88.3	88.9	0.6
12	Cairns - Sydney	90.3	88.7	-1.6
13	Canberra - Melbourne	66.8	61.0	-5.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	84.2	82.3	-1.9
15	Cairns - Melbourne	88.4	88.6	0.2
16	Brisbane - Perth	81.1	84.4	3.3
17	Canberra - Sydney	72.1	73.3	1.2
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	80.5	80.9	0.4
19	Launceston - Melbourne	80.8	81.0	0.2
20	Brisbane - Mackay	77.3	80.4	3.1
21	Brisbane - Canberra	79.3	76.4	-2.9
22	Hobart - Sydney	78.4	81.8	3.4
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	76.7	73.1	-3.6
24	Adelaide - Perth	68.9	72.1	3.2
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	83.4	83.5	0.1
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	75.3	89.3	14.0
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	86.5	87.2	0.7
28	Brisbane - Darwin	89.3	91.4	2.1
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	76.0	76.4	0.4
30	Darwin - Sydney	83.4	84.7	1.3
31	Karratha - Perth	59.5	64.6	5.1
32	Broome - Perth	82.9	85.0	2.1
33	Ballina - Sydney	79.5	76.9	-2.6
34	Darwin - Melbourne	87.6	89.7	2.1
35	Perth - Port Hedland	59.3	64.9	5.6
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	73.6	69.6	-4.0
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	88.8	82.0	-6.8
38	Newman - Perth	52.9	53.8	0.9
39	Darwin - Perth	81.2	88.6	7.4
40	Launceston - Sydney	85.0	86.1	1.1
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	61.2	75.0	13.8
42	Albury - Sydney	66.8	69.4	2.6
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	57.8	54.0	-3.8
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	82.3	85.3	3.0
45	Melbourne - Mildura	64.7	62.1	-2.6
46	Brisbane - Emerald	54.9	74.0	19.1
47	Ayers Rock - Sydney	81.6	80.8	-0.8
48	Brisbane - Hobart	83.1	85.4	2.3
49	Sydney - Towns ville	82.8	86.0	3.2
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	69.4	76.4	7.0

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Point diff
51	Dubbo - Sydney	61.9	66.1	4.2
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	62.6	61.3	-1.3
53	Hamilton Island - Sydney	78.7	61.0	-17.7
54	Adelaide - Canberra	64.9	60.1	-4.8
55	Sydney - Tamworth	59.9	59.7	-0.2
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	71.9	80.5	8.6
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	56.8	55.6	-1.2
58	Cairns - Townsville	50.1	55.8	5.7
59	Alice Springs - Darwin	60.7	62.5	1.8
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	79.5	79.0	-0.5
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	53.8	73.5	19.7
62	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	80.6	68.7	-11.9
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	42.2	59.6	17.4
64	Armidale - Sydney	62.9	64.1	1.2
65	Geraldton - Perth	47.0	47.6	0.6
	Total domestic network	80.6	82.2	1.6

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	5 061	5 159	1.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	3 056	3 053	-0.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 267	2 246	-0.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 585	1 573	-0.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 673	1 625	-2.9
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 126	1 114	-1.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	956	911	-4.7
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 152	1 187	3.0
9	Perth - Sydney	775	761	-1.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 029	990	-3.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	876	904	3.2
12	Cairns - Sydney	698	677	-3.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	918	989	7.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	758	770	1.6
15	Cairns - Melbourne	512	545	6.4
16	Brisbane - Perth	477	514	7.8
17	Canberra - Sydney	1 470	1 464	-0.4
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	571	565	-1.1
19	Launceston - Melbourne	719	718	-0.1
20	Brisbane - Mackay	652	608	-6.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	501	519	3.6
22	Hobart - Sydney	383	405	5.7
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	540	526	-2.6
24	Adelaide - Perth	472	460	-2.5
25	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	345	368	6.7
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	806	694	-13.9
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	280	296	5.7
28	Brisbane - Darwin	291	278	-4.5
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	296	292	-1.4
30	Darwin - Sydney	272	266	-2.2
31	Karratha - Perth	566	506	-10.6
32	Broome - Perth	309	332	7.4
33	Ballina - Sydney	285	286	0.4
34	Darwin - Melbourne	203	204	0.5
35	Perth - Port Hedland	381	368	-3.4
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	442	418	-5.4
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	124	170	37.1
38	Newman - Perth	350	320	-8.6
39	Darwin - Perth	149	146	-2.0
40	Launceston - Sydney	150	142	-5.3
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	623	465	-25.4
42	Albury - Sydney	548	537	-2.0
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	290	288	-0.7
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	139	124	-10.8
45	Melbourne - Mildura	426	426	0.0
46	Brisbane - Emerald	401	336	-16.2
47	Ayers Rock - Sydney	123	124	0.8
48	Brisbane - Hobart	119	116	-2.5
49	Sydney - Townsville	139	124	-10.8
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	389	371	-4.6

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	553	547	-1.1
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	498	487	-2.2
53	Hamilton Island - Sydney	180	155	-13.9
54	Adelaide - Canberra	139	150	7.9
55	Sydney - Tamworth	395	405	2.5
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	322	329	2.2
57	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	634	633	-0.2
58	Cairns - Townsville	449	409	-8.9
59	Alice Springs - Darwin	160	160	0.0
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	93	96	3.2
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	155	154	-0.6
62	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	127	136	7.1
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	308	256	-16.9
64	Armidale - Sydney	384	385	0.3
65	Geraldton - Perth	204	196	-3.9
	Total domestic network	54 822	54 510	-0.6

⁽a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

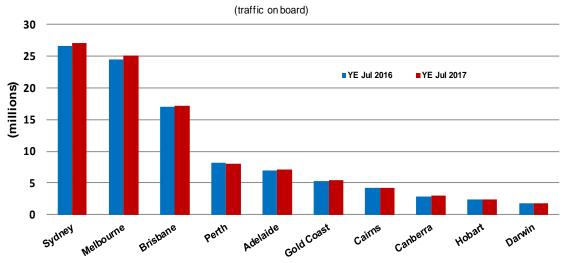
	Airport	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	26 643.2	27 111.3	1.8	22.8
2	Melbourne	24 496.4	25 064.8	2.3	21.1
3	Brisbane	17 019.3	17 127.7	0.6	14.4
4	Perth	8 226.2	8 027.4	-2.4	6.8
5	Adelaide	6 932.2	7 060.1	1.8	5.9
6	Gold Coast	5 274.1	5 373.5	1.9	4.5
7	Cairns	4 164.0	4 291.3	3.1	3.6
8	Canberra	2 815.1	2 945.0	4.6	2.5
9	Hobart	2 323.3	2 458.8	5.8	2.1
10	Darwin	1 781.6	1 810.0	1.6	1.5
	Total top ten airports	99 675.4	101 270.0	1.6	85.3
	Total domestic network	116 883.4	118 728.4	1.6	100.0

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

	Airport	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	2 335.1	2 368.7	1.4	22.4
2	Melbourne	2 153.8	2 221.9	3.2	21.0
3	Brisbane	1 536.5	1 561.5	1.6	14.7
4	Perth	704.9	702.9	-0.3	6.6
5	Adelaide	608.2	619.1	1.8	5.8
6	Gold Coast	469.6	480.4	2.3	4.5
7	Cairns	416.5	424.5	1.9	4.0
8	Canberra	245.2	257.4	5.0	2.4
9	Hobart	183.6	201.6	9.8	1.9
_10	Darwin	193.6	194.2	0.3	1.8
	Total top ten airports	8 847.2	9 032.3	2.1	85.3
	Total domestic network	10 372.7	10 587.7	2.1	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

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

	Airport	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	111.9	129.7	15.8	28.8
2	Sydney	98.8	105.8	7.1	23.5
3	Brisbane	59.4	67.2	13.1	14.9
4	Perth	54.3	62.7	15.5	13.9
5	Adelaide	22.7	26.2	15.9	5.8
	Total top five airports	347.1	391.5	12.8	86.8
	Total domestic network	396.5	450.9	13.7	100.0

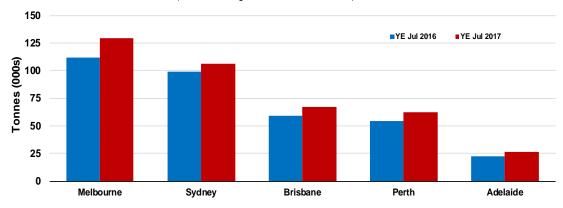
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

	Airport	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	9.7	10.3	6.4	28.1
2	Sydney	8.7	8.2	-5.5	22.4
3	Perth	5.8	5.5	-4.2	15.1
4	Brisbane	4.8	5.5	14.1	15.0
5	Adelaide	1.9	2.3	18.3	6.2
	Total top five airports	30.9	31.8	3.0	86.8
	Total domestic network	35.7	36.6	2.5	100.0

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

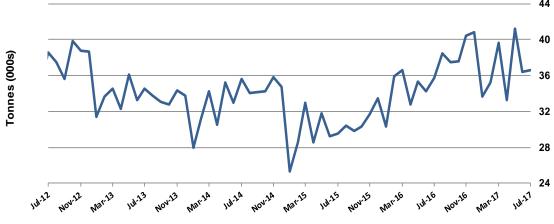
Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthlytotals - 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

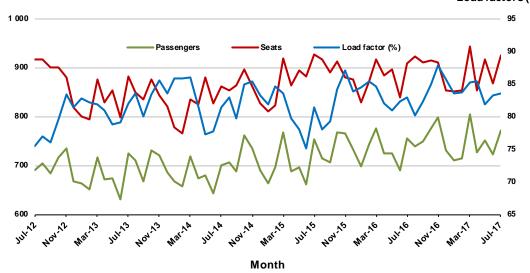
Monthly data

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	754.2	771.8	2.3
Seats (000s)	908.9	924.0	1.7
Load factor %	83.0	83.5	0.5 *
Aircraft trips	5 061	5 159	1.9

^{*} percentage point difference

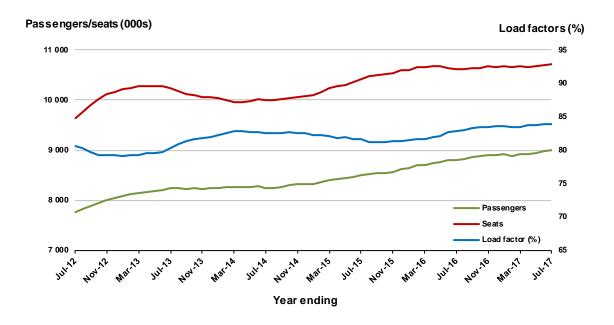
Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factors (%)



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8 797.4	8 992.0	2.2
Seats (000s)	10 617.3	10 715.3	0.9
Load factor %	82.9	83.9	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	59 408	59 696	0.5

^{*} percentage point difference

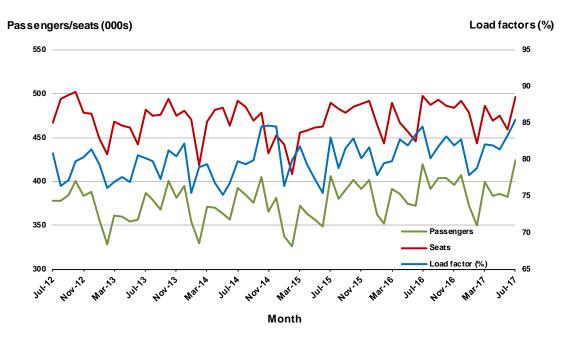


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

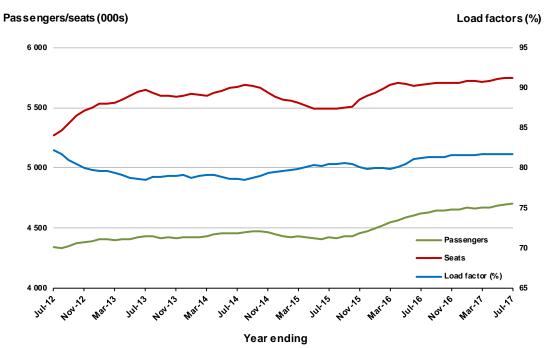
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	420.1	424.6	1.1
Seats (000s)	497.2	496.4	-0.1
Load factor %	84.5	85.5	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	3 056	3 053	-0.1

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 622.0	4 700.2	1.7
Seats (000s)	5 689.5	5 749.6	1.1
Load factor %	81.2	81.7	0.5 *
Aircraft trips	35 593	35 505	-0.2

^{*} percentage point difference

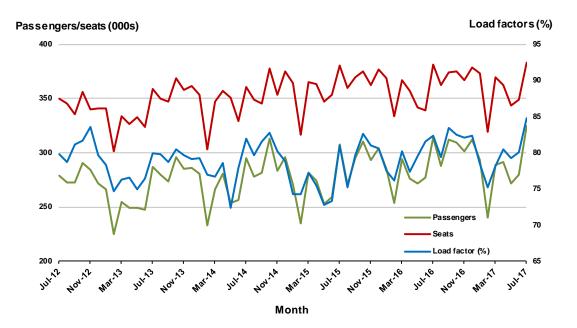


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

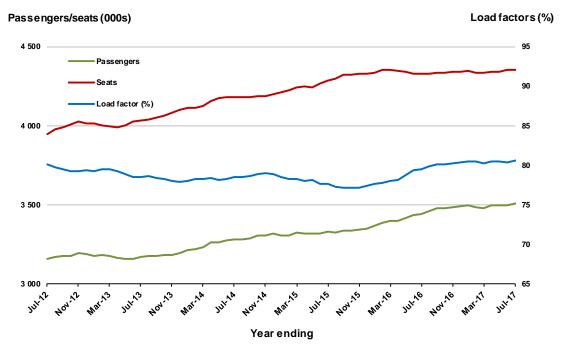
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	313.7	324.7	3.5
Seats (000s)	380.8	382.8	0.5
Load factor %	82.4	84.8	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 267	2 246	-0.9

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 444.5	3 511.5	1.9
Seats (000s)	4 330.6	4 356.7	0.6
Load factor %	79.5	80.6	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	25 986	25 736	-1.0

^{*} percentage point difference

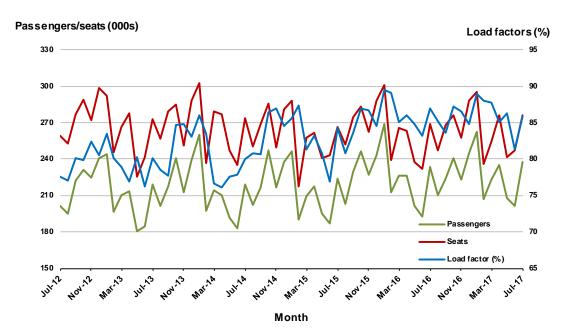


4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Monthly data

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	233.4	237.3	1.7
Seats (000s)	268.4	276.2	2.9
Load factor %	87.0	85.9	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	1 585	1 573	-0.8

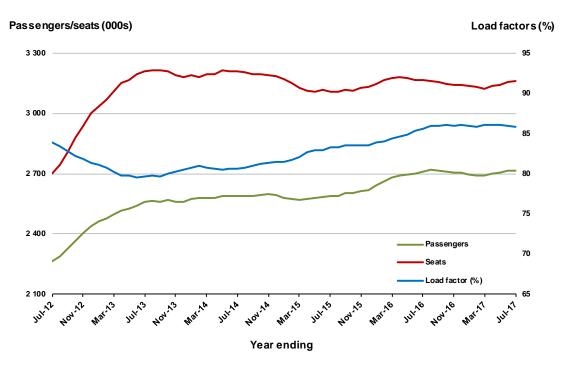
^{*} percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 711.7	2 716.6	0.2
Seats (000s)	3 166.9	3 162.8	-0.1
Load factor %	85.6	85.9	0.3 *
Aircraft trips	18 466	18 238	-1.2

^{*} percentage point difference

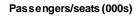


5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	215.4	216.5	0.5
Seats (000s)	268.4	261.5	-2.6
Load factor %	80.3	82.8	2.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 673	1 625	-2.9

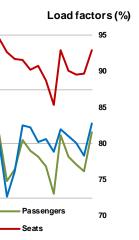
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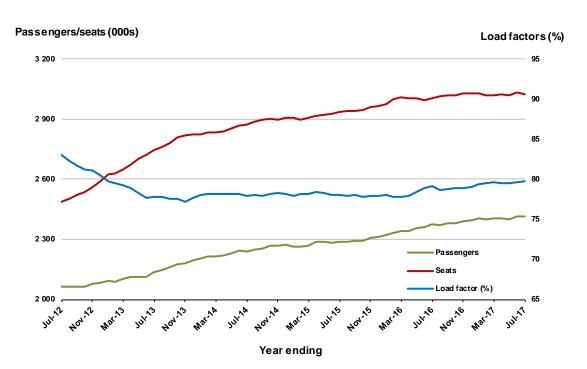
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	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 375.8	2 414.3	1.6
Seats (000s)	3 003.3	3 025.3	0.7
Load factor %	79.1	79.8	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	19 216	19 182	-0.2

^{*} percentage point difference

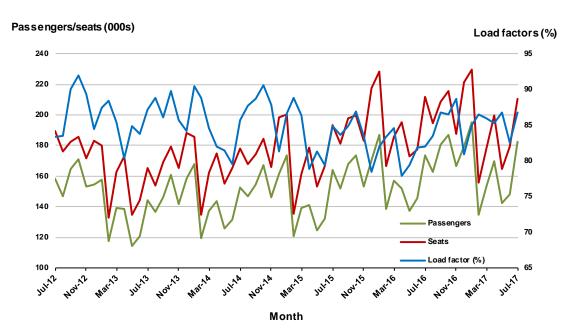


6. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Monthly data

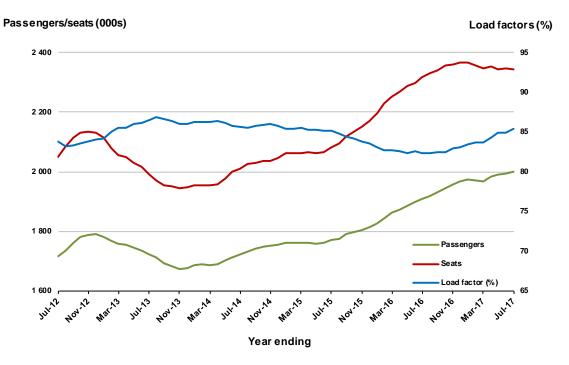
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	173.4	182.7	5.4
Seats (000s)	211.6	210.4	-0.6
Load factor %	82.0	86.8	4.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 126	1 114	-1.1

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 908.1	2 001.5	4.9
Seats (000s)	2 317.6	2 345.0	1.2
Load factor %	82.3	85.4	3.0 *
Aircraft trips	12 442	12 537	0.8

^{*} percentage point difference

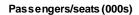


7. Melbourne - Perth

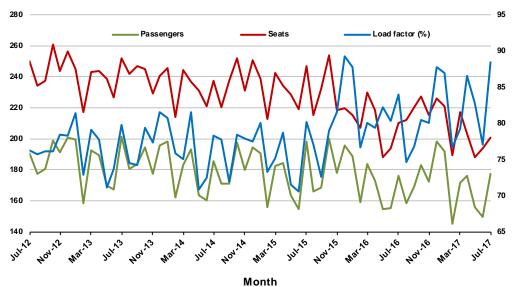
Monthly data

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	176.4	177.5	0.6
Seats (000s)	210.2	200.5	-4.6
Load factor %	83.9	88.5	4.6 *
Aircraft trips	956	911	-4.7

^{*} percentage point difference

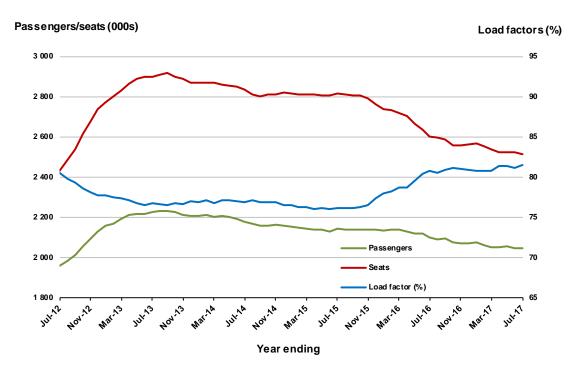






	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 100.3	2 049.1	-2.4
Seats (000s)	2 601.3	2 513.8	-3.4
Load factor %	80.7	81.5	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	11 787	11 387	-3.4

^{*} percentage point difference

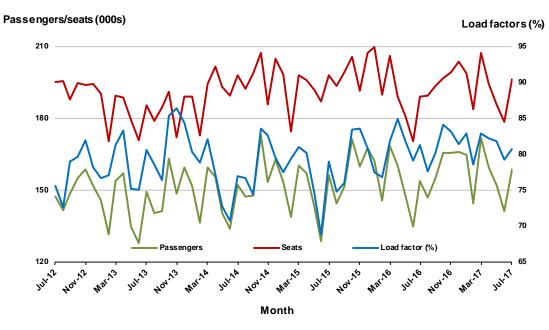


8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

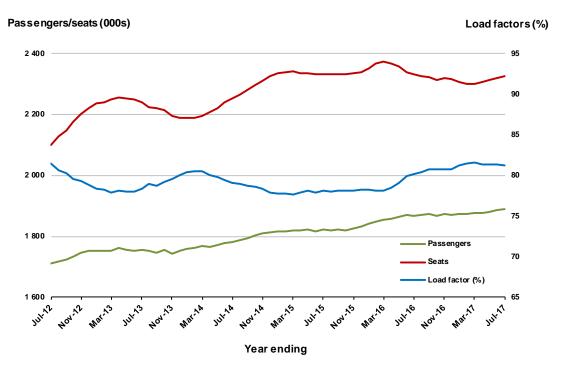
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	153.7	158.4	3.1
Seats (000s)	189.1	196.3	3.8
Load factor %	81.3	80.7	-0.6 *
Aircraft trips	1 152	1 187	3.0

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 867.2	1 891.2	1.3
Seats (000s)	2 331.1	2 326.6	-0.2
Load factor %	80.1	81.3	1.2 *
Aircraft trips	14 236	14 071	-1.2

^{*} percentage point difference

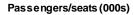


9. Perth - Sydney

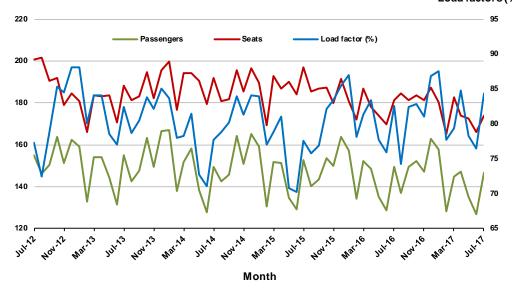
Monthly data

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	149.6	146.7	-1.9
Seats (000s)	181.2	174.1	-3.9
Load factor %	82.6	84.3	1.7 *
Aircraft trips	775	761	-1.8

^{*} percentage point difference

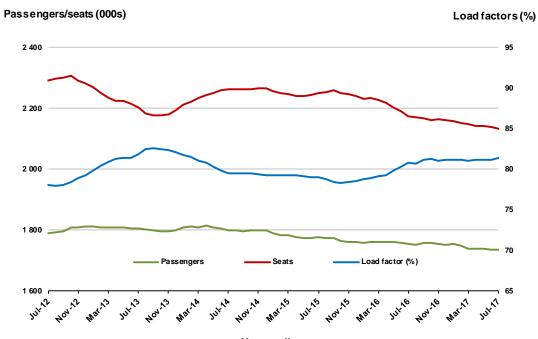


Load factors (%)



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	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 756.8	1 734.8	-1.2
Seats (000s)	2 173.3	2 131.9	-1.9
Load factor %	80.8	81.4	0.5 *
Aircraft trips	9 128	9 084	-0.5

^{*} percentage point difference

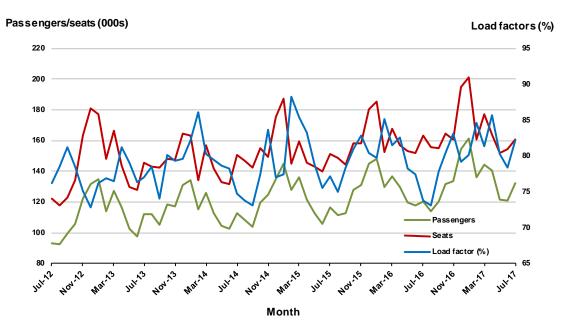


10. Hobart - Melbourne

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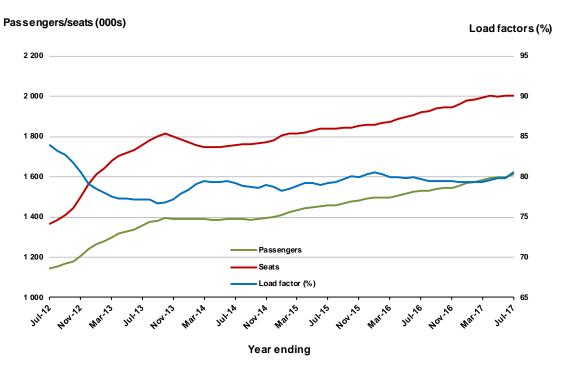
	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	120.2	132.0	9.8
Seats (000s)	163.0	160.8	-1.3
Load factor %	73.7	82.1	8.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 029	990	-3.8

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 529.8	1 610.5	5.3
Seats (000s)	1 920.1	2 000.1	4.2
Load factor %	79.7	80.5	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	12 114	12 338	1.8

^{*} percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
1 Cairns	416.5	424.5	1.9
2 Hobart	183.6	201.6	9.8
3 Darwin	193.6	194.2	0.3
4 Townsville	146.7	155.1	5.7
5 Williamtown	105.5	108.0	2.4
6 Launceston	108.1	105.1	-2.8
7 Mackay	69.7	69.4	-0.4
8 Alice Springs	61.3	60.3	-1.7
9 Rockhampton	50.6	52.7	4.1
10 Broome	44.6	45.9	3.0
11 Proserpine	29.2	41.0	40.6
12 Ballina	41.3	41.0	-0.8
13 Karratha	41.2	36.5	-11.4
14 Hamilton Island	48.0	35.0	-27.0
15 Coffs Harbour	32.9	34.1	3.5
16 Ayers Rock	33.1	32.4	-2.0
17 Port Hedland	31.2	29.2	-6.4
18 Albury	21.9	23.7	8.3
19 Newman	25.9	23.7	-8.2
20 Mildura	21.0	21.7	3.6
21 Kalgoorlie	20.6	20.6	0.0
22 Gladstone	29.6	24.3	-17.9
23 Dubbo	16.4	19.3	17.9
24 Port Macquarie	18.3	19.7	7.5
25 Emerald	16.8	18.1	7.8
26 Mount Isa	16.6	17.8	6.9
27 Wagga Wagga	18.3	17.7	-3.3
28 Tamworth	14.7	16.6	12.5
29 Hervey Bay	14.7	16.0	9.1
30 Wellcamp	11.2	14.4	28.7
31 Paraburdoo	13.9	14.3	2.7
32 Bundaberg	15.1	15.4	2.4
33 Port Lincoln	14.0	13.6	-2.9
34 Devonport	12.2	12.6	3.9
35 Kununurra	12.4	12.0	-3.2
36 Armidale	10.5	11.0	5.0
37 Moranbah	9.4	10.6	12.8
38 Thursday Island	10.1	10.0	-0.7
39 Geraldton	9.6	9.3	-2.7
40 Learmonth	9.0	8.8	-1.6
41 Gove	8.7	8.0	-8.0
42 Roma	6.9	6.9	-0.4
43 Weipa	7.0	6.6	-4.9
44 Mount Gambier	6.2	6.6	5.9
45 Griffith	5.8	6.5	12.5
46 Olympic Dam	3.9	5.7	44.9
47 Orange	4.3	5.5	30.1
48 Burnie	4.9	5.3	8.2
49 Broken Hill	4.6	5.1	12.0
50 Whyalla	5.1	5.1	0.6
Total top 50 regional airports	2 056.7	2 099.0	2.1
Total regional airports	2 166.5	2 213.8	2.2
Total domestic network	10 372.7	10 587.7	2.1

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

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

	Airport	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
1	Cairns	4 164.0	4 291.3	3.1
2	Hobart	2 323.3	2 458.8	5.8
3	Darwin	1 781.6	1 810.0	1.6
4	Townsville	1 544.1	1 541.8	-0.1
5	Launceston	1 329.3	1 332.9	0.3
6	Williamtown	1 173.1	1 242.9	5.9
7	Mackay	827.5	772.0	-6.7
8	Alice Springs	603.1	616.2	2.2
9	Rockhampton	587.5	568.2	-3.3
10	Ballina	469.2	495.7	5.6
11	Hamilton Island	524.3	483.6	-7.8
12	Karratha	542.8	459.3	-15.4
13	Coffs Harbour	379.8	404.5	6.5
14	Broome	381.6	365.4	-4.2
15	Proserpine	346.5	364.9	5.3
16	Ayers Rock	342.7	364.2	6.3
17	Port Hedland	375.4	351.6	-6.3
18	Gladstone	362.9	298.4	-17.8
19	Newman	317.4	292.1	-8.0
20	Albury	247.6	262.8	6.1
21	Mildura	244.0	250.3	2.6
22	Kalgoorlie	235.8	244.5	3.7
23	Port Macquarie	225.1	228.0	1.3
24	Dubbo	200.3	222.8	11.2
25	Wagga Wagga	215.2	217.1	0.9
26	Emerald	202.5	199.1	-1.7
27	Tamworth	168.7	194.6	15.3
28	Mount Isa	191.7	194.2	1.3
29	Port Lincoln	181.8	175.0	-3.7
30	Bundaberg	168.5	175.2	4.0
31	Hervey Bay	170.5	172.1	0.9
32	Paraburdoo	162.5	167.0	2.8
33	Devonport	145.2	146.6	1.0
34	Wellcamp	94.1	143.7	52.7
35	Armidale	129.1	130.8	1.3
36	Moranbah	122.1	120.8	-1.0
37	Geraldton	118.6	115.7	-2.5
38	Kununurra	107.7	103.4	-4.0
39	Thursday Island	96.7	101.4	4.8
40	Gove	74.5	83.6	12.2
41	Roma	101.6	83.3	-18.0
42	Learmonth	85.8	80.4	-6.2
43	Mount Gambier	76.6	78.7	2.7
44	Weipa	76.6	77.9	1.7
45	Griffith	68.5	72.3	5.5
46	Merimbula	61.7	65.3	5.8
47	Whyalla	65.8	61.4	-6.6
48	Burnie	61.2	60.3	-1.5
49	Orange	50.0	57.9	15.8
50	Broken Hill	52.7	57.3	8.7
	Total top 50 regional airports	22 578.9	22 857.2	1.2
	Total regional airports	23 874.0	24 221.7	1.5
	Total domestic network	116 883.4	118 728.4	1.6

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

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 486 805	2 403 506	-3.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	46 783	44 845	-4.1

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

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

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	187 201	198 957	6.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	3 436	3 744	9.0

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Jul 2016	YE Jul 2017	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	4 973 610	4 807 012	-3.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	93 566	89 690	-4.1
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 893 023	1 858 437	-1.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	31 879	31 429	-1.4

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

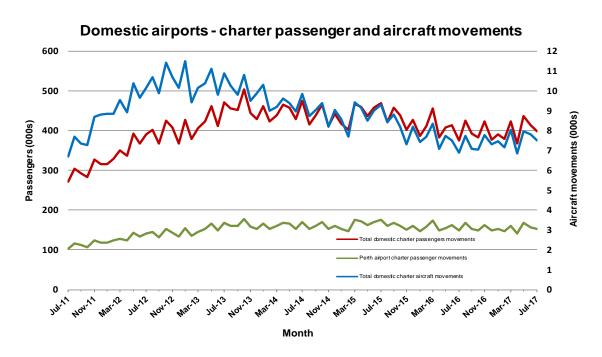
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Jul 2016	Jul 2017	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	374 402	397 914	6.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	6 872	7 488	9.0
Perth airport charter passenger movements	149 345	152 330	2.0
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 528	2 525	-0.1

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