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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending June 2026.

The data covers 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.

Information on both the total network and the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending June 2026 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 62 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages on pages 3-10.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 11.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 12. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Airnorth and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Team Global Express (formerly Toll Priority).

The long-term trends for the top twenty competitive RPT routes are presented graphically on pages 13–22.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at the top 50 regional airports are presented on page 23

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 24. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed airport-level estimates for any Australian airport, with the exception of Perth Airport.

A list of definitions can be found on page 25.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research 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 65.32 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in the year ending June 2026, an increase of 2.4% compared with the year ending June 2025. This is 0.4% lower compared with pre-COVID year ending June 2019.

60.75 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in the year ending June 2026, an increase of 2.2% compared with the year ending June 2025.

In the year ending June 2026 there were 602.9 thousand RPT aircraft trips compared to 601.0 thousand in the previous year, an increase of 0.3%.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 73.26 billion, an increase of 2.3% compared with the year ending June 2025.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased by 3.2% compared with the year ending June 2025, to a total of 89.08 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 82.9% in the year ending June 2025 to 82.2% in the year ending June 2026. The highest load factor (91.8%) was recorded on the Adelaide – Gold Coast route while the lowest load factor (53.7%) was recorded on the Geraldton – Perth route.

For the year ending June 2026, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 8.08 million passengers, an increase of 0.3% compared with the previous calendar year. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.43 million passengers (up 1.6%) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 3.70 million passengers (up 4.0%).

In the year ending June 2026, Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 25.50 million passenger movements, up 1.2% compared with the year ending June 2025, followed by Melbourne with 24.61 million passenger movements (up 2.1%) and Brisbane with 17.74 million passenger movements (up 2.5%).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 321.9 thousand tonnes in the year ending June 2026, an increase of 0.3% compared to the year ending June 2025.

In the year ending June 2026, the number of domestic aviation passengers travelling through regional airports was 25.63 million, up 2.0% compared to the year ending June 2025. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Orange airport (up 17.1%) while the largest decrease was recorded at Paraburdoo airport (down 17.1%).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 4.56 million passengers in the year ending June 2026, an increase of 5.8% compared with the year ending June 2025. There were 77.0 thousand charter aircraft trips in the year ending June 2026, an increase of 4.1% compared with the previous year. Perth airport accounted for 35.4% of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.77	65.32	2.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	675.0	679.9	0.7

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

RPT NETWORK

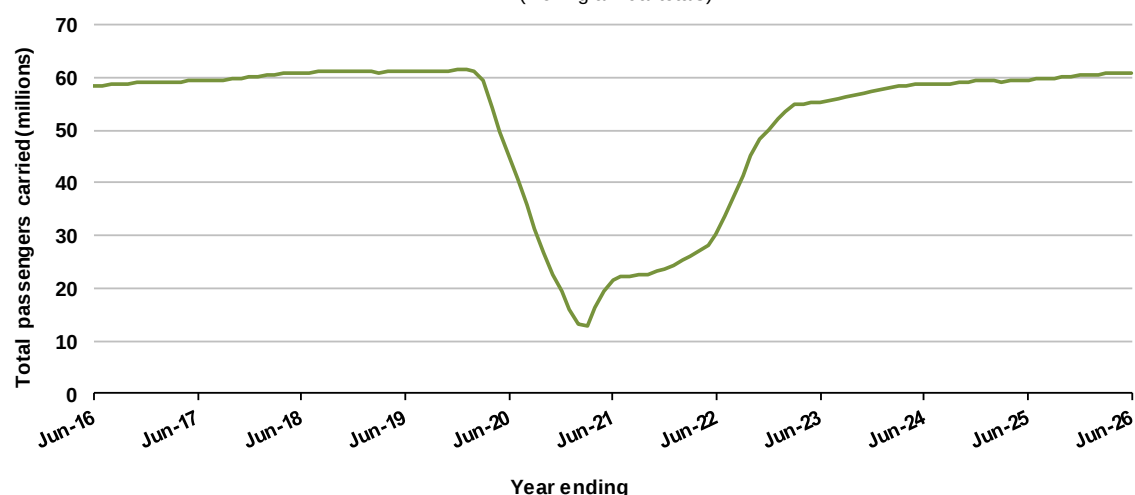
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	59.46	60.75	2.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.62	73.26	2.3
Available seats (millions)	73.32	75.26	2.6
Available seat kilometres (billions)	86.35	89.08	3.2
Load factor %	82.9	82.2	-0.7 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	601.0	602.9	0.3

* percentage point difference

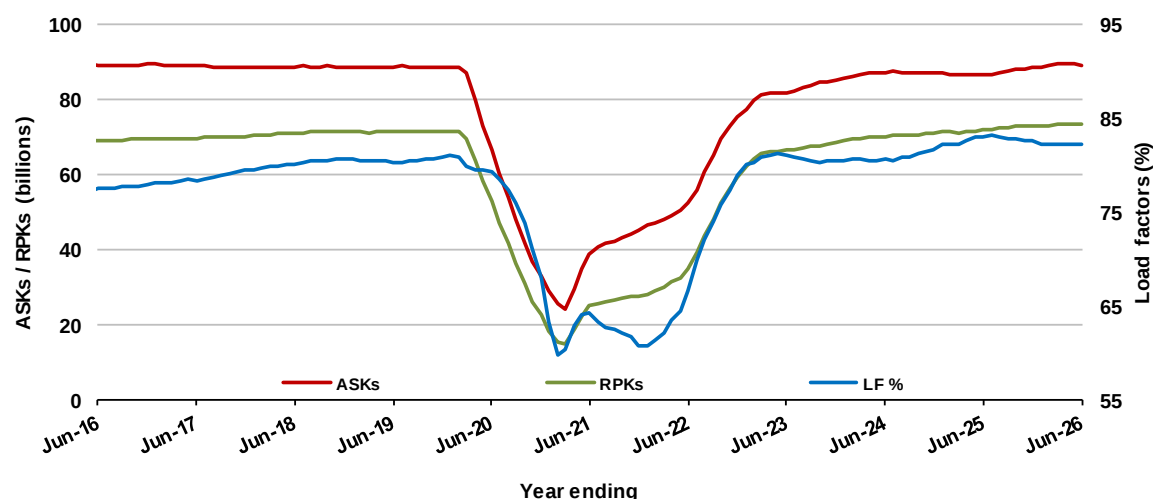
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8,055.8	8,080.5	0.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4,358.8	4,429.2	1.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3,553.1	3,696.3	4.0
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2,465.8	2,610.1	5.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2,323.7	2,414.5	3.9
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2,106.6	2,216.7	5.2
7	Melbourne - Perth	2,066.2	2,102.4	1.8
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1,890.1	1,903.2	0.7
9	Perth - Sydney	1,717.9	1,733.0	0.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1,423.3	1,457.5	2.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1,306.1	1,304.3	-0.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	1,127.6	1,137.5	0.9
13	Brisbane - Townsville	964.9	1,019.9	5.7
14	Canberra - Melbourne	984.7	952.9	-3.2
15	Adelaide - Brisbane	863.6	907.6	5.1
16	Cairns - Sydney	917.9	907.5	-1.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	870.3	896.1	3.0
18	Cairns - Melbourne	856.0	853.7	-0.3
19	Hobart - Sydney	830.1	838.8	1.0
20	Brisbane - Mackay	783.0	828.2	5.8
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	780.4	822.2	5.4
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	722.3	774.0	7.1
23	Adelaide - Perth	714.6	730.4	2.2
24	Karratha - Perth	644.3	718.8	11.6
25	Brisbane - Canberra	644.0	668.1	3.7
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	604.5	606.9	0.4
27	Canberra - Sydney	629.5	585.3	-7.0
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	517.8	529.2	2.2
29	Perth - Port Hedland	478.6	503.1	5.1
30	Ballina - Sydney	505.6	470.5	-6.9
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	466.1	466.8	0.1
32	Newman - Perth	429.1	447.4	4.3
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	373.9	436.8	16.8
34	Broome - Perth	363.8	374.5	2.9
35	Launceston - Sydney	347.8	359.8	3.4
36	Brisbane - Darwin	345.0	350.8	1.7
37	Brisbane - Hobart	315.1	328.7	4.3
38	Darwin - Melbourne	294.5	295.9	0.5
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	280.9	294.9	5.0
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	288.1	292.6	1.6
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	252.4	231.2	-8.4
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	221.4	217.4	-1.8
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	205.0	205.7	0.4
44	Adelaide - Canberra	193.0	195.2	1.2
45	Brisbane - Emerald	188.7	189.8	0.6
46	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	161.5	187.0	15.8
47	Dubbo - Sydney	170.6	182.5	7.0
48	Darwin - Perth	188.9	182.4	-3.4
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	172.6	181.2	5.0
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	163.1	172.7	5.8

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	164.4	169.7	3.3
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	167.1	168.7	1.0
53	Albury - Sydney	156.4	161.5	3.2
54	Brisbane - Launceston	154.6	158.3	2.4
55	Melbourne - Mildura	151.0	150.8	-0.1
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	152.5	150.4	-1.4
57	Devonport - Melbourne	135.8	146.4	7.8
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	140.6	140.8	0.2
59	Geraldton - Perth	119.5	122.6	2.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	116.2	119.6	2.9
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	105.3	102.5	-2.7
62	Orange - Sydney	85.6	99.8	16.5 (a)
Total domestic network		59,456.3	60,753.2	2.2

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2025.

Table 2: Available seats (000s) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9,403.0	9,459.7	0.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5,035.5	5,136.8	2.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	4,126.7	4,366.0	5.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2,805.2	2,933.3	4.6
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2,722.0	2,883.7	5.9
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2,368.2	2,449.2	3.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	2,395.3	2,448.0	2.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	2,284.8	2,351.8	2.9
9	Perth - Sydney	1,990.5	2,071.6	4.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1,636.7	1,722.1	5.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1,487.5	1,488.6	0.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	1,323.4	1,369.5	3.5
13	Brisbane - Townsville	1,151.7	1,268.9	10.2
14	Canberra - Melbourne	1,274.5	1,259.5	-1.2
15	Adelaide - Brisbane	1,014.6	1,093.1	7.7
16	Cairns - Sydney	1,039.4	1,029.0	-1.0
17	Launceston - Melbourne	1,020.7	1,055.9	3.4
18	Cairns - Melbourne	985.8	984.5	-0.1
19	Hobart - Sydney	985.0	991.3	0.6
20	Brisbane - Mackay	989.2	1,090.6	10.3
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	918.8	953.1	3.7
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	819.7	862.8	5.3
23	Adelaide - Perth	870.6	913.7	5.0
24	Karratha - Perth	924.2	1,031.8	11.6
25	Brisbane - Canberra	833.8	882.5	5.8
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	742.7	740.2	-0.3
27	Canberra - Sydney	976.6	878.7	-10.0
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	613.5	642.8	4.8
29	Perth - Port Hedland	742.4	793.8	6.9
30	Ballina - Sydney	581.5	541.8	-6.8
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	547.7	549.2	0.3
32	Newman - Perth	679.8	734.8	8.1
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	674.0	713.7	5.9
34	Broome - Perth	477.1	524.0	9.8
35	Launceston - Sydney	394.0	417.3	5.9
36	Brisbane - Darwin	407.1	424.6	4.3
37	Brisbane - Hobart	349.7	371.8	6.3
38	Darwin - Melbourne	361.9	360.1	-0.5
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	312.8	321.2	2.7
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	322.6	324.1	0.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	316.0	273.2	-13.6
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	333.4	322.9	-3.2
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	276.7	281.4	1.7
44	Adelaide - Canberra	268.9	282.6	5.1
45	Brisbane - Emerald	297.7	293.5	-1.4
46	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	204.7	233.7	14.2
47	Dubbo - Sydney	269.6	262.1	-2.8
48	Darwin - Perth	252.9	253.4	0.2
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	193.6	199.4	3.0
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	245.8	248.4	1.1

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Table 2: (continued) Available seats (000s) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	227.4	235.9	3.8
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	265.4	282.4	6.4
53	Albury - Sydney	217.8	218.7	0.4
54	Brisbane - Launceston	173.0	178.5	3.2
55	Melbourne - Mildura	208.4	226.5	8.7
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	230.7	251.3	8.9
57	Devonport - Melbourne	185.9	205.7	10.6
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	216.9	211.8	-2.3
59	Geraldton - Perth	219.5	228.4	4.0
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	147.1	138.7	-5.7
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	152.0	137.0	-9.8
62	Orange - Sydney	163.5	162.4	-0.6 (a)
Total domestic network		73,323.3	75,259.6	2.6

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2025.

Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	85.7	85.4	-0.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	86.6	86.2	-0.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	86.1	84.7	-1.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	87.9	89.0	1.1
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	85.4	83.7	-1.6
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	89.0	90.5	1.6
7	Melbourne - Perth	86.3	85.9	-0.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	82.7	80.9	-1.8
9	Perth - Sydney	86.3	83.7	-2.6
10	Hobart - Melbourne	87.0	84.6	-2.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	87.8	87.6	-0.2
12	Brisbane - Perth	85.2	83.1	-2.1
13	Brisbane - Townsville	83.8	80.4	-3.4
14	Canberra - Melbourne	77.3	75.7	-1.6
15	Adelaide - Brisbane	85.1	83.0	-2.1
16	Cairns - Sydney	88.3	88.2	-0.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	85.3	84.9	-0.4
18	Cairns - Melbourne	86.8	86.7	-0.1
19	Hobart - Sydney	84.3	84.6	0.3
20	Brisbane - Mackay	79.2	75.9	-3.2
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	84.9	86.3	1.3
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	88.1	89.7	1.6
23	Adelaide - Perth	82.1	79.9	-2.1
24	Karratha - Perth	69.7	69.7	-0.1
25	Brisbane - Canberra	77.2	75.7	-1.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	81.4	82.0	0.6
27	Canberra - Sydney	64.5	66.6	2.1
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	84.4	82.3	-2.1
29	Perth - Port Hedland	64.5	63.4	-1.1
30	Ballina - Sydney	86.9	86.8	-0.1
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	85.1	85.0	-0.1
32	Newman - Perth	63.1	60.9	-2.2
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	55.4	61.2	5.8
34	Broome - Perth	76.3	71.5	-4.8
35	Launceston - Sydney	88.3	86.2	-2.1
36	Brisbane - Darwin	84.7	82.6	-2.1
37	Brisbane - Hobart	90.1	88.4	-1.7
38	Darwin - Melbourne	81.4	82.2	0.8
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	89.8	91.8	2.0
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	89.3	90.3	1.0
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	79.9	84.6	4.8
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	66.4	67.4	1.0
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	74.1	73.1	-1.0
44	Adelaide - Canberra	71.8	69.1	-2.7
45	Brisbane - Emerald	63.4	65.1	1.7
46	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	78.9	80.0	1.1
47	Dubbo - Sydney	63.3	69.6	6.4
48	Darwin - Perth	74.7	72.0	-2.7
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	89.2	90.8	1.7
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	66.4	69.5	3.1

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Table 3: (continued) Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	72.3	71.9	-0.3
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	62.9	59.7	-3.2
53	Albury - Sydney	71.8	73.8	2.0
54	Brisbane - Launceston	89.4	88.7	-0.7
55	Melbourne - Mildura	72.5	66.6	-5.9
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	66.1	59.9	-6.2
57	Devonport - Melbourne	73.0	71.2	-1.9
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	64.8	66.5	1.7
59	Geraldton - Perth	54.4	53.7	-0.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	79.0	86.2	7.2
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	69.3	74.8	5.5
62	Orange - Sydney	52.4	61.4	9.0 (a)
Total domestic network		82.9	82.2	-0.7

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2025.

Table 4: Aircraft trips ^(a) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	53,987	54,068	0.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	30,217	30,417	0.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	24,824	26,364	6.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	15,930	16,628	4.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	16,235	17,276	6.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	12,794	13,281	3.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	13,326	13,775	3.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	13,463	13,793	2.5
9	Perth - Sydney	10,571	11,080	4.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	9,505	9,807	3.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	10,531	10,605	0.7
12	Brisbane - Perth	7,582	7,788	2.7
13	Brisbane - Townsville	9,048	9,125	0.9
14	Canberra - Melbourne	8,202	8,627	5.2
15	Adelaide - Brisbane	7,827	8,107	3.6
16	Cairns - Sydney	5,574	5,579	0.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	7,518	7,991	6.3
18	Cairns - Melbourne	5,126	5,156	0.6
19	Hobart - Sydney	5,667	5,671	0.1
20	Brisbane - Mackay	7,410	8,416	13.6
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	5,109	5,438	6.4
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	4,384	4,656	6.2
23	Adelaide - Perth	4,857	5,172	6.5
24	Karratha - Perth	5,576	6,144	10.2
25	Brisbane - Canberra	6,719	6,982	3.9
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	7,976	7,970	-0.1
27	Canberra - Sydney	14,451	14,185	-1.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	5,126	5,353	4.4
29	Perth - Port Hedland	4,612	4,903	6.3
30	Ballina - Sydney	3,853	3,644	-5.4
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	3,565	3,587	0.6
32	Newman - Perth	4,158	4,428	6.5
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	4,593	4,818	4.9
34	Broome - Perth	3,153	3,335	5.8
35	Launceston - Sydney	2,405	2,570	6.9
36	Brisbane - Darwin	2,488	2,398	-3.6
37	Brisbane - Hobart	2,178	2,291	5.2
38	Darwin - Melbourne	2,016	1,998	-0.9
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1,579	1,652	4.6
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	1,983	1,845	-7.0
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1,791	1,552	-13.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	3,798	3,795	-0.1
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	4,341	4,386	1.0
44	Adelaide - Canberra	2,472	2,689	8.8
45	Brisbane - Emerald	3,890	3,879	-0.3
46	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1,491	1,565	5.0
47	Dubbo - Sydney	5,102	4,768	-6.5
48	Darwin - Perth	1,471	1,512	2.8
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	1,078	1,096	1.7
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	4,387	4,334	-1.2

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Table 4: (continued) Aircraft trips ^(a) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	3,835	3,962	3.3
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	6,110	5,651	-7.5
53	Albury - Sydney	3,956	3,826	-3.3
54	Brisbane - Launceston	997	998	0.1
55	Melbourne - Mildura	4,461	4,275	-4.2
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	2,434	2,206	-9.4
57	Devonport - Melbourne	3,543	3,301	-6.8
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	3,526	3,451	-2.1
59	Geraldton - Perth	2,439	2,455	0.7
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	823	763	-7.3
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	1,808	1,616	-10.6
62	Orange - Sydney	3,116	2,729	-12.4 (b)
Total domestic network		601,016	602,870	0.3

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

(b) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2025.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

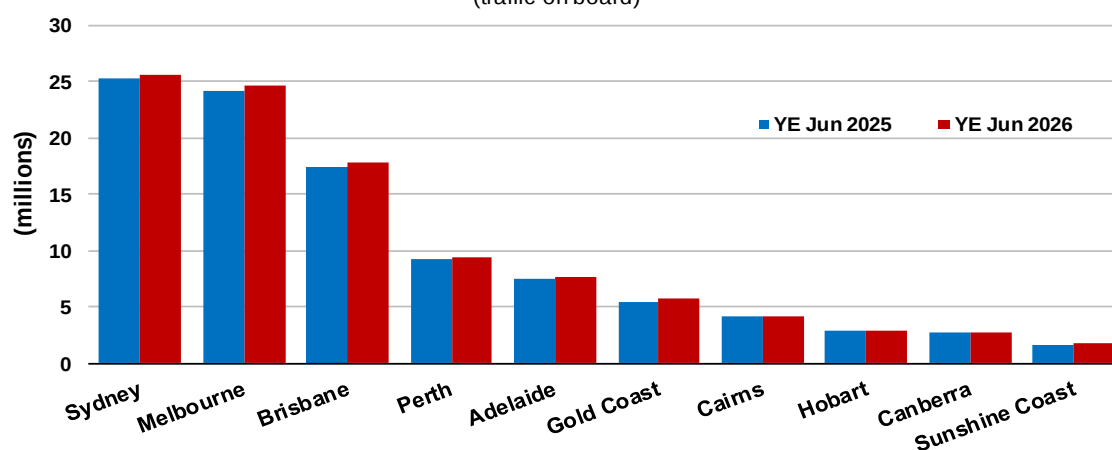
Table 5: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) — annual activity

Airport	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	25,194.9	25,502.4	1.2	21.0
2 Melbourne	24,112.8	24,614.7	2.1	20.3
3 Brisbane	17,309.4	17,743.6	2.5	14.6
4 Perth	9,165.1	9,405.9	2.6	7.7
5 Adelaide	7,409.1	7,611.4	2.7	6.3
6 Gold Coast	5,374.6	5,675.1	5.6	4.7
7 Cairns	4,120.5	4,127.4	0.2	3.4
8 Hobart	2,801.8	2,895.9	3.4	2.4
9 Canberra	2,766.5	2,727.4	-1.4	2.2
10 Sunshine Coast	1,588.8	1,706.0	7.4	1.4
Total top ten airports	99,843.4	102,009.7	2.2	84.0
Total domestic network	118,912.6	121,506.3	2.2	100.0

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

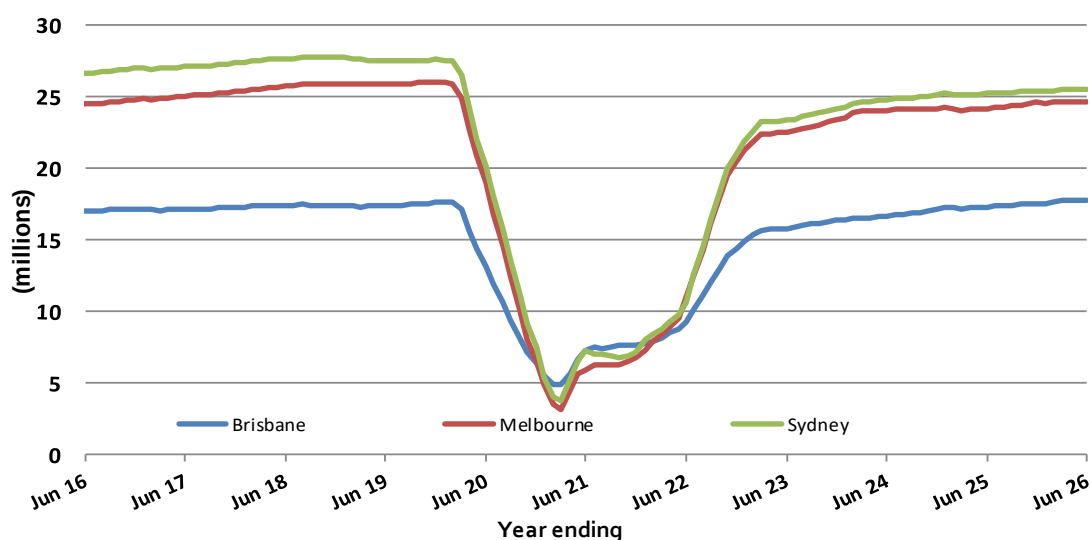
Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(traffic on board)



Top three airports, domestic passenger movements

(moving annual totals - traffic on board)



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

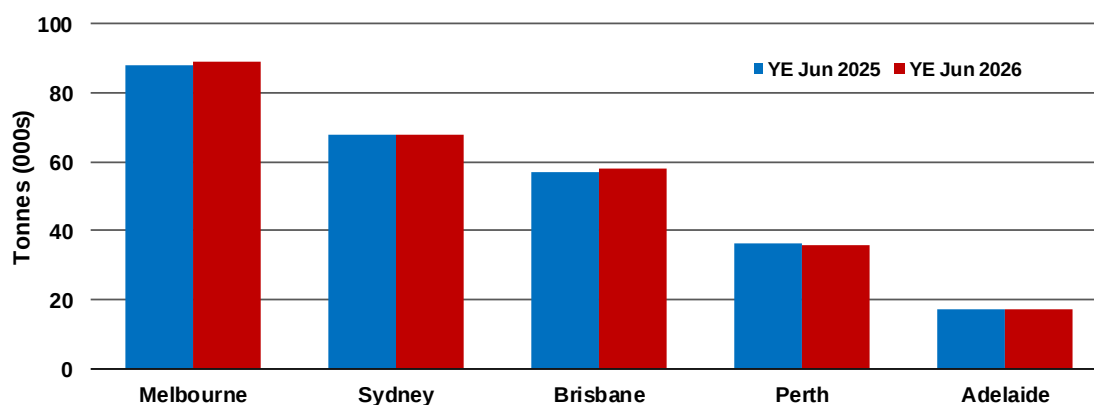
Table 6: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	88.1	89.3	1.3	27.7
2 Sydney	67.9	68.0	0.1	21.1
3 Brisbane	57.0	58.1	1.9	18.0
4 Perth	36.3	35.9	-1.2	11.1
5 Adelaide	17.2	17.4	1.1	5.4
Total top five airports	266.6	268.7	0.8	83.4
Total domestic network	321.1	321.9	0.3	100.0

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

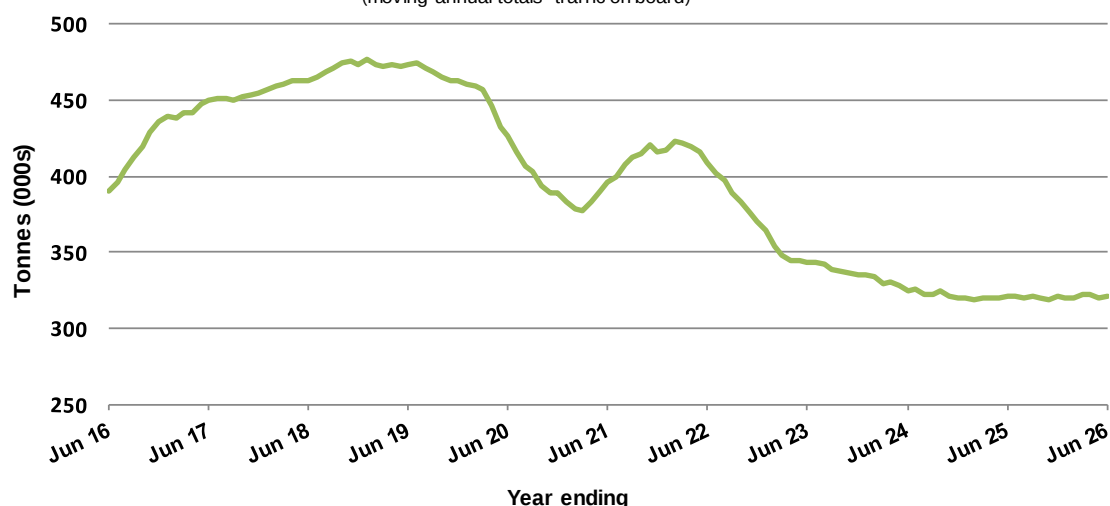
Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



Total domestic network - cargo movements

(moving annual totals - traffic on board)



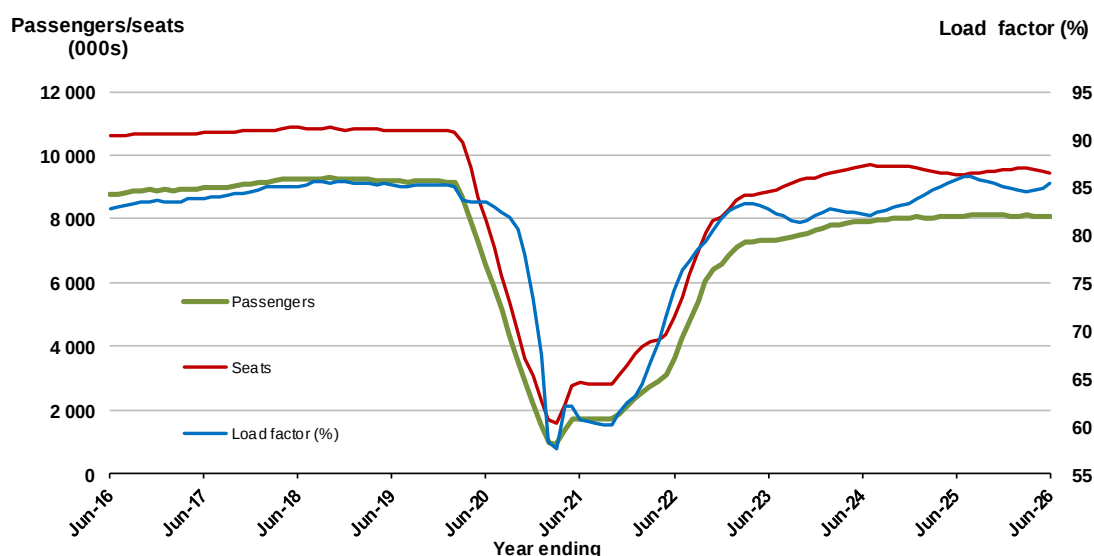
TOP TWENTY ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8,055.8	8,080.5	0.3
Seats (000s)	9,403.0	9,459.7	0.6
Load factor %	85.7	85.4	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	53,987	54,068	0.2

* percentage point difference

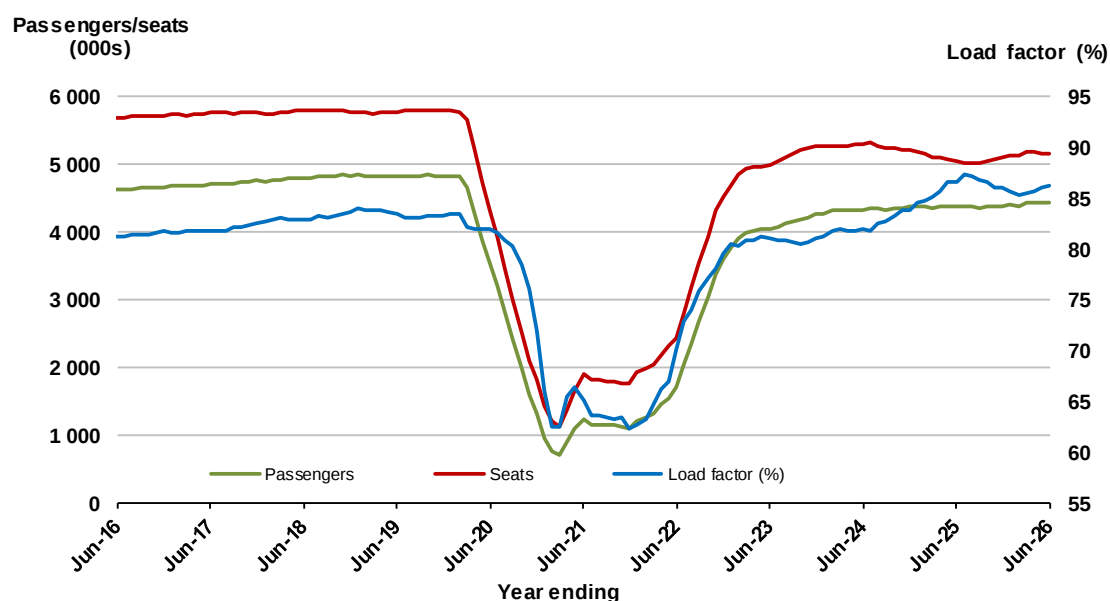


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4,358.8	4,429.2	1.6
Seats (000s)	5,035.5	5,136.8	2.0
Load factor %	86.6	86.2	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	30,217	30,417	0.7

* percentage point difference

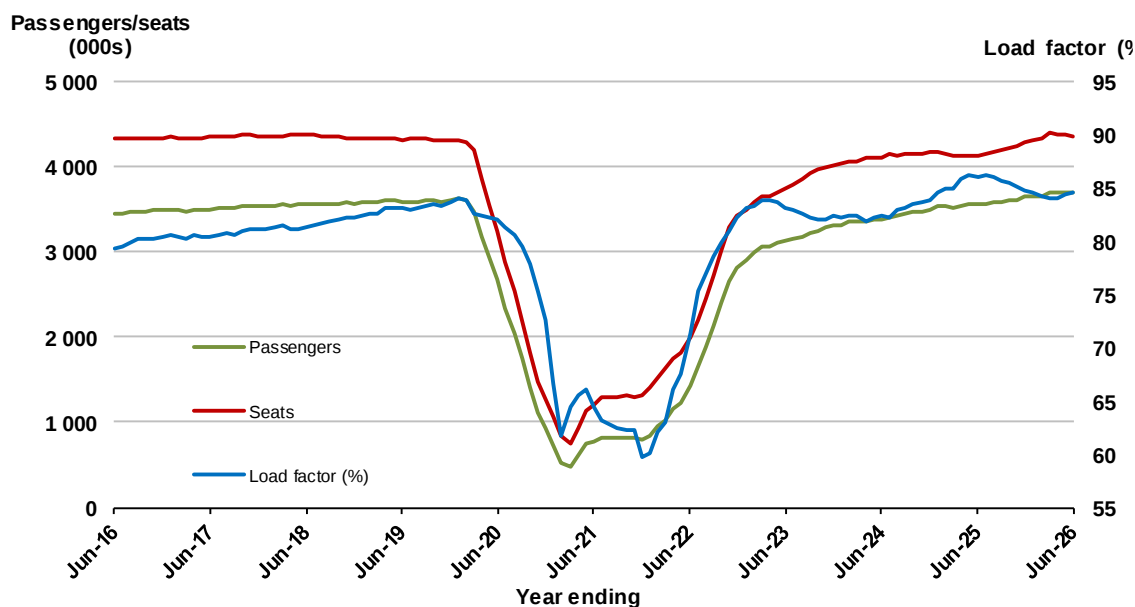


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3,553.1	3,696.3	4.0
Seats (000s)	4,126.7	4,366.0	5.8
Load factor %	86.1	84.7	-1.4
Aircraft trips	24,824	26,364	6.2

* percentage point difference

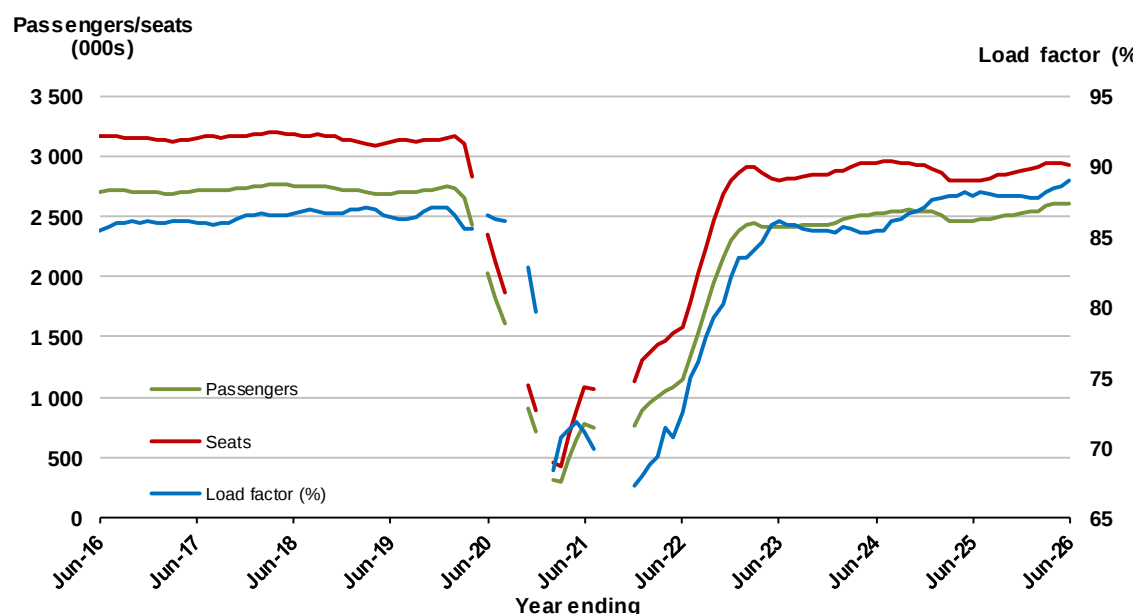


4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,465.8	2,610.1	5.9
Seats (000s)	2,805.2	2,933.3	4.6
Load factor %	87.9	89.0	1.1
Aircraft trips	15,930	16,628	4.4

* percentage point difference



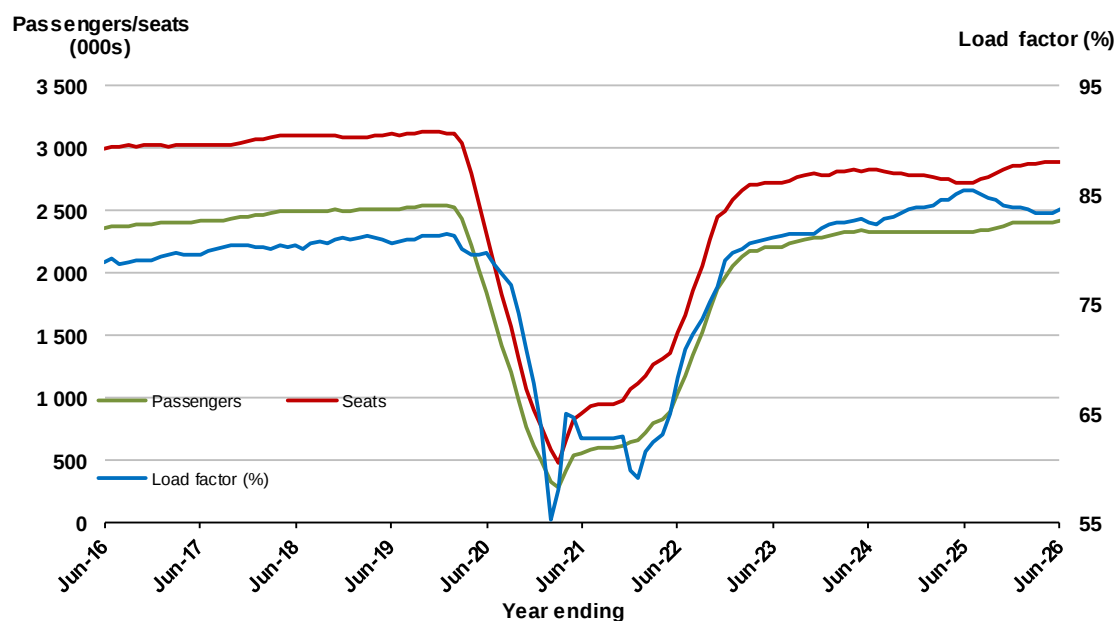
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,323.7	2,414.5	3.9
Seats (000s)	2,722.0	2,883.7	5.9
Load factor %	85.4	83.7	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	16,235	17,276	6.4

* percentage point difference

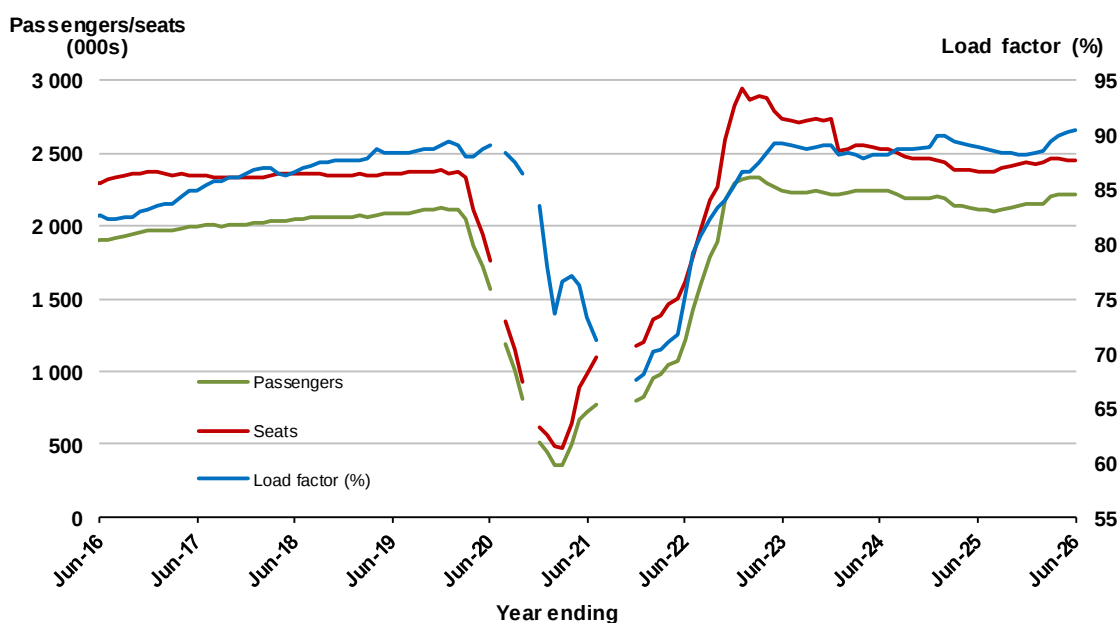


6. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,106.6	2,216.7	5.2
Seats (000s)	2,368.2	2,449.2	3.4
Load factor %	89.0	90.5	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	12,794	13,281	3.8

* percentage point difference



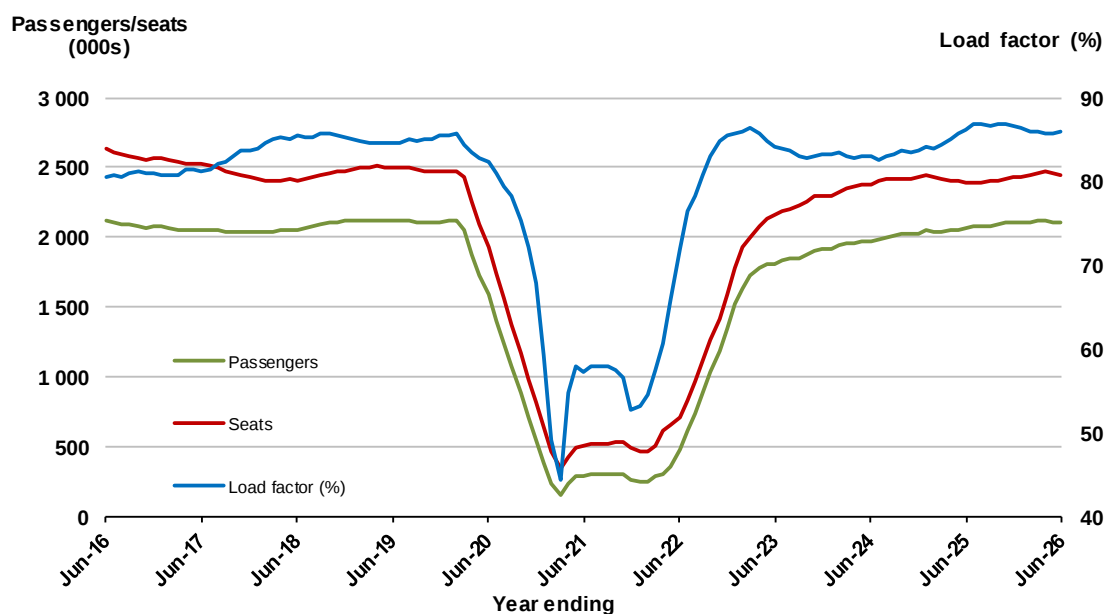
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7. Melbourne - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,066.2	2,102.4	1.8
Seats (000s)	2,395.3	2,448.0	2.2
Load factor %	86.3	85.9	-0.4 *
Aircraft trips	13,326	13,775	3.4

* percentage point difference

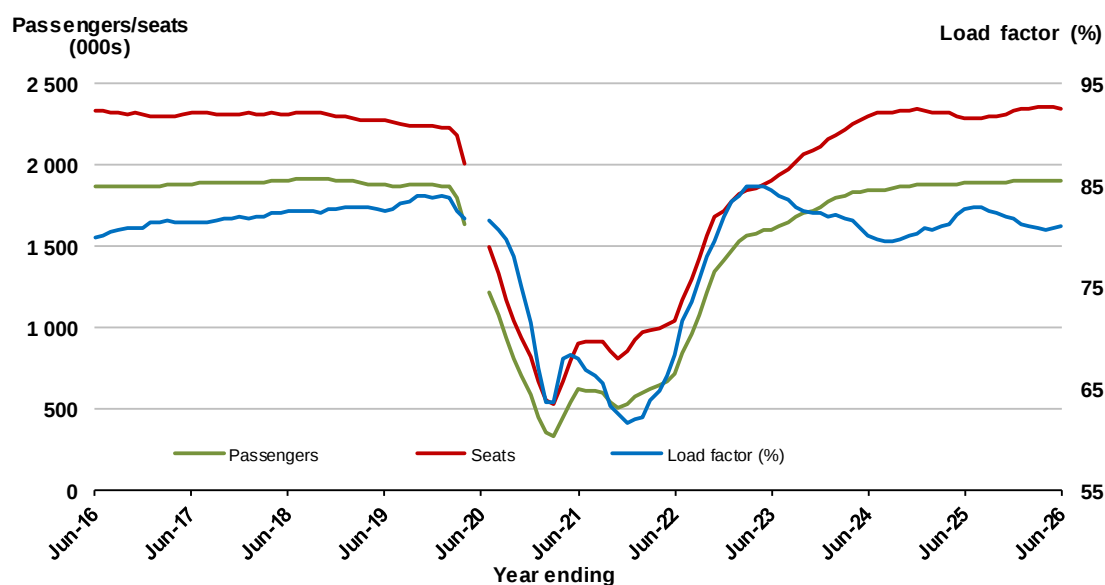


8. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,890.1	1,903.2	0.7
Seats (000s)	2,284.8	2,351.8	2.9
Load factor %	82.7	80.9	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	13,463	13,793	2.5

* percentage point difference



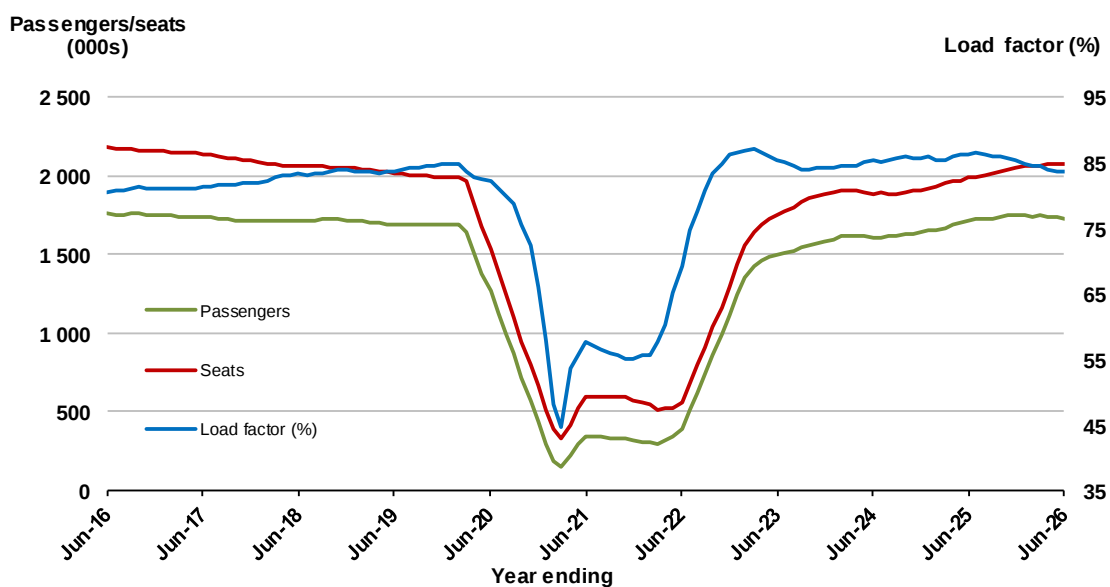
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9. Perth - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,717.9	1,733.0	0.9
Seats (000s)	1,990.5	2,071.6	4.1
Load factor %	86.3	83.7	-2.6 *
Aircraft trips	10,571	11,080	4.8

* percentage point difference

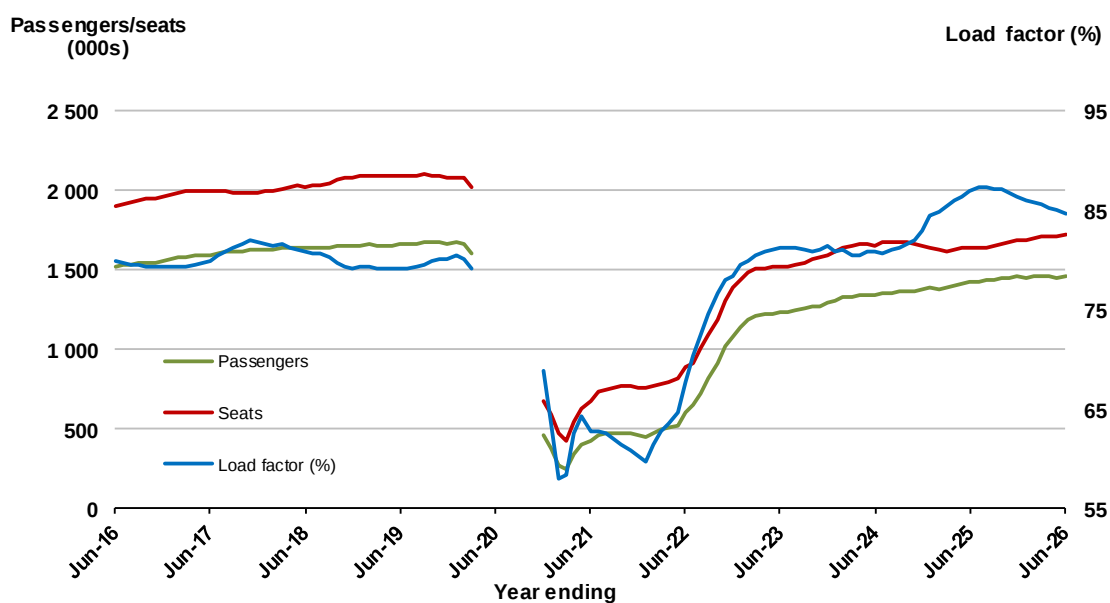


10. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,423.3	1,457.5	2.4
Seats (000s)	1,636.7	1,722.1	5.2
Load factor %	87.0	84.6	-2.3 *
Aircraft trips	9,505	9,807	3.2

* percentage point difference



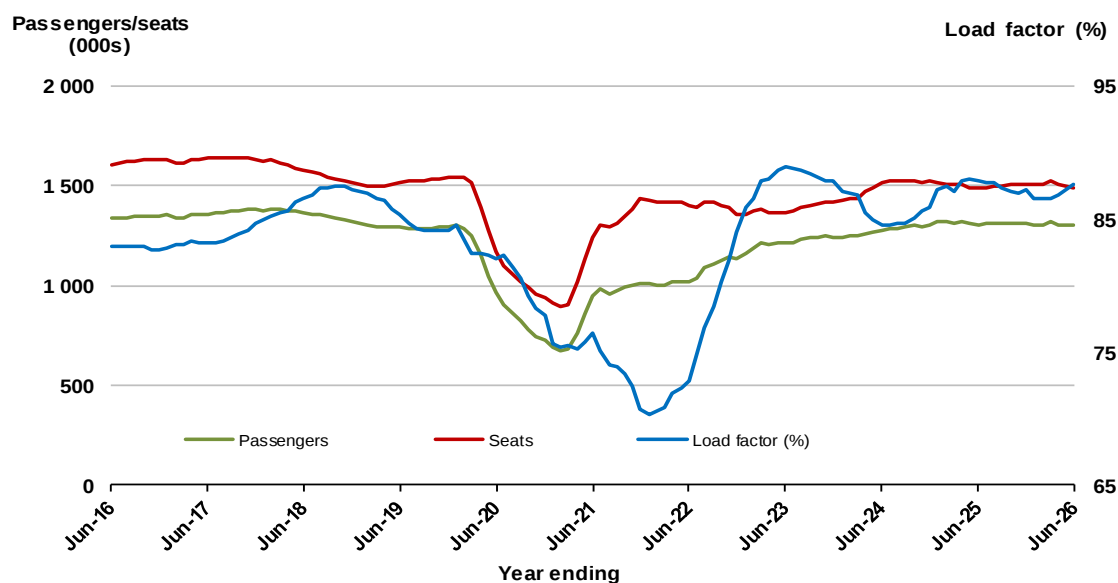
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11. Brisbane - Cairns

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,306.1	1,304.3	-0.1
Seats (000s)	1,487.5	1,488.6	0.1
Load factor %	87.8	87.6	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	10,531	10,605	0.7

* percentage point difference

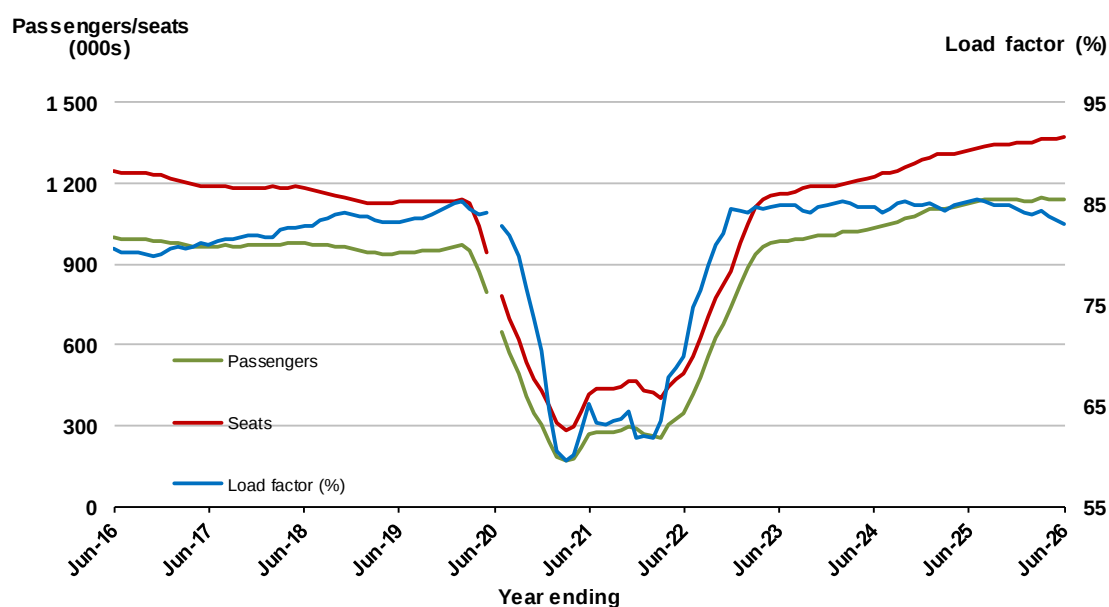


12. Brisbane - Perth (a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,127.6	1,137.5	0.9
Seats (000s)	1,323.4	1,369.5	3.5
Load factor %	85.2	83.1	-2.1 *
Aircraft trips	7,582	7,788	2.7

* percentage point difference



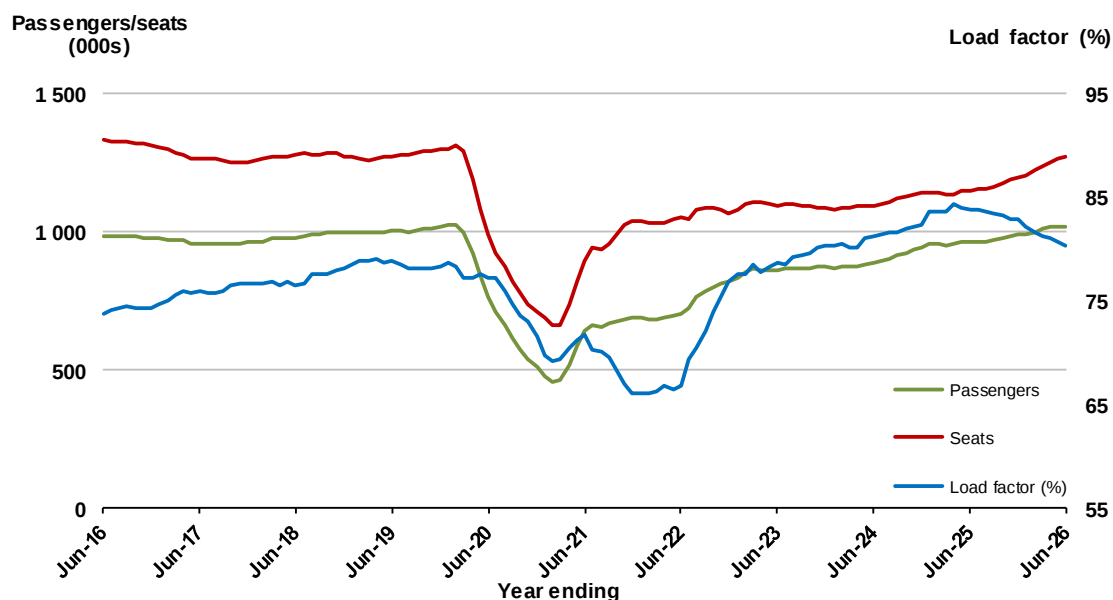
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13. Brisbane - Townsville

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	964.9	1,019.9	5.7
Seats (000s)	1,151.7	1,268.9	10.2
Load factor %	83.8	80.4	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	9,048	9,125	0.9

* percentage point difference

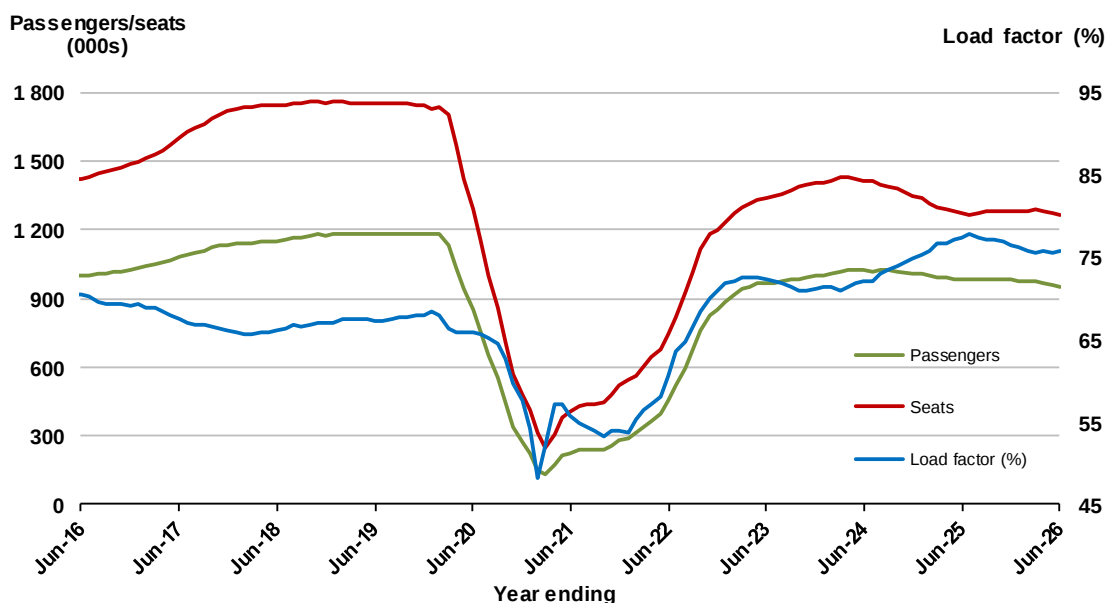


14. Canberra - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	984.7	952.9	-3.2
Seats (000s)	1,274.5	1,259.5	-1.2
Load factor %	77.3	75.7	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	8,202	8,627	5.2

* percentage point difference

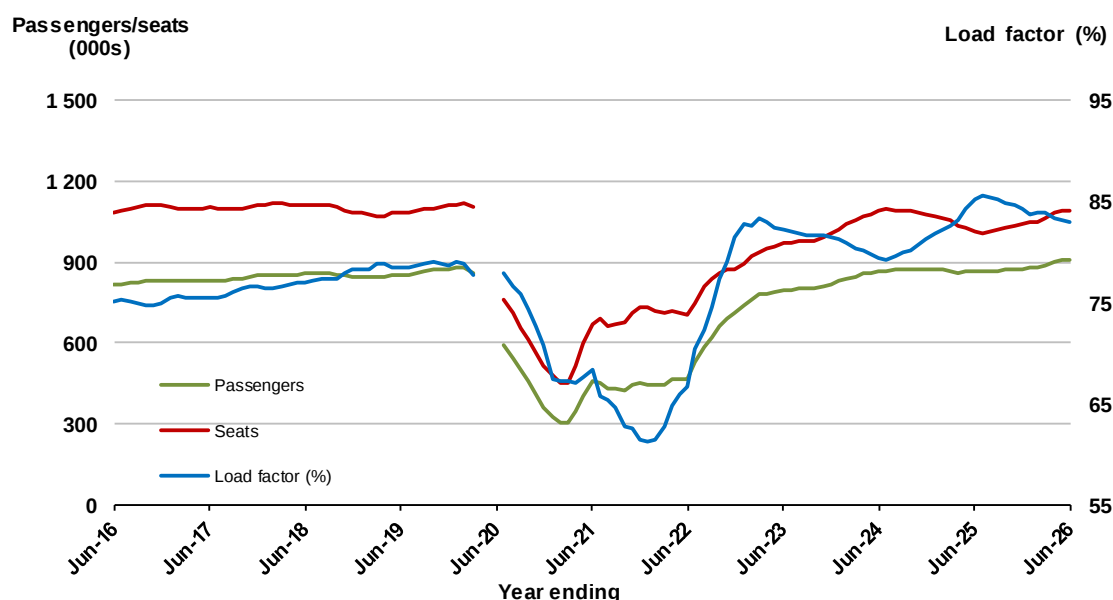


15. Adelaide - Brisbane ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	863.6	907.6	5.1
Seats (000s)	1,014.6	1,093.1	7.7
Load factor %	85.1	83.0	-2.1 *
Aircraft trips	7,827	8,107	3.6

* percentage point difference



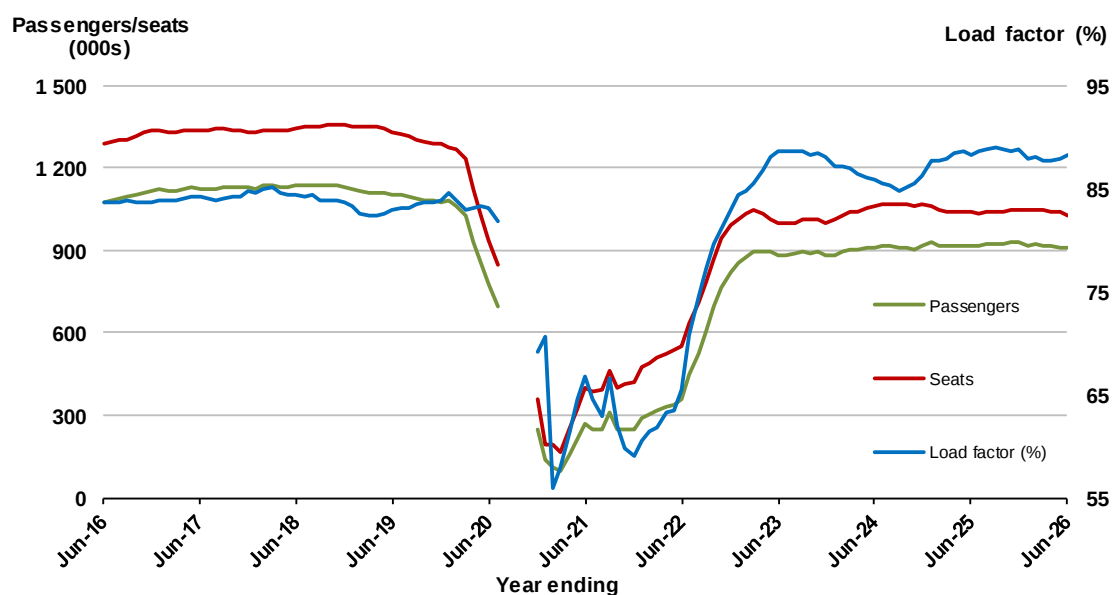
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16. Cairns - Sydney ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	917.9	907.5	-1.1
Seats (000s)	1,039.4	1,029.0	-1.0
Load factor %	88.3	88.2	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	5,574	5,579	0.1

* percentage point difference



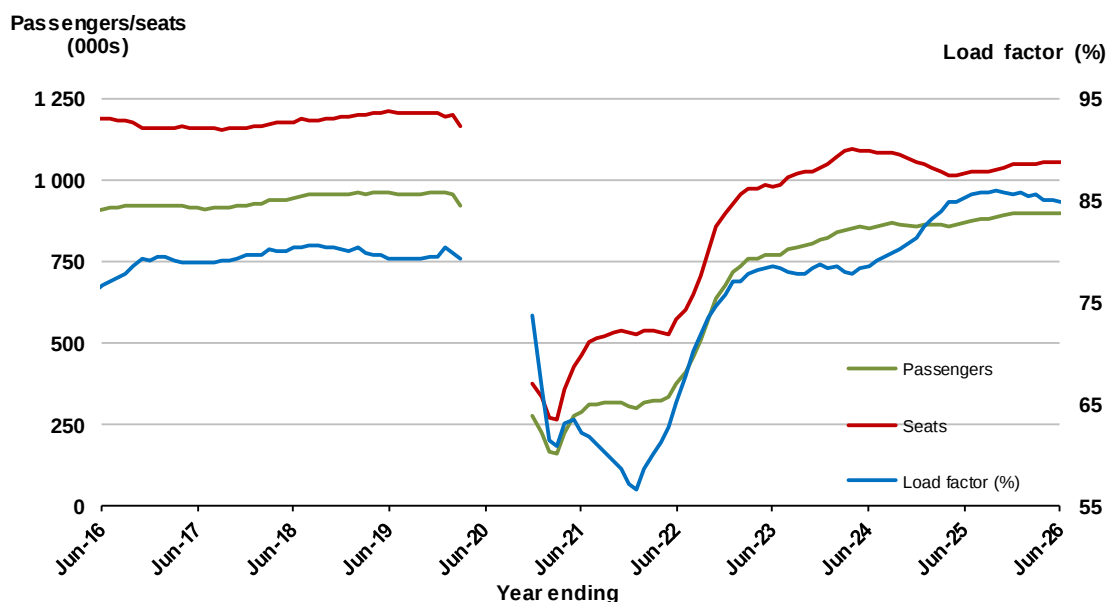
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17. Launceston - Melbourne ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	870.3	896.1	3.0
Seats (000s)	1,020.7	1,055.9	3.4
Load factor %	85.3	84.9	-0.4 *
Aircraft trips	7,518	7,991	6.3

* percentage point difference



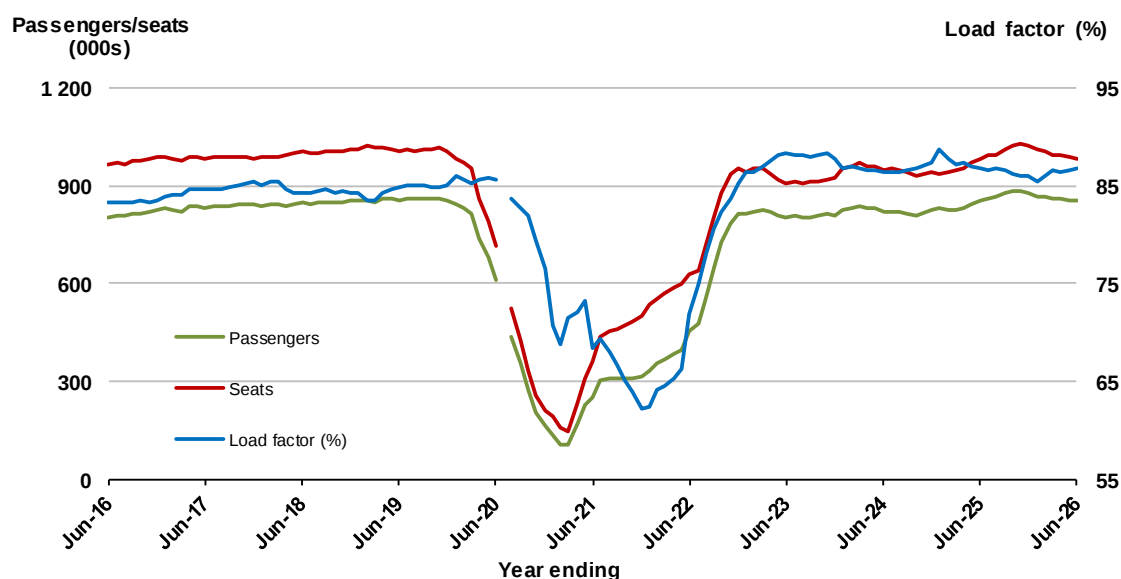
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18. Cairns - Melbourne ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	856.0	853.7	-0.3
Seats (000s)	985.8	984.5	-0.1
Load factor %	86.8	86.7	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	5,126	5,156	0.6

* percentage point difference



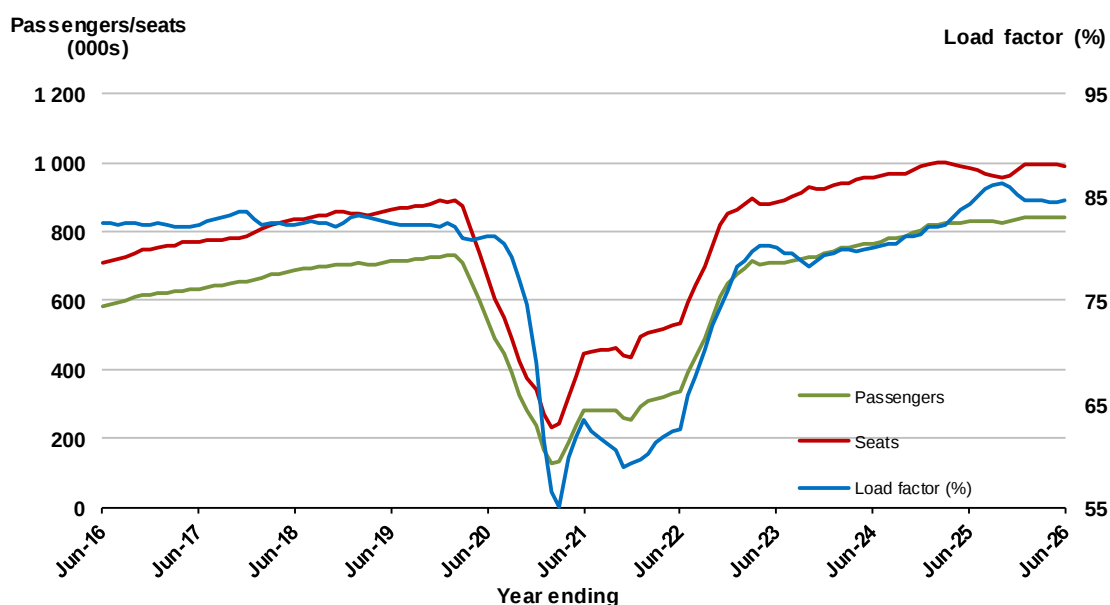
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19. Hobart - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	830.1	838.8	1.0
Seats (000s)	985.0	991.3	0.6
Load factor %	84.3	84.6	0.3 *
Aircraft trips	5,667	5,671	0.1

* percentage point difference

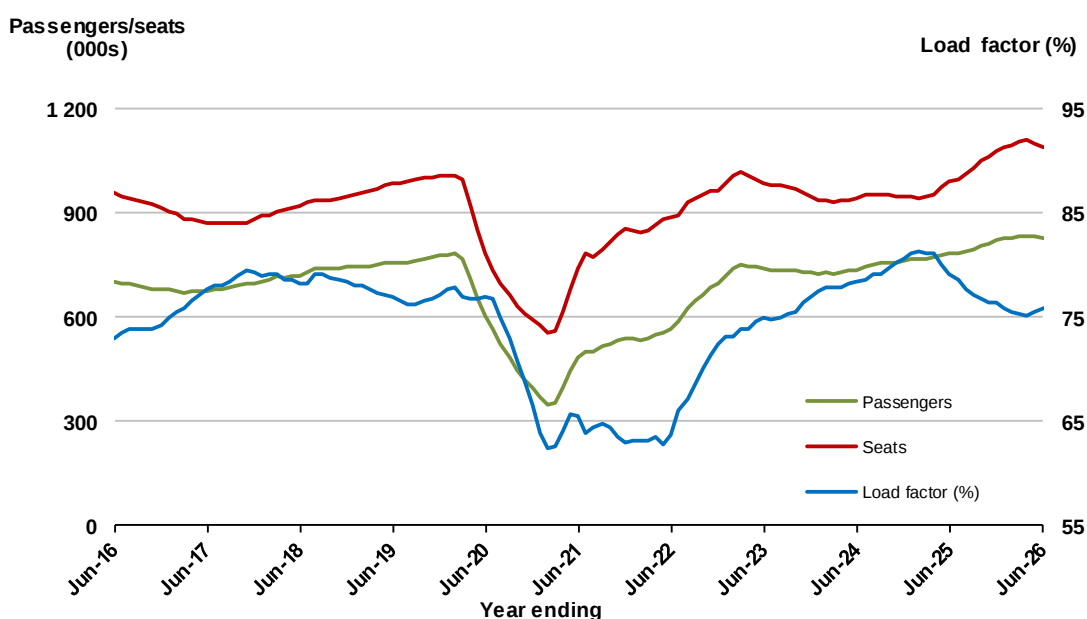


20. Brisbane - Mackay

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	783.0	828.2	5.8
Seats (000s)	989.2	1,090.6	10.3
Load factor %	79.2	75.9	-3.2 *
Aircraft trips	7,410	8,416	13.6

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Table 7: Top fifty regional airports (000s) — passenger movements, annual

	Airport	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
1	Cairns	4 120.5	4 127.4	0.2
2	Hobart	2 801.8	2 895.9	3.4
3	Townsville	1 642.0	1 663.4	1.3
4	Darwin	1 628.0	1 637.0	0.6
5	Launceston	1 433.6	1 477.7	3.1
6	Newcastle	1 183.7	1 248.8	5.5
7	Mackay	902.5	933.9	3.5
8	Karratha	657.7	734.9	11.7
9	Rockhampton	644.7	645.0	0.0
10	Ballina	612.1	585.7	-4.3
11	Proserpine	520.7	575.9	10.6
12	Port Hedland	491.1	517.1	5.3
13	Hamilton Island	489.1	484.9	-0.8
14	Broome	444.3	455.5	2.5
15	Newman	430.4	448.1	4.1
16	Kalgoorlie	374.4	437.4	16.8
17	Alice Springs	358.3	368.8	2.9
18	Ayers Rock	345.2	351.2	1.7
19	Coffs Harbour	252.0	263.9	4.7
20	Mount Isa	239.5	231.7	-3.2
21	Hervey Bay	208.2	228.6	9.8
22	Paraburdoo	275.5	228.3	-17.1
23	Albury	223.1	225.8	1.2
24	Wagga Wagga	213.1	224.5	5.4
25	Dubbo	205.2	217.9	6.2
26	Gladstone	221.5	217.4	-1.9
27	Port Macquarie	190.5	197.5	3.7
28	Emerald	188.8	190.0	0.6
29	Mildura	189.8	184.3	-2.9
30	Port Lincoln	167.1	168.8	1.0
31	Tamworth	160.8	158.6	-1.4
32	Devonport	136.0	146.5	7.7
33	Bundaberg	140.8	141.0	0.1
34	Kununurra	140.0	133.8	-4.4
35	Orange	113.4	132.7	17.1
36	Geraldton	126.3	130.4	3.3
37	Thursday Island	120.2	116.4	-3.2
38	Armidale	101.6	111.8	10.1
39	Olympic Dam	101.8	104.6	2.8
40	Weipa	96.5	100.2	3.8
41	Learmonth	112.3	100.2	-10.8
42	Busseton	94.9	95.2	0.4
43	Moranbah	107.6	92.4	-14.1
44	Gove	88.8	83.4	-6.1
45	Burnie	80.3	82.4	2.7
46	Merimbula	68.4	74.6	9.1
47	Griffith	74.7	73.5	-1.6
48	Mount Gambier	71.0	71.5	0.7
49	Albany	67.5	65.8	-2.5
50	Roma	61.3	62.5	1.8
Total top 50 regional airports		23,718.4	24,244.7	2.2
Total regional airports		25,131.2	25,633.8	2.0
Total domestic network		118,912.6	121,506.3	2.2

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 8: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity (000s)

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 311.1	4 562.2	5.8
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	74.0	77.0	4.1

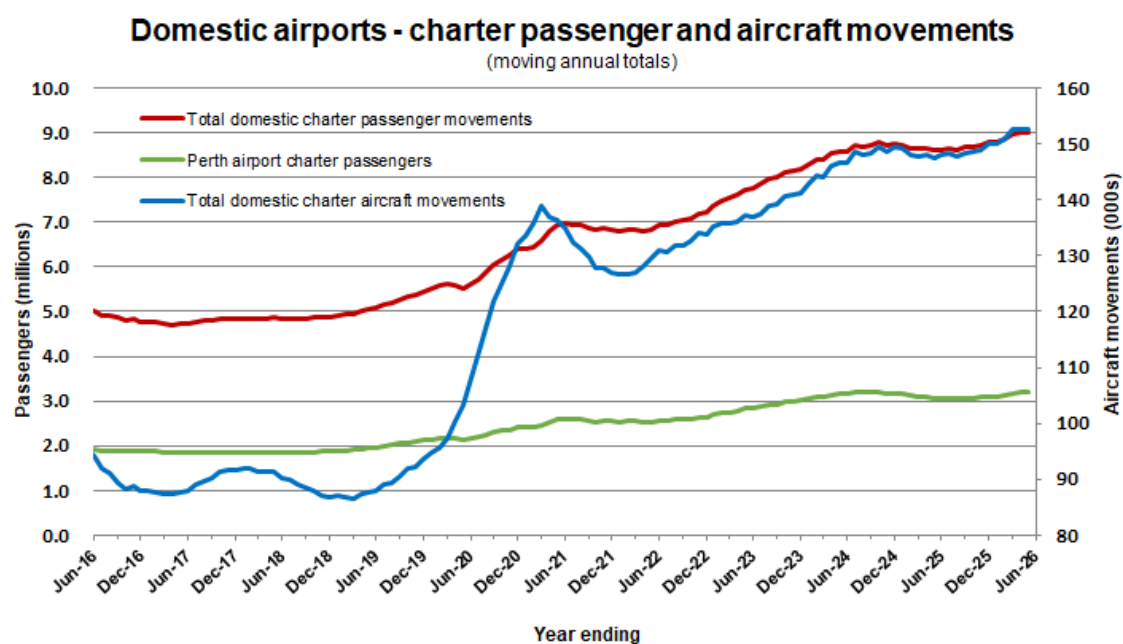
Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

Table 9: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual activity (000s)

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 622.3	9 124.5	5.8
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	147.9	154.1	4.1
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 072.4	3 230.2	5.1
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	45.2	46.7	3.5

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.



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 departure at Melbourne and as an 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.
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NA	Not applicable.