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FOREWORD

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

The data covers revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled Regular Public Transport (RPT) 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 the total network for the month of June 2026 and on the RPT network for the month of June 2026 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended June 2026 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication. For the month of June 2026, there are 62 individual routes published.

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, Airnorth and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Team Global Express (formerly Toll).

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

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are shown 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 and Transport Research Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data were not available and data presented in this publication June 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 5.10 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in June 2026, compared with 5.05 million in June 2025 (up 1.0%). This is also an increase of 3.7% on pre-COVID June 2019 passenger numbers (4.92 million).

4.69 million passengers were carried on Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights in June 2026 (excluding charter operations), a decrease of 0.1% compared to June 2025.

For the month of June 2026, there were 47.6 thousand RPT aircraft trips, a decrease of 2.3% on June 2025.

For the year ending June 2026, there were 60.75 million RPT passengers, an increase of 2.2% on the year ending June 2025.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 5.64 billion for the month, compared with 5.69 billion in June 2025 (down 0.8%).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased to 6.92 billion in June 2026 compared to 7.10 billion in June 2025 (down 2.5%).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 80.1% in June 2025 to 81.5% in June 2026. The highest load factor (93.0%) was recorded on the Brisbane – Cairns route while the lowest load factor (52.5%) was recorded on the Geraldton – Perth route.

For the month of June 2026, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 621.6 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 346.0 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 287.0 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.93 million passenger movements in June 2026, followed by Melbourne with 1.85 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.42 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 27.3 thousand tonnes in June 2026, an increase of 4.3% compared with June 2025.

In June 2026, there were 2.08 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, an increase of 0.1% from June 2025. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the largest increase was recorded at Orange Airport (up 24.4% on June 2025), while the strongest decrease was recorded at Griffith Airport (down 16.6% on June 2025).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 409.9 thousand passengers in June 2026, an increase of 15.8% compared with June 2025. There were 6.7 thousand charter aircraft trips in June 2026, an increase of 11.6% compared with June 2025. Perth Airport accounted for 35.5% of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.05	5.10	1.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	54.7	54.3	-0.8

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

RPT NETWORK

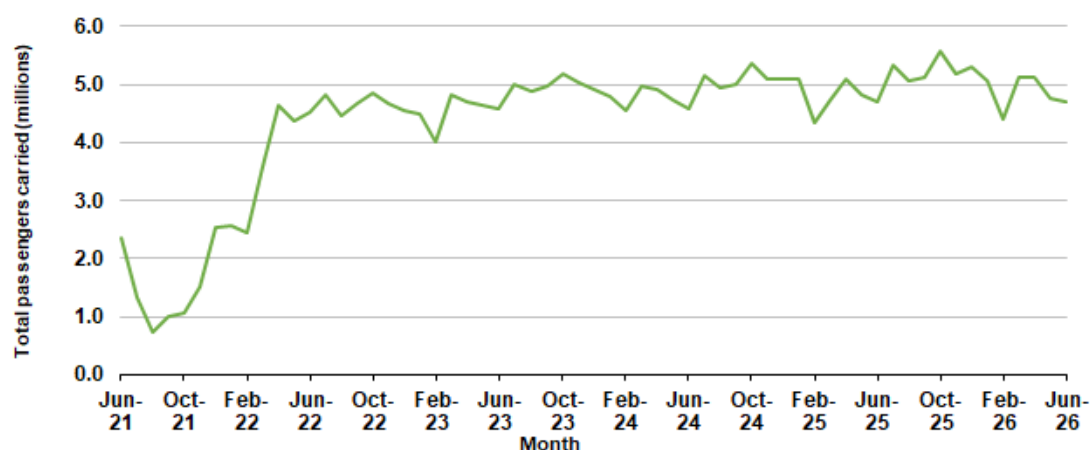
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.70	4.69	-0.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.69	5.64	-0.8
Available seats (millions)	6.01	5.87	-2.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.10	6.92	-2.5
Load factor %	80.1	81.5	1.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	48.7	47.6	-2.3

* percentage point difference

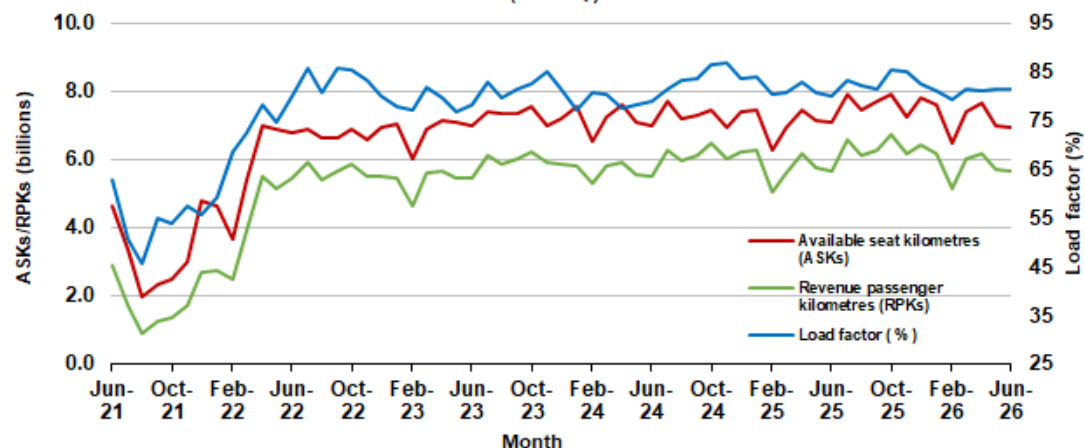
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.75	65.26	2.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	674.7	679.2	0.7

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

RPT NETWORK

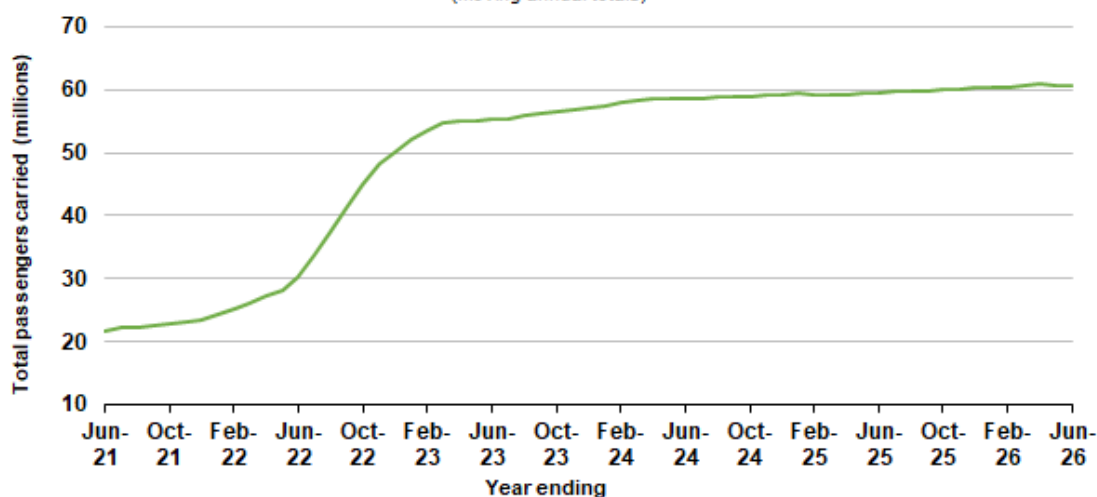
Summary of annual RPT activity

	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

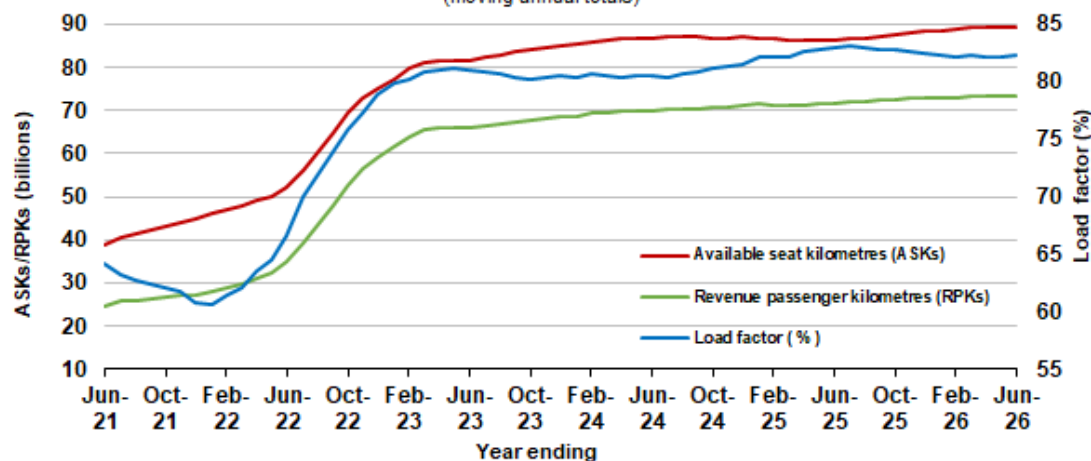
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(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	190.0	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 2026.

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	615.0	621.6	1.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	344.1	346.0	0.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	279.1	287.0	2.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	191.7	191.0	-0.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	178.3	182.1	2.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	149.3	149.9	0.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	155.2	148.6	-4.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	138.3	137.7	-0.4
9	Perth - Sydney	129.6	124.0	-4.3
10	Brisbane - Cairns	115.1	116.7	1.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	104.8	111.6	6.5
12	Brisbane - Townsville	85.6	87.8	2.5
13	Brisbane - Perth	87.1	84.2	-3.2
14	Canberra - Melbourne	78.9	71.3	-9.7
15	Cairns - Melbourne	74.4	71.0	-4.6
16	Cairns - Sydney	73.3	68.4	-6.6
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	67.4	68.4	1.5
18	Brisbane - Mackay	69.2	66.2	-4.3
19	Launceston - Melbourne	67.2	65.7	-2.2
20	Karratha - Perth	59.1	62.4	5.5
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	59.1	58.7	-0.7
22	Hobart - Sydney	58.3	57.4	-1.5
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	56.5	56.0	-0.8
24	Brisbane - Canberra	54.0	54.8	1.6
25	Adelaide - Perth	52.6	53.9	2.4
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	51.6	51.8	0.2
27	Canberra - Sydney	50.1	44.5	-11.2
28	Perth - Port Hedland	39.6	42.3	6.7
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	43.3	42.0	-2.9
30	Newman - Perth	36.6	38.8	6.1
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	31.7	37.7	18.9
32	Broome - Perth	36.0	36.0	0.0
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	36.8	35.0	-5.0
34	Brisbane - Darwin	37.4	33.4	-10.8
35	Ballina - Sydney	32.0	33.2	3.8
36	Darwin - Melbourne	28.7	31.1	8.6
37	Adelaide - Gold Coast	21.9	25.4	16.2
38	Brisbane - Hobart	24.1	23.9	-1.1
39	Launceston - Sydney	22.5	22.6	0.7
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	23.5	19.9	-15.1
41	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	15.3	17.8	16.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	18.4	17.7	-3.4
43	Brisbane - Emerald	16.3	16.5	0.9
44	Darwin - Perth	18.5	16.2	-12.6
45	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	11.8	16.1	36.6
46	Dubbo - Sydney	14.1	15.7	11.0
47	Adelaide - Canberra	16.4	15.1	-8.1
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	13.3	14.6	9.7
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	14.0	14.2	1.5
50	Hamilton Island - Sydney	16.1	13.8	-14.3

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.2	13.6	2.5
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	14.1	13.4	-5.1
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	13.5	13.3	-1.9
54	Albury - Sydney	11.9	13.2	11.2
55	Melbourne - Mildura	12.0	11.9	-0.8
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	11.8	11.5	-2.9
57	Brisbane - Launceston	10.3	11.0	7.6
58	Geraldton - Perth	9.9	10.2	3.1
59	Devonport - Melbourne	11.5	9.8	-14.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	9.6	9.7	0.5
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.4	9.6	2.2
62	Orange - Sydney	7.1	8.6	21.6 (a)
Total domestic network		4 699.9	4 693.1	-0.1

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2026.

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	778.5	729.4	-6.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	421.9	404.3	-4.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	340.7	332.6	-2.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	236.9	224.2	-5.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	223.4	213.8	-4.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	168.3	163.4	-2.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	188.6	178.8	-5.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	182.8	176.6	-3.4
9	Perth - Sydney	161.9	157.9	-2.5
10	Brisbane - Cairns	132.0	125.6	-4.9
11	Hobart - Melbourne	119.6	134.4	12.4
12	Brisbane - Townsville	99.8	106.5	6.7
13	Brisbane - Perth	106.4	107.5	1.0
14	Canberra - Melbourne	109.2	98.2	-10.0
15	Cairns - Melbourne	83.6	79.0	-5.5
16	Cairns - Sydney	84.2	74.8	-11.1
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	81.2	83.0	2.3
18	Brisbane - Mackay	95.3	85.8	-9.9
19	Launceston - Melbourne	78.8	78.2	-0.7
20	Karratha - Perth	79.3	96.3	21.4
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	73.0	71.0	-2.7
22	Hobart - Sydney	70.8	67.8	-4.3
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	64.9	62.5	-3.7
24	Brisbane - Canberra	71.2	73.9	3.8
25	Adelaide - Perth	71.0	75.2	5.9
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	62.9	67.2	6.8
27	Canberra - Sydney	73.4	62.3	-15.1
28	Perth - Port Hedland	61.9	69.6	12.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	52.6	50.8	-3.4
30	Newman - Perth	58.9	64.7	9.8
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	57.4	61.5	7.2
32	Broome - Perth	43.4	50.5	16.4
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	45.7	41.8	-8.6
34	Brisbane - Darwin	44.0	36.9	-16.0
35	Ballina - Sydney	38.0	40.2	5.7
36	Darwin - Melbourne	35.0	34.6	-1.2
37	Adelaide - Gold Coast	24.6	27.8	13.2
38	Brisbane - Hobart	27.1	27.1	0.2
39	Launceston - Sydney	25.7	26.6	3.5
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	26.6	22.4	-15.8
41	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	20.4	24.5	19.8
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	26.7	25.7	-4.0
43	Brisbane - Emerald	25.5	23.7	-7.0
44	Darwin - Perth	25.8	20.2	-21.5
45	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	16.3	20.7	26.4
46	Dubbo - Sydney	21.5	21.3	-0.9
47	Adelaide - Canberra	22.9	23.1	0.9
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	19.3	20.4	5.4
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	15.5	15.7	1.3
50	Hamilton Island - Sydney	21.8	16.3	-25.4

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

	City Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	22.1	23.9	8.2
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	18.6	19.4	4.3
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	19.2	21.3	10.9
54	Albury - Sydney	16.5	18.3	11.2
55	Melbourne - Mildura	16.6	18.8	13.3
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.2	18.2	0.1
57	Brisbane - Launceston	11.5	12.1	5.0
58	Geraldton - Perth	16.4	19.3	18.2
59	Devonport - Melbourne	16.8	15.3	-8.7
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	10.8	10.6	-1.7
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	13.0	11.8	-9.3
62	Orange - Sydney	13.7	12.9	-5.8 (a)
Total domestic network		6 010.6	5 866.7	-2.4

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2026.

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	79.0	85.2	6.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	81.6	85.6	4.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	81.9	86.3	4.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	80.9	85.2	4.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	79.8	85.1	5.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	88.7	91.8	3.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	82.3	83.1	0.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	75.6	78.0	2.4
9	Perth - Sydney	80.0	78.5	-1.5
10	Brisbane - Cairns	87.2	93.0	5.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	87.6	83.0	-4.6
12	Brisbane - Townsville	85.8	82.5	-3.4
13	Brisbane - Perth	81.8	78.4	-3.5
14	Canberra - Melbourne	72.3	72.5	0.3
15	Cairns - Melbourne	88.9	89.8	0.9
16	Cairns - Sydney	87.1	91.5	4.4
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	83.0	82.4	-0.6
18	Brisbane - Mackay	72.6	77.1	4.5
19	Launceston - Melbourne	85.3	84.0	-1.3
20	Karratha - Perth	74.4	64.7	-9.7
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	81.0	82.6	1.7
22	Hobart - Sydney	82.4	84.8	2.4
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	87.0	89.6	2.6
24	Brisbane - Canberra	75.8	74.1	-1.6
25	Adelaide - Perth	74.1	71.6	-2.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	82.1	77.1	-5.1
27	Canberra - Sydney	68.3	71.4	3.1
28	Perth - Port Hedland	64.1	60.7	-3.3
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	82.2	82.6	0.4
30	Newman - Perth	62.1	60.0	-2.1
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	55.3	61.4	6.1
32	Broome - Perth	83.0	71.3	-11.7
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	80.5	83.7	3.2
34	Brisbane - Darwin	85.1	90.4	5.3
35	Ballina - Sydney	84.2	82.7	-1.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	81.8	89.9	8.1
37	Adelaide - Gold Coast	89.1	91.5	2.4
38	Brisbane - Hobart	89.2	88.0	-1.1
39	Launceston - Sydney	87.4	85.1	-2.4
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	88.4	89.1	0.7
41	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	75.1	72.9	-2.2
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	68.6	69.0	0.4
43	Brisbane - Emerald	64.0	69.4	5.4
44	Darwin - Perth	71.7	79.9	8.2
45	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	72.3	78.1	5.8
46	Dubbo - Sydney	65.6	73.5	7.9
47	Adelaide - Canberra	71.7	65.3	-6.4
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	68.8	71.6	2.9
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	90.1	90.3	0.3
50	Hamilton Island - Sydney	73.6	84.5	10.9

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

	City Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Point diff
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	59.9	56.8	-3.1
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	75.6	68.8	-6.8
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	70.4	62.3	-8.1
54	Albury - Sydney	72.1	72.1	0.0
55	Melbourne - Mildura	72.1	63.1	-9.0
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	65.2	63.2	-2.0
57	Brisbane - Launceston	89.1	91.4	2.2
58	Geraldton - Perth	60.2	52.5	-7.7
59	Devonport - Melbourne	68.4	64.0	-4.4
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	89.0	91.0	2.0
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	72.6	81.8	9.2
62	Orange - Sydney	51.6	66.6	15.0 (a)
Total domestic network		80.1	81.5	1.4

(a) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2026.

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 434	4 192	-5.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 495	2 364	-5.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 080	1 984	-4.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 356	1 281	-5.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 324	1 285	-2.9
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	907	897	-1.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	1 071	1 076	0.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 061	1 067	0.6
9	Perth - Sydney	866	849	-2.0
10	Brisbane - Cairns	962	841	-12.6
11	Hobart - Melbourne	717	781	8.9
12	Brisbane - Townsville	767	705	-8.1
13	Brisbane - Perth	599	603	0.7
14	Canberra - Melbourne	692	683	-1.3
15	Cairns - Melbourne	437	417	-4.6
16	Cairns - Sydney	445	406	-8.8
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	628	587	-6.5
18	Brisbane - Mackay	678	688	1.5
19	Launceston - Melbourne	597	596	-0.2
20	Karratha - Perth	479	554	15.7
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	404	422	4.5
22	Hobart - Sydney	427	414	-3.0
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	343	335	-2.3
24	Brisbane - Canberra	597	554	-7.2
25	Adelaide - Perth	392	432	10.2
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	665	693	4.2
27	Canberra - Sydney	1 160	1 079	-7.0
28	Perth - Port Hedland	398	412	3.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	443	442	-0.2
30	Newman - Perth	351	384	9.4
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	380	402	5.8
32	Broome - Perth	275	323	17.5
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	300	280	-6.7
34	Brisbane - Darwin	246	209	-15.0
35	Ballina - Sydney	246	286	16.3
36	Darwin - Melbourne	196	194	-1.0
37	Adelaide - Gold Coast	120	136	13.3
38	Brisbane - Hobart	162	165	1.9
39	Launceston - Sydney	169	159	-5.9
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	162	124	-23.5
41	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	362	374	3.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	312	316	1.3
43	Brisbane - Emerald	337	318	-5.6
44	Darwin - Perth	148	125	-15.5
45	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	128	131	2.3
46	Dubbo - Sydney	425	365	-14.1
47	Adelaide - Canberra	211	223	5.7
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	351	342	-2.6
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	86	86	0.0
50	Hamilton Island - Sydney	123	94	-23.6

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	456	477	4.6
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	331	313	-5.4
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	186	180	-3.2
54	Albury - Sydney	306	307	0.3
55	Melbourne - Mildura	329	341	3.6
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	295	295	0.0
57	Brisbane - Launceston	66	64	-3.0
58	Geraldton - Perth	179	207	15.6
59	Devonport - Melbourne	274	222	-19.0
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	62	58	-6.5
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	151	139	-7.9
62	Orange - Sydney	256	204	-20.3 (b)
Total domestic network		48 722	47 611	-2.3

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights.

(b) Orange - Sydney route included from May 2026.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

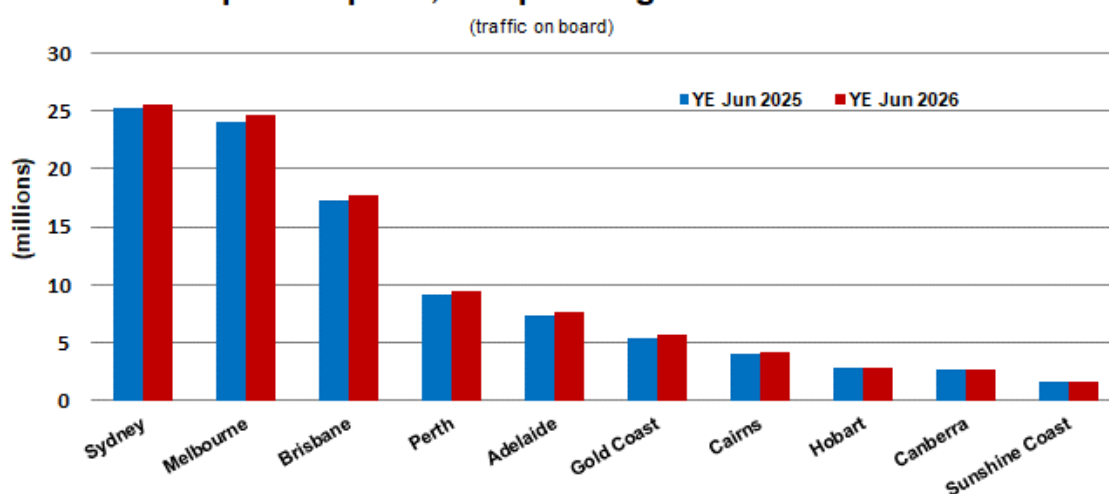
Airport	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	1 930.8	1 928.2	-0.1	20.5
2 Melbourne	1 856.5	1 852.7	-0.2	19.7
3 Brisbane	1 416.2	1 419.2	0.2	15.1
4 Perth	731.1	725.0	-0.8	7.7
5 Adelaide	567.6	572.7	0.9	6.1
6 Gold Coast	403.7	404.1	0.1	4.3
7 Cairns	350.8	345.0	-1.6	3.7
8 Canberra	224.1	209.4	-6.5	2.2
9 Hobart	202.5	206.5	2.0	2.2
10 Darwin	158.0	152.0	-3.8	1.6
Total top ten airports	7 841.4	7 815.1	-0.3	83.3
Total domestic network	9 399.9	9 386.1	-0.1	100.0

Table 7: 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



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

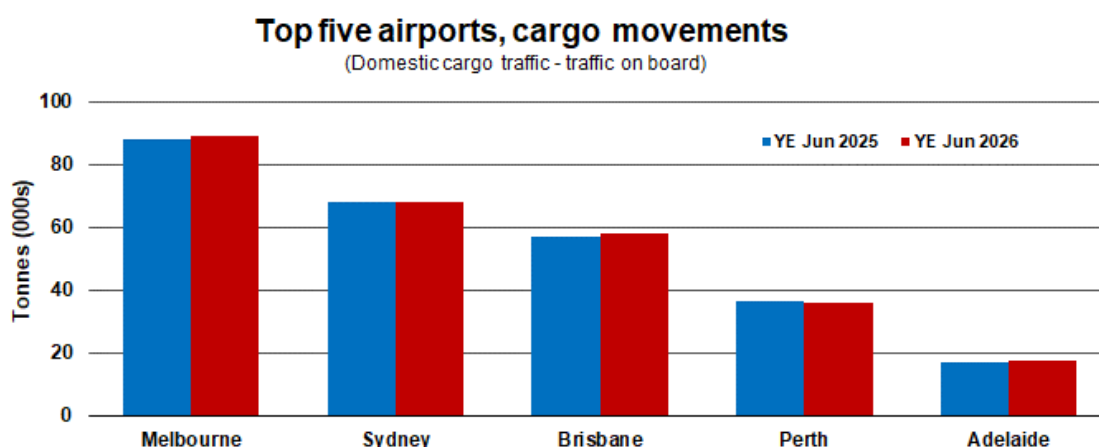
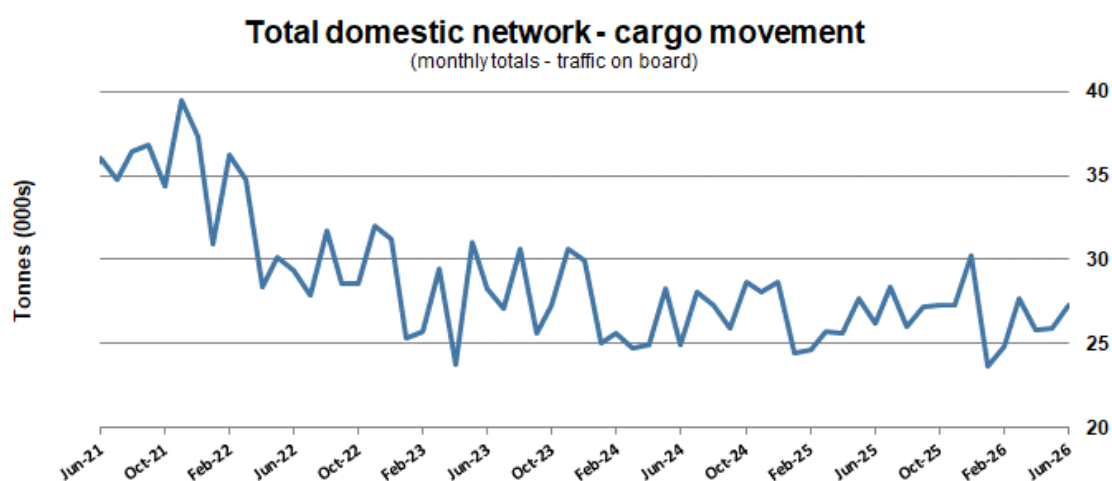
Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

Airport	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.3	7.4	1.3	26.9
2 Sydney	5.6	6.0	6.8	22.0
3 Brisbane	4.7	5.1	7.4	18.6
4 Perth	2.9	2.8	-1.4	10.4
5 Adelaide	1.3	1.6	24.2	5.8
Total top five airports	21.8	22.9	5.0	83.6
Total domestic network	26.2	27.3	4.3	100.0

Table 9: 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	89.2	1.2	27.7
2 Sydney	67.9	67.9	0.0	21.1
3 Brisbane	57.0	58.0	1.7	18.0
4 Perth	36.3	35.8	-1.3	11.1
5 Adelaide	17.2	17.5	1.3	5.4
Total top five airports	266.6	268.5	0.7	83.5
Total domestic network	321.1	321.7	0.2	100.0

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



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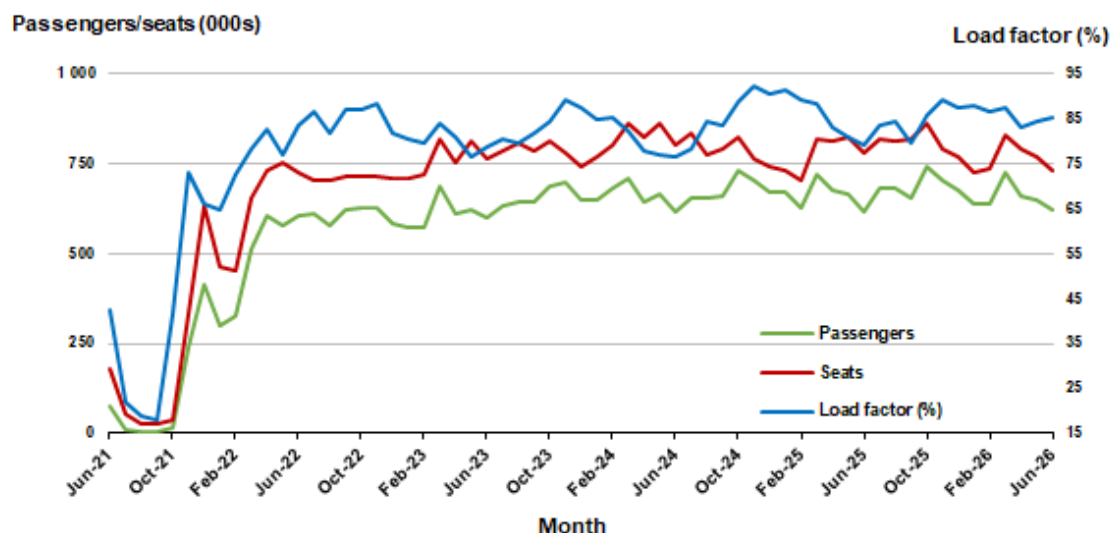
TOP TEN ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	615.0	621.6	1.1
Seats (000s)	778.5	729.4	-6.3
Load factor %	79.0	85.2	6.2 *
Aircraft trips	4 434	4 192	-5.5

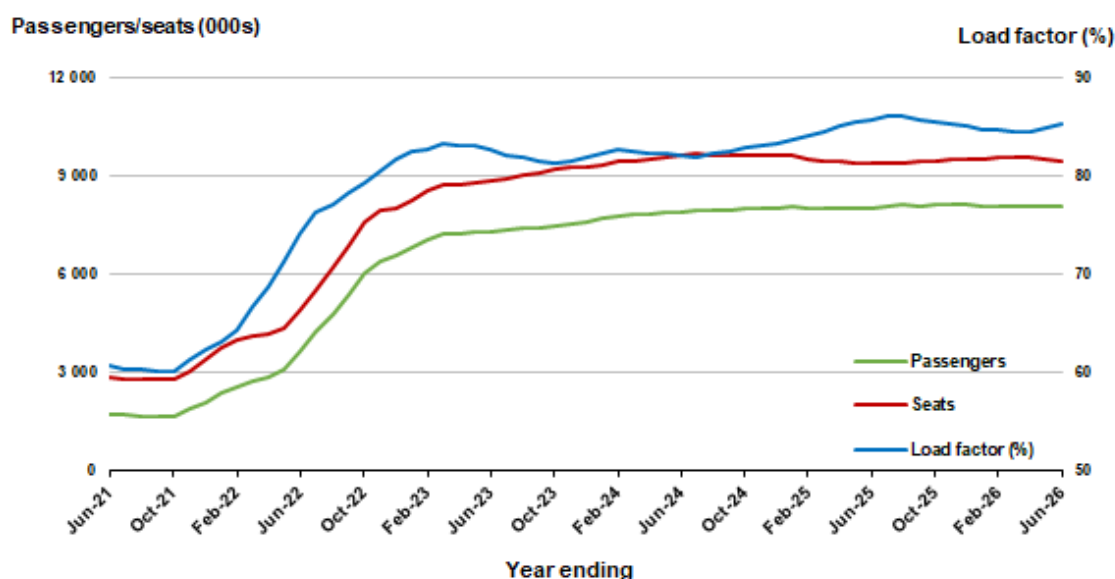
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Moving annual data

	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

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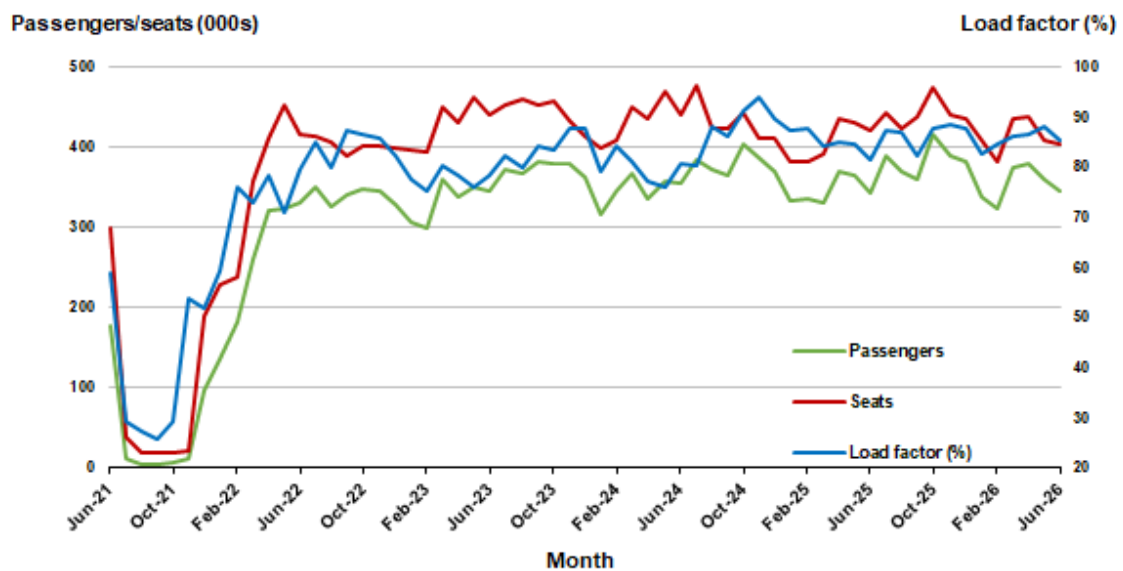


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	344.1	346.0	0.5
Seats (000s)	421.9	404.3	-4.2
Load factor %	81.6	85.6	4.0 *
Aircraft trips	2 495	2 364	-5.3

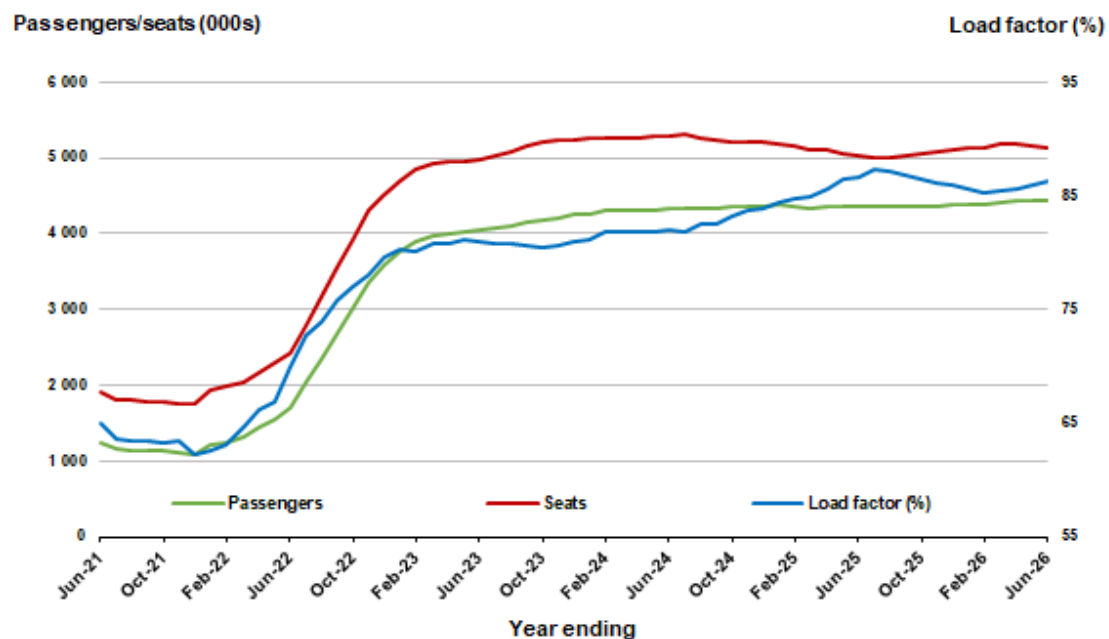
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Moving annual data

	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

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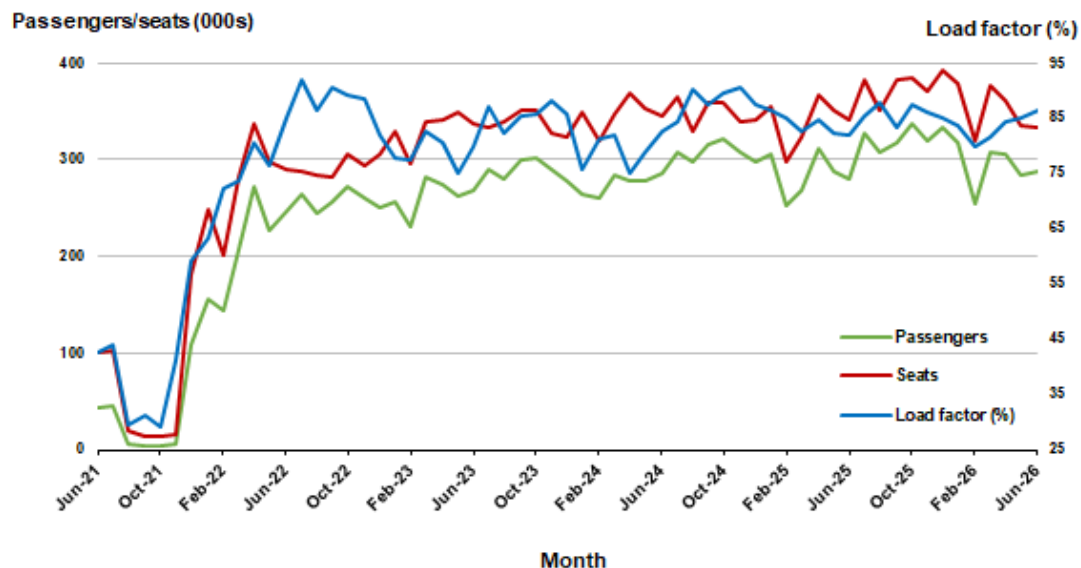


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	279.1	287.0	2.8
Seats (000s)	340.7	332.6	-2.4
Load factor %	81.9	86.3	4.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 080	1 984	-4.6

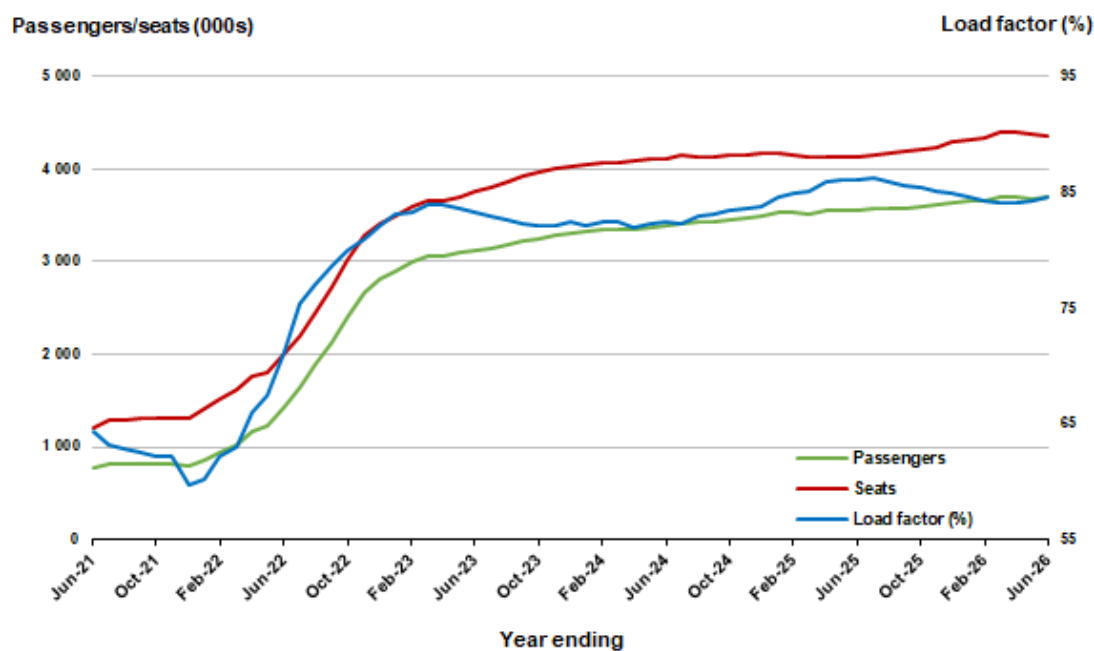
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	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 553.1	3 696.3	4.0
Seats (000s)	4 126.7	4 366.0	5.8
Load factor %	86.1	84.7	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	24 824	26 364	6.2

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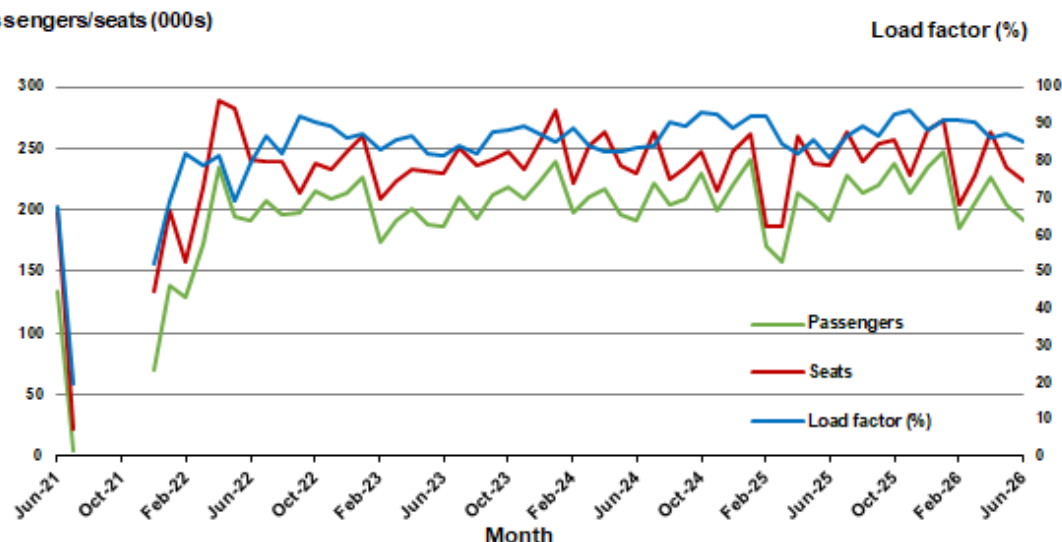
4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	191.7	191.0	-0.4
Seats (000s)	236.9	224.2	-5.4
Load factor %	80.9	85.2	4.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 356	1 281	-5.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



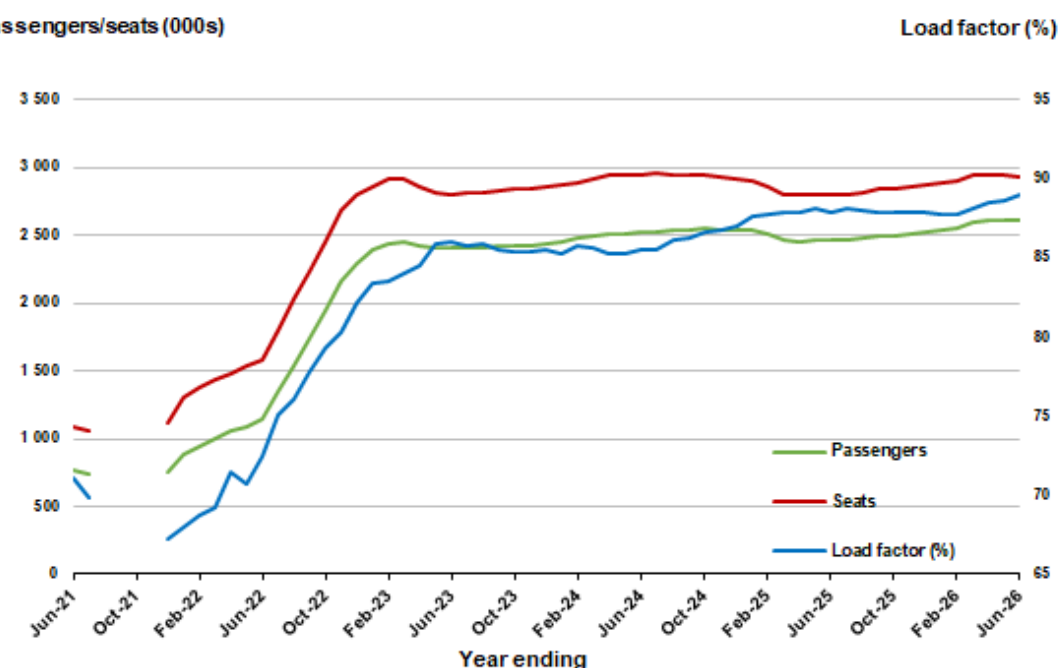
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	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 465.8	2 610.1	5.9
Seats (000s)	2 805.2	2 933.3	4.6
Load factor %	87.9	89.0	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	15 930	16 628	4.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



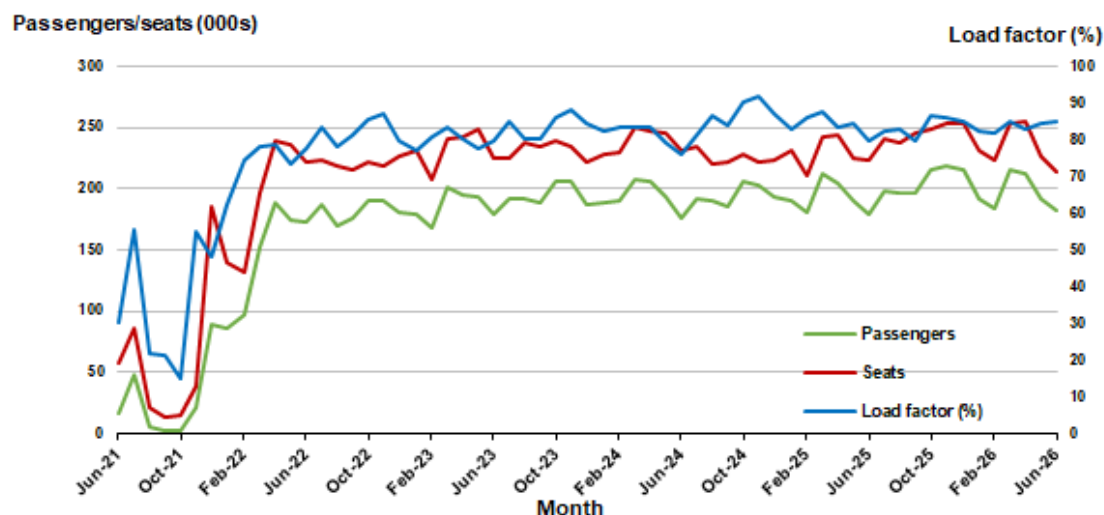
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	178.3	182.1	2.1
Seats (000s)	223.4	213.8	-4.3
Load factor %	79.8	85.1	5.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 324	1 285	-2.9

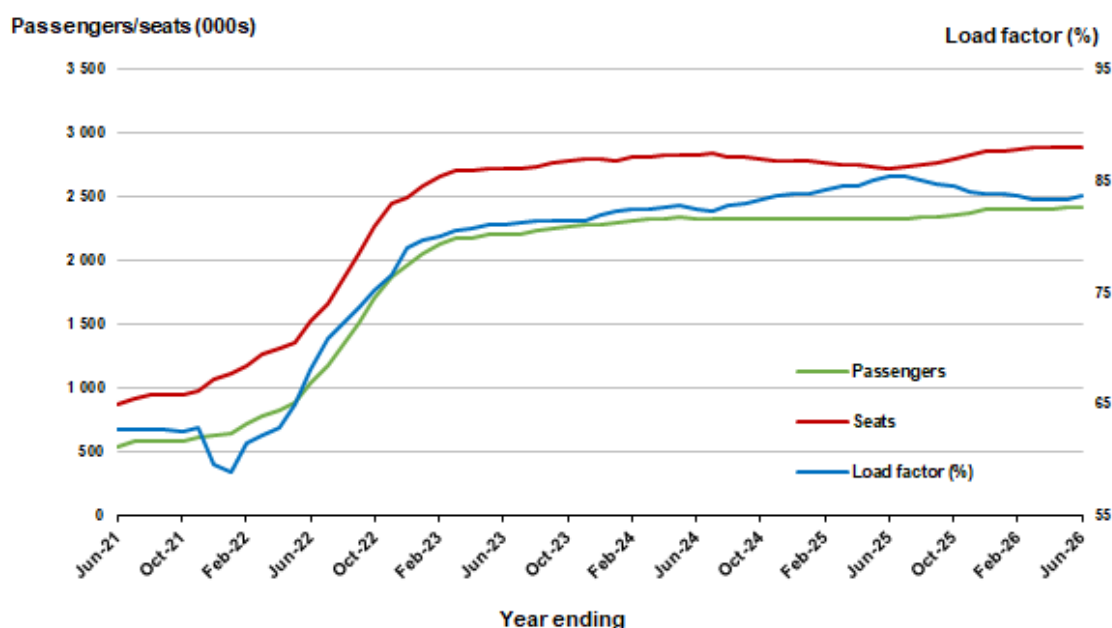
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Moving annual data

	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



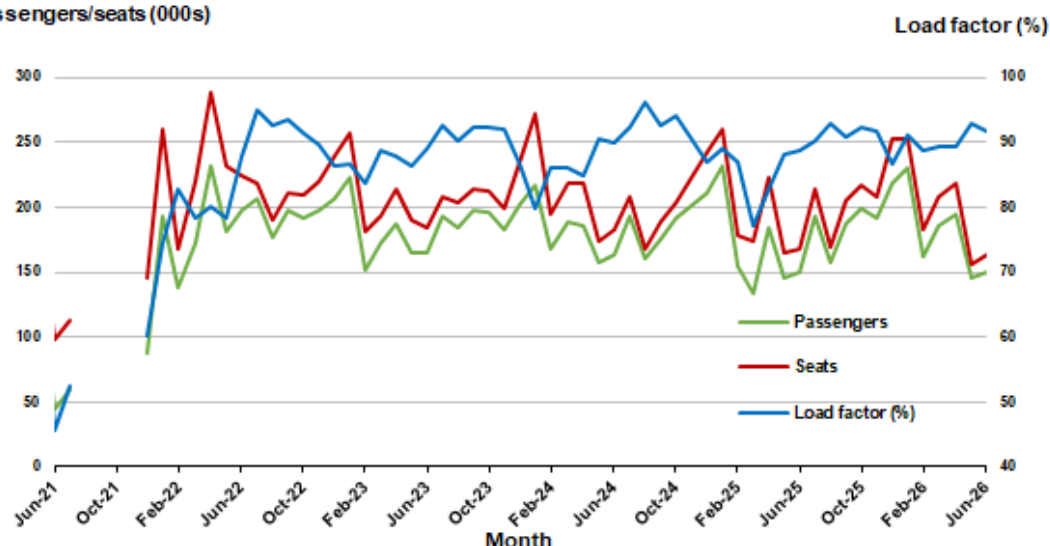
6. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	149.3	149.9	0.4
Seats (000s)	168.3	163.4	-2.9
Load factor %	88.7	91.8	3.0 *
Aircraft trips	907	897	-1.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



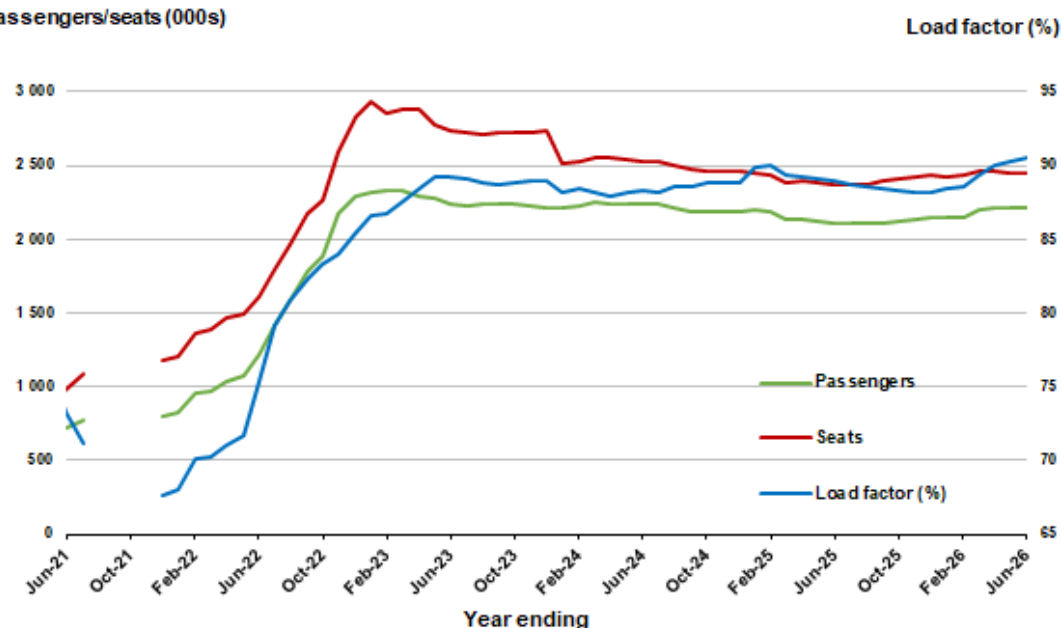
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	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 106.6	2 216.7	5.2
Seats (000s)	2 368.2	2 449.2	3.4
Load factor %	89.0	90.5	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	12 794	13 281	3.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



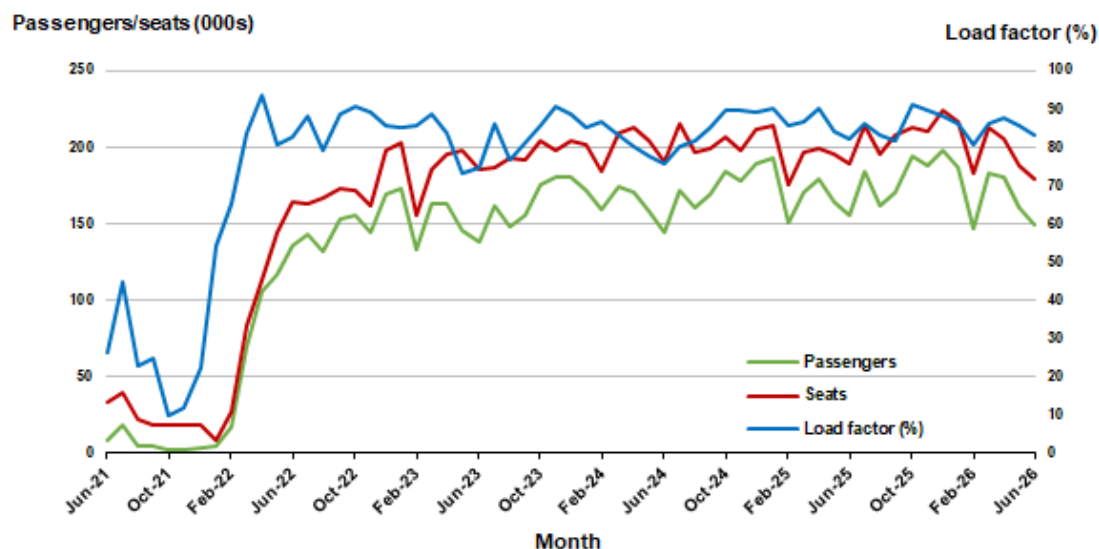
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7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	155.2	148.6	-4.2
Seats (000s)	188.6	178.8	-5.2
Load factor %	82.3	83.1	0.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 071	1 076	0.5

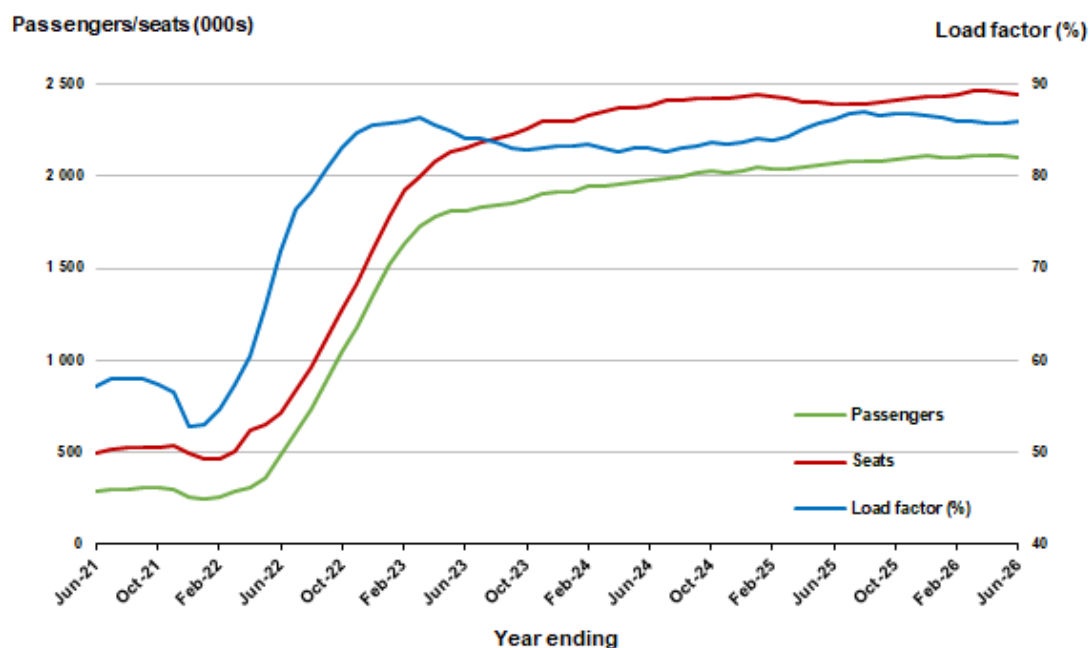
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Moving annual data

	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

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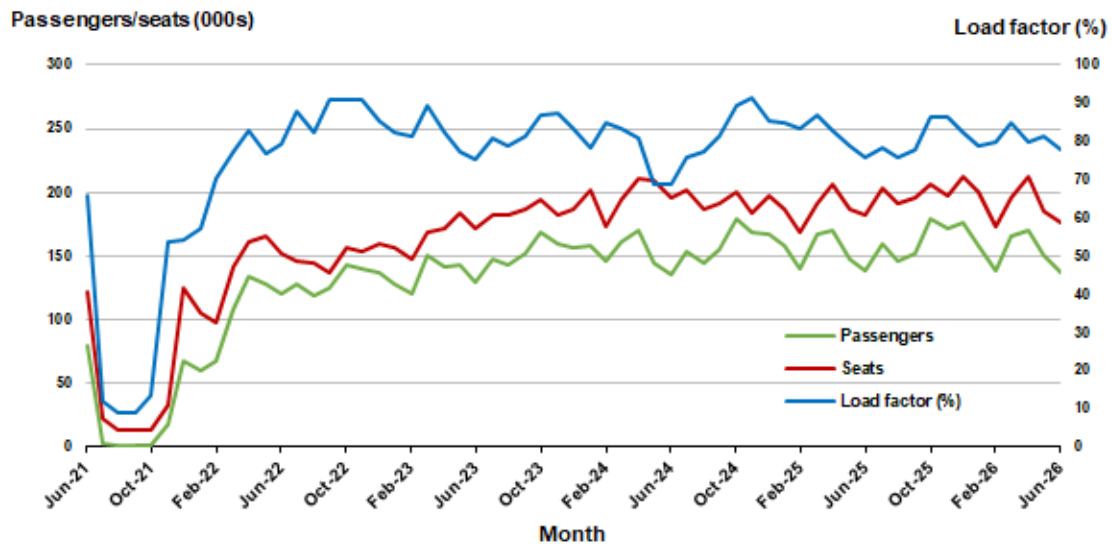


8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	138.3	137.7	-0.4
Seats (000s)	182.8	176.6	-3.4
Load factor %	75.6	78.0	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 061	1 067	0.6

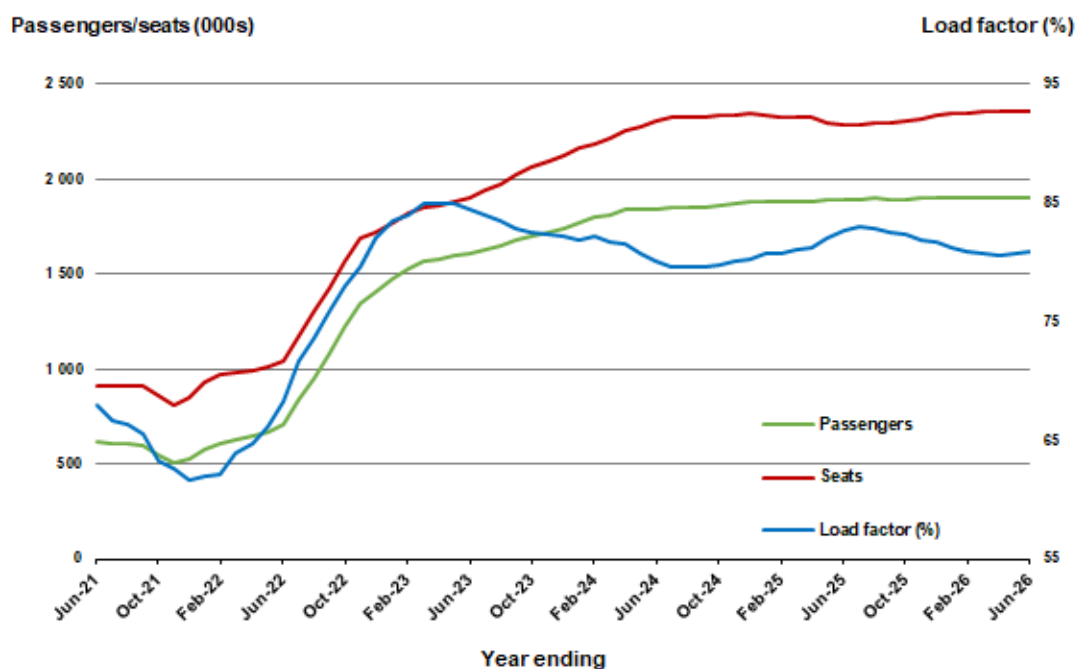
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Moving annual data

	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



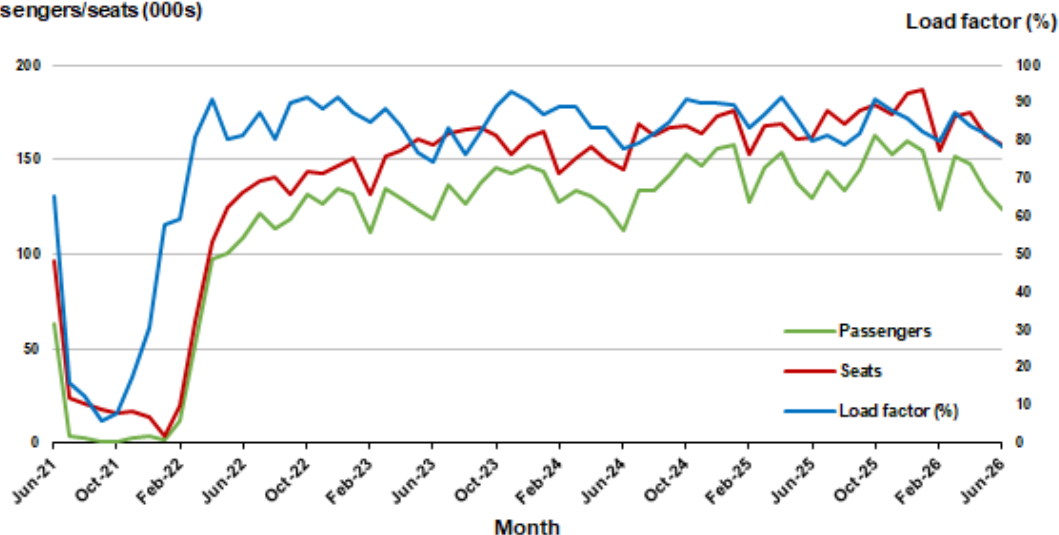
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	129.6	124.0	-4.3
Seats (000s)	161.9	157.9	-2.5
Load factor %	80.0	78.5	-1.5 *
Aircraft trips	866	849	-2.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

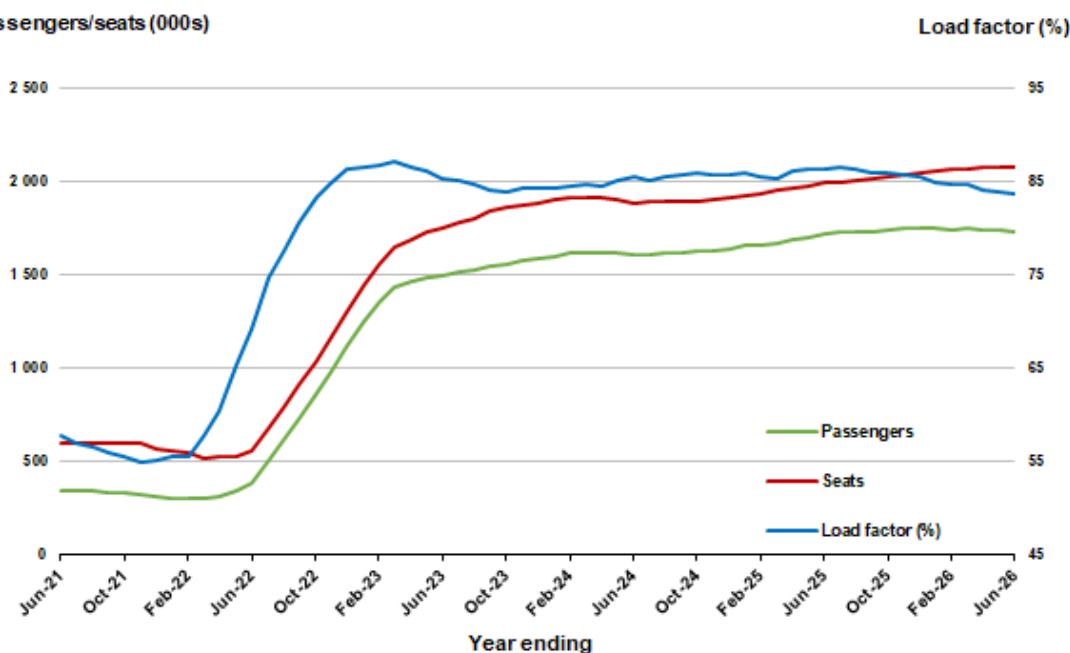


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	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 717.9	1 733.0	0.9
Seats (000s)	1 990.5	2 071.6	4.1
Load factor %	86.3	83.7	-2.6 *
Aircraft trips	10 571	11 080	4.8

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Passengers/seats (000s)

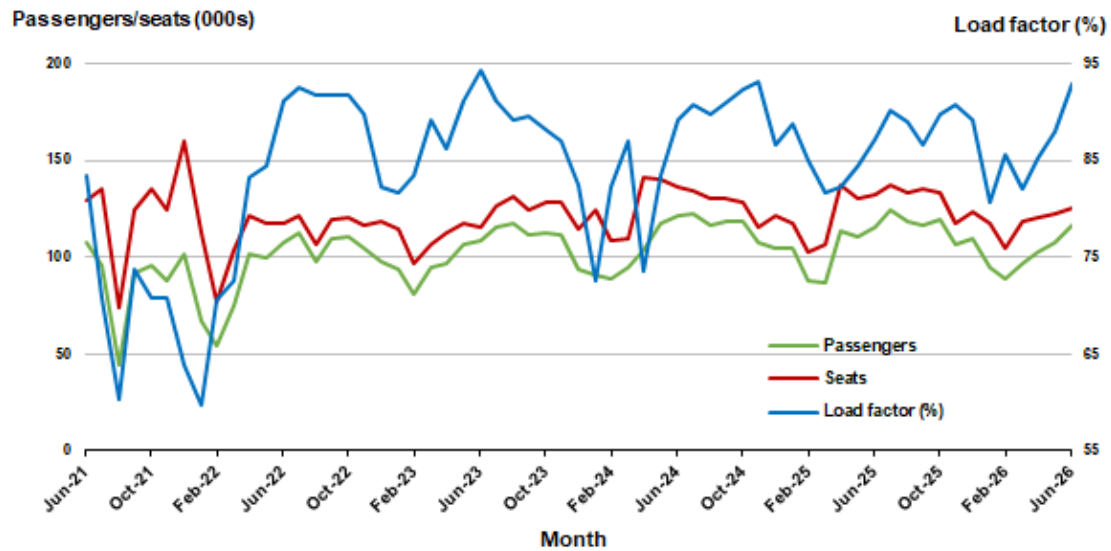


10. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	115.1	116.7	1.4
Seats (000s)	132.0	125.6	-4.9
Load factor %	87.2	93.0	5.8 *
Aircraft trips	962	841	-12.6

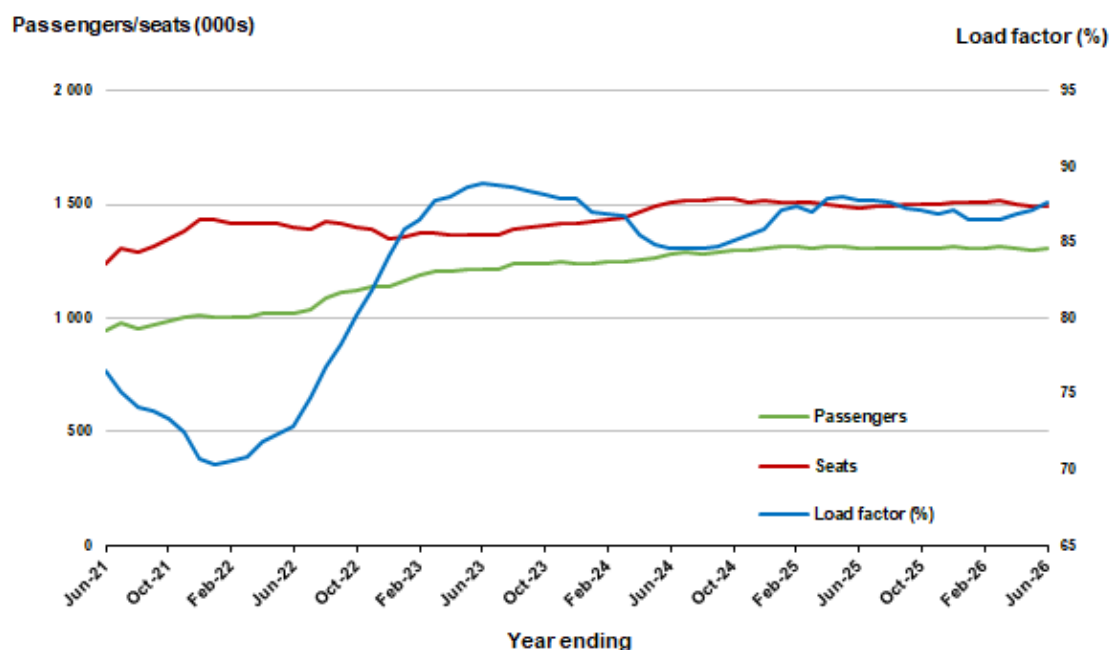
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	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 306.1	1 304.3	-0.1
Seats (000s)	1 487.5	1 488.6	0.1
Load factor %	87.8	87.6	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	10 531	10 605	0.7

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
1 Cairns	350.8	345.0	-1.6
2 Hobart	202.5	206.5	2.0
3 Darwin	158.0	152.0	-3.8
4 Townsville	138.0	141.3	2.4
5 Launceston	101.1	101.1	-0.1
6 Newcastle	94.9	93.2	-1.8
7 Mackay	78.6	75.3	-4.3
8 Karratha	60.3	63.6	5.6
9 Rockhampton	54.8	54.9	0.3
10 Broome	45.4	46.7	2.9
11 Proserpine	42.5	43.8	3.1
12 Port Hedland	40.8	43.5	6.5
13 Ballina	40.6	41.4	1.9
14 Newman	36.7	38.9	6.1
15 Kalgoorlie	31.7	37.7	18.9
16 Alice Springs	33.7	34.8	3.4
17 Hamilton Island	33.4	34.0	1.9
18 Ayers Rock	29.3	29.7	1.2
19 Mount Isa	20.4	20.4	-0.2
20 Coffs Harbour	20.1	19.3	-4.0
21 Dubbo	17.1	18.5	8.2
22 Wagga Wagga	17.6	18.2	3.7
23 Paraburdoo	20.2	18.2	-10.1
24 Hervey Bay	16.7	17.9	6.9
25 Gladstone	18.4	17.7	-3.4
26 Albury	17.6	17.6	-0.2
27 Emerald	16.3	16.5	0.9
28 Port Macquarie	16.4	15.4	-6.1
29 Mildura	15.0	14.4	-3.7
30 Port Lincoln	13.3	13.6	2.3
31 Tamworth	12.9	13.3	3.2
32 Kununurra	15.1	13.0	-13.4
33 Orange	9.3	11.5	24.4
34 Bundaberg	11.8	11.5	-2.9
35 Learmonth	12.1	11.4	-6.0
36 Geraldton	10.5	10.8	2.4
37 Thursday Island	9.7	10.4	6.8
38 Devonport	11.5	9.8	-15.1
39 Olympic Dam	8.7	9.3	6.4
40 Armidale	8.8	9.1	3.4
41 Weipa	8.8	8.7	-1.5
42 Gove	7.6	7.3	-3.0
43 Moranbah	8.2	7.2	-12.3
44 Burnie	6.2	6.0	-4.1
45 Merimbula	5.9	5.8	-1.2
46 Griffith	6.6	5.5	-16.6
47 Roma	5.5	5.5	0.6
48 Albany	5.5	5.3	-3.3
49 Mount Gambier	6.0	5.2	-14.6
50 Broken Hill	5.3	4.6	-12.2
Total top 50 regional airports	1 958.2	1 962.3	0.2
Total regional airports	2 075.9	2 077.3	0.1
Total domestic network	9 399.9	9 386.1	-0.1

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 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

Table 11: 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 Busselton	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	3.6
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 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

Table 12: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - monthly activity (000s)

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	354.0	409.9	15.8
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6.0	6.7	11.6

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

Table 13: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity (000s)

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 297.3	4 506.4	4.9
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	73.7	76.3	3.6

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly (000s)

	Jun 2025	Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	708.0	819.7	15.8
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	12.0	13.3	11.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	251.3	291.3	15.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3.6	4.1	15.3

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

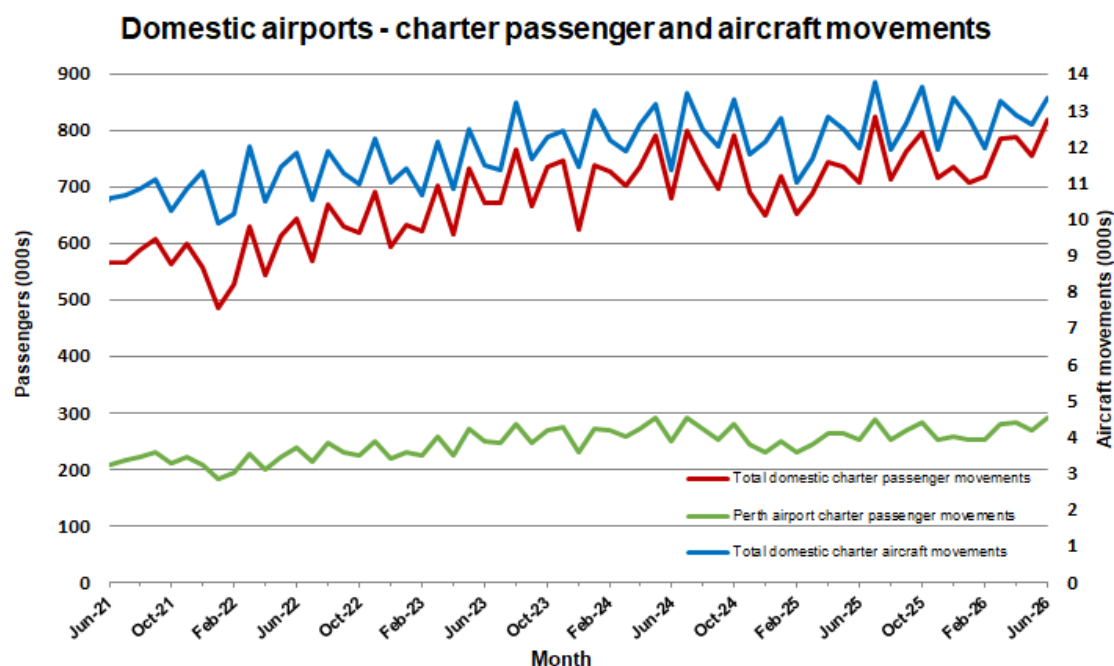
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual (000s)

	YE Jun 2025	YE Jun 2026	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 594.6	9 012.7	4.9
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	147.3	152.7	3.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 098.4	3 186.0	2.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	45.7	46.1	0.9

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 (TOB)	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.
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