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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of November 2019.

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 November 2019, there were 64 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of November 2019 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of November 2019 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended November 2019 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on the 64 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 Aviation 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 November 2019, an increase of 0.7 per cent on November 2018. For the month of November 2019 there were 56.4 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 1.0 per cent compared to November 2018.

5.25 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in November 2019, an increase of 0.4 per cent on November 2018.

For the year ending November 2019 there were 61.25 million RPT passengers, an increase of 0.1 per cent on the year ending November 2018.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.02 billion for the month, up 0.2 per cent compared with November 2018. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 0.4 per cent compared with November 2018 to a total of 7.18 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 83.3 per cent in November 2018 to 83.8 per cent in November 2019. Load factors on individual routes increased on 40 of the 64 published RPT routes.

For the month of November 2019, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 800.1 thousand passengers, a decrease of 0.7 per cent compared with November 2018. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 413.2 thousand passengers (down 2.4 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 306.7 thousand passengers (down 2.8 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in RPT passenger numbers, compared to November 2018, was on the Brisbane – Mount Isa route (up 19.4 per cent). There were large increases on a number of other routes, including Newman – Perth (up 13.7 per cent), Sydney – Tamworth (up 11.2 per cent) and Adelaide – Port Lincoln (up 9.5 per cent).

Routes with traffic decreases in November 2019 compared with November 2018 included Coffs Harbour – Sydney (down 11.8 per cent), Darwin – Perth (down 9.2 per cent) and Darwin – Sydney (down 9.0 per cent).

In November 2019, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.38 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 2.24 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.50 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 40.0 thousand tonnes in November 2019, a decrease of 5.6 per cent compared with November 2018.

In November 2019, there were 2.10 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 0.4 per cent higher than in November 2018. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was at Mount Isa airport (up 13.8 per cent on November 2018), while the largest decrease was recorded at Alice Springs airport (down 22.1 per cent on November 2018).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 233.2 thousand passengers in November 2019, an increase of 7.1 per cent on November 2018. Perth Airport accounted for 38.2 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.45	5.49	0.7
Aircraft trips (000s)	57.0	56.4	-1.0

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

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.23	5.25	0.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.00	6.02	0.2
Available seats (millions)	6.39	6.37	-0.2
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.21	7.18	-0.4
Load factor %	83.3	83.8	0.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	53.3	52.6	-1.4

* percentage point difference

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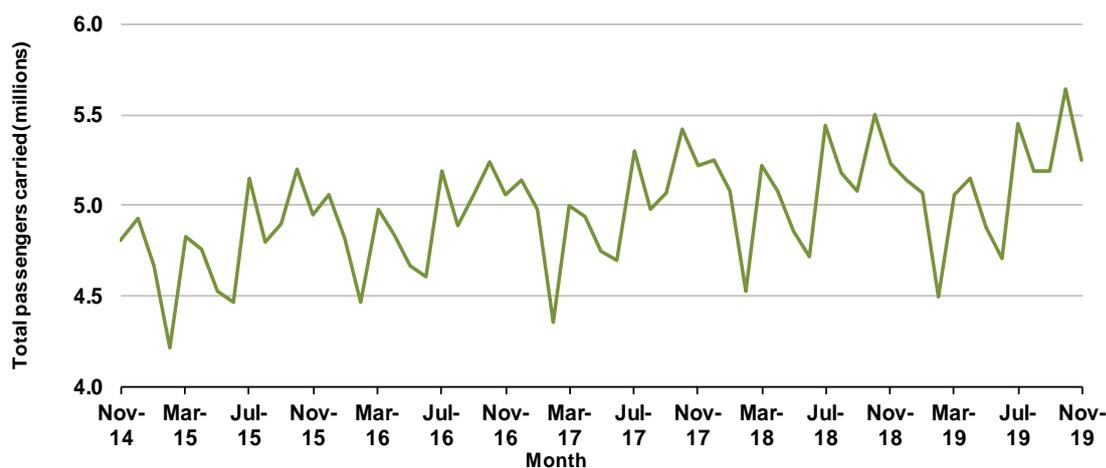
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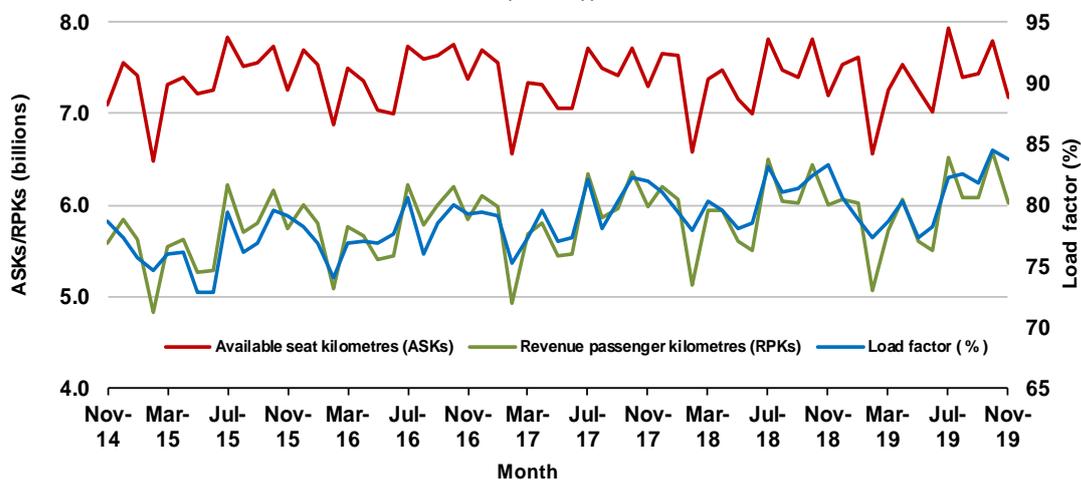
TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.65	63.96	0.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	674.7	682.4	1.1

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

RPT NETWORK

Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.18	61.25	0.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.39	71.35	-0.1
Available seats (millions)	77.46	77.66	0.3
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.57	88.53	0.0
Load factor %	80.6	80.6	0.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	630.5	635.7	0.8

* percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic
(moving annual totals)

RPT Network utilisation
(moving annual totals)
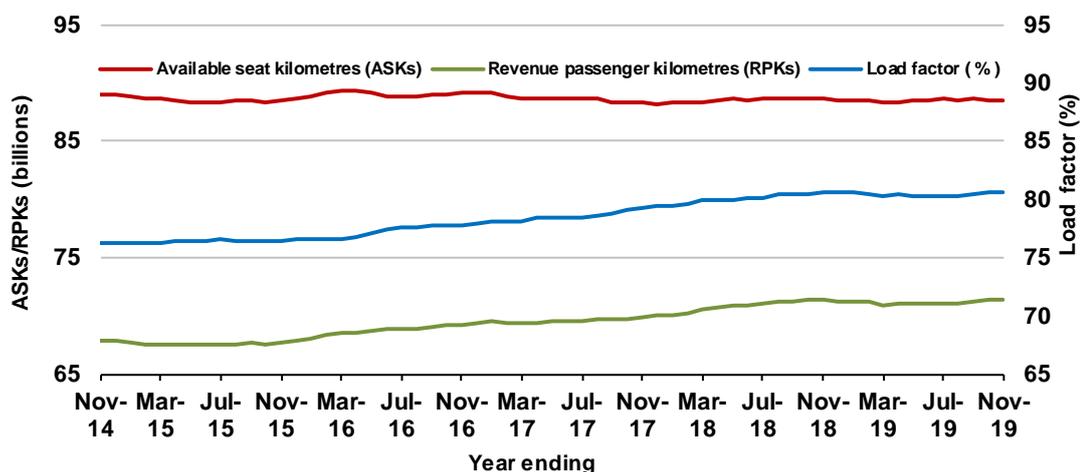
TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 250.8	9 172.0	-0.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 830.2	4 819.2	-0.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 575.7	3 596.3	0.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 736.2	2 725.3	-0.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 504.8	2 540.7	1.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 058.7	2 108.6	2.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	2 111.1	2 107.4	-0.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 914.0	1 880.7	-1.7
9	Perth - Sydney	1 724.6	1 686.6	-2.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 650.0	1 672.1	1.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 329.1	1 291.2	-2.9
12	Canberra - Melbourne	1 177.3	1 183.3	0.5
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 136.1	1 080.2	-4.9
14	Brisbane - Townsville	998.7	1 011.9	1.3
15	Launceston - Melbourne	956.9	958.7	0.2
16	Brisbane - Perth	964.4	954.2	-1.1
17	Canberra - Sydney	957.2	928.5	-3.0
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	852.0	871.2	2.3
19	Cairns - Melbourne	851.4	861.1	1.1
20	Brisbane - Mackay	741.7	770.7	3.9
21	Hobart - Sydney	703.4	724.5	3.0
22	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	626.0	666.8	6.5
23	Brisbane - Canberra	644.4	655.1	1.6
24	Adelaide - Perth	635.5	654.9	3.1
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	585.2	602.8	3.0
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	544.9	554.3	1.7
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	513.0	537.0	4.7
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	492.4	483.3	-1.9
29	Karratha - Perth	441.3	460.8	4.4
30	Ballina - Sydney	435.4	433.8	-0.4
31	Perth - Port Hedland	360.8	375.3	4.0
32	Brisbane - Darwin	378.4	356.2	-5.9
33	Newman - Perth	304.3	342.4	12.5
34	Broome - Perth	340.1	330.1	-3.0
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	341.0	326.5	-4.2
36	Darwin - Melbourne	307.5	310.2	0.9
37	Darwin - Sydney	313.3	310.1	-1.0
38	Launceston - Sydney	289.1	293.4	1.5
39	Kalgoorlie - Perth	275.0	279.5	1.6
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	255.2	255.3	0.1
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	254.0	247.5	-2.6
42	Brisbane - Hobart	226.4	241.2	6.5
43	Melbourne - Mildura	225.8	230.4	2.0
44	Albury - Sydney	225.8	230.2	1.9
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	221.4	215.0	-2.9
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	205.7	210.7	2.4
47	Brisbane - Emerald	195.2	200.4	2.7
48	Ayers Rock - Sydney	196.1	197.7	0.8
49	Adelaide - Canberra	195.6	194.0	-0.8
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	187.7	190.4	1.4

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

	City-Pair	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	189.4	182.2	-3.8
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	181.5	180.1	-0.8
53	Darwin - Perth	196.3	174.3	-11.2
54	Sydney - Tamworth	175.5	174.1	-0.8
55	Sydney - Townsville	168.7	173.8	3.1
56	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	169.8	171.4	0.9
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	164.0	153.8	-6.2
58	Adelaide - Alice Springs	129.6	145.6	12.3
59	Cairns - Townsville	149.2	142.5	-4.5
60	Brisbane - Mount Isa	129.4	139.6	8.0
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	123.6	132.0	6.8
62	Armidale - Sydney	122.3	124.7	1.9
63	Proserpine - Sydney	137.0	113.2	-17.3
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	110.7	110.3	-0.3
	Total domestic network	**61 183.2**	**61 246.3**	**0.1**

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	805.8	800.1	-0.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	423.4	413.2	-2.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	315.4	306.7	-2.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	222.0	233.2	5.0
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	219.3	222.4	1.4
6	Melbourne - Perth	180.7	183.2	1.4
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	173.1	174.0	0.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	166.2	165.8	-0.2
9	Hobart - Melbourne	144.5	145.6	0.7
10	Perth - Sydney	148.4	143.1	-3.5
11	Brisbane - Cairns	107.2	110.8	3.4
12	Canberra - Melbourne	110.5	109.2	-1.2
13	Cairns - Sydney	92.6	89.8	-3.1
14	Canberra - Sydney	86.4	88.9	2.9
15	Launceston - Melbourne	82.4	83.1	0.9
16	Brisbane - Perth	80.3	82.6	2.8
17	Brisbane - Townsville	80.1	82.4	2.9
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	74.3	75.5	1.7
19	Cairns - Melbourne	66.4	68.3	2.9
20	Hobart - Sydney	61.8	67.2	8.8
21	Brisbane - Mackay	61.8	66.1	7.0
22	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	55.1	58.4	5.9
23	Adelaide - Perth	54.3	57.8	6.5
24	Brisbane - Canberra	56.0	55.7	-0.5
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	54.0	55.4	2.5
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	47.5	48.4	1.9
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	43.3	45.7	5.7
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	40.9	40.9	-0.2
29	Karratha - Perth	37.8	40.6	7.4
30	Ballina - Sydney	32.6	34.8	6.5
31	Perth - Port Hedland	31.2	32.9	5.4
32	Newman - Perth	26.9	30.5	13.7
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	31.5	27.8	-11.8
34	Brisbane - Darwin	24.6	25.7	4.6
35	Broome - Perth	26.1	25.0	-4.2
36	Launceston - Sydney	23.4	24.4	4.0
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	25.9	23.8	-8.2
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	20.5	22.2	8.4
39	Darwin - Melbourne	21.5	22.1	2.8
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	21.6	21.6	-0.2
41	Brisbane - Hobart	20.1	21.1	5.0
42	Albury - Sydney	19.8	20.7	4.3
43	Melbourne - Mildura	19.9	20.0	0.2
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	18.2	19.7	7.8
45	Darwin - Sydney	21.5	19.6	-9.0
46	Adelaide - Canberra	17.6	17.9	1.4
47	Brisbane - Emerald	16.5	17.4	5.7
48	Dubbo - Sydney	16.4	16.7	1.8
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	16.8	16.6	-1.5
50	Sydney - Tamworth	14.7	16.4	11.2

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	16.1	16.2	0.7
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	14.7	16.1	9.5
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	16.2	16.0	-1.2
54	Ayers Rock - Sydney	15.5	14.3	-7.4
55	Sydney - Townsville	14.1	13.7	-3.2
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	10.9	13.0	19.4
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	13.5	12.9	-4.3
58	Cairns - Townsville	12.9	12.4	-3.7
59	Darwin - Perth	13.6	12.4	-9.2
60	Armidale - Sydney	10.9	11.7	7.3
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	11.2	11.7	3.8
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.1	11.1	-0.3
63	Proserpine - Sydney	9.7	9.8	0.8
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	9.2	8.5	-7.7
	Total domestic network	**5 232.4**	**5 254.6**	**0.4**

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	901.6	894.4	-0.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	484.0	476.6	-1.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	358.5	353.9	-1.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	250.8	255.7	2.0
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	258.0	259.3	0.5
6	Melbourne - Perth	208.6	209.9	0.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	189.6	189.4	-0.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	187.3	189.1	1.0
9	Hobart - Melbourne	177.5	173.7	-2.1
10	Perth - Sydney	171.2	163.2	-4.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	117.9	124.0	5.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	152.7	150.1	-1.7
13	Cairns - Sydney	101.1	98.3	-2.7
14	Canberra - Sydney	109.8	109.8	0.0
15	Launceston - Melbourne	99.5	99.3	-0.2
16	Brisbane - Perth	95.2	93.2	-2.0
17	Brisbane - Townsville	100.7	103.6	2.8
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	87.4	92.6	6.0
19	Cairns - Melbourne	72.5	75.7	4.4
20	Hobart - Sydney	72.7	80.4	10.6
21	Brisbane - Mackay	78.6	81.7	3.9
22	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	63.8	67.7	6.2
23	Adelaide - Perth	69.3	70.8	2.2
24	Brisbane - Canberra	69.3	72.3	4.4
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	72.3	70.0	-3.1
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	55.0	53.7	-2.4
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	56.1	55.8	-0.4
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	47.4	46.1	-2.9
29	Karratha - Perth	58.5	66.4	13.6
30	Ballina - Sydney	36.0	39.3	9.0
31	Perth - Port Hedland	46.7	49.4	5.8
32	Newman - Perth	45.1	47.5	5.3
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	42.1	34.9	-17.1
34	Brisbane - Darwin	31.1	32.1	3.1
35	Broome - Perth	32.1	33.4	3.9
36	Launceston - Sydney	27.0	27.8	2.7
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	41.2	34.0	-17.4
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	26.4	25.5	-3.6
39	Darwin - Melbourne	29.1	27.4	-5.9
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	31.4	31.6	0.8
41	Brisbane - Hobart	24.3	24.7	1.9
42	Albury - Sydney	27.2	28.2	3.5
43	Melbourne - Mildura	29.6	28.7	-3.0
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	23.2	24.9	7.0
45	Darwin - Sydney	32.9	27.6	-16.2
46	Adelaide - Canberra	23.6	23.6	0.0
47	Brisbane - Emerald	23.9	25.0	4.8
48	Dubbo - Sydney	21.7	23.9	10.3
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	19.9	19.4	-2.4
50	Sydney - Tamworth	21.7	23.3	7.4

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	22.4	23.4	4.5
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	24.6	23.7	-3.9
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	20.1	20.4	1.9
54	Ayers Rock - Sydney	20.0	19.6	-1.9
55	Sydney - Townsville	17.0	17.1	0.6
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	15.3	16.5	7.5
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	19.3	18.8	-2.5
58	Cairns - Townsville	20.7	20.4	-1.4
59	Darwin - Perth	20.4	20.7	1.5
60	Armidale - Sydney	15.5	15.4	-0.5
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	14.0	15.1	7.7
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	15.0	14.4	-3.9
63	Proserpine - Sydney	10.9	10.9	0.0
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	17.6	13.5	-22.9
	Total domestic network	**6 385.8**	**6 373.6**	**-0.2**

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	89.4	89.5	0.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	87.5	86.7	-0.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	88.0	86.7	-1.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	88.5	91.2	2.7
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	85.0	85.8	0.8
6	Melbourne - Perth	86.6	87.3	0.7
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	91.3	91.9	0.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	88.7	87.7	-1.0
9	Hobart - Melbourne	81.4	83.8	2.4
10	Perth - Sydney	86.7	87.7	1.0
11	Brisbane - Cairns	90.9	89.4	-1.5
12	Canberra - Melbourne	72.3	72.7	0.4
13	Cairns - Sydney	91.7	91.4	-0.3
14	Canberra - Sydney	78.7	81.0	2.3
15	Launceston - Melbourne	82.8	83.7	0.9
16	Brisbane - Perth	84.4	88.6	4.2
17	Brisbane - Townsville	79.5	79.6	0.1
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	85.0	81.5	-3.5
19	Cairns - Melbourne	91.5	90.2	-1.3
20	Hobart - Sydney	85.0	83.6	-1.4
21	Brisbane - Mackay	78.6	81.0	2.4
22	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	86.4	86.2	-0.2
23	Adelaide - Perth	78.4	81.6	3.2
24	Brisbane - Canberra	80.8	77.1	-3.7
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	74.8	79.1	4.3
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	86.4	90.3	3.9
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	77.2	81.9	4.7
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	86.3	88.7	2.4
29	Karratha - Perth	64.6	61.1	-3.5
30	Ballina - Sydney	90.7	88.5	-2.2
31	Perth - Port Hedland	66.8	66.5	-0.3
32	Newman - Perth	59.5	64.3	4.8
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	74.9	79.6	4.7
34	Brisbane - Darwin	79.0	80.1	1.1
35	Broome - Perth	81.3	75.0	-6.3
36	Launceston - Sydney	86.7	87.8	1.1
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	63.0	69.9	6.9
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	77.3	86.9	9.6
39	Darwin - Melbourne	74.1	80.9	6.8
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	68.8	68.2	-0.6
41	Brisbane - Hobart	82.9	85.4	2.5
42	Albury - Sydney	72.7	73.3	0.6
43	Melbourne - Mildura	67.3	69.5	2.2
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	78.4	79.0	0.6
45	Darwin - Sydney	65.3	70.9	5.6
46	Adelaide - Canberra	74.5	75.5	1.0
47	Brisbane - Emerald	69.1	69.7	0.6
48	Dubbo - Sydney	75.6	69.8	-5.8
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	84.7	85.4	0.7
50	Sydney - Tamworth	68.0	70.4	2.4

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Point diff
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	71.8	69.2	-2.6
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	59.6	68.0	8.4
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	80.5	78.0	-2.5
54	Ayers Rock - Sydney	77.4	73.0	-4.4
55	Sydney - Townsville	83.2	80.1	-3.1
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	71.0	78.9	7.9
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	70.1	68.8	-1.3
58	Cairns - Townsville	62.2	60.7	-1.5
59	Darwin - Perth	66.7	59.6	-7.1
60	Armidale - Sydney	70.7	76.3	5.6
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	80.2	77.3	-2.9
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	74.1	76.9	2.8
63	Proserpine - Sydney	89.2	89.9	0.7
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	52.4	62.7	10.3
	Total domestic network	**83.3**	**83.8**	**0.5**

Table 5: Aircraft trips [(a)] — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	5 093	5 005	-1.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 996	2 896	-3.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 134	2 077	-2.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 415	1 456	2.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 587	1 574	-0.8
6	Melbourne - Perth	998	996	-0.2
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	986	1 005	1.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 149	1 105	-3.8
9	Hobart - Melbourne	968	946	-2.3
10	Perth - Sydney	782	731	-6.5
11	Brisbane - Cairns	799	855	7.0
12	Canberra - Melbourne	961	936	-2.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	530	504	-4.9
14	Canberra - Sydney	1 431	1 427	-0.3
15	Launceston - Melbourne	765	746	-2.5
16	Brisbane - Perth	521	502	-3.6
17	Brisbane - Townsville	719	714	-0.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	554	537	-3.1
19	Cairns - Melbourne	373	390	4.6
20	Hobart - Sydney	432	492	13.9
21	Brisbane - Mackay	591	637	7.8
22	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	379	419	10.6
23	Adelaide - Perth	466	455	-2.4
24	Brisbane - Canberra	515	529	2.7
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	502	501	-0.2
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	308	300	-2.6
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	694	649	-6.5
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	264	254	-3.8
29	Karratha - Perth	510	488	-4.3
30	Ballina - Sydney	243	257	5.8
31	Perth - Port Hedland	374	374	0.0
32	Newman - Perth	334	336	0.6
33	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	399	384	-3.8
34	Brisbane - Darwin	202	201	-0.5
35	Broome - Perth	283	277	-2.1
36	Launceston - Sydney	156	154	-1.3
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	318	285	-10.4
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	150	144	-4.0
39	Darwin - Melbourne	164	155	-5.5
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	408	418	2.5
41	Brisbane - Hobart	141	139	-1.4
42	Albury - Sydney	504	525	4.2
43	Melbourne - Mildura	417	404	-3.1
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	147	155	5.4
45	Darwin - Sydney	195	160	-17.9
46	Adelaide - Canberra	142	143	0.7
47	Brisbane - Emerald	311	366	17.7
48	Dubbo - Sydney	461	508	10.2
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	112	108	-3.6
50	Sydney - Tamworth	341	386	13.2

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	443	468	5.6
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	636	616	-3.1
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	301	315	4.7
54	Ayers Rock - Sydney	112	110	-1.8
55	Sydney - Townsville	96	100	4.2
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	179	139	-22.3
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	300	300	0.0
58	Cairns - Townsville	329	324	-1.5
59	Darwin - Perth	122	120	-1.6
60	Armidale - Sydney	373	369	-1.1
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	104	120	15.4
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	108	118	9.3
63	Proserpine - Sydney	60	60	0.0
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	149	137	-8.1
	Total domestic network	**53 293**	**52 552**	**-1.4**

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

Table 6: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - monthly activity
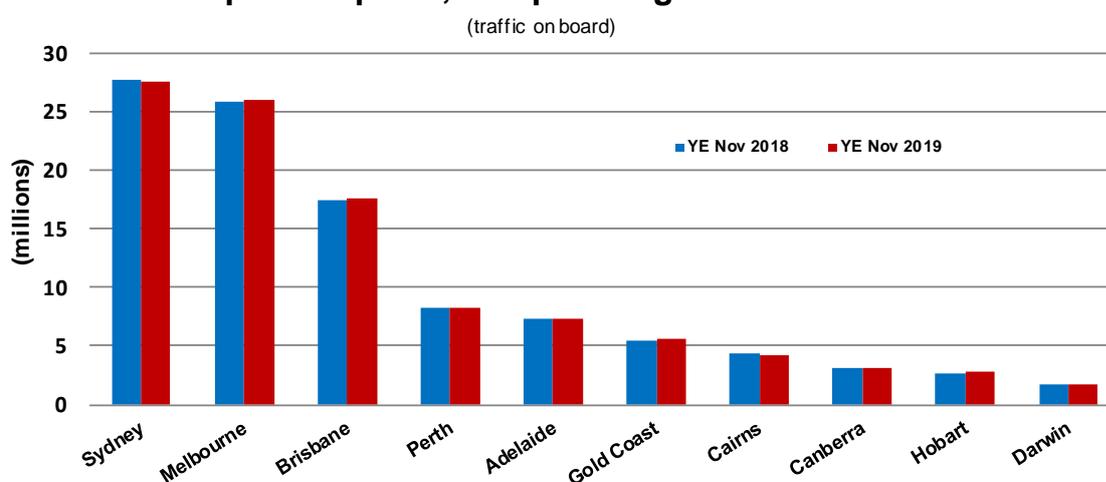
	Airport	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	2 384.5	2 384.4	0.0	22.7
2	Melbourne	2 242.4	2 238.0	-0.2	21.3
3	Brisbane	1 491.0	1 499.5	0.6	14.3
4	Perth	699.7	703.0	0.5	6.7
5	Adelaide	634.0	642.7	1.4	6.1
6	Gold Coast	452.3	460.9	1.9	4.4
7	Cairns	346.9	342.4	-1.3	3.3
8	Canberra	286.7	288.0	0.4	2.7
9	Hobart	237.7	247.1	4.0	2.4
10	Townsville	133.8	135.0	0.9	1.3
	Total top ten airports	**8 909.0**	**8 940.9**	**0.4**	**85.1**
	Total domestic network	**10 464.8**	**10 509.3**	**0.4**	**100.0**

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

	Airport	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	27 767.8	27 543.6	-0.8	22.5
2	Melbourne	25 894.6	25 955.9	0.2	21.2
3	Brisbane	17 408.1	17 531.9	0.7	14.3
4	Perth	8 226.0	8 260.9	0.4	6.7
5	Adelaide	7 342.7	7 384.7	0.6	6.0
6	Gold Coast	5 502.9	5 549.0	0.8	4.5
7	Cairns	4 318.7	4 164.7	-3.6	3.4
8	Canberra	3 160.9	3 141.9	-0.6	2.6
9	Hobart	2 665.5	2 777.1	4.2	2.3
10	Darwin	1 753.7	1 693.9	-3.4	1.4
	Total top ten airports	**104 040.9**	**104 003.6**	**0.0**	**84.9**
	Total domestic network	**122 366.5**	**122 492.6**	**0.1**	**100.0**

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements
(traffic on board)

TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

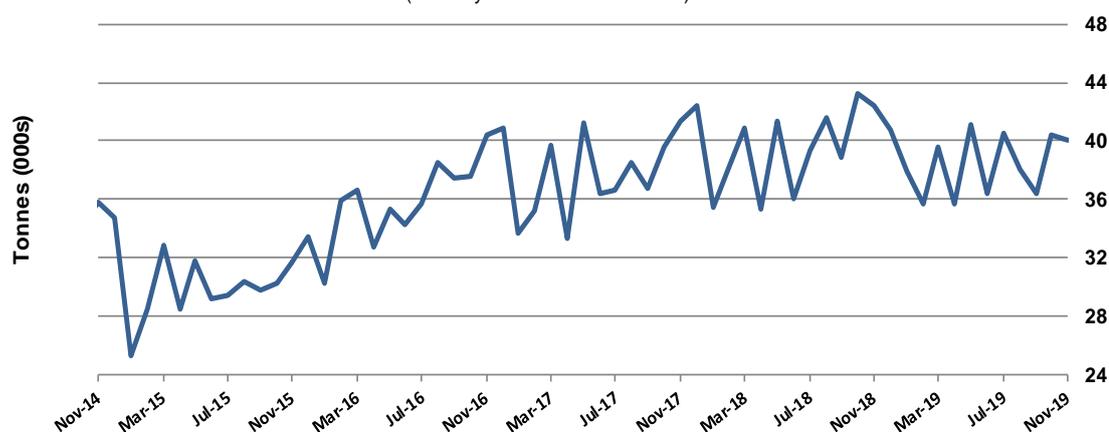|	Airport	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	11.4	10.5	-7.3	26.3
2	Sydney	9.3	8.8	-5.3	22.0
3	Brisbane	6.6	6.4	-2.4	16.0
4	Perth	5.8	5.2	-10.4	13.0
5	Adelaide	2.6	2.4	-4.9	6.1
	Total top five airports	**35.6**	**33.4**	**-6.2**	**83.4**
	Total domestic network	**42.4**	**40.0**	**-5.6**	**100.0**

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

|	Airport	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	135.0	122.5	-9.3	26.5
2	Sydney	108.4	99.9	-7.9	21.6
3	Brisbane	72.9	72.7	-0.3	15.7
4	Perth	67.2	61.8	-8.1	13.4
5	Adelaide	28.4	28.5	0.5	6.2
	Total top five airports	**411.9**	**385.4**	**-6.5**	**83.3**
	Total domestic network	**475.1**	**462.6**	**-2.6**	**100.0**

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

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

Top five airports, cargo movements
(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)
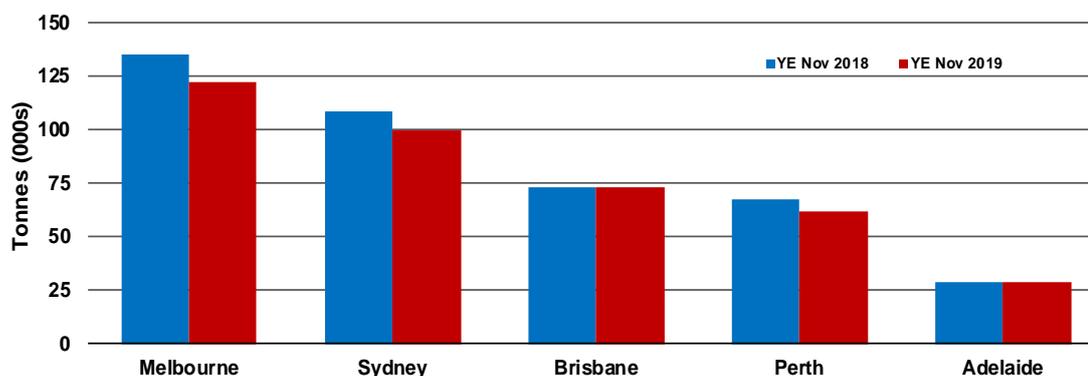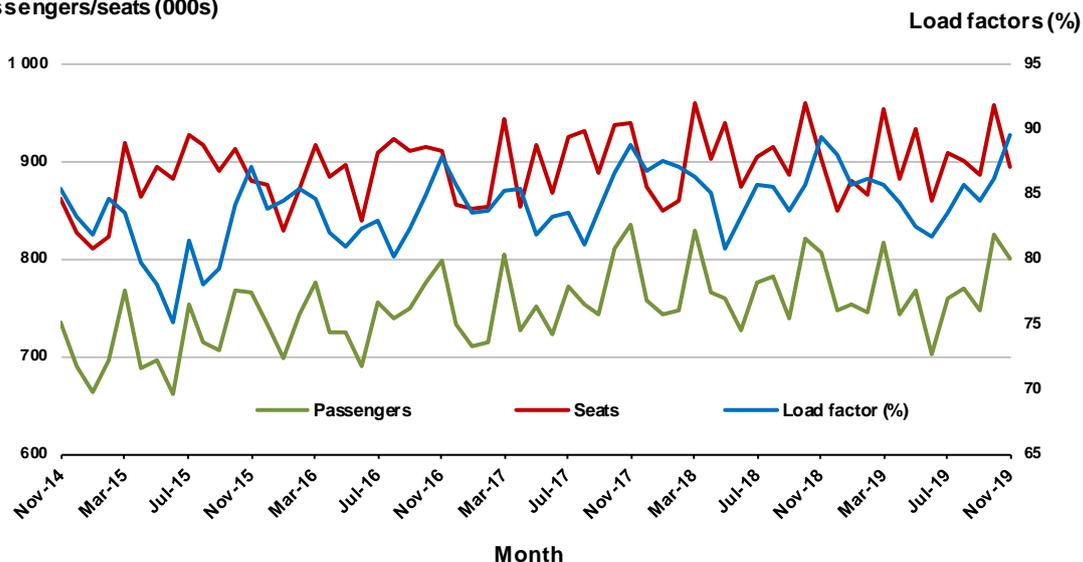
TOP TEN ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	805.8	800.1	-0.7
Seats (000s)	901.6	894.4	-0.8
Load factor %	89.4	89.5	0.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 093	5 005	-1.7

* percentage point difference

Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	9 250.8	9 172.0	-0.9
Seats (000s)	10 817.6	10 764.8	-0.5
Load factor %	85.5	85.2	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	60 028	60 297	0.4

* percentage point difference
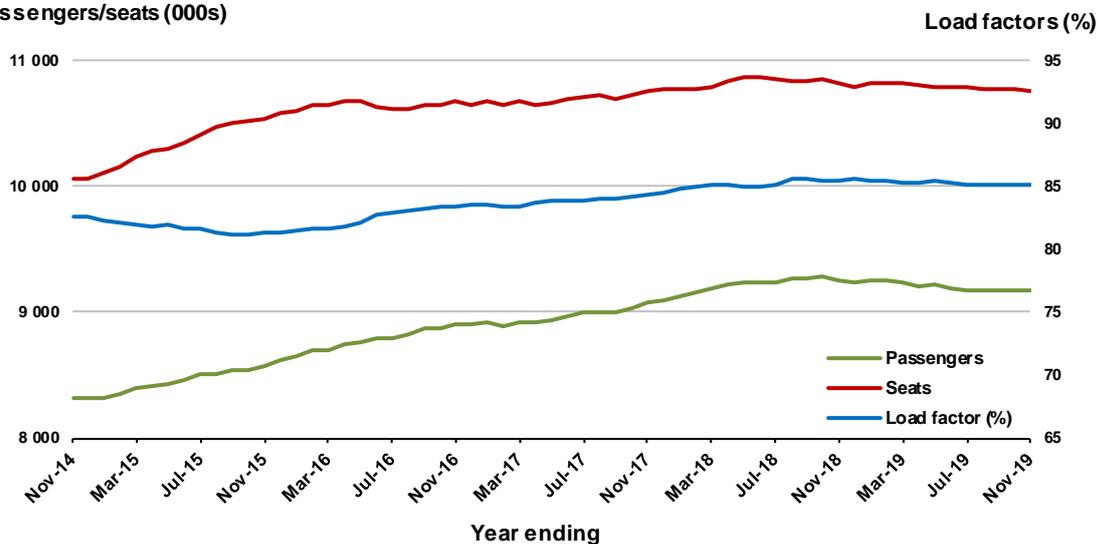
2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	423.4	413.2	-2.4
Seats (000s)	484.0	476.6	-1.5
Load factor %	87.5	86.7	-0.8 *
Aircraft trips	2 996	2 896	-3.3

* percentage point difference

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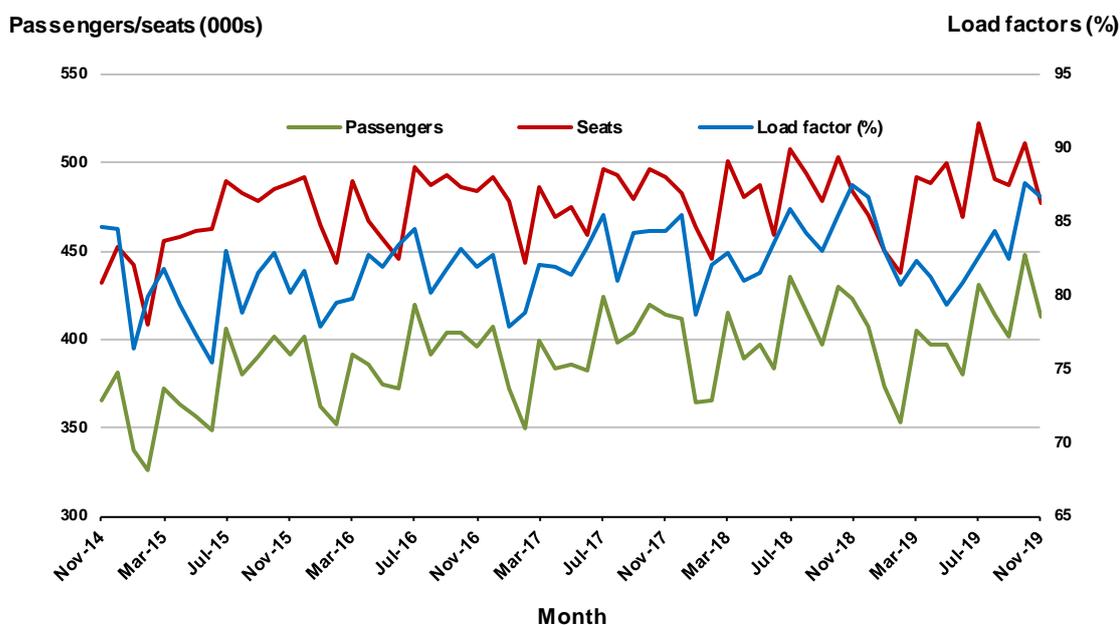
Month

Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 830.2	4 819.2	-0.2
Seats (000s)	5 786.7	5 793.9	0.1
Load factor %	83.5	83.2	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	35 100	35 343	0.7

* percentage point difference

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

Year ending

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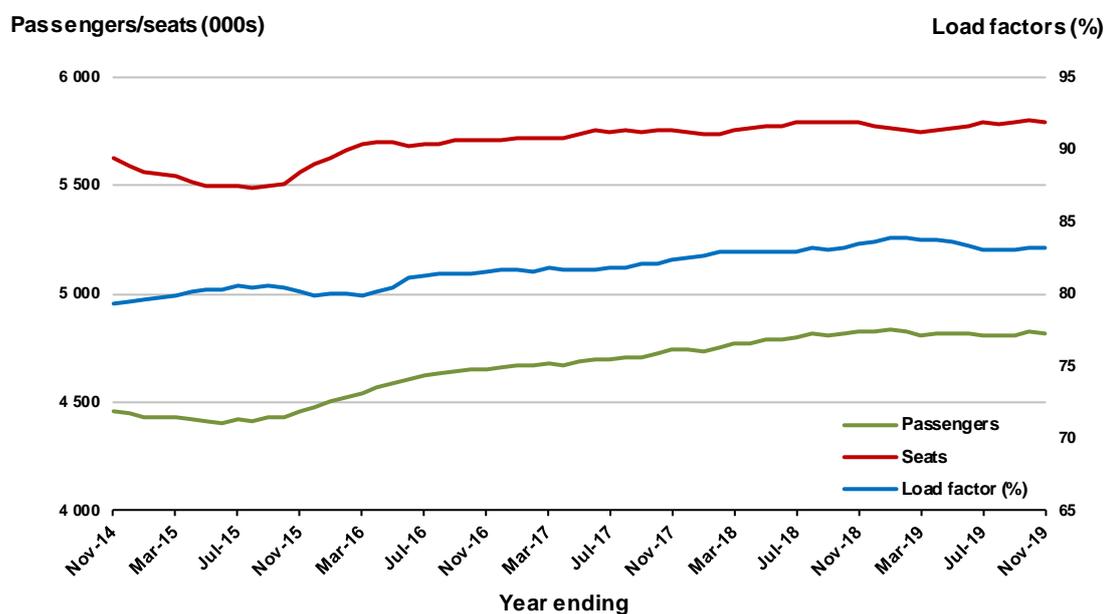
3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	315.4	306.7	-2.8
Seats (000s)	358.5	353.9	-1.3
Load factor %	88.0	86.7	-1.3 *
Aircraft trips	2 134	2 077	-2.7

* percentage point difference
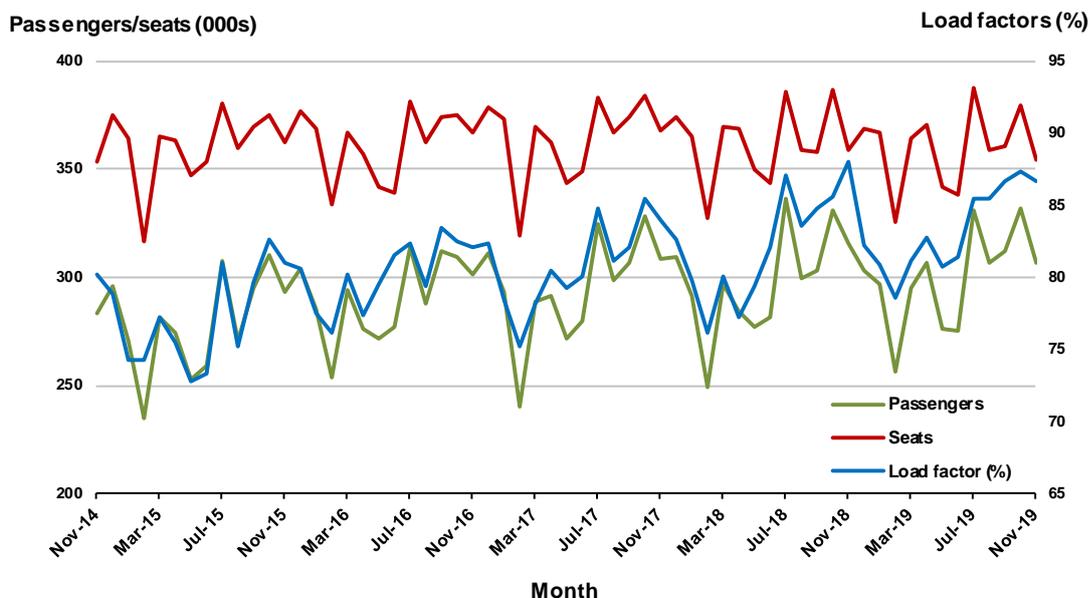
Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 575.7	3 596.3	0.6
Seats (000s)	4 344.8	4 314.4	-0.7
Load factor %	82.3	83.4	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	25 531	25 408	-0.5

* percentage point difference
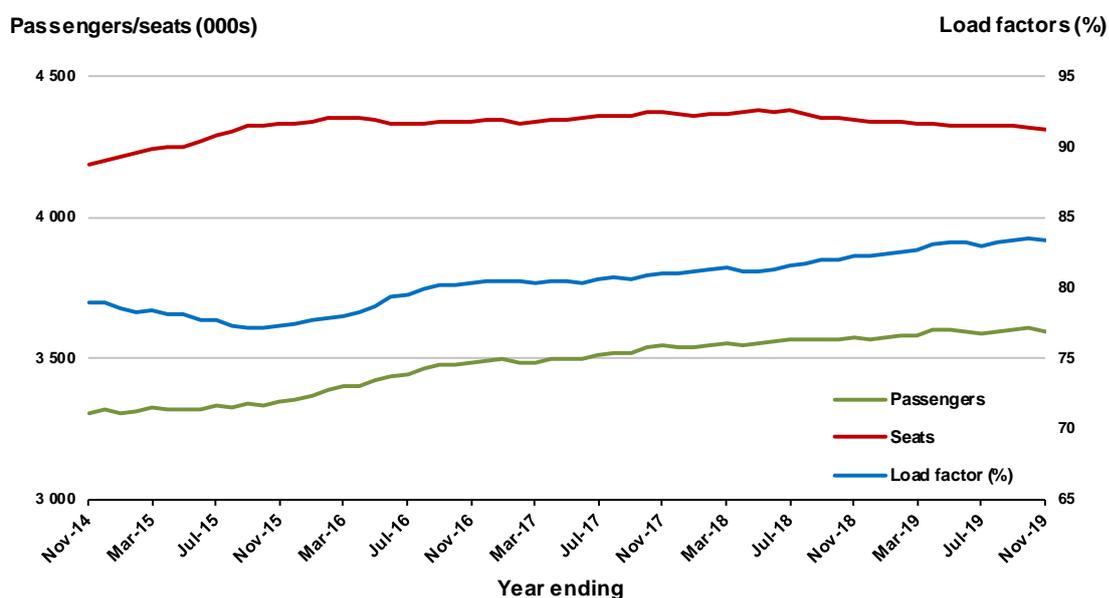
4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	222.0	233.2	5.0
Seats (000s)	250.8	255.7	2.0
Load factor %	88.5	91.2	2.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 415	1 456	2.9

* percentage point difference

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

Month
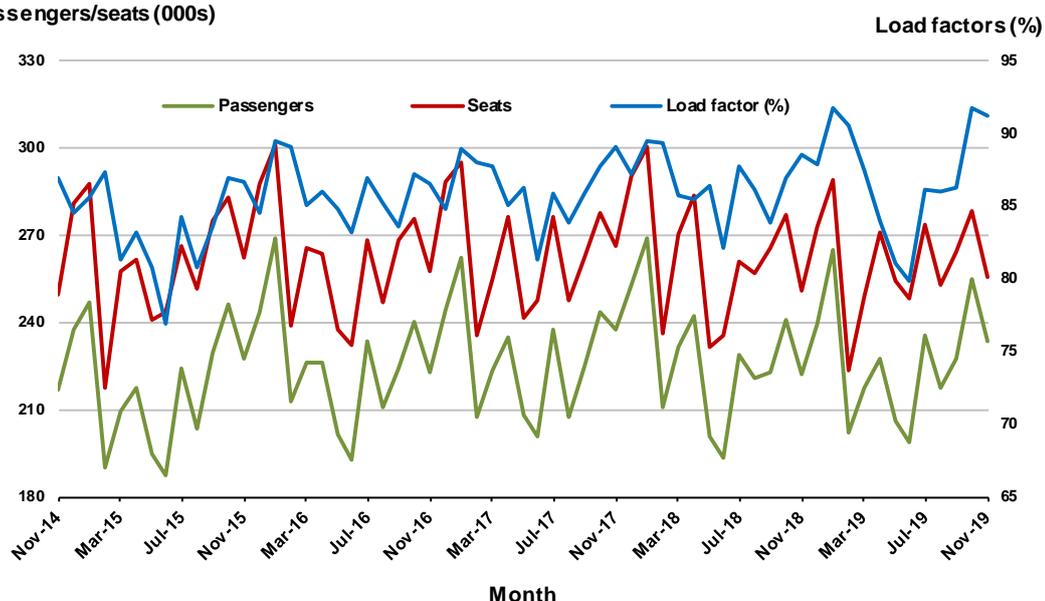
Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 736.2	2 725.3	-0.4
Seats (000s)	3 158.3	3 131.6	-0.8
Load factor %	86.6	87.0	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	17 929	17 938	0.1

* percentage point difference

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

Year ending
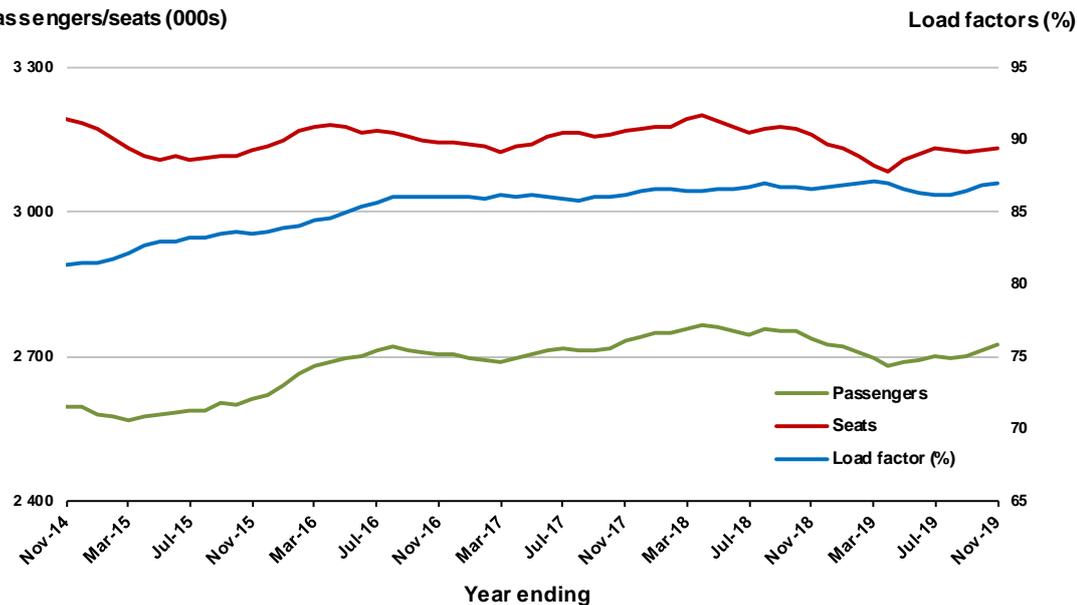
5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	219.3	222.4	1.4
Seats (000s)	258.0	259.3	0.5
Load factor %	85.0	85.8	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 587	1 574	-0.8

* percentage point difference
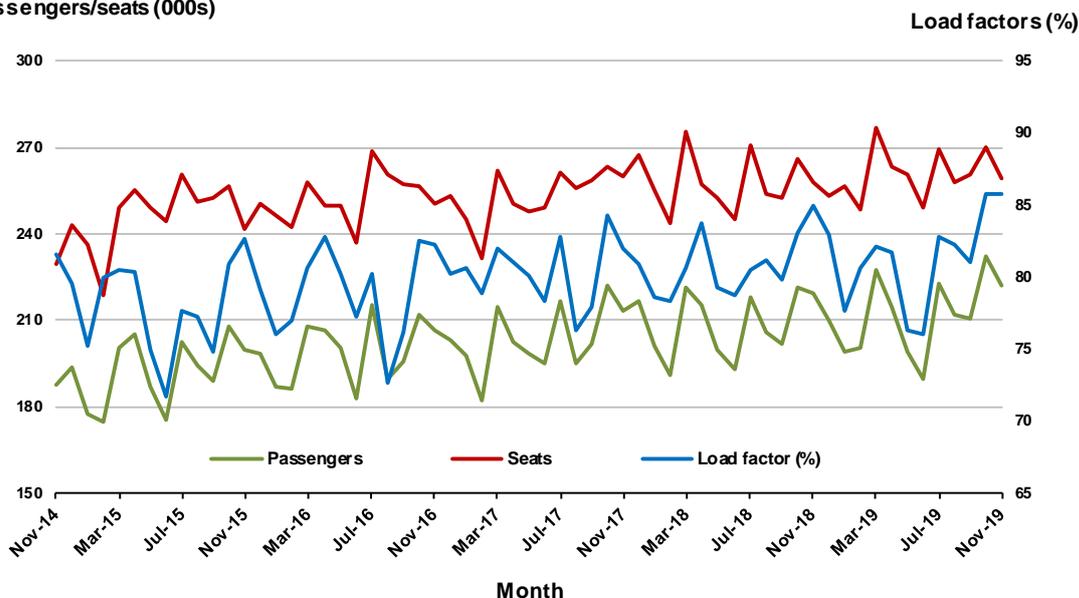
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	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 504.8	2 540.7	1.4
Seats (000s)	3 098.1	3 125.3	0.9
Load factor %	80.9	81.3	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	19 185	19 001	-1.0

* percentage point difference
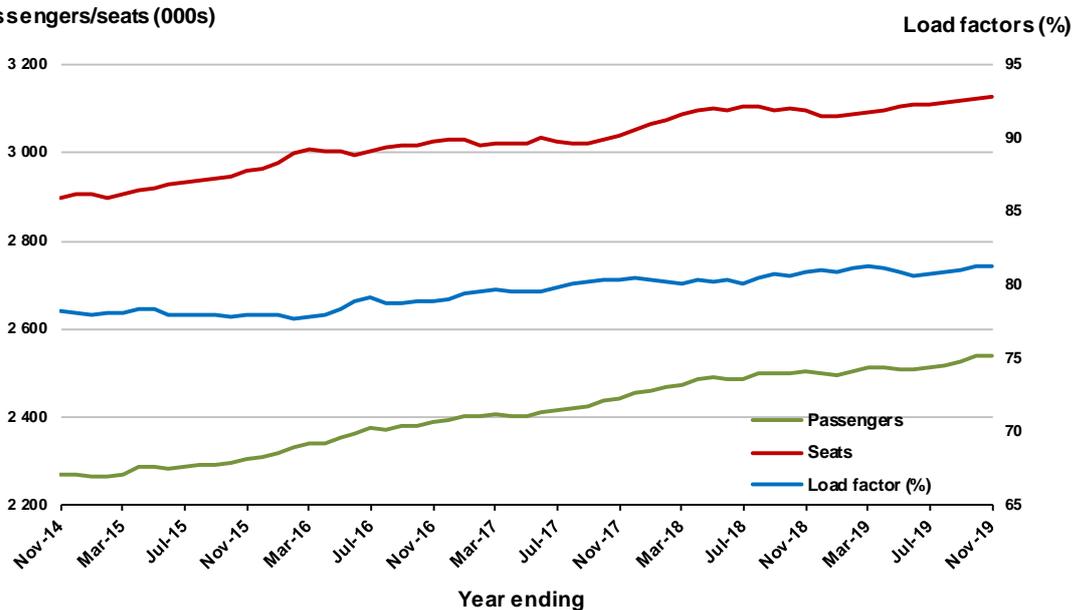
6. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	180.7	183.2	1.4
Seats (000s)	208.6	209.9	0.6
Load factor %	86.6	87.3	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	998	996	-0.2

* percentage point difference
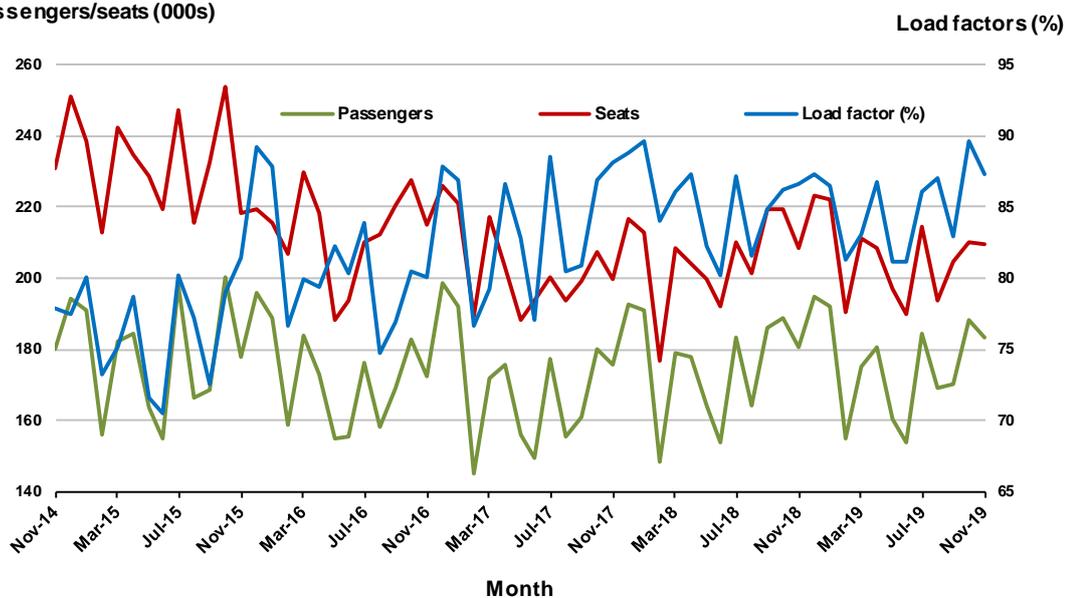
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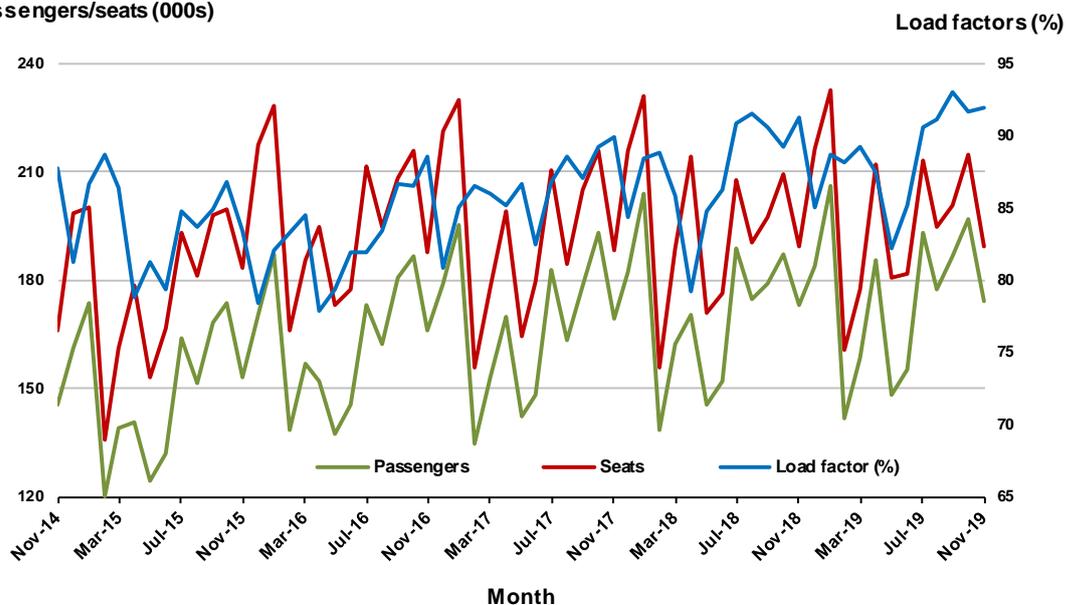|	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 111.1	2 107.4	-0.2
Seats (000s)	2 469.4	2 475.2	0.2
Load factor %	85.5	85.1	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	11 607	12 335	6.3

* percentage point difference
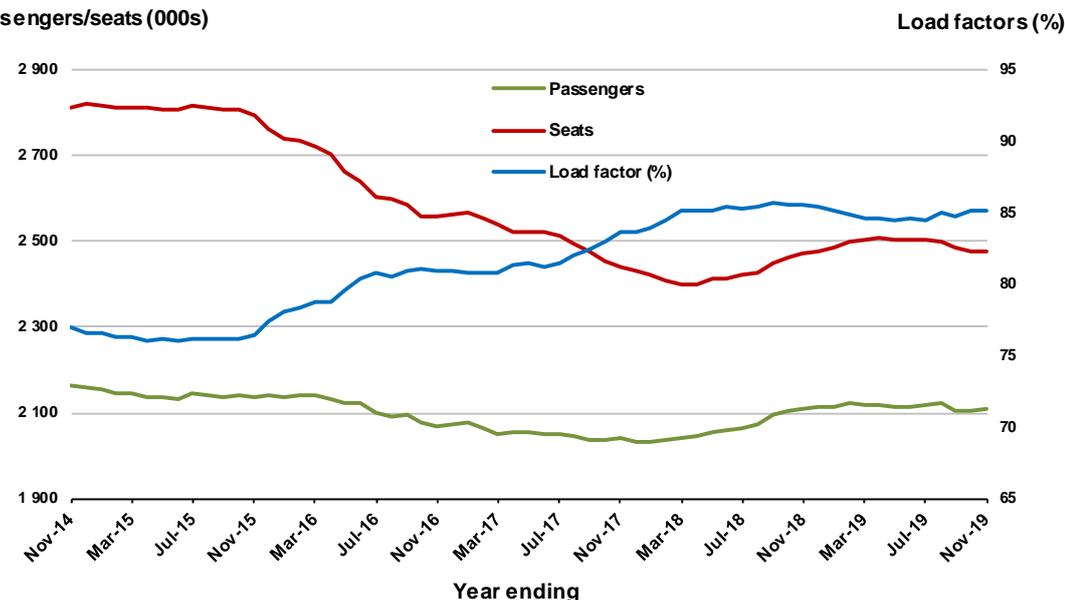
7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	173.1	174.0	0.5
Seats (000s)	189.6	189.4	-0.1
Load factor %	91.3	91.9	0.6 *
Aircraft trips	986	1 005	1.9

* percentage point difference

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

Month

Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 058.7	2 108.6	2.4
Seats (000s)	2 349.1	2 375.4	1.1
Load factor %	87.6	88.8	1.2 *
Aircraft trips	12 436	12 556	1.0

* percentage point difference

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

Year ending
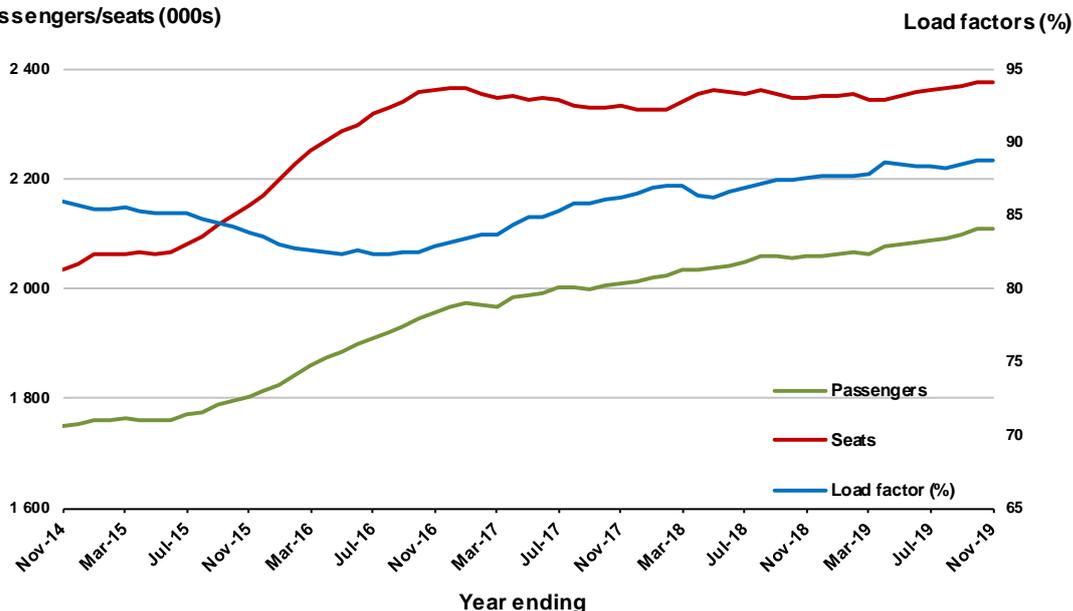
8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	166.2	165.8	-0.2
Seats (000s)	187.3	189.1	1.0
Load factor %	88.7	87.7	-1.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 149	1 105	-3.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)　　　　　　　　　　**Load factors (%)**
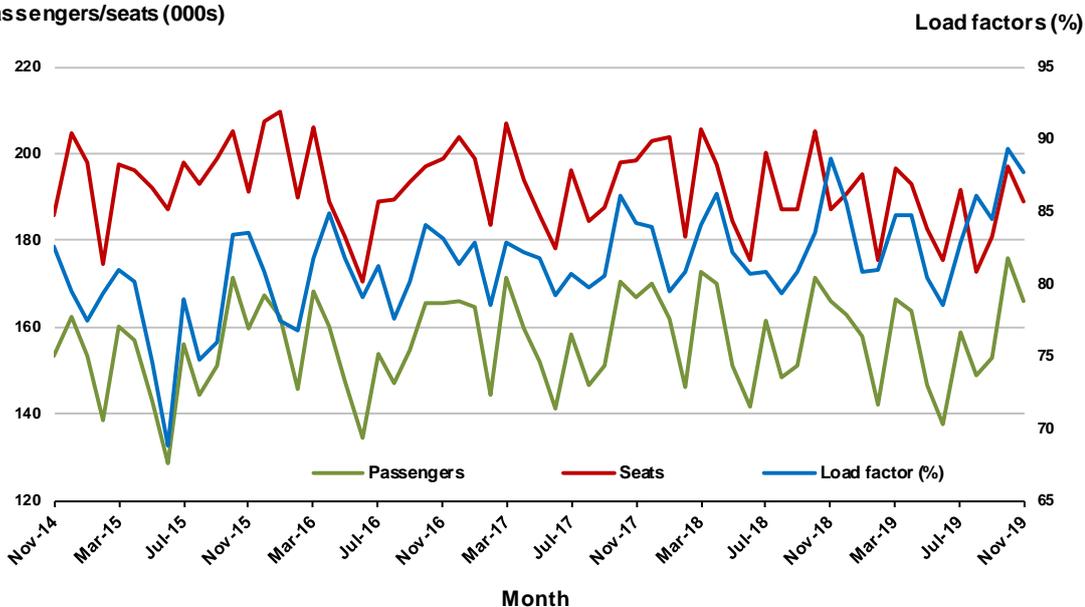
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	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 914.0	1 880.7	-1.7
Seats (000s)	2 317.2	2 241.2	-3.3
Load factor %	82.6	83.9	1.3 *
Aircraft trips	13 940	13 251	-4.9

* percentage point difference

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

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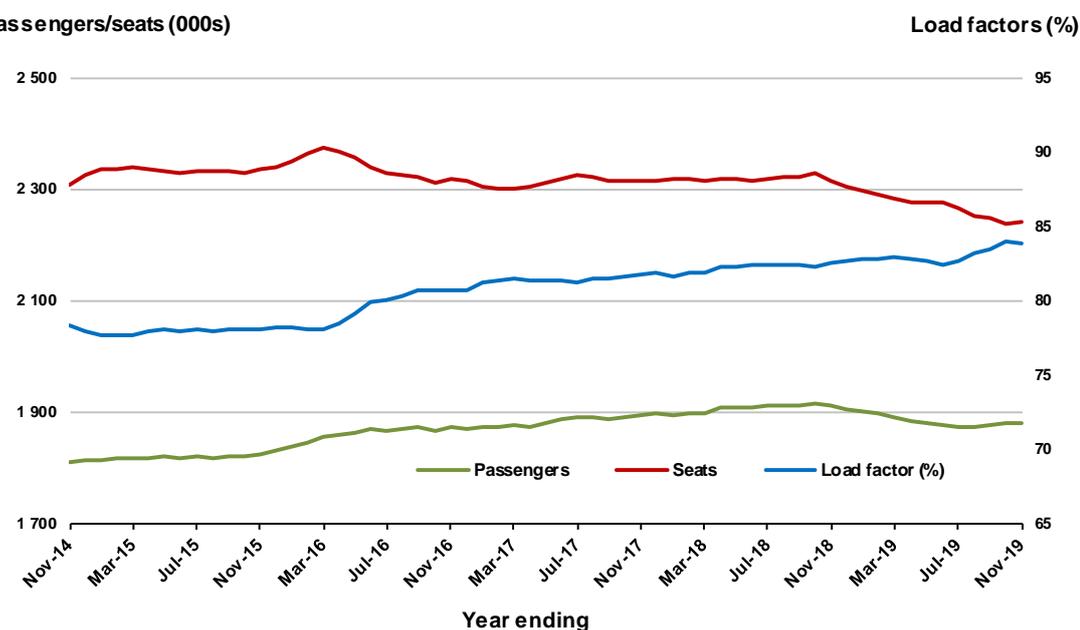
9. Hobart - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	144.5	145.6	0.7
Seats (000s)	177.5	173.7	-2.1
Load factor %	81.4	83.8	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	968	946	-2.3

* percentage point difference

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

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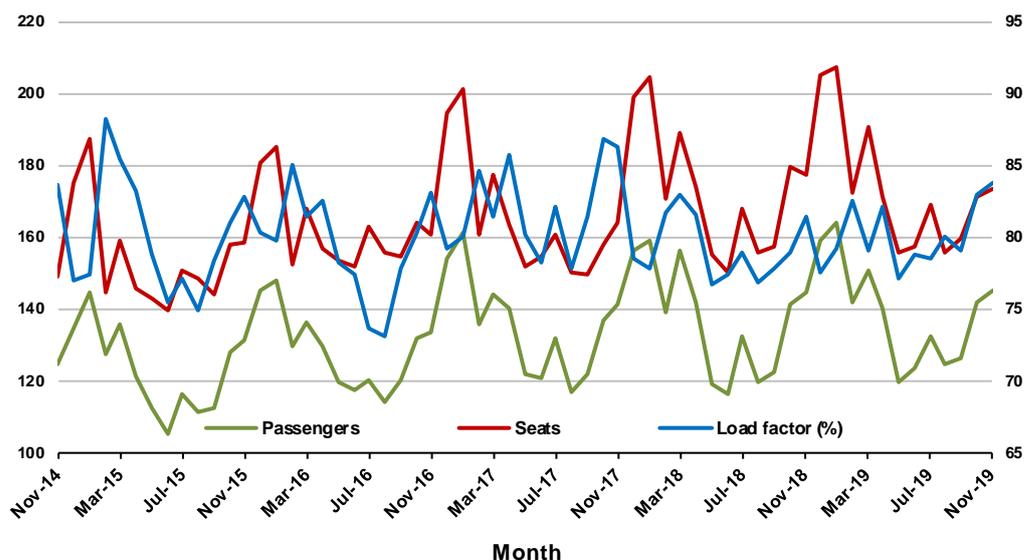
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	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 650.0	1 672.1	1.3
Seats (000s)	2 080.6	2 088.5	0.4
Load factor %	79.3	80.1	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	11 728	11 414	-2.7

* percentage point difference

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

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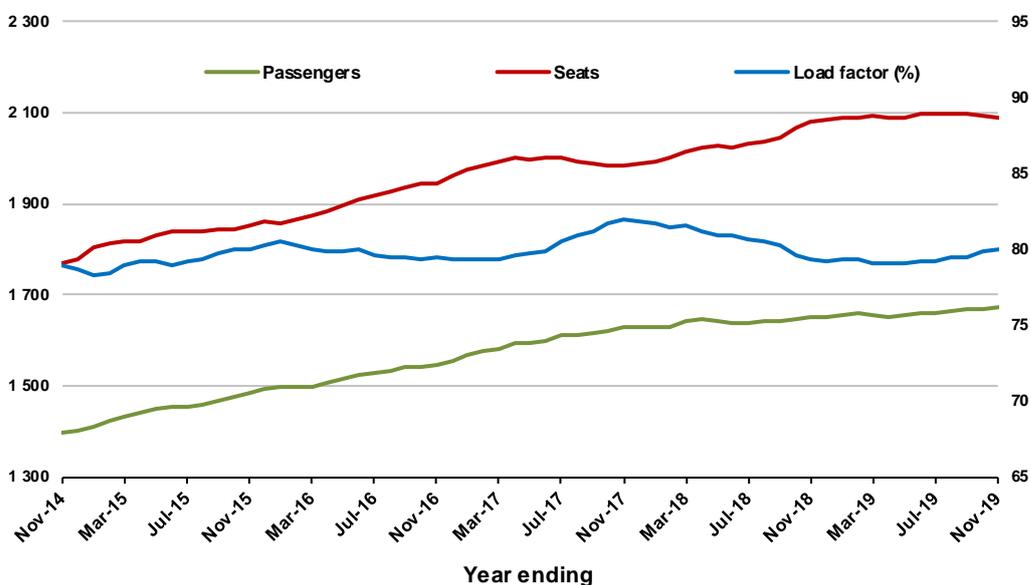
10. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	148.4	143.1	-3.5
Seats (000s)	171.2	163.2	-4.6
Load factor %	86.7	87.7	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	782	731	-6.5

* percentage point difference

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

Month
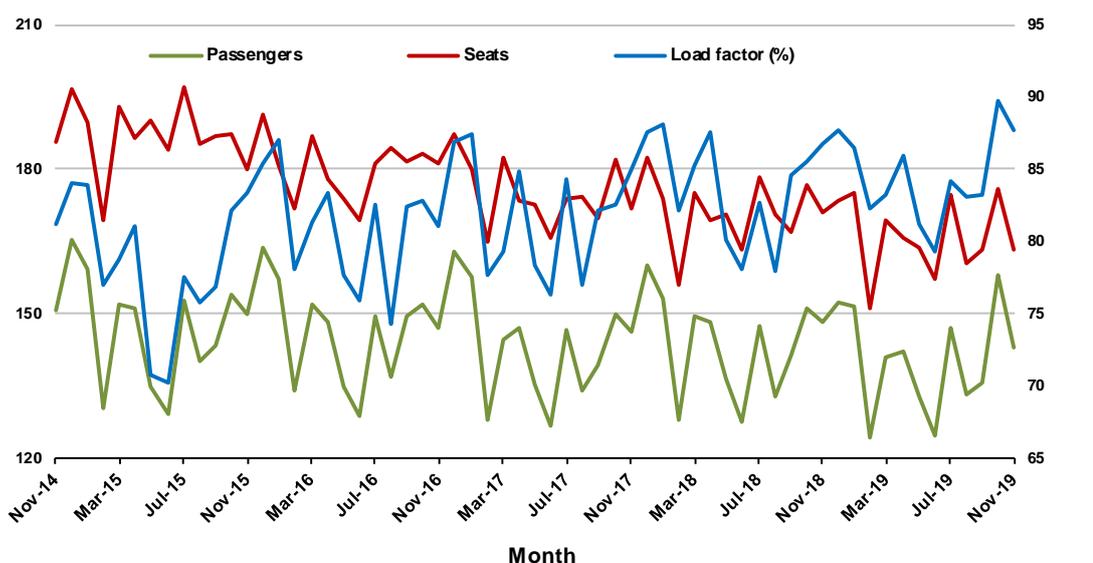
Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 724.6	1 686.6	-2.2
Seats (000s)	2 055.1	1 993.6	-3.0
Load factor %	83.9	84.6	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 074	9 022	-0.6

* percentage point difference

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

Year ending
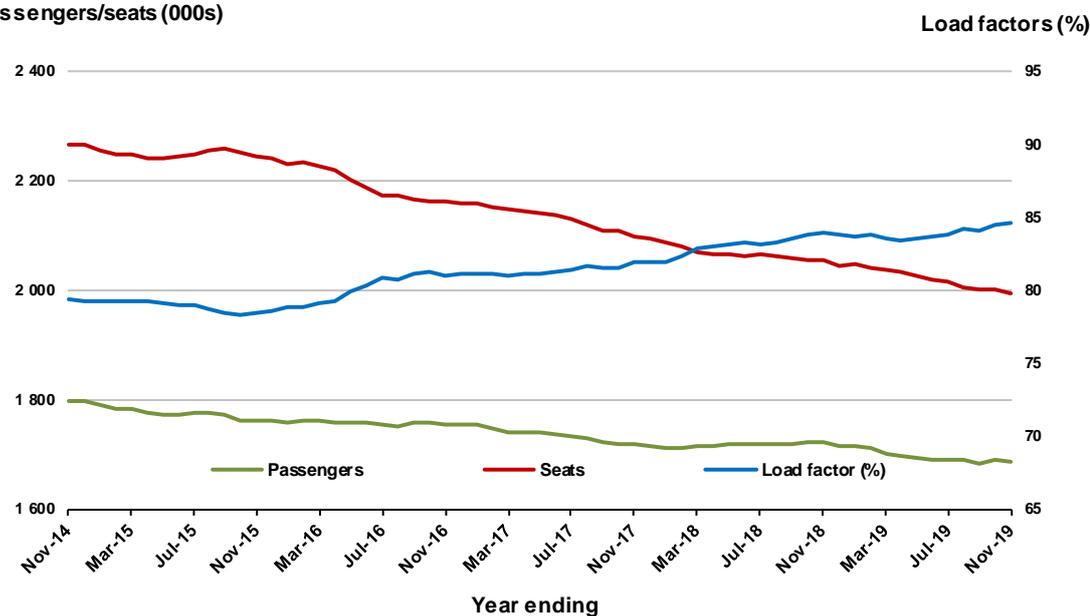
TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

	Airport	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
1	Cairns	397.3	384.8	-3.2
2	Hobart	235.8	241.7	2.5
3	Townsville	145.1	151.3	4.2
4	Darwin	152.3	150.9	-0.9
5	Newcastle	112.2	118.7	5.9
6	Launceston	115.1	116.5	1.3
7	Mackay	74.7	80.7	8.0
8	Rockhampton	49.3	52.6	6.8
9	Alice Springs	58.2	51.4	-11.7
10	Ballina	50.9	48.4	-5.0
11	Ayers Rock	41.2	48.3	17.1
12	Hamilton Island	42.1	47.1	11.8
13	Karratha	39.6	43.4	9.6
14	Proserpine	41.9	41.9	0.1
15	Coffs Harbour	36.0	37.4	3.9
16	Broome	37.9	36.7	-3.2
17	Port Hedland	35.1	36.1	3.0
18	Newman	28.4	32.8	15.3
19	Kalgoorlie	27.3	27.6	1.3
20	Albury	23.5	23.8	1.4
21	Mildura	24.5	23.0	-6.2
22	Gladstone	22.0	22.7	3.3
23	Mount Isa	19.1	21.0	10.1
24	Port Macquarie	18.9	20.1	6.7
25	Wagga Wagga	19.0	19.8	4.2
26	Dubbo	19.8	19.6	-1.0
27	Emerald	17.4	18.9	8.5
28	Paraburdoo	16.3	18.3	12.4
29	Tamworth	16.9	17.2	1.8
30	Hervey Bay	15.2	16.3	7.3
31	Port Lincoln	15.0	15.9	6.1
32	Bundaberg	14.6	14.2	-2.7
33	Devonport	13.2	13.8	4.3
34	Armidale	11.7	12.6	7.9
35	Toowoomba Wellcamp	12.3	11.5	-6.7
36	Kununurra	10.0	10.3	2.4
37	Moranbah	10.1	10.1	0.2
38	Geraldton	10.4	9.7	-6.9
39	Griffith	7.1	9.0	26.1
40	Roma	8.3	8.9	6.8
41	Thursday Island	9.6	8.8	-8.8
42	Orange	7.5	8.1	7.6
43	Mount Gambier	7.4	7.9	6.8
44	Learmonth	7.6	7.2	-5.1
45	Gove	7.6	7.1	-5.7
46	Whyalla	7.2	7.0	-2.3
47	Burnie	6.6	6.7	1.7
48	Olympic Dam	7.0	6.5	-7.1
49	Merimbula	5.8	6.0	4.6
50	Weipa	7.3	5.9	-19.3
	Total top 50 regional airports	**2 118.9**	**2 155.9**	**1.7**
	Total regional airports	**2 248.0**	**2 283.4**	**1.6**
	Total domestic network	**10 464.8**	**10 509.3**	**0.4**

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

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

	Airport	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
1	Cairns	4 318.7	4 164.7	-3.6
2	Hobart	2 665.5	2 777.1	4.2
3	Darwin	1 753.7	1 693.9	-3.4
4	Townsville	1 655.5	1 658.2	0.2
5	Launceston	1 383.6	1 394.1	0.8
6	Newcastle	1 263.1	1 274.1	0.9
7	Mackay	845.4	873.8	3.4
8	Rockhampton	552.5	569.0	3.0
9	Alice Springs	622.6	565.2	-9.2
10	Ballina	538.0	533.3	-0.9
11	Ayers Rock	414.5	490.4	18.3
12	Karratha	442.7	462.9	4.6
13	Hamilton Island	426.0	449.1	5.4
14	Proserpine	456.4	431.6	-5.4
15	Broome	417.6	404.5	-3.1
16	Coffs Harbour	404.8	395.7	-2.2
17	Port Hedland	369.9	384.4	3.9
18	Newman	304.9	343.5	12.7
19	Kalgoorlie	285.9	290.4	1.6
20	Albury	262.0	255.5	-2.5
21	Mildura	271.9	253.8	-6.7
22	Gladstone	254.2	247.6	-2.6
23	Mount Isa	210.8	224.4	6.5
24	Port Macquarie	216.4	217.8	0.6
25	Dubbo	221.8	211.6	-4.6
26	Wagga Wagga	219.5	207.4	-5.5
27	Emerald	195.3	200.4	2.6
28	Paraburdoo	177.4	189.5	6.8
29	Tamworth	190.1	189.1	-0.5
30	Port Lincoln	170.1	171.5	0.8
31	Hervey Bay	164.9	166.1	0.7
32	Bundaberg	164.0	153.9	-6.2
33	Devonport	147.2	147.8	0.4
34	Armidale	129.6	132.4	2.1
35	Toowoomba Wellcamp	139.7	118.8	-14.9
36	Kununurra	106.8	113.6	6.4
37	Moranbah	103.1	109.4	6.1
38	Geraldton	113.3	107.1	-5.5
39	Thursday Island	100.9	97.2	-3.7
40	Roma	87.3	96.3	10.3
41	Griffith	78.7	93.4	18.7
42	Learmonth	87.4	85.6	-2.1
43	Mount Gambier	80.6	84.7	5.1
44	Orange	76.4	81.6	6.8
45	Gove	85.0	81.3	-4.4
46	Whyalla	75.7	79.1	4.5
47	Olympic Dam	75.7	76.1	0.5
48	Burnie	70.2	72.5	3.3
49	Weipa	80.5	72.2	-10.4
50	Merimbula	68.6	67.6	-1.4
	Total top 50 regional airports	**23 546.7**	**23 561.4**	**0.1**
	Total regional airports	**24 955.1**	**24 956.6**	**0.0**
	Total domestic network	**122 366.5**	**122 492.6**	**0.1**

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

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

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	217 751	233 172	7.1
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	3 728	3 890	4.3

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

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

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 471 401	2 712 024	9.7
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	44 254	46 746	5.6

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	435 502	466 344	7.1
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	7 456	7 780	4.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	166 310	178 241	7.2
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 561	2 737	6.9

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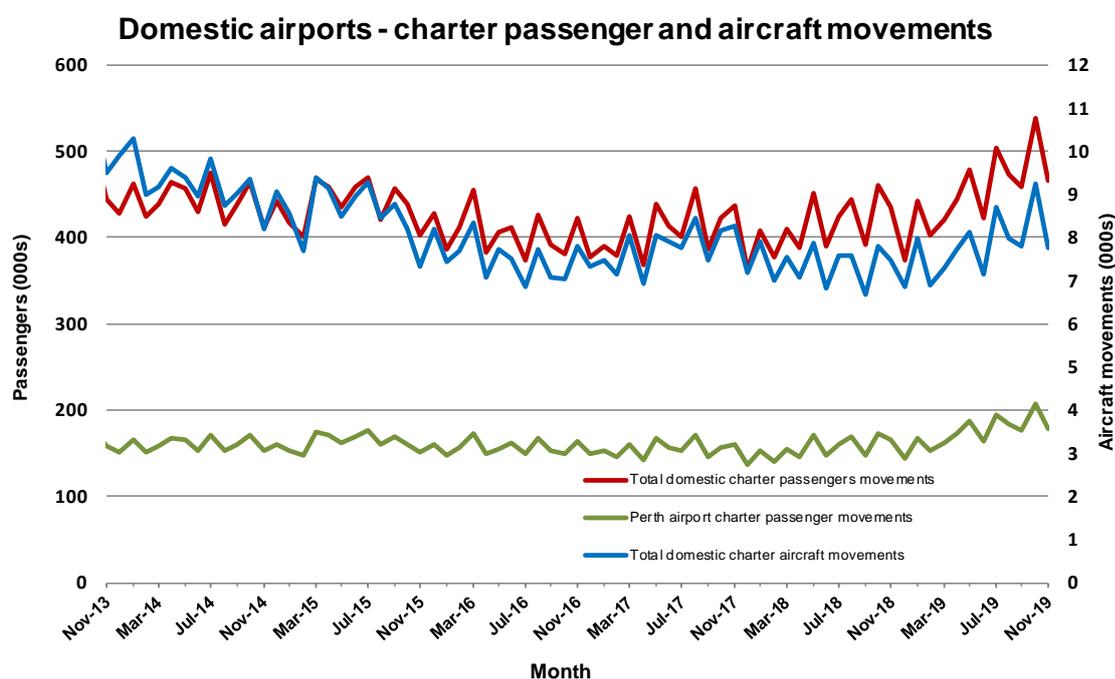Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Nov 2018	YE Nov 2019	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	4 942 802	5 424 048	9.7
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	88 508	93 492	5.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 868 407	2 090 909	11.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	30 083	32 710	8.7

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

Domestic airports - charter passenger and aircraft movements

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