Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics

Aviation

Domestic aviation activity
2020-21

An appropriate citation for this report is:

Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE), 2021, Domestic aviation activity, Statistical Report, BITRE, Canberra ACT.

Contact us

This publication is available in PDF format. All other rights are reserved, including in relation to any Departmental logos or trade marks which may exist. For enquiries regarding the licence and any use of this publication, please contact:

Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics (BITRE)
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
GPO Box 501, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia
Telephone: (international) +61 2 6274 7210
Fax: (international) +61 2 6274 6855
Email: bitre@infrastructure.gov.au
Website: www.bitre.gov.au

Inquiries

Should you require additional information about the statistics contained in this publication:

Nebojsa Pavlovic

Telephone (02) 6274 6817 or Facsimile (02) 6274 7727

Electronic mail: AVSTATS@infrastructure.gov.au

Nebojsa.Pavlovic@infrastructure.gov.au

Web site: http://www.bitre.gov.au/statistics/aviation/domestic.aspx

FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending June 2021.

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 exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the year ending June 2021 there were 53 such routes.

Information on both the total network and the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending June 2021 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 53 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 3–10 of this publication.

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, Air North and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Toll.

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.

CONTENTS

This page is intentionally left blank.

HIGHLIGHTS

Travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreaks have resulted in severe disruptions to domestic travel since April 2020.

There were 24.98 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in the year ending June 2021, a decrease of 48.0 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020. In the year ending June 2021 there were 393.7 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 27.9 per cent compared to the previous year.

21.55 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in the year ending June 2021, a decrease of 52.4 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 24.74 billion, a decrease of 53.1 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 42.1 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020, to a total of 38.57 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 79.3 per cent in the year ending June 2020 to 64.1 per cent in the year ending June 2021. The highest load factor in the year ending June 2021 was on Brisbane – Proserpine (77.3 per cent) while the lowest was on Newman – Perth (46.2 per cent). Load factors on individual routes decreased on 34 of the 35 published routes for which data is available in both years.

In the year ending June 2021, most published routes recorded decreases in the number of passengers carried compared with year ending June 2020.

For the year ending June 2021, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 1.73 million passengers, a decrease of 73.8 per cent compared with the previous financial year. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 1.24 million passengers (down 65.0 per cent) and Brisbane – Cairns with 947.2 thousand passengers (down 1.5 per cent).

In the year ending June 2021, Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 7.31 million passenger movements, down 44.2 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020, followed by Sydney with 7.26 million passenger movements (down 63.9 per cent) and Melbourne with 5.89 million passenger movements (down 69.0 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 395.6 thousand tonnes in the year ending June 2021, a decrease of 7.2 per cent compared to the year ending June 2020.

In the year ending June 2021, the number of domestic aviation passengers travelling through regional airports was 13.00 million, 30.4 per cent lower than for the year ending June 2020. Most published regional airports recorded decreases compared with the year ending June 2020.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 3.44 million passengers in the year ending June 2021, an increase of 22.6 per cent compared with the year ending June 2020. Perth airport accounted for 37.7 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	48.04	24.98	-48.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	545.9	393.7	-27.9

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 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	45.24	21.55	-52.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	52.80	24.74	-53.1
Available seats (millions)	58.46	34.19	-41.5
Available seat kilometres (billions)	66.61	38.57	-42.1
Load factor %	79.3	64.1	-15.1 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	491.9	326.5	-33.6

* percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic
(moving annual totals)
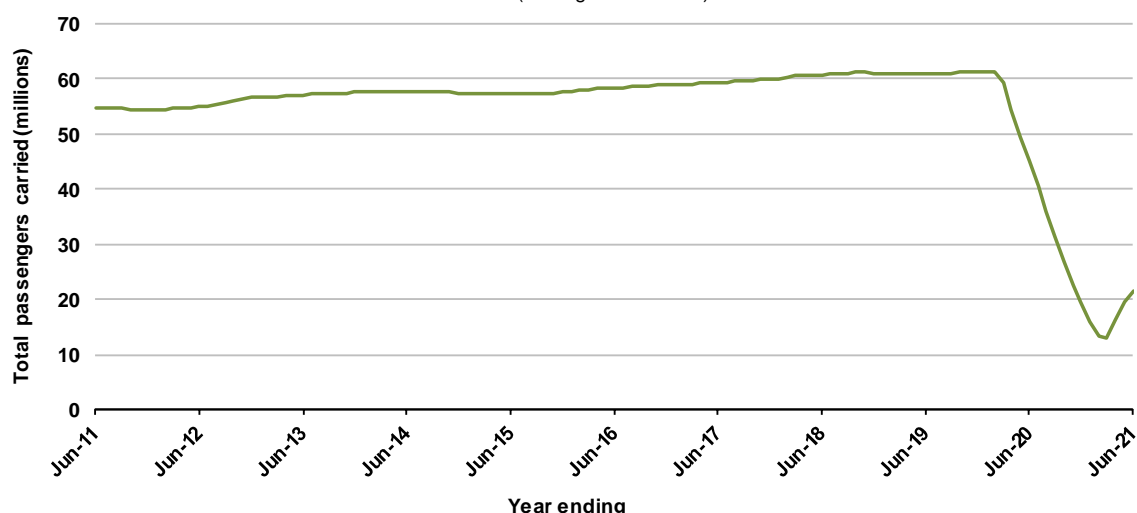
RPT Network utilisation
(moving annual totals)

2

TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

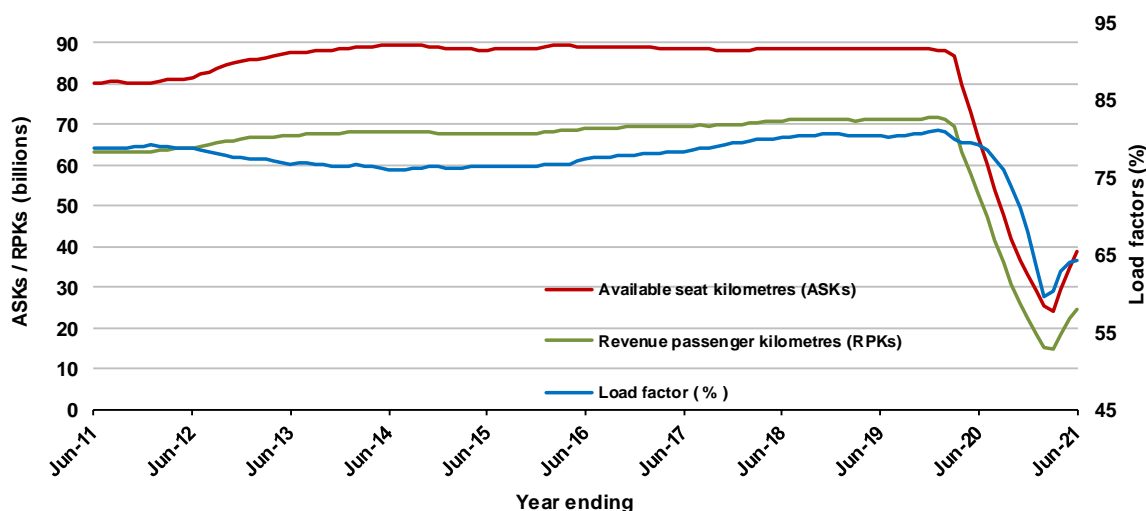|	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	6 602.7	1 728.1	-73.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	3 533.4	1 237.6	-65.0
3	Brisbane - Cairns	962.0	947.2	-1.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 028.7	773.7	-61.9
5	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 671.5	772.6	-71.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 561.2	719.2	-53.9
7	Brisbane - Townsville	767.6	644.2	-16.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	..	616.7	NA
9	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 847.6	547.3	-70.4
10	Ballina - Sydney	332.6	509.6	53.2
11	Brisbane - Mackay	604.6	484.4	-19.9
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	458.6	NA
13	Hobart - Melbourne	..	420.7	NA
14	Karratha - Perth	360.7	345.9	-4.1
15	Perth - Sydney	1 266.1	344.5	-72.8
16	Brisbane - Canberra	494.4	340.9	-31.0
17	Brisbane - Rockhampton	408.8	325.1	-20.5
18	Broome - Perth	240.4	319.5	32.9
19	Melbourne - Perth	1 585.2	285.9	-82.0
20	Launceston - Melbourne	..	285.3	NA
21	Hobart - Sydney	546.2	282.6	-48.3
22	Brisbane - Perth	..	271.7	NA
23	Cairns - Sydney	778.5	267.5	-65.6
24	Perth - Port Hedland	302.8	266.6	-12.0
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	444.8	250.6	-43.7
26	Cairns - Melbourne	611.9	249.1	-59.3
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	418.3	240.0	-42.6
28	Brisbane - Darwin	..	235.6	NA
29	Newman - Perth	267.8	234.0	-12.6
30	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	475.6	229.4	-51.8
31	Canberra - Melbourne	851.2	227.0	-73.3
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	199.3	219.5	10.2
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	210.0	206.6	-1.6
34	Adelaide - Perth	..	206.3	NA
35	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	99.8	177.0	77.3
36	Brisbane - Hobart	185.8	168.8	-9.1
37	Canberra - Sydney	..	166.0	NA
38	Launceston - Sydney	215.6	138.5	-35.7
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	160.4	136.0	-15.2
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	185.2	126.5	-31.7
41	Brisbane - Emerald	..	118.6	NA
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	117.6	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	116.9	NA
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	104.1	NA
45	Adelaide - Canberra	140.2	103.3	-26.3
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	99.2	NA
47	Adelaide - Alice Springs	98.8	91.9	-7.0
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	173.8	87.1	-49.9
49	Dubbo - Sydney	..	76.8	NA
50	Darwin - Perth	..	76.2	NA

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	..	67.1	NA
52	Albury - Sydney	..	66.5	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	51.9	NA
	Total domestic network	**45 242.7**	**21 545.4**	**-52.4**

.. Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 920.1	2 845.1	-64.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 311.7	1 903.5	-55.9
3	Brisbane - Cairns	1 173.0	1 238.6	5.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 346.9	1 087.8	-53.6
5	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 253.2	1 200.4	-63.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 756.9	982.2	-44.1
7	Brisbane - Townsville	993.1	897.6	-9.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	..	907.1	NA
9	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 319.3	872.2	-62.4
10	Ballina - Sydney	400.8	687.2	71.4
11	Brisbane - Mackay	785.8	739.5	-5.9
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	671.2	NA
13	Hobart - Melbourne	..	670.2	NA
14	Karratha - Perth	592.2	650.7	9.9
15	Perth - Sydney	1 539.2	595.9	-61.3
16	Brisbane - Canberra	674.7	536.1	-20.5
17	Brisbane - Rockhampton	530.6	507.0	-4.4
18	Broome - Perth	328.0	454.3	38.5
19	Melbourne - Perth	1 927.1	499.6	-74.1
20	Launceston - Melbourne	..	458.8	NA
21	Hobart - Sydney	672.2	444.9	-33.8
22	Brisbane - Perth	..	417.4	NA
23	Cairns - Sydney	936.3	400.9	-57.2
24	Perth - Port Hedland	489.3	491.1	0.4
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	596.3	407.5	-31.7
26	Cairns - Melbourne	714.6	364.4	-49.0
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	473.3	330.3	-30.2
28	Brisbane - Darwin	..	318.9	NA
29	Newman - Perth	467.7	506.2	8.2
30	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	563.8	336.7	-40.3
31	Canberra - Melbourne	1 292.1	406.7	-68.5
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	241.1	284.0	17.8
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	369.0	364.1	-1.3
34	Adelaide - Perth	..	357.2	NA
35	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	135.2	270.0	99.7
36	Brisbane - Hobart	220.1	239.5	8.8
37	Canberra - Sydney	..	313.5	NA
38	Launceston - Sydney	251.5	222.0	-11.7
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	187.4	183.8	-1.9
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	295.5	237.6	-19.6
41	Brisbane - Emerald	..	209.7	NA
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	172.0	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	202.8	NA
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	218.6	NA
45	Adelaide - Canberra	213.9	171.4	-19.9
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	150.0	NA
47	Adelaide - Alice Springs	144.0	170.5	18.4
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	227.3	147.3	-35.2
49	Dubbo - Sydney	..	136.4	NA
50	Darwin - Perth	..	144.5	NA

(continued)

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	..	130.1	NA
52	Albury - Sydney	..	122.4	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	111.6	NA
	Total domestic network	**58 458.6**	**34 186.4**	**-41.5**

.. Data not available for release.

Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	83.4	60.7	-22.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	81.9	65.0	-16.9
3	Brisbane - Cairns	82.0	76.5	-5.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	86.4	71.1	-15.3
5	Brisbane - Melbourne	82.1	64.4	-17.8
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	89.0	73.2	-15.7
7	Brisbane - Townsville	77.3	71.8	-5.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	..	68.0	NA
9	Adelaide - Melbourne	79.7	62.8	-16.9
10	Ballina - Sydney	83.0	74.2	-8.8
11	Brisbane - Mackay	76.9	65.5	-11.4
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	68.3	NA
13	Hobart - Melbourne	..	62.8	NA
14	Karratha - Perth	60.9	53.2	-7.8
15	Perth - Sydney	82.3	57.8	-24.4
16	Brisbane - Canberra	73.3	63.6	-9.7
17	Brisbane - Rockhampton	77.0	64.1	-12.9
18	Broome - Perth	73.3	70.3	-3.0
19	Melbourne - Perth	82.3	57.2	-25.0
20	Launceston - Melbourne	..	62.2	NA
21	Hobart - Sydney	81.3	63.5	-17.7
22	Brisbane - Perth	..	65.1	NA
23	Cairns - Sydney	83.1	66.7	-16.4
24	Perth - Port Hedland	61.9	54.3	-7.6
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	74.6	61.5	-13.1
26	Cairns - Melbourne	85.6	68.4	-17.3
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	88.4	72.7	-15.7
28	Brisbane - Darwin	..	73.9	NA
29	Newman - Perth	57.3	46.2	-11.0
30	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	84.4	68.1	-16.2
31	Canberra - Melbourne	65.9	55.8	-10.1
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	82.6	77.3	-5.3
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	56.9	56.7	-0.2
34	Adelaide - Perth	..	57.8	NA
35	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	73.8	65.6	-8.3
36	Brisbane - Hobart	84.4	70.5	-13.9
37	Canberra - Sydney	..	53.0	NA
38	Launceston - Sydney	85.7	62.4	-23.3
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	85.6	74.0	-11.6
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	62.7	53.2	-9.4
41	Brisbane - Emerald	..	56.6	NA
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	68.4	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	57.6	NA
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	47.6	NA
45	Adelaide - Canberra	65.5	60.3	-5.3
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	66.1	NA
47	Adelaide - Alice Springs	68.6	53.9	-14.7
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	76.5	59.1	-17.3
49	Dubbo - Sydney	..	56.3	NA
50	Darwin - Perth	..	52.7	NA

(continued)

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	..	51.6	NA
52	Albury - Sydney	..	54.3	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	46.5	NA
	Total domestic network	**79.3**	**64.1**	**-15.1**

.. Data not available for release.

Table 4: Aircraft trips [a] — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	45 214	18 198	-59.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	26 771	13 038	-51.3
3	Brisbane - Cairns	8 351	8 191	-1.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	13 400	6 280	-53.1
5	Brisbane - Melbourne	19 536	8 196	-58.0
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	9 270	5 244	-43.4
7	Brisbane - Townsville	6 770	5 521	-18.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	..	5 661	NA
9	Adelaide - Melbourne	14 461	6 041	-58.2
10	Ballina - Sydney	2 566	4 954	93.1
11	Brisbane - Mackay	6 299	5 121	-18.7
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	4 075	NA
13	Hobart - Melbourne	..	4 213	NA
14	Karratha - Perth	4 550	4 055	-10.9
15	Perth - Sydney	6 908	3 081	-55.4
16	Brisbane - Canberra	4 962	3 918	-21.0
17	Brisbane - Rockhampton	6 187	5 080	-17.9
18	Broome - Perth	2 800	2 982	6.5
19	Melbourne - Perth	9 730	3 562	-63.4
20	Launceston - Melbourne	..	4 142	NA
21	Hobart - Sydney	4 189	2 546	-39.2
22	Brisbane - Perth	..	2 320	NA
23	Cairns - Sydney	4 809	2 154	-55.2
24	Perth - Port Hedland	3 737	3 471	-7.1
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	4 315	2 882	-33.2
26	Cairns - Melbourne	3 672	1 842	-49.8
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	2 641	1 995	-24.5
28	Brisbane - Darwin	..	2 029	NA
29	Newman - Perth	3 282	3 104	-5.4
30	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	3 536	2 055	-41.9
31	Canberra - Melbourne	8 296	3 149	-62.0
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 357	1 667	22.8
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	3 015	2 694	-10.6
34	Adelaide - Perth	..	2 454	NA
35	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 069	1 703	59.3
36	Brisbane - Hobart	1 241	1 440	16.0
37	Canberra - Sydney	..	4 161	NA
38	Launceston - Sydney	1 395	1 294	-7.2
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 048	1 028	-1.9
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	3 917	3 114	-20.5
41	Brisbane - Emerald	..	3 288	NA
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	4 337	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	3 115	NA
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	1 552	NA
45	Adelaide - Canberra	1 288	1 039	-19.3
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	1 019	NA
47	Adelaide - Alice Springs	1 186	1 533	29.3
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1 400	833	-40.5
49	Dubbo - Sydney	..	3 184	NA
50	Darwin - Perth	..	943	NA

(continued)

Table 4: (continued): Aircraft trips [a]**— annual activity**

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	..	2 404	NA
52	Albury - Sydney	..	2 235	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	..	2 341	NA
	Total domestic network	**491 902**	**326 488**	**-33.6**

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

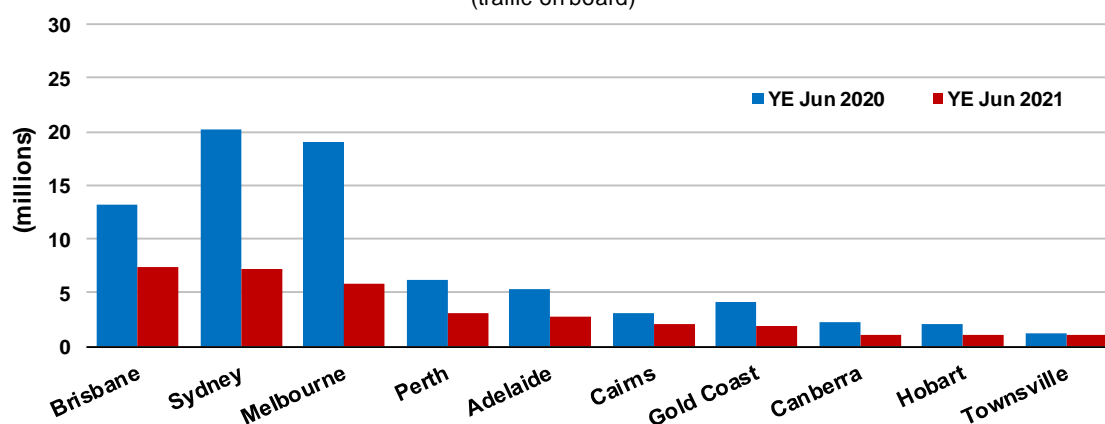.. Data not available for release.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change	% of Total
1	Brisbane	13 101.8	7 314.9	-44.2	17.0
2	Sydney	20 103.8	7 264.5	-63.9	16.9
3	Melbourne	18 979.6	5 889.6	-69.0	13.7
4	Perth	6 237.3	3 174.5	-49.1	7.4
5	Adelaide	5 408.9	2 723.2	-49.7	6.3
6	Cairns	3 037.5	2 079.7	-31.5	4.8
7	Gold Coast	4 120.6	1 967.0	-52.3	4.6
8	Canberra	2 293.6	1 044.3	-54.5	2.4
9	Hobart	2 073.9	1 037.3	-50.0	2.4
10	Townsville	1 252.7	982.1	-21.6	2.3
	Total top ten airports	**76 609.8**	**33 477.1**	**-56.3**	**84.7**
	Total domestic network	**90 485.3**	**43 090.9**	**-52.4**	**100.0**

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport.
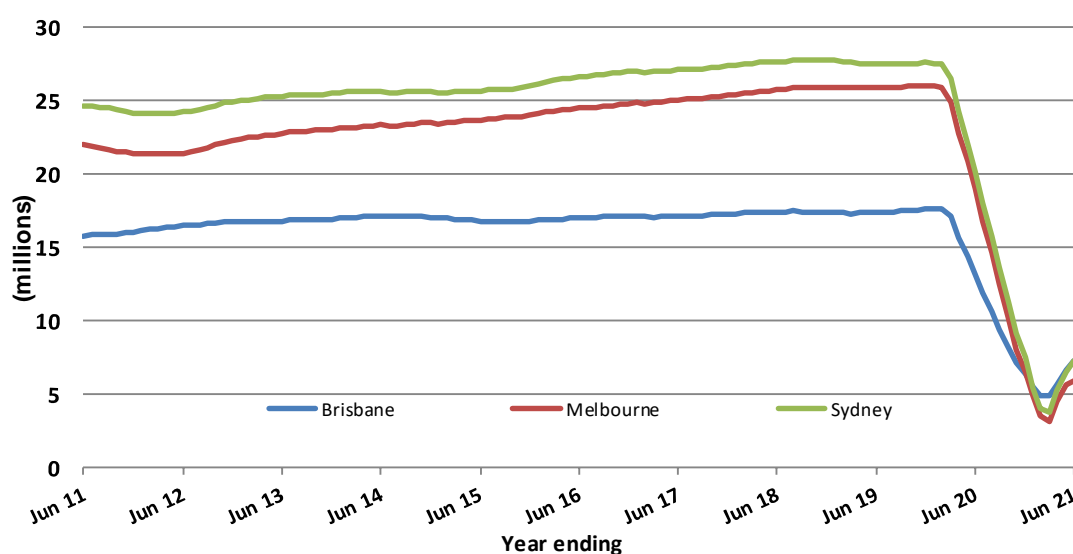
Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements
(traffic on board)

Top three airports, domestic passenger movements
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
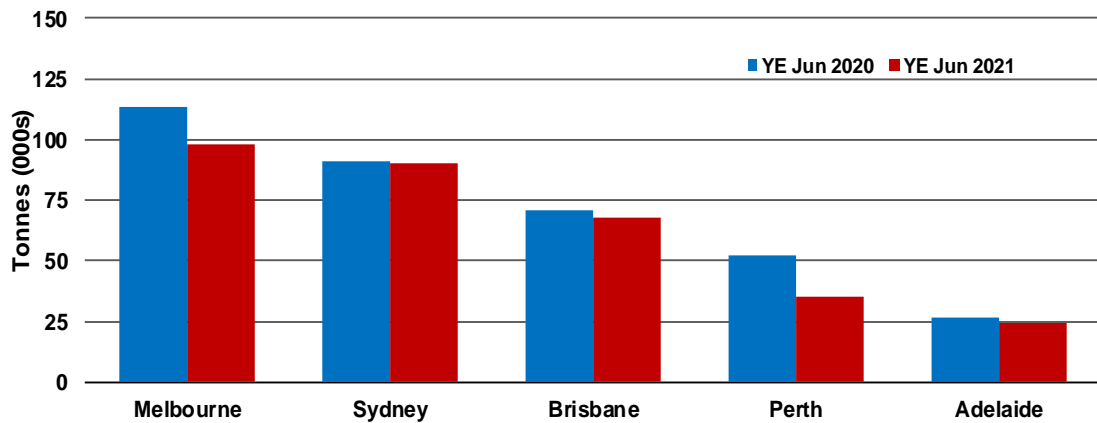
TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	113.6	97.7	-14.0	24.7
2	Sydney	91.2	90.3	-1.0	22.8
3	Brisbane	70.7	67.9	-3.9	17.2
4	Perth	52.3	34.8	-33.3	8.8
5	Adelaide	26.3	23.9	-9.1	6.0
	Total top five airports	**354.0**	**314.6**	**-11.1**	**79.5**
	Total domestic network	**426.4**	**395.6**	**-7.2**	**100.0**

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

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

Total domestic network - cargo movements
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
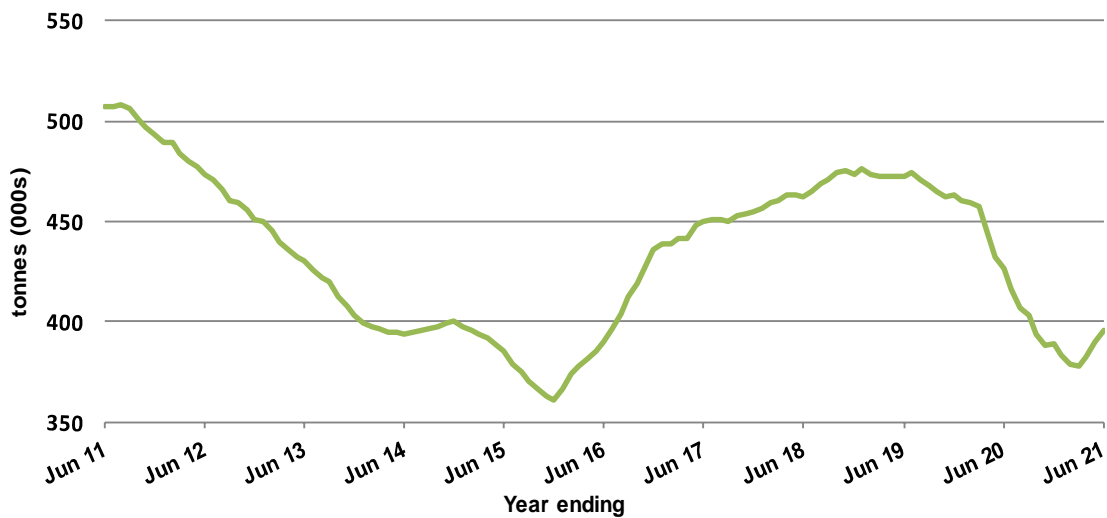
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.
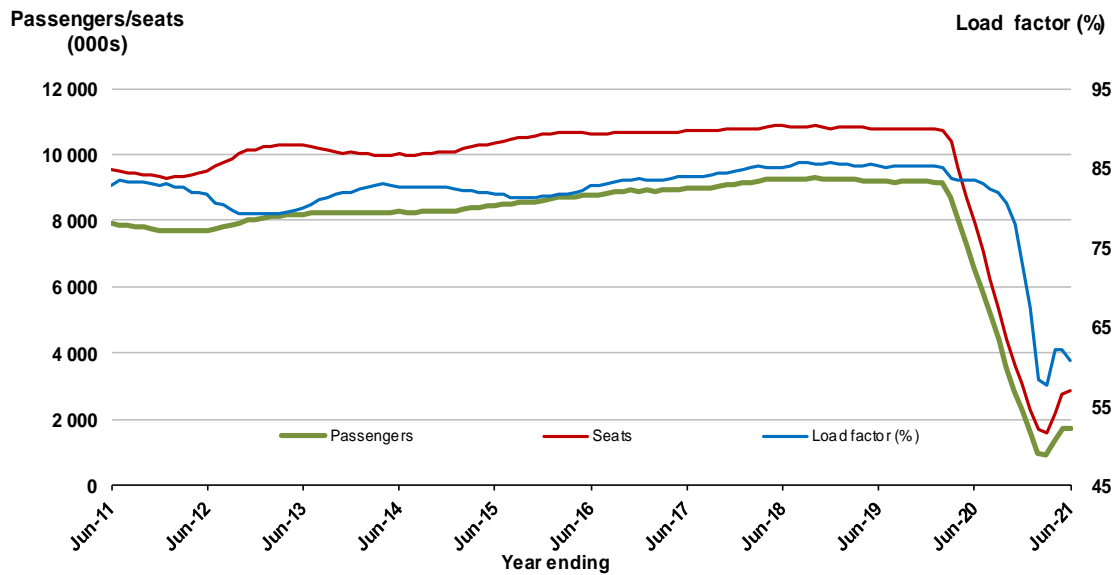
TOP TWENTY ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	6 602.7	1 728.1	-73.8
Seats (000s)	7 920.1	2 845.1	-64.1
Load factor %	83.4	60.7	-22.6 *
Aircraft trips	45 214	18 198	-59.8

* percentage point difference

2. Brisbane - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 533.4	1 237.6	-65.0
Seats (000s)	4 311.7	1 903.5	-55.9
Load factor %	81.9	65.0	-16.9 *
Aircraft trips	26 771	13 038	-51.3

* percentage point difference
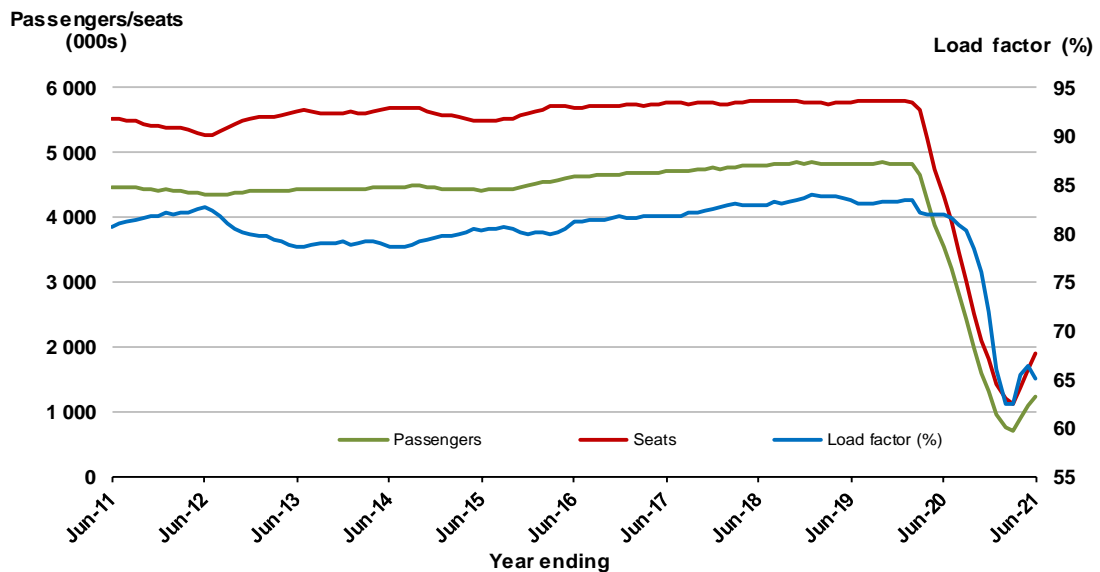
3. Brisbane - Cairns

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	962.0	947.2	-1.5
Seats (000s)	1 173.0	1 238.6	5.6
Load factor %	82.0	76.5	-5.5 *
Aircraft trips	8 351	8 191	-1.9

* percentage point difference
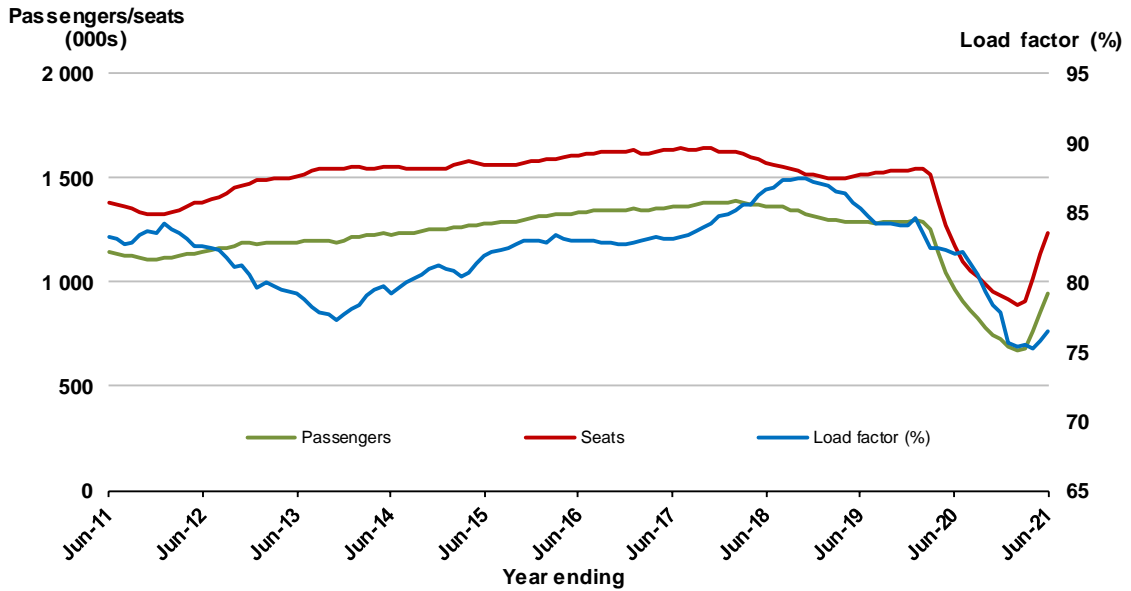
4. Gold Coast - Sydney [(a)]

Moving annual data

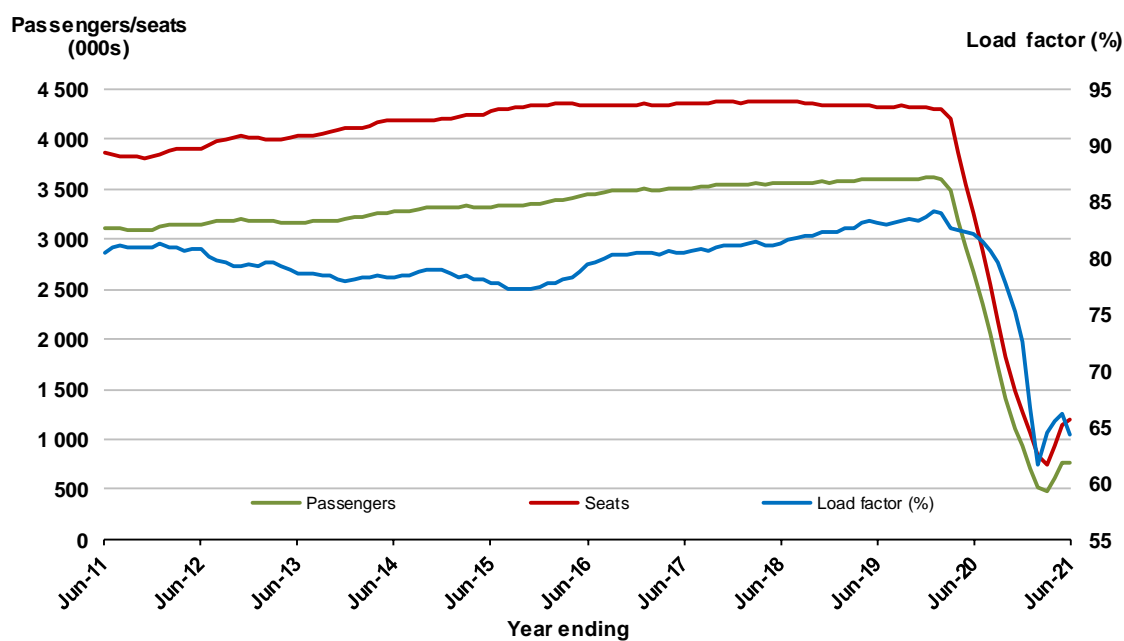|	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 028.7	773.7	-61.9
Seats (000s)	2 346.9	1 087.8	-53.6
Load factor %	86.4	71.1	-15.3 *
Aircraft trips	13 400	6 280	-53.1

* percentage point difference
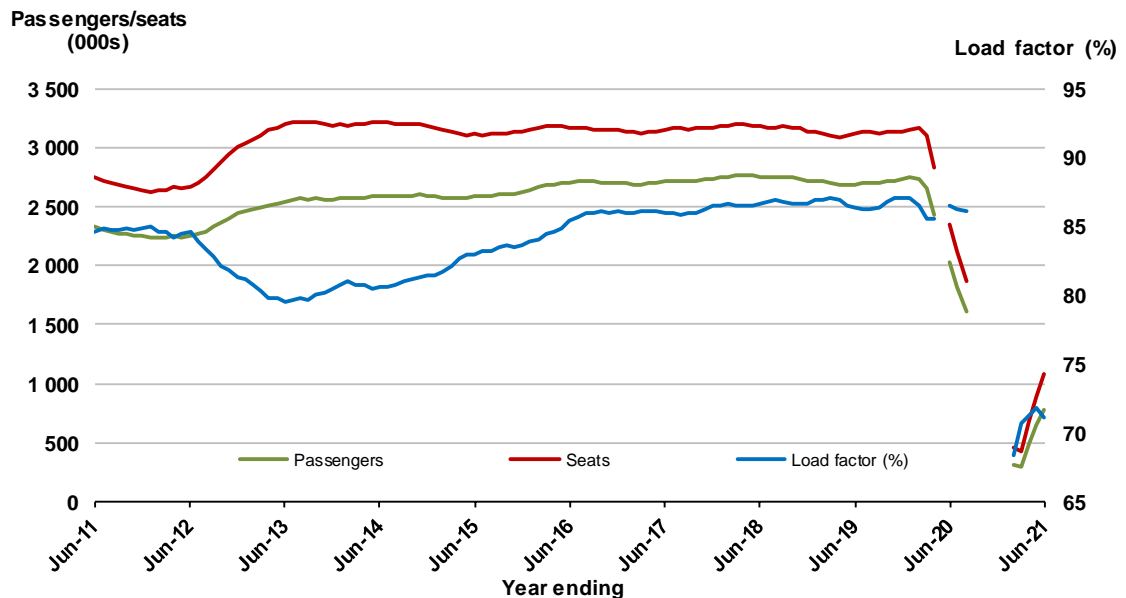
(a) May, September to November 2020 and January 2021 moving annuals are not available for release

5. Brisbane - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 671.5	772.6	-71.1
Seats (000s)	3 253.2	1 200.4	-63.1
Load factor %	82.1	64.4	-17.8 *
Aircraft trips	19 536	8 196	-58.0

* percentage point difference

6. Gold Coast - Melbourne [(a)]

Moving annual data

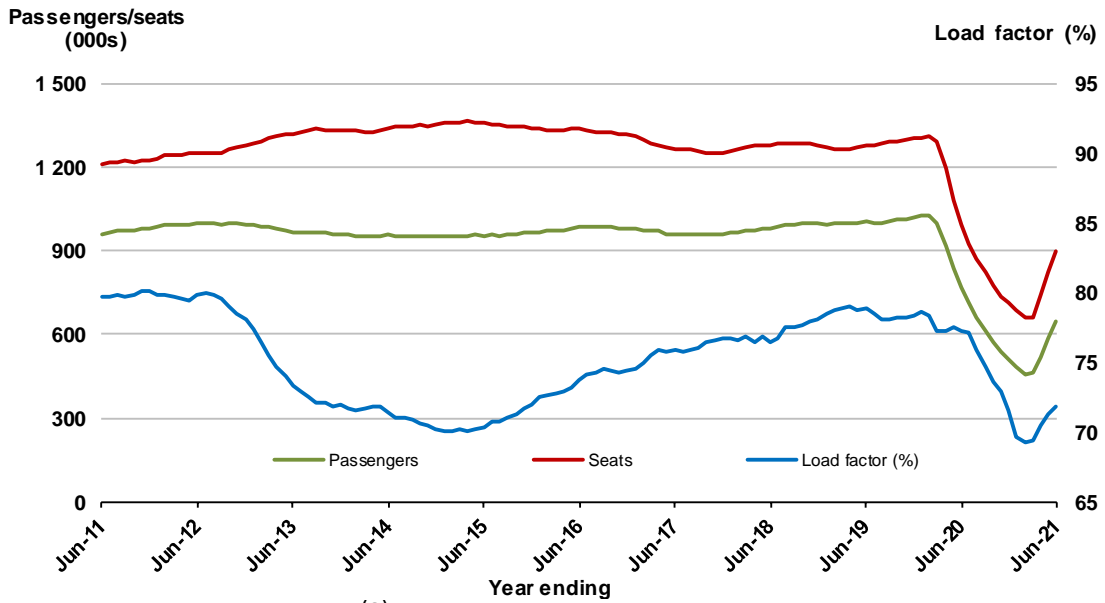|	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 561.2	719.2	-53.9
Seats (000s)	1 756.9	982.2	-44.1
Load factor %	89.0	73.2	-15.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 270	5 244	-43.4

* percentage point difference
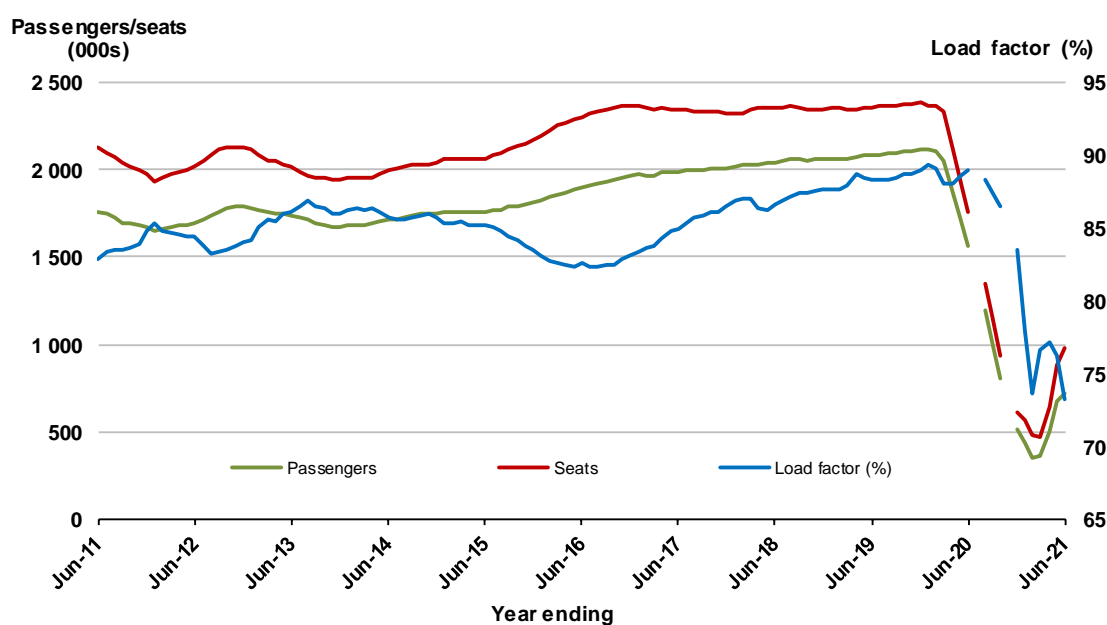
(a) July and November 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

7. Brisbane - Townsville

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	767.6	644.2	-16.1
Seats (000s)	993.1	897.6	-9.6
Load factor %	77.3	71.8	-5.5 *
Aircraft trips	6 770	5 521	-18.4

* percentage point difference

8. Adelaide - Sydney [a]

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	616.7	NA
Seats (000s)	..	907.1	NA
Load factor %	..	68.0	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	5 661	NA

* percentage point difference
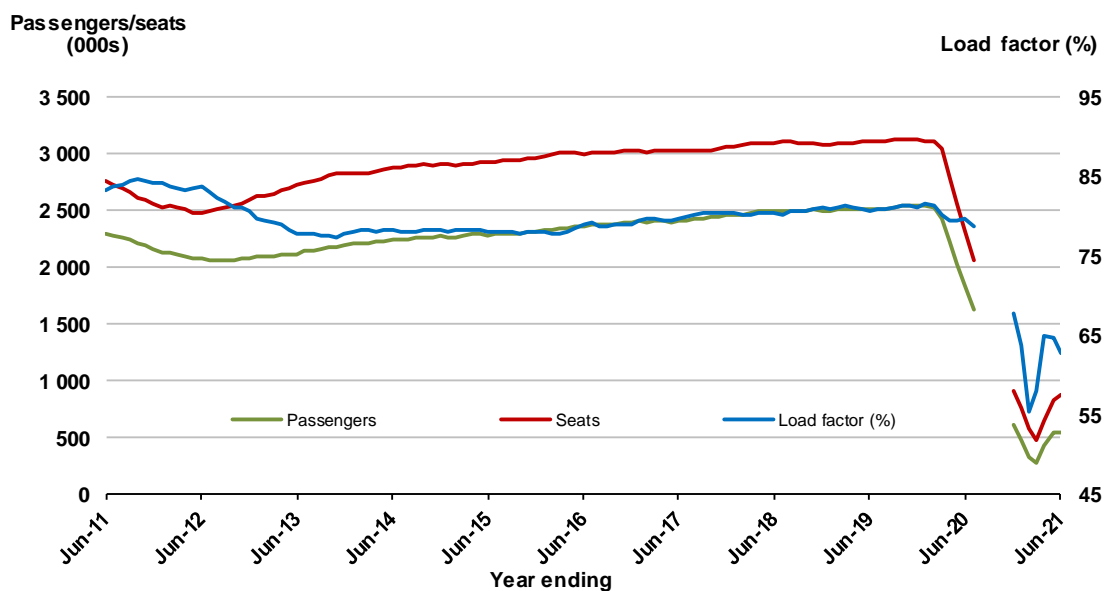
.. data not available for release.
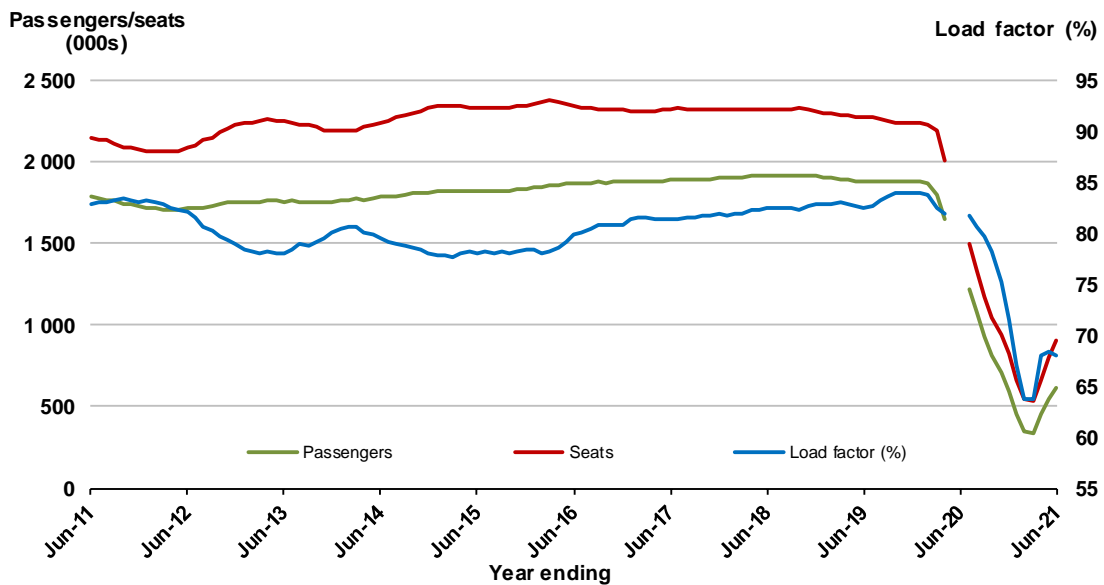
(a) May and June 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

9. Adelaide - Melbourne [a]

Moving annual data

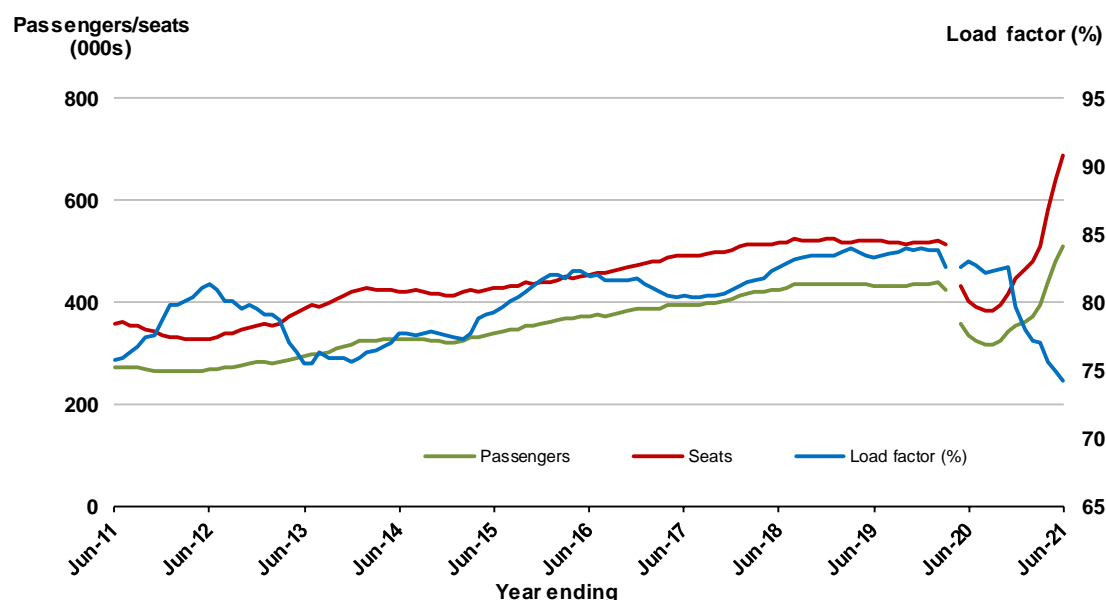|	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 847.6	547.3	-70.4
Seats (000s)	2 319.3	872.2	-62.4
Load factor %	79.7	62.8	-16.9 *
Aircraft trips	14 461	6 041	-58.2

* percentage point difference

(a) August to November 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

10. Ballina - Sydney [a]

Moving annual data

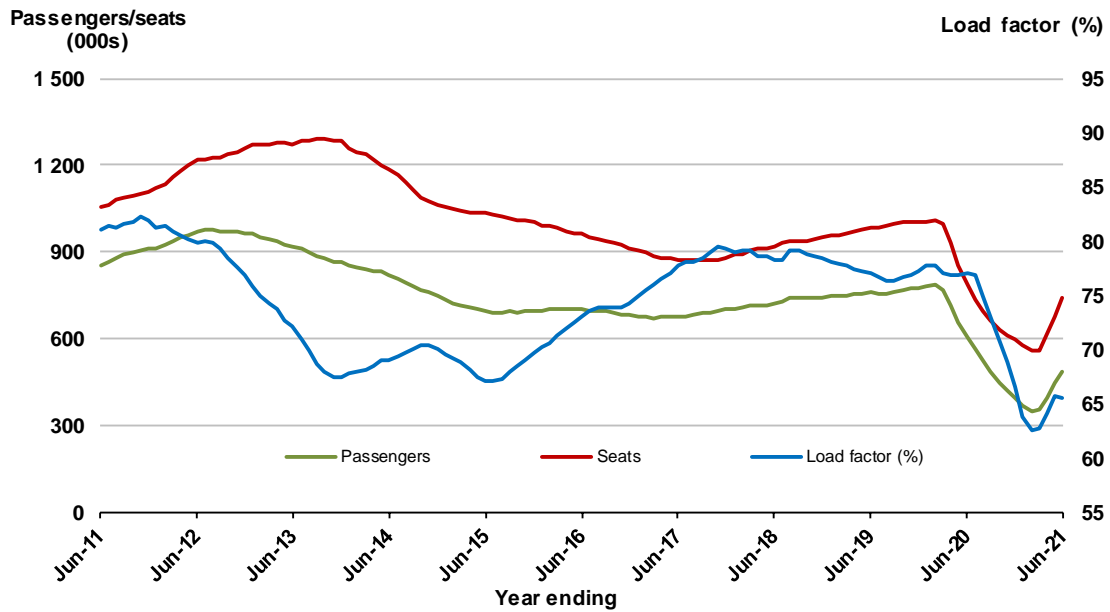|	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	332.6	509.6	53.2
Seats (000s)	400.8	687.2	71.4
Load factor %	83.0	74.2	-8.8 *
Aircraft trips	2 566	4 954	93.1

* percentage point difference

(a) April 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

11. Brisbane - Mackay

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	604.6	484.4	-19.9
Seats (000s)	785.8	739.5	-5.9
Load factor %	76.9	65.5	-11.4 *
Aircraft trips	6 299	5 121	-18.7

* percentage point difference

12. Adelaide - Brisbane [(a)]

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	458.6	NA
Seats (000s)	..	671.2	NA
Load factor %	..	68.3	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	4 075	NA

* percentage point difference

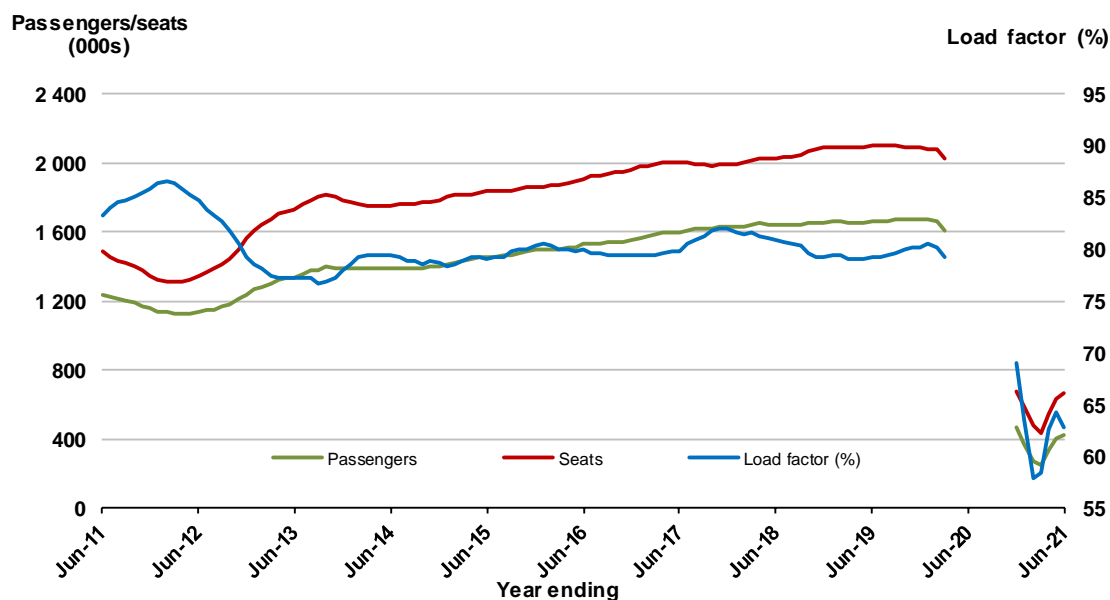.. data not available for release.
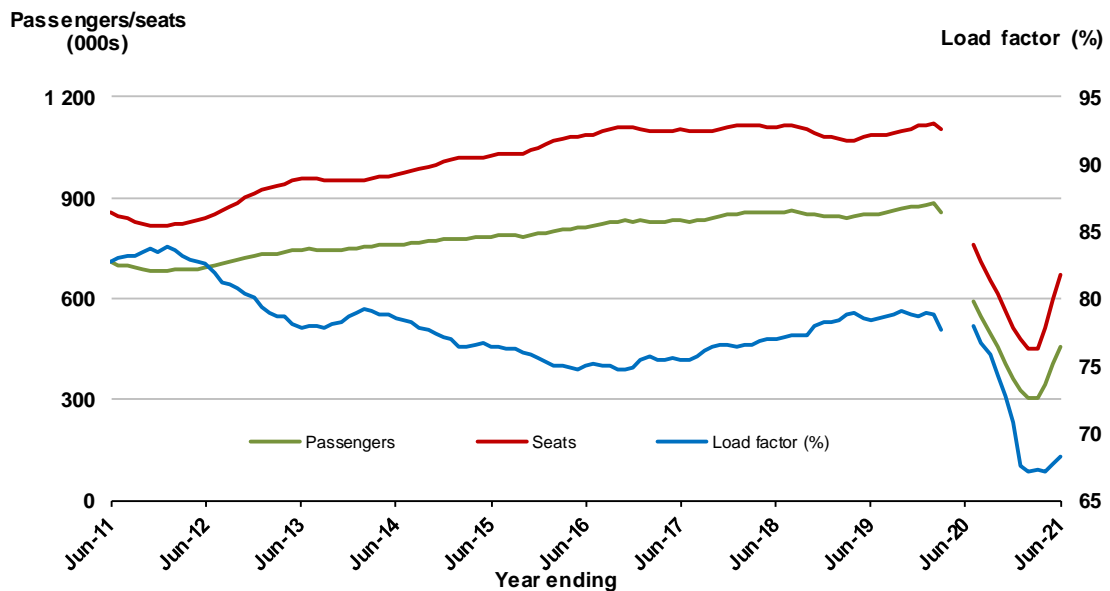
(a) April and June 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

13. Hobart - Melbourne [(a)]

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	420.7	NA
Seats (000s)	..	670.2	NA
Load factor %	..	62.8	NA [*]
Aircraft trips	..	4 213	NA

* percentage point difference

.. data not available for release.
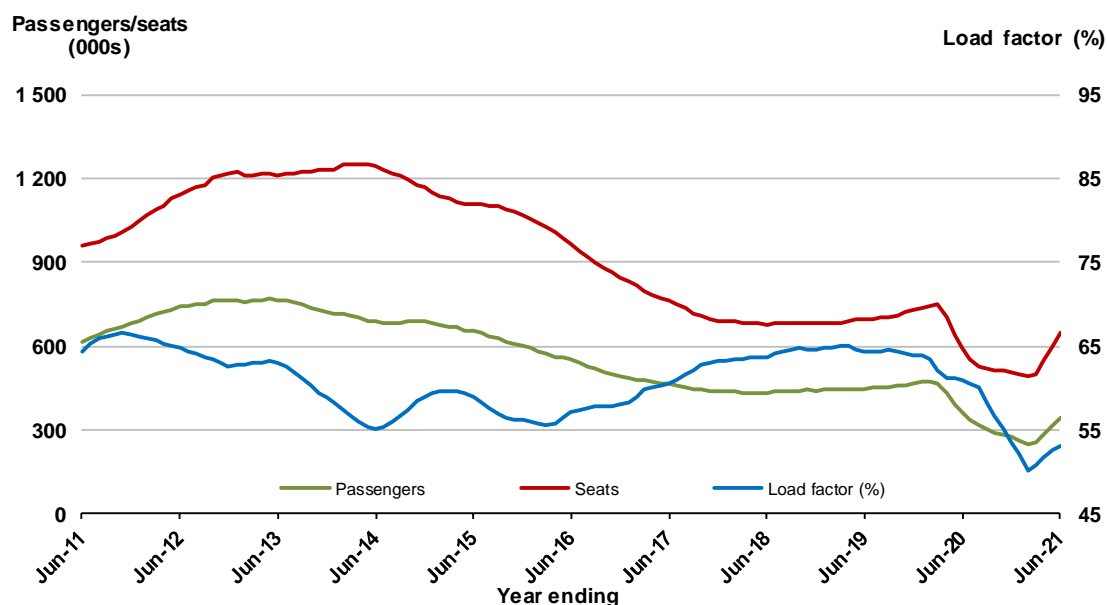

(a) April to November 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

14. Karratha - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	360.7	345.9	-4.1
Seats (000s)	592.2	650.7	9.9
Load factor %	60.9	53.2	-7.8 [*]
Aircraft trips	4 550	4 055	-10.9

* percentage point difference

15. Perth - Sydney ^(a)

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 266.1	344.5	-72.8
Seats (000s)	1 539.2	595.9	-61.3
Load factor %	82.3	57.8	-24.4 *
Aircraft trips	6 908	3 081	-55.4

* percentage point difference
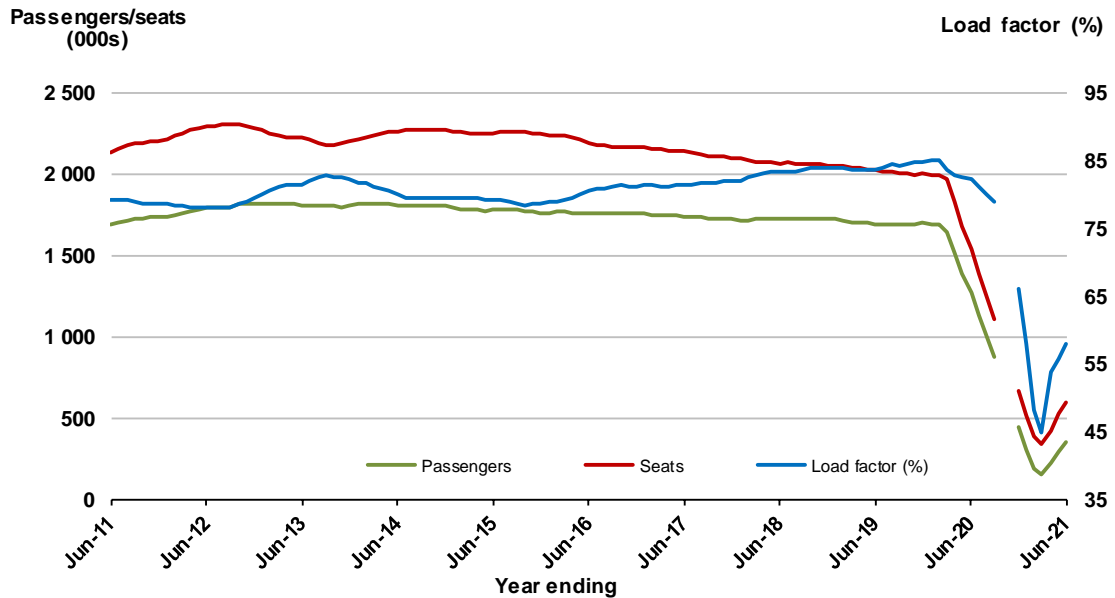
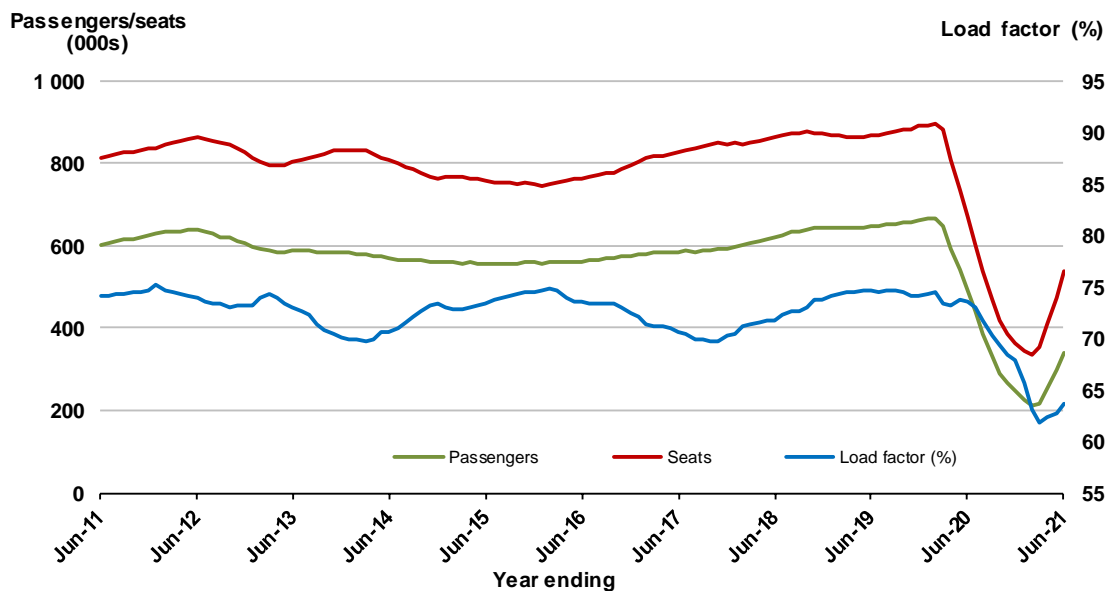(a) October and November 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

16. Brisbane - Canberra

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	494.4	340.9	-31.0
Seats (000s)	674.7	536.1	-20.5
Load factor %	73.3	63.6	-9.7 *
Aircraft trips	4 962	3 918	-21.0

* percentage point difference

17. Brisbane - Rockhampton

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	408.8	325.1	-20.5
Seats (000s)	530.6	507.0	-4.4
Load factor %	77.0	64.1	-12.9 *
Aircraft trips	6 187	5 080	-17.9

* percentage point difference
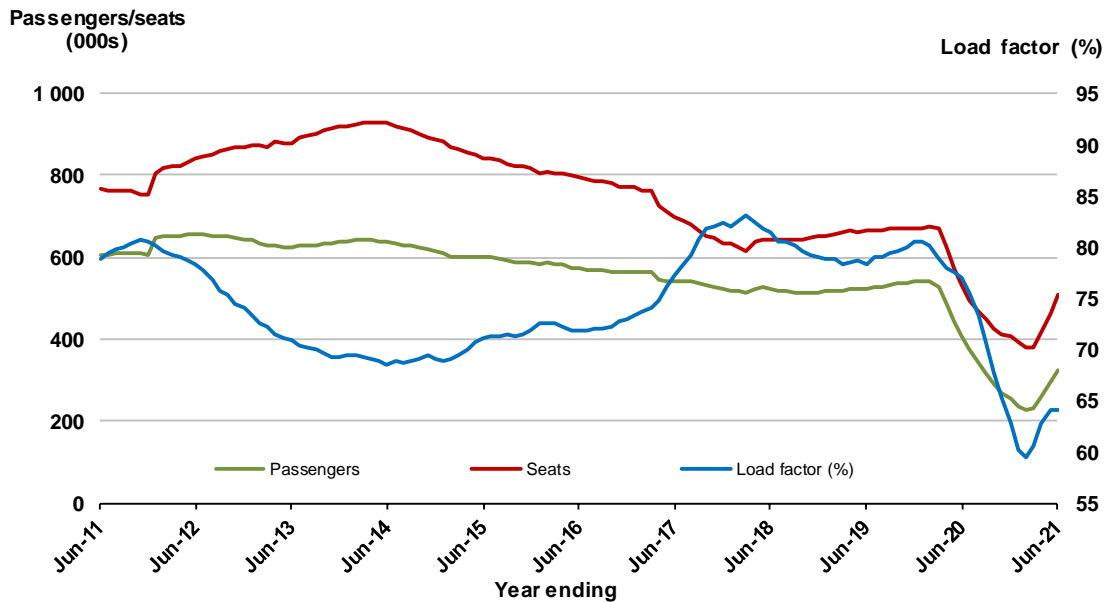
18. Broome - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	240.4	319.5	32.9
Seats (000s)	328.0	454.3	38.5
Load factor %	73.3	70.3	-3.0 *
Aircraft trips	2 800	2 982	6.5

* percentage point difference
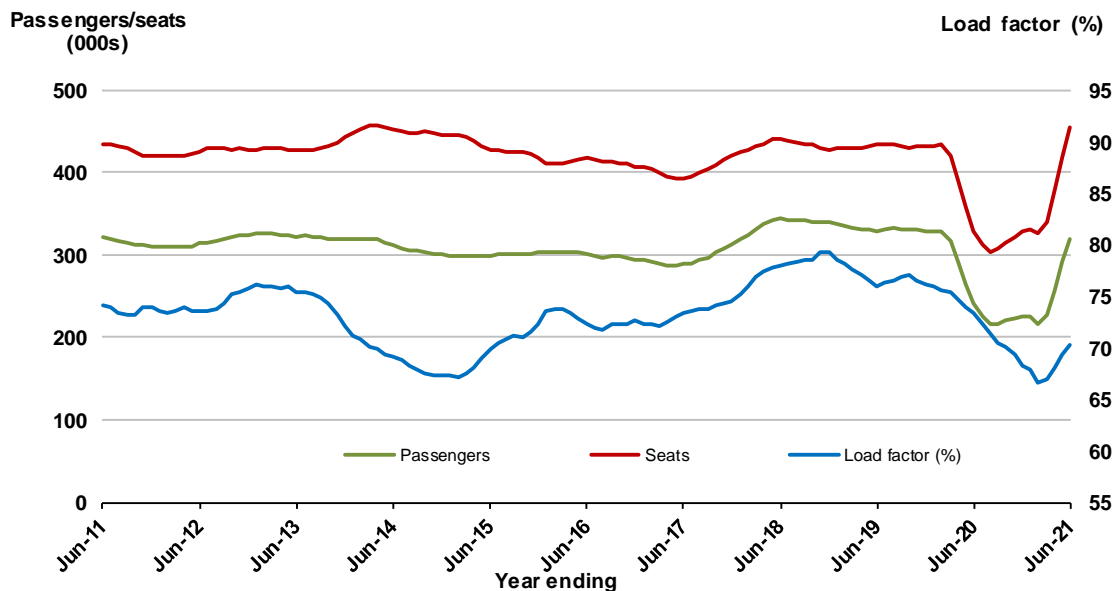
19. Melbourne - Perth [a]

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 585.2	285.9	-82.0
Seats (000s)	1 927.1	499.6	-74.1
Load factor %	82.3	57.2	-25.0 *
Aircraft trips	9 730	3 562	-63.4

* percentage point difference
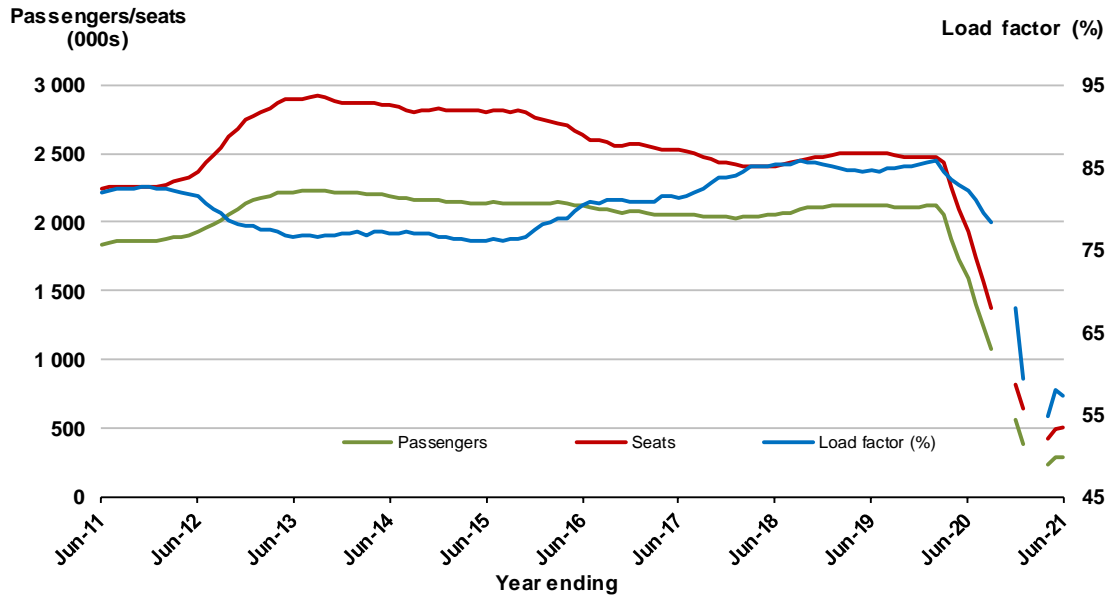
(a) October to November 2020 and February to March 2021 moving annuals are not available for release

20. Launceston - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	285.3	NA
Seats (000s)	..	458.8	NA
Load factor %	..	62.2	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	4 142	NA

* percentage point difference

.. data not available for release.
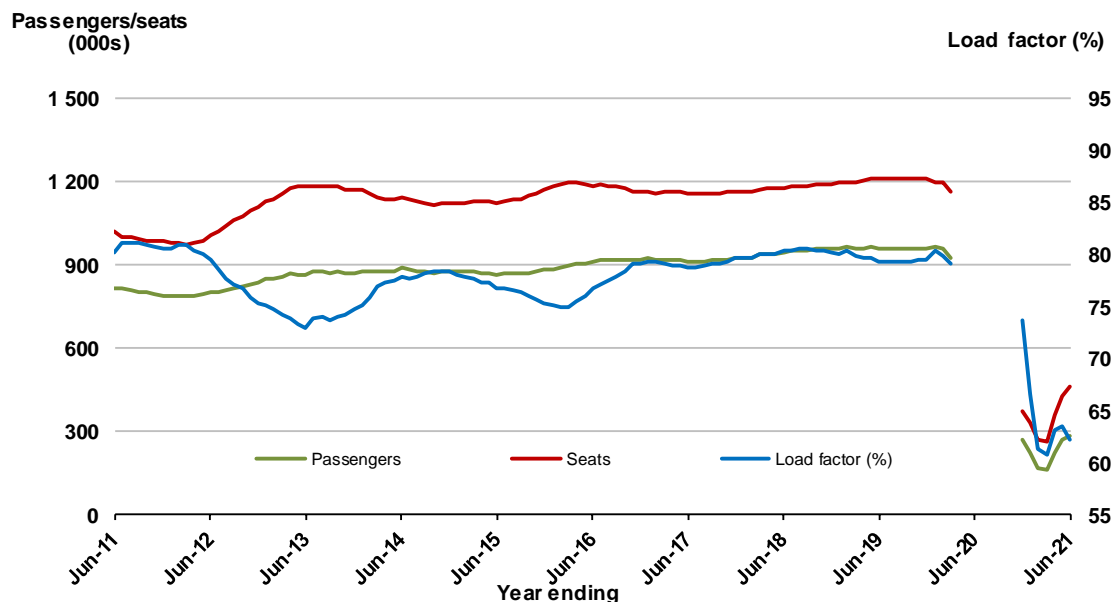
(a) April to November 2020 moving annuals are not available for release

TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
1	Cairns	3 037.5	2 079.7	-31.5
2	Hobart	2 073.9	1 037.3	-50.0
3	Townsville	1 252.7	982.1	-21.6
4	Darwin	1 259.7	908.9	-27.8
5	Ballina	411.7	588.7	43.0
6	Mackay	683.6	571.3	-16.4
7	Launceston	1 023.6	539.8	-47.3
8	Newcastle	921.7	479.9	-47.9
9	Rockhampton	434.2	355.3	-18.2
10	Karratha	362.1	347.0	-4.2
11	Broome	293.5	346.3	18.0
12	Hamilton Island	356.9	285.6	-20.0
13	Proserpine	325.1	273.2	-16.0
14	Alice Springs	383.4	271.3	-29.2
15	Port Hedland	311.1	267.3	-14.1
16	Newman	268.8	234.8	-12.6
17	Kalgoorlie	219.4	206.8	-5.7
18	Mount Isa	186.7	173.4	-7.1
19	Paraburdoo	151.4	151.9	0.4
20	Coffs Harbour	289.4	132.7	-54.1
21	Gladstone	187.3	129.0	-31.1
22	Emerald	157.2	121.8	-22.5
23	Port Lincoln	133.8	117.6	-12.1
24	Dubbo	156.0	109.1	-30.0
25	Kununurra	86.2	82.4	-4.4
26	Thursday Island	72.8	82.2	12.9
27	Learmonth	62.2	82.2	32.1
28	Albury	183.9	74.4	-59.5
29	Wagga Wagga	151.8	72.0	-52.6
30	Ayers Rock	339.8	68.4	-79.9
31	Port Macquarie	159.4	64.4	-59.6
32	Bundaberg	115.6	61.8	-46.5
33	Weipa	53.9	61.8	14.7
34	Mildura	184.1	60.9	-66.9
35	Olympic Dam	55.4	58.6	5.9
36	Gove	64.5	58.5	-9.3
37	Tamworth	138.9	58.4	-57.9
38	Moranbah	86.2	53.3	-38.1
39	Geraldton	77.3	52.6	-32.0
40	King Island	37.0	41.3	11.8
41	Roma	72.6	41.3	-43.1
42	Armidale	94.0	41.1	-56.2
43	Hervey Bay	125.0	40.5	-67.6
44	Albany	47.4	40.2	-15.3
45	Orange	61.1	39.0	-36.2
46	Esperance	40.6	37.8	-6.9
47	Whyalla	57.6	37.1	-35.6
48	Cloncurry	38.7	36.1	-6.7
49	Devonport	109.8	36.0	-67.2
50	Norfolk Island	45.6	32.6	-28.5
	Total top 50 regional airports	**17 441.9**	**12 126.1**	**-30.5**
	Total regional airports	**18 669.6**	**12 994.4**	**-30.4**
	Total domestic network	**45 242.7**	**21 545.4**	**-52.4**

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
"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

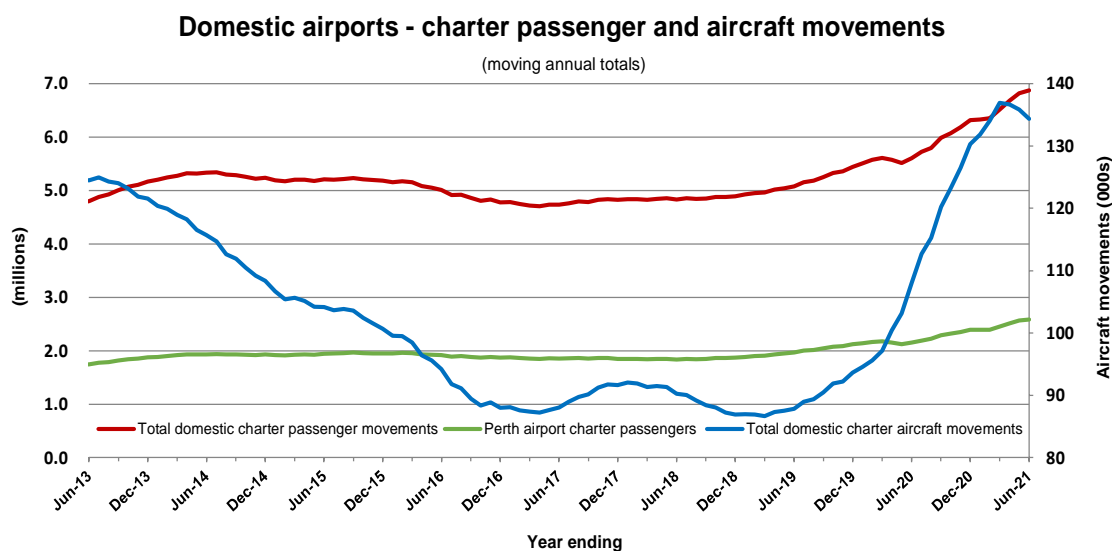|	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 802 044	3 436 194	22.6
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	54 022	67 172	24.3

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

Table 9: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual activity

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jun 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 604 088	6 872 388	22.6
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	108 044	134 344	24.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 151 765	2 588 368	20.3
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	37 702	44 285	17.5

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.

Domestic airports - charter passenger and aircraft movements

(moving annual totals)

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.
..	Not available for confidentiality or other reasons.
NA	Not applicable.