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## FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of April 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 month of April 2021, there were 56 such routes compared to 28 published in April 2020.

Information on the total network for the month of April 2021 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of April 2021 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended April 2021 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on 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, Rex and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Toll Aviation.

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 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 Research Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data were not available and data presented in this publication may contain revisions to previously published data.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals, and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

The domestic aviation industry continued to recover in April 2021. However, revenue passenger numbers were still 32 per cent below the pre-Covid level in April 2019.

There were 3.80 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in April 2021, compared to 0.34 million in April 2020 and 5.37 million in April 2019.

For the month of April 2021, there were 48.3 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 13.7 thousand in April 2020 and 57.2 thousand in April 2019.

3.52 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in April 2021, compared to 0.15 thousand reported in April 2020 and 5.15 million reported in April 2019.

For the year ending April 2021 there were 16.4 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 69.9 per cent on the year ending April 2020.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 4.00 billion for the month, compared with 0.16 billion in April 2020. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 5.67 billion in April 2021 compared to 0.56 billion in April 2020.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 28.2 per cent in April 2020 to 70.6 per cent in April 2021. Load factors increased on all individual RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years. The highest load factor (81.1 per cent) was recorded on Launceston – Sydney route while the lowest load factor (46.9 per cent) was recorded on Newman – Perth route.

For the month of April 2021, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 463.3 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 204.9 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 180.4 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.49 million passenger movements in April 2021, followed by Melbourne with 1.39 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 863.0 thousand passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 30.4 thousand tonnes in April 2021, an increase of 21.4 per cent compared with April 2020.

In April 2021, there were 1.67 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 93.5 thousand in April 2020. All regional airports for which data is available for publishing in both years recorded increases in April 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 287.3 thousand passengers in April 2021, an increase of 45.0 per cent on April 2020. Perth Airport accounted for 37.1 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

## TOTAL NETWORK

### Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	0.34	3.80	1 005.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	13.7	48.3	252.5

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

## RPT NETWORK

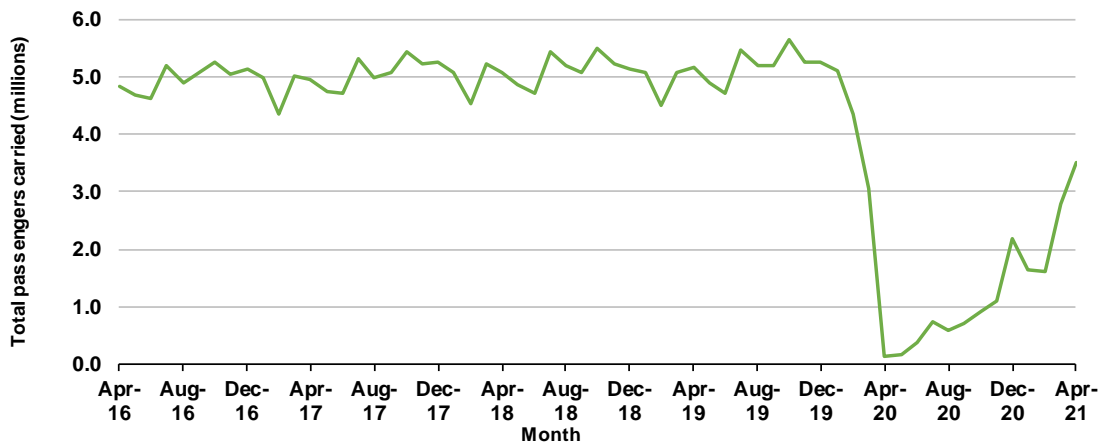
### Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	0.15	3.52	2 310.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	0.16	4.00	2 438.9
Available seats (millions)	0.53	5.09	865.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	0.56	5.67	914.8
Load factor %	28.2	70.6	42.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	8.2	42.7	418.2

\* percentage point difference

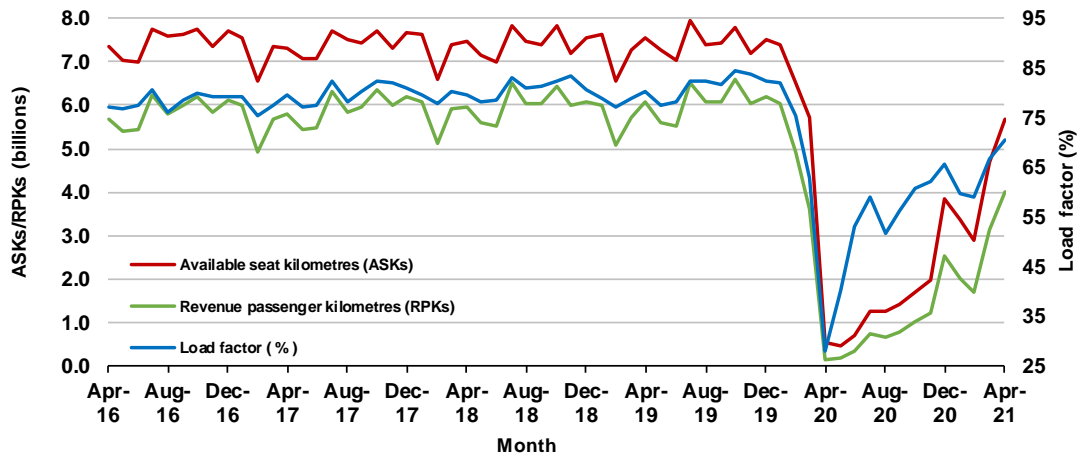
### Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



### RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)





## TOTAL NETWORK

### Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	57.07	19.70	-65.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	629.4	333.1	-47.1

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

## RPT NETWORK

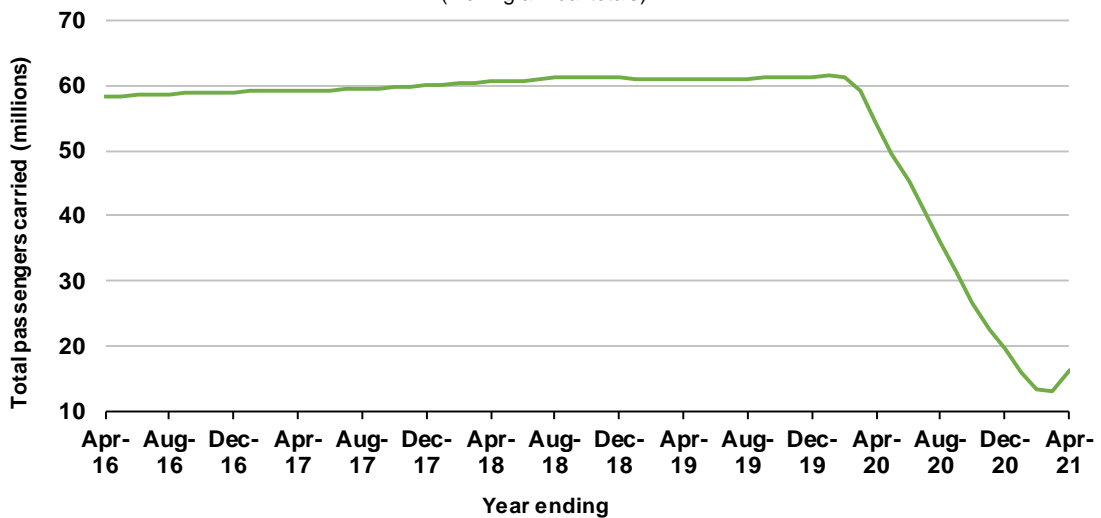
### Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	54.28	16.35	-69.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	63.36	18.45	-70.9
Available seats (millions)	69.99	26.28	-62.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	79.74	29.33	-63.2
Load factor %	79.5	62.9	-16.6 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	579.2	264.6	-54.3

\* percentage point difference

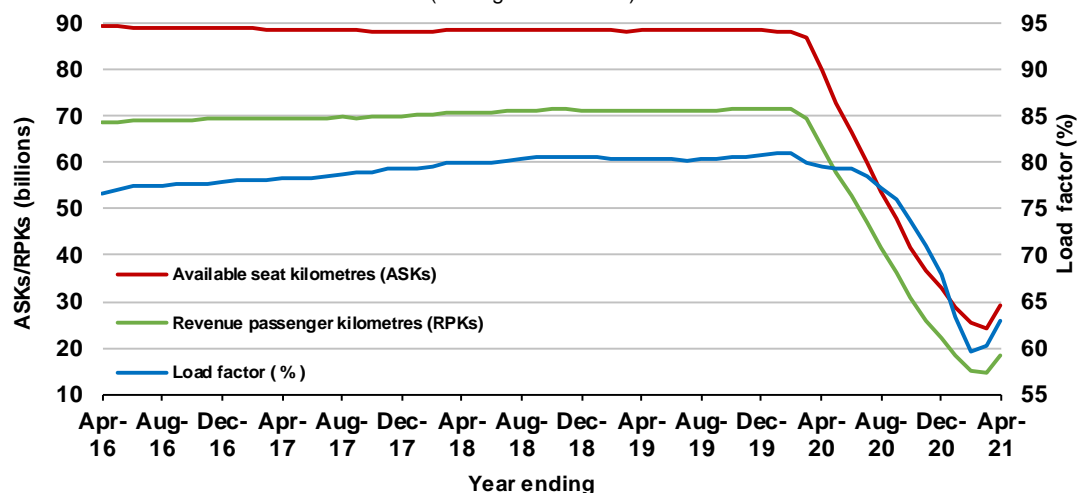
### Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



### RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



## TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 994.2	1 351.8	-83.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 254.2	893.5	-79.0
3	Brisbane - Cairns	1 147.5	765.0	-33.3
4	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 179.8	613.4	-80.7
5	Brisbane - Townsville	920.6	520.5	-43.5
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 864.7	499.8	-73.2
7	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 426.0	482.2	-80.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 639.8	450.7	-72.5
9	Ballina - Sydney	..	438.1	NA
10	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 222.6	423.6	-80.9
11	Brisbane - Mackay	712.6	394.2	-44.7
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	345.5	NA
13	Hobart - Melbourne	..	340.4	NA
14	Karratha - Perth	428.1	282.2	-34.1
15	Brisbane - Rockhampton	486.6	260.4	-46.5
16	Broome - Perth	290.7	258.1	-11.2
17	Brisbane - Canberra	593.2	253.8	-57.2
18	Melbourne - Perth	1 880.8	230.9	-87.7
19	Perth - Sydney	1 507.7	224.7	-85.1
20	Launceston - Melbourne	..	224.6	NA
21	Perth - Port Hedland	356.2	216.2	-39.3
22	Hobart - Sydney	647.3	191.3	-70.5
23	Newman - Perth	318.8	188.1	-41.0
24	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	493.8	184.3	-62.7
25	Brisbane - Proserpine	232.4	183.7	-21.0
26	Brisbane - Darwin	..	181.1	NA
27	Brisbane - Perth	873.2	178.0	-79.6
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	..	176.2	NA
29	Canberra - Melbourne	1 034.2	174.5	-83.1
30	Cairns - Melbourne	739.4	170.6	-76.9
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	250.0	169.5	-32.2
32	Cairns - Sydney	933.7	157.9	-83.1
33	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	119.8	146.2	22.0
34	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	573.1	146.0	-74.5
35	Adelaide - Perth	588.8	138.5	-76.5
36	Brisbane - Hobart	216.6	127.4	-41.2
37	Canberra - Sydney	..	109.1	NA
38	Launceston - Sydney	249.9	103.2	-58.7
39	Melbourne - Newcastle	418.2	102.3	-75.5
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	191.7	102.0	-46.8
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	222.4	99.7	-55.2
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	157.1	95.1	-39.5
43	Brisbane - Emerald	..	94.3	NA
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	89.2	NA
45	Brisbane - Mount Isa	133.3	89.2	-33.1
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	75.7	NA
47	Adelaide - Canberra	171.6	75.5	-56.0
48	Brisbane - Launceston	..	74.7	NA
49	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	74.2	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	162.0	57.2	-64.7

continued

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Apr 2020</b>	<b>YE Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Hamilton Island - Sydney	197.5	51.3	-74.0
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	161.8	48.1	-70.2
53	Darwin - Perth	154.6	47.9	-69.0
54	Albury - Sydney	201.1	46.7	-76.8
55	Melbourne - Mildura	205.0	38.3	-81.3
56	Ballina - Melbourne	..	11.9	NA
<b>Total domestic network</b>		<b>54 283.1</b>	<b>16 350.3</b>	<b>-69.9</b>

.. Data not available for release.

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	17.1	463.3	2 609.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	14.2	204.9	1 347.8
3	Gold Coast - Sydney	1.5	180.4	11 786.4
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	163.4	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	4.5	147.5	3 187.0
6	Brisbane - Melbourne	8.6	136.1	1 475.2
7	Adelaide - Sydney	2.7	117.1	4 257.9
8	Hobart - Melbourne	..	90.8	NA
9	Melbourne - Perth	6.1	87.0	1 319.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	3.9	86.1	2 105.4
11	Perth - Sydney	5.2	79.8	1 420.3
12	Launceston - Melbourne	..	66.2	NA
13	Brisbane - Townsville	4.2	64.5	1 438.1
14	Cairns - Sydney	..	64.1	NA
15	Cairns - Melbourne	..	63.4	NA
16	Hobart - Sydney	..	58.3	NA
17	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	..	56.7	NA
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	55.9	NA
19	Brisbane - Mackay	6.1	49.7	712.5
20	Canberra - Melbourne	1.9	46.5	2 285.9
21	Ballina - Sydney	..	46.1	NA
22	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	42.9	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	0.7	39.4	5 928.9
24	Brisbane - Canberra	..	36.1	NA
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	..	33.7	NA
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	2.2	33.6	1 441.5
27	Melbourne - Newcastle	..	33.4	NA
28	Karratha - Perth	3.2	32.6	908.7
29	Broome - Perth	1.1	31.1	2 658.5
30	Perth - Port Hedland	5.0	28.2	458.2
31	Launceston - Sydney	..	27.8	NA
32	Newman - Perth	3.9	26.7	577.2
33	Brisbane - Darwin	..	24.6	NA
34	Canberra - Sydney	..	23.6	NA
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	..	22.5	NA
36	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	20.5	NA
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	3.1	20.0	540.9
38	Brisbane - Hobart	..	18.2	NA
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	..	16.3	NA
40	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	16.0	NA
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	0.6	14.0	2 382.8
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	1.0	13.7	1 249.7
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	13.3	NA
44	Adelaide - Canberra	..	12.9	NA
45	Brisbane - Perth	2.1	12.8	507.3
46	Brisbane - Emerald	..	12.5	NA
47	Ballina - Melbourne	..	11.9	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	11.8	NA
49	Darwin - Perth	0.3	11.4	4 319.1
50	Brisbane - Launceston	..	10.7	NA

continued

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Albury - Sydney	0.3	10.6	3 291.1
52	Dubbo - Sydney	0.5	10.6	2 023.1
53	Melbourne - Mildura	0.5	9.8	1 867.2
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	0.3	9.8	3 533.1
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	2.2	9.6	327.1
56	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	9.5	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>3 516.6</b>	<b>2 310.4</b>

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	44.6	652.9	1 364.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	39.2	279.9	614.4
3	Gold Coast - Sydney	7.7	255.8	3 224.6
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	211.3	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	19.5	188.3	865.6
6	Brisbane - Melbourne	23.6	206.4	772.9
7	Adelaide - Sydney	12.9	148.2	1 049.2
8	Hobart - Melbourne	..	122.8	NA
9	Melbourne - Perth	25.2	107.9	327.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	8.3	122.1	1 370.8
11	Perth - Sydney	18.0	101.2	462.4
12	Launceston - Melbourne	..	96.7	NA
13	Brisbane - Townsville	9.3	85.5	814.8
14	Cairns - Sydney	..	96.8	NA
15	Cairns - Melbourne	..	86.9	NA
16	Hobart - Sydney	..	78.1	NA
17	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	..	70.6	NA
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	70.8	NA
19	Brisbane - Mackay	14.4	69.4	381.3
20	Canberra - Melbourne	9.6	65.9	587.4
21	Ballina - Sydney	..	71.8	NA
22	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	66.9	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	3.1	54.1	1 626.8
24	Brisbane - Canberra	..	54.5	NA
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	..	51.2	NA
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	9.6	46.4	384.5
27	Melbourne - Newcastle	..	49.7	NA
28	Karratha - Perth	12.4	59.9	380.9
29	Broome - Perth	6.2	44.8	626.6
30	Perth - Port Hedland	15.8	47.9	203.2
31	Launceston - Sydney	..	34.2	NA
32	Newman - Perth	13.5	57.0	322.5
33	Brisbane - Darwin	..	32.3	NA
34	Canberra - Sydney	..	39.4	NA
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	..	29.3	NA
36	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	32.4	NA
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	10.1	32.2	219.3
38	Brisbane - Hobart	..	27.2	NA
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	..	22.2	NA
40	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	26.6	NA
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	2.1	21.6	948.4
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	8.3	25.3	203.5
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	24.5	NA
44	Adelaide - Canberra	..	17.1	NA
45	Brisbane - Perth	8.4	23.4	180.3
46	Brisbane - Emerald	..	20.8	NA
47	Ballina - Melbourne	..	18.5	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	17.8	NA
49	Darwin - Perth	1.2	17.2	1 334.8
50	Brisbane - Launceston	..	15.3	NA

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Albury - Sydney	1.9	19.3	894.3
52	Dubbo - Sydney	2.7	17.4	544.5
53	Melbourne - Mildura	2.4	16.2	577.9
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	2.3	19.1	733.9
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	5.7	19.4	239.8
56	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	14.9	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>527.1</b>	<b>5 089.9</b>	<b>865.7</b>

.. Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	38.3	71.0	32.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	36.1	73.2	37.1
3	Gold Coast - Sydney	19.7	70.5	50.8
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	77.3	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	23.0	78.3	55.3
6	Brisbane - Melbourne	36.5	65.9	29.4
7	Adelaide - Sydney	20.8	79.0	58.2
8	Hobart - Melbourne	..	73.9	NA
9	Melbourne - Perth	24.3	80.7	56.4
10	Brisbane - Cairns	47.1	70.6	23.5
11	Perth - Sydney	29.2	78.8	49.6
12	Launceston - Melbourne	..	68.4	NA
13	Brisbane - Townsville	44.9	75.5	30.6
14	Cairns - Sydney	..	66.2	NA
15	Cairns - Melbourne	..	72.9	NA
16	Hobart - Sydney	..	74.6	NA
17	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	..	80.2	NA
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	78.9	NA
19	Brisbane - Mackay	42.5	71.7	29.2
20	Canberra - Melbourne	20.3	70.6	50.3
21	Ballina - Sydney	..	64.1	NA
22	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	64.2	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	20.8	72.8	52.0
24	Brisbane - Canberra	..	66.2	NA
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	..	65.8	NA
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	22.8	72.4	49.6
27	Melbourne - Newcastle	..	67.2	NA
28	Karratha - Perth	25.9	54.4	28.5
29	Broome - Perth	18.3	69.6	51.3
30	Perth - Port Hedland	31.9	58.8	26.9
31	Launceston - Sydney	..	81.1	NA
32	Newman - Perth	29.3	46.9	17.6
33	Brisbane - Darwin	..	76.1	NA
34	Canberra - Sydney	..	59.9	NA
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	..	76.6	NA
36	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	63.2	NA
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	31.0	62.2	31.2
38	Brisbane - Hobart	..	66.8	NA
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	..	73.6	NA
40	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	60.1	NA
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	27.4	64.8	37.4
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	12.2	54.2	42.0
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	54.5	NA
44	Adelaide - Canberra	..	75.4	NA
45	Brisbane - Perth	25.3	54.8	29.5
46	Brisbane - Emerald	..	60.3	NA
47	Ballina - Melbourne	..	64.1	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	66.3	NA
49	Darwin - Perth	21.5	66.2	44.7
50	Brisbane - Launceston	..	70.2	NA

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Point diff</b>
51	Albury - Sydney	16.2	55.1	38.9
52	Dubbo - Sydney	18.5	60.8	42.3
53	Melbourne - Mildura	20.8	60.3	39.5
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	11.8	51.3	39.5
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	39.3	49.4	10.1
56	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	63.5	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>42.4</b>

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**Table 5: Aircraft trips <sup>(a)</sup> — monthly activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	439	3 777	760.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	424	1 729	307.8
3	Gold Coast - Sydney	44	1 446	3 186.4
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	1 146	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	225	1 140	406.7
6	Brisbane - Melbourne	257	1 268	393.4
7	Adelaide - Sydney	116	851	633.6
8	Hobart - Melbourne	..	771	NA
9	Melbourne - Perth	216	649	200.5
10	Brisbane - Cairns	122	741	507.4
11	Perth - Sydney	83	525	532.5
12	Launceston - Melbourne	..	696	NA
13	Brisbane - Townsville	91	506	456.0
14	Cairns - Sydney	..	494	NA
15	Cairns - Melbourne	..	437	NA
16	Hobart - Sydney	..	444	NA
17	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	..	424	NA
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	428	NA
19	Brisbane - Mackay	186	479	157.5
20	Canberra - Melbourne	98	495	405.1
21	Ballina - Sydney	..	525	NA
22	Adelaide - Brisbane	..	398	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	50	338	576.0
24	Brisbane - Canberra	..	410	NA
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	..	377	NA
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	128	492	284.4
27	Melbourne - Newcastle	..	304	NA
28	Karratha - Perth	93	364	291.4
29	Broome - Perth	55	276	401.8
30	Perth - Port Hedland	112	348	210.7
31	Launceston - Sydney	..	204	NA
32	Newman - Perth	102	344	237.3
33	Brisbane - Darwin	..	199	NA
34	Canberra - Sydney	..	544	NA
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	..	177	NA
36	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	183	NA
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	82	253	208.5
38	Brisbane - Hobart	..	164	NA
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	..	124	NA
40	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	..	430	NA
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	52	538	934.6
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	110	333	202.7
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	140	NA
44	Adelaide - Canberra	..	98	NA
45	Brisbane - Perth	48	126	162.5
46	Brisbane - Emerald	..	315	NA
47	Ballina - Melbourne	..	102	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	124	NA
49	Darwin - Perth	8	110	1275.0
50	Brisbane - Launceston	..	84	NA

continued

**Table 5: (continued) Aircraft trips <sup>(a)</sup> — monthly activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>Apr 2020</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Albury - Sydney	41	315	668.3
52	Dubbo - Sydney	70	354	405.7
53	Melbourne - Mildura	41	373	809.8
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	48	315	556.3
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	36	163	352.8
56	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	124	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>8 248</b>	<b>42 742</b>	<b>418.2</b>

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights

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## TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	48.2	1 485.8	2 984	21.1
2 Melbourne	42.2	1 394.1	3 205	19.8
3 Brisbane	54.9	863.0	1 472	12.3
4 Adelaide	11.8	455.3	3 744	6.5
5 Perth	35.2	437.5	1 144	6.2
6 Gold Coast	1.5	397.5	26 083	5.7
7 Cairns	7.4	275.4	3 609	3.9
8 Hobart	2.1	190.2	8 869	2.7
9 Canberra	4.4	147.8	3 276	2.1
10 Sunshine Coast	..	123.9	NA	1.8
<b>Total top ten airports</b>	<b>207.7</b>	<b>5 770.5</b>	<b>2678.1</b>	<b>82.0</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>291.8</b>	<b>7 033.2</b>	<b>2310.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

.. No flights in April 2020, Sunshine Coast Airport was under expansion.

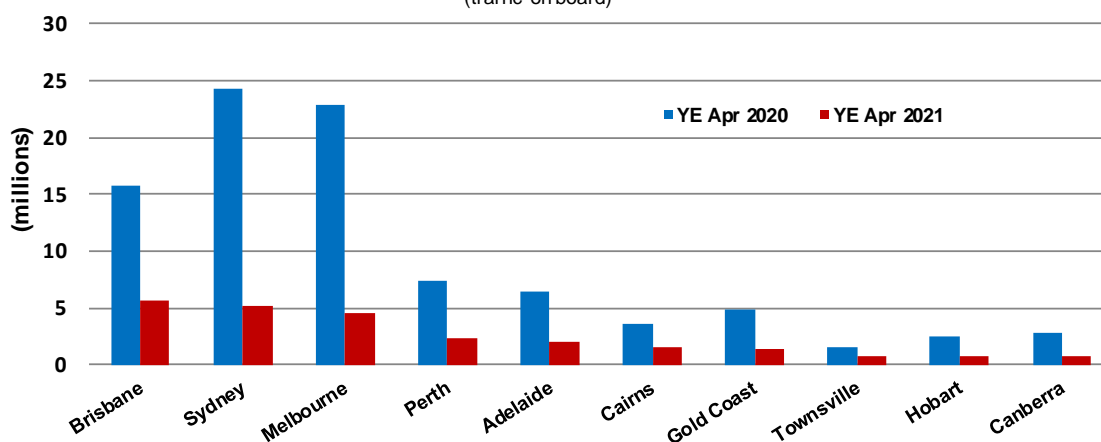
**Table 7: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity**

Airport	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	15 688.3	5 649.9	-64.0	17.3
2 Sydney	24 218.9	5 214.8	-78.5	15.9
3 Melbourne	22 788.3	4 547.9	-80.0	13.9
4 Perth	7 445.6	2 413.0	-67.6	7.4
5 Adelaide	6 513.7	2 042.9	-68.6	6.2
6 Cairns	3 640.4	1 577.4	-56.7	4.8
7 Gold Coast	4 922.5	1 366.1	-72.2	4.2
8 Townsville	1 501.1	786.0	-47.6	2.4
9 Hobart	2 461.6	783.6	-68.2	2.4
10 Canberra	2 789.1	763.8	-72.6	2.3
<b>Total top ten airports</b>	<b>91 969.4</b>	<b>25 145.4</b>	<b>-72.7</b>	<b>76.9</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>108 566.2</b>	<b>32 700.5</b>	<b>-69.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	4.8	7.3	51.0	24.1
2 Melbourne	7.2	7.2	-0.5	23.8
3 Brisbane	4.5	4.7	4.9	15.4
4 Perth	2.3	2.9	25.5	9.5
5 Adelaide	1.6	1.8	17.3	6.0
<b>Total top five airports</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>78.7</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

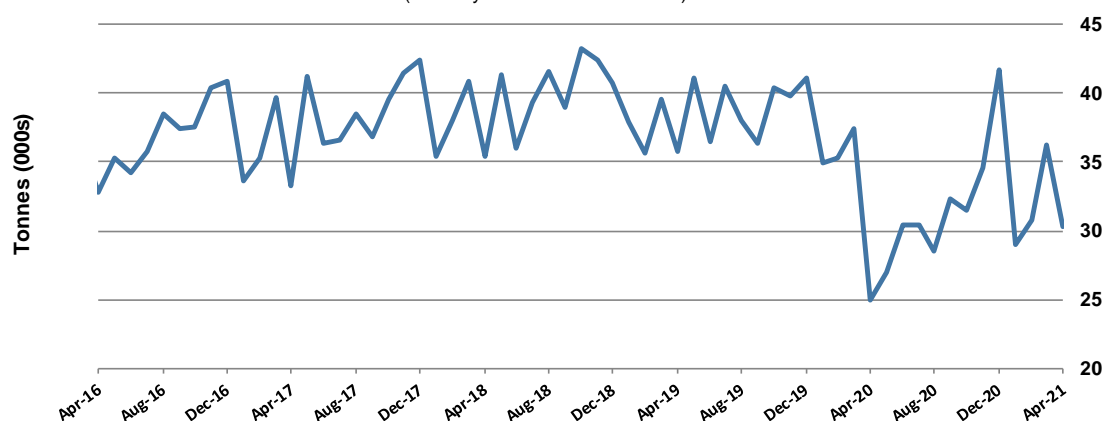
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	117.8	96.5	-18.1	25.2
2 Sydney	96.3	86.0	-10.7	22.5
3 Brisbane	72.0	67.4	-6.4	17.6
4 Perth	57.7	32.8	-43.1	8.6
5 Adelaide	27.7	23.2	-16.3	6.1
<b>Total top five airports</b>	<b>371.5</b>	<b>305.9</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>79.9</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>446.5</b>	<b>383.0</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

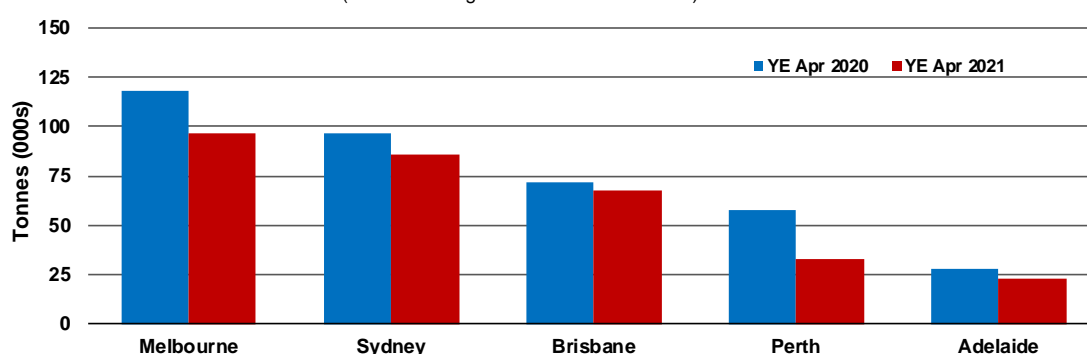
### Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



### Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



## TOP TEN ROUTES

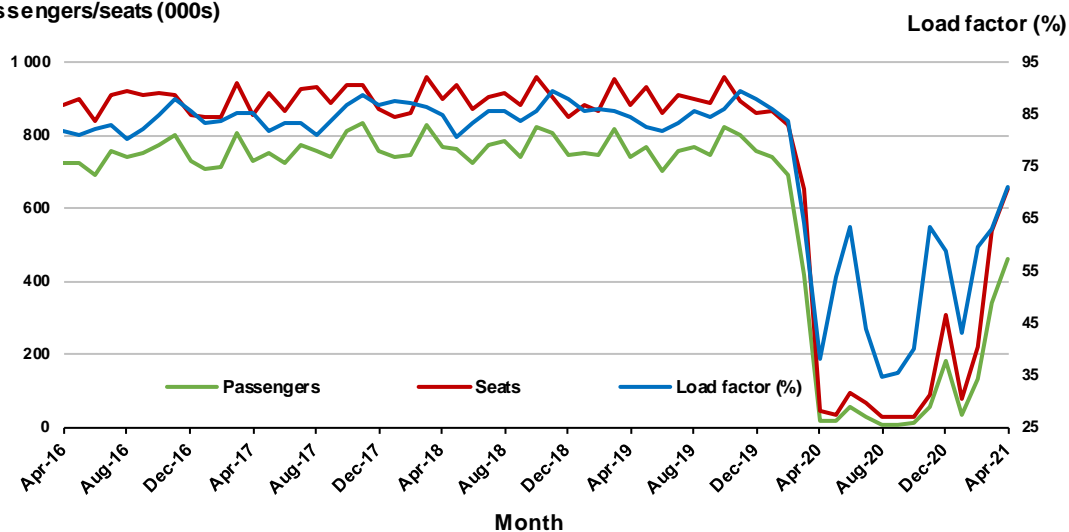
### 1. Melbourne - Sydney

#### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	17.1	463.3	2 609.4
Seats (000s)	44.6	652.9	1 364.3
Load factor %	38.3	71.0	32.7 *
Aircraft trips	439	3 777	760.4

\* percentage point difference

#### Passengers/seats (000s)

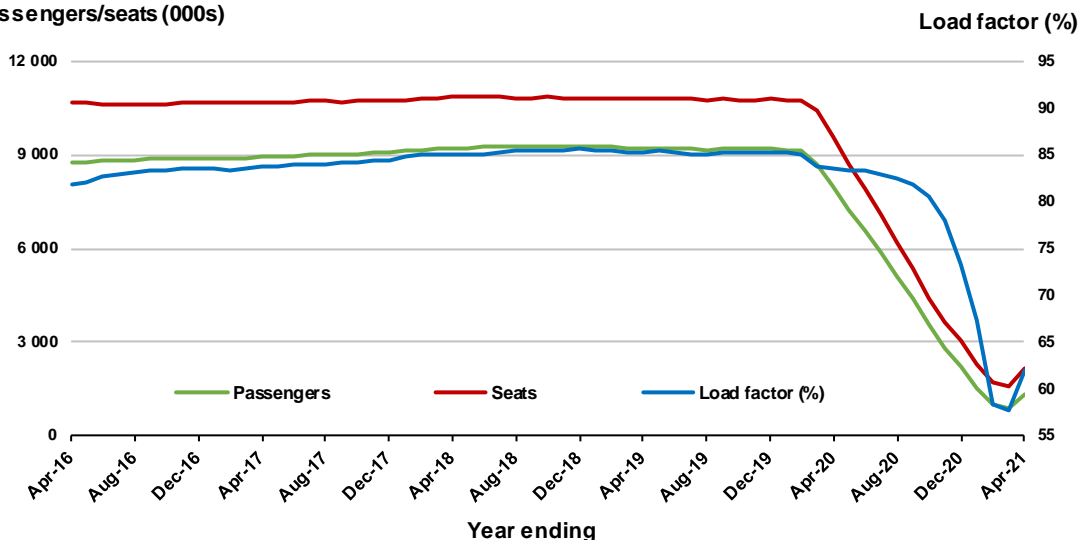


#### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 994.2	1 351.8	-83.1
Seats (000s)	9 582.3	2 177.6	-77.3
Load factor %	83.4	62.1	-21.4 *
Aircraft trips	54 159	14 461	-73.3

\* percentage point difference

#### Passengers/seats (000s)

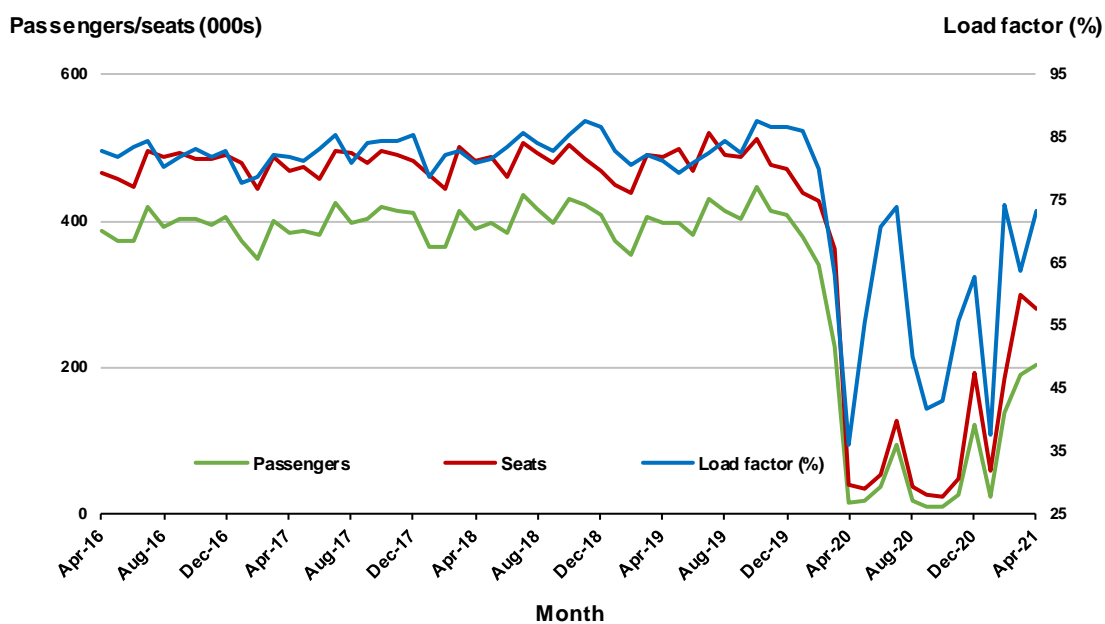


## 2. Brisbane - Sydney

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	14.2	204.9	1 347.8
Seats (000s)	39.2	279.9	614.4
Load factor %	36.1	73.2	37.1 *
Aircraft trips	424	1 729	307.8

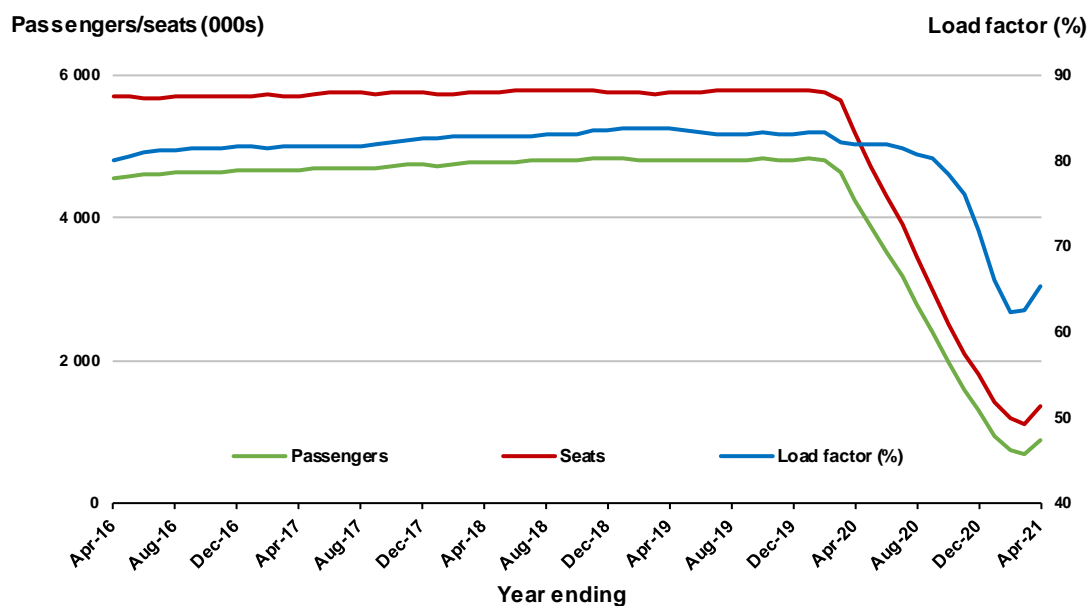
\* percentage point difference



### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 254.2	893.5	-79.0
Seats (000s)	5 194.9	1 365.3	-73.7
Load factor %	81.9	65.4	-16.4 *
Aircraft trips	31 837	10 011	-68.6

\* percentage point difference

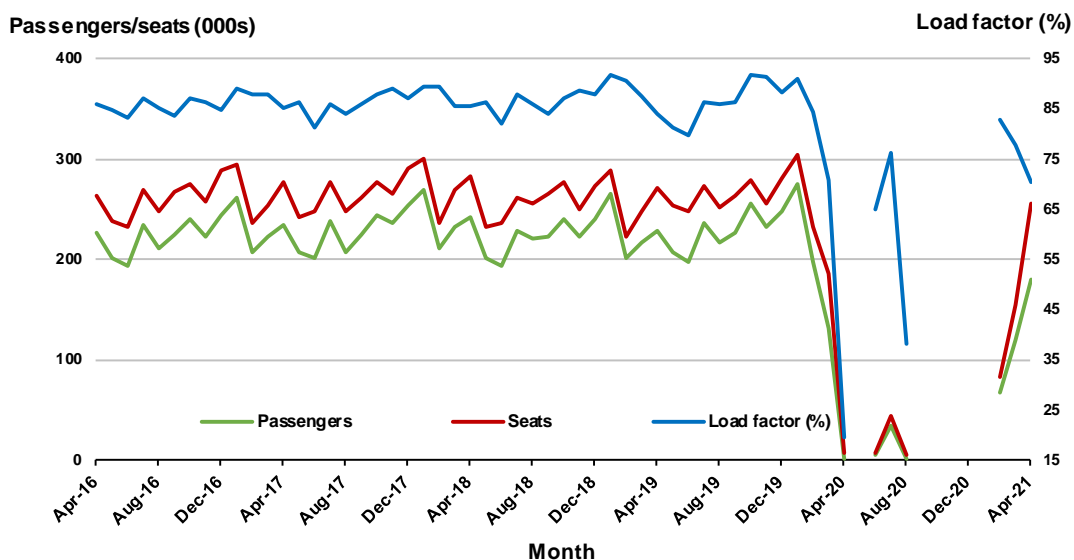


### 3. Gold Coast - Sydney <sup>(a)</sup>

#### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1.5	180.4	11 786.4
Seats (000s)	7.7	255.8	3 224.6
Load factor %	19.7	70.5	50.8 *
Aircraft trips	44	1 446	3 186.4

\* percentage point difference

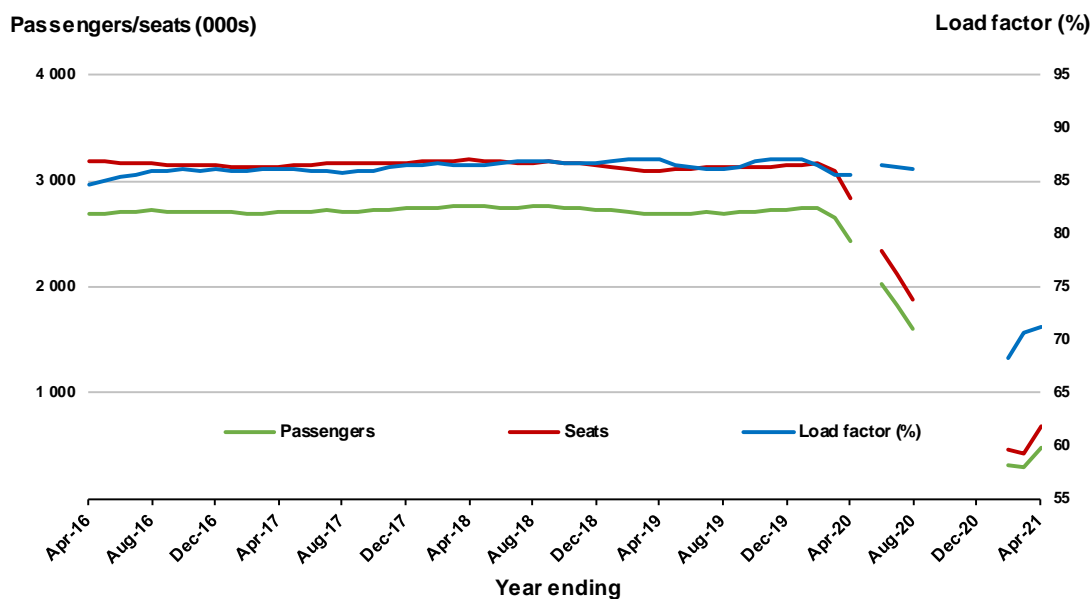


(a) May, September to November 2020 and Januru 2021 data not available for release

#### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 426.0	482.2	-80.1
Seats (000s)	2 837.3	677.0	-76.1
Load factor %	85.5	71.2	-14.3 *
Aircraft trips	16 248	3 950	-75.7

\* percentage point difference



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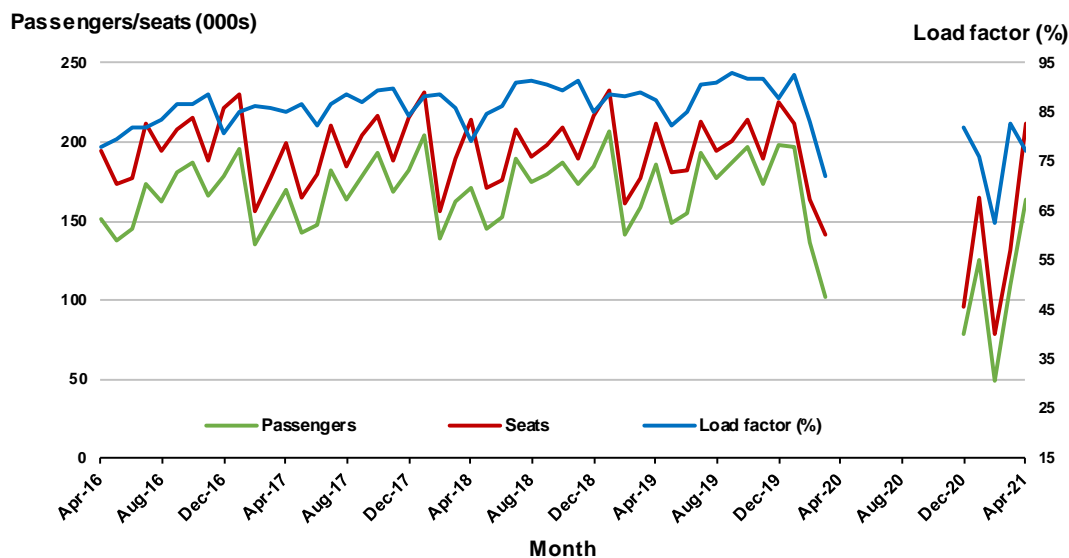
## 4. Gold Coast - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	163.4	NA
Seats (000s)	..	211.3	NA
Load factor %	..	77.3	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	1 146	NA

\* percentage point difference

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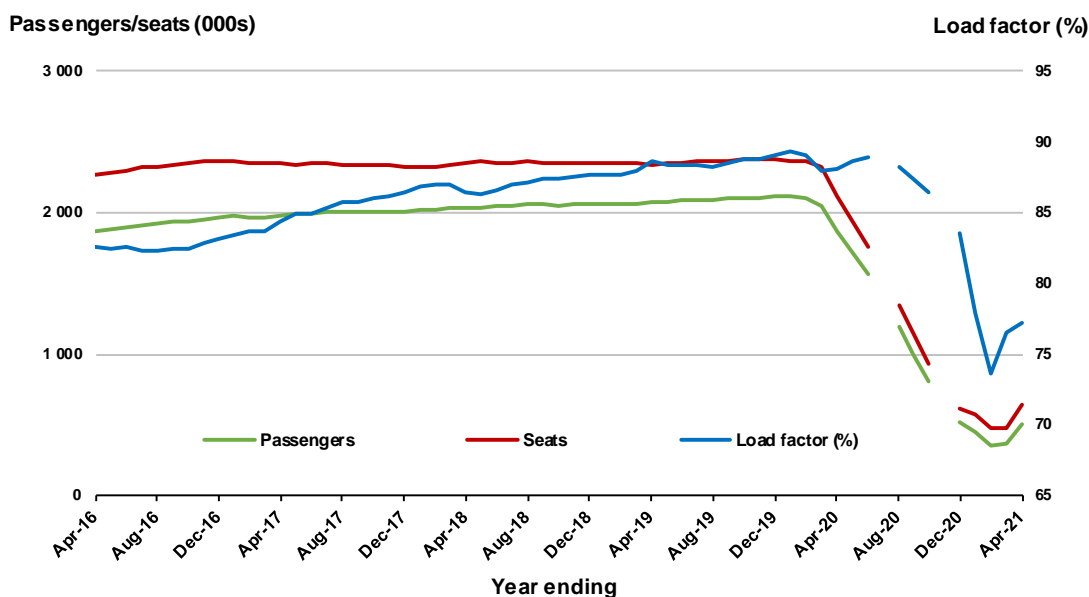


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### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 864.7	499.8	-73.2
Seats (000s)	2 117.4	647.8	-69.4
Load factor %	88.1	77.2	-10.9 *
Aircraft trips	11 188	3 430	-69.3

\* percentage point difference



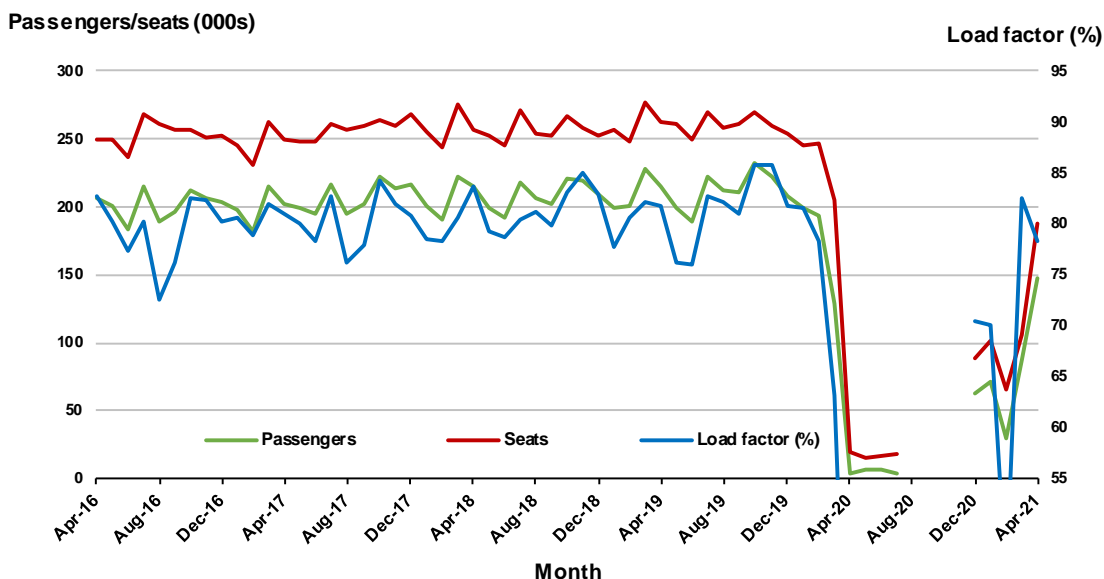
(a) July and November 2020 moving annual totals are not available for release

## 5. Adelaide - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4.5	147.5	3 187.0
Seats (000s)	19.5	188.3	865.6
Load factor %	23.0	78.3	55.3 *
Aircraft trips	225	1 140	406.7

\* percentage point difference

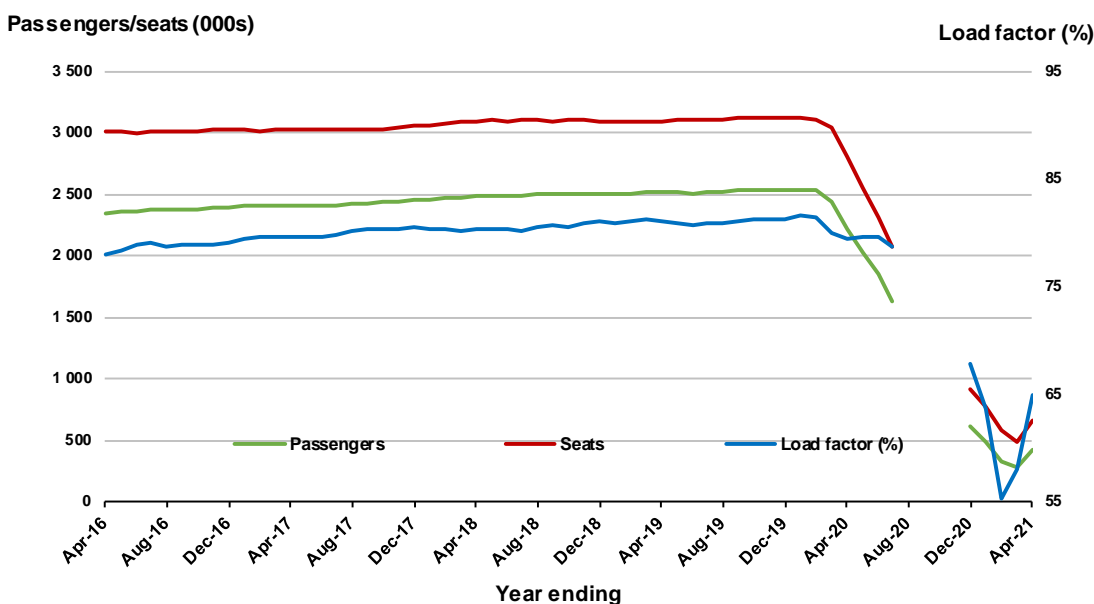


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### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 222.6	423.6	-80.9
Seats (000s)	2 796.7	652.5	-76.7
Load factor %	79.5	64.9	-14.5 *
Aircraft trips	17 190	4 835	-71.9

\* percentage point difference



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

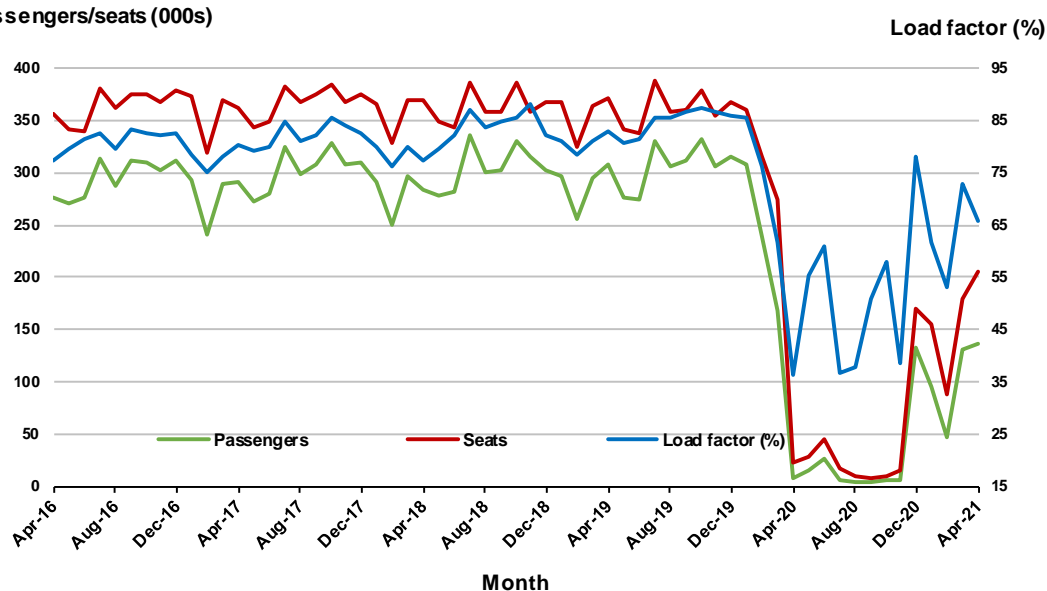
## 6. Brisbane - Melbourne

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8.6	136.1	1 475.2
Seats (000s)	23.6	206.4	772.9
Load factor %	36.5	65.9	29.4 *
Aircraft trips	257	1 268	393.4

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)

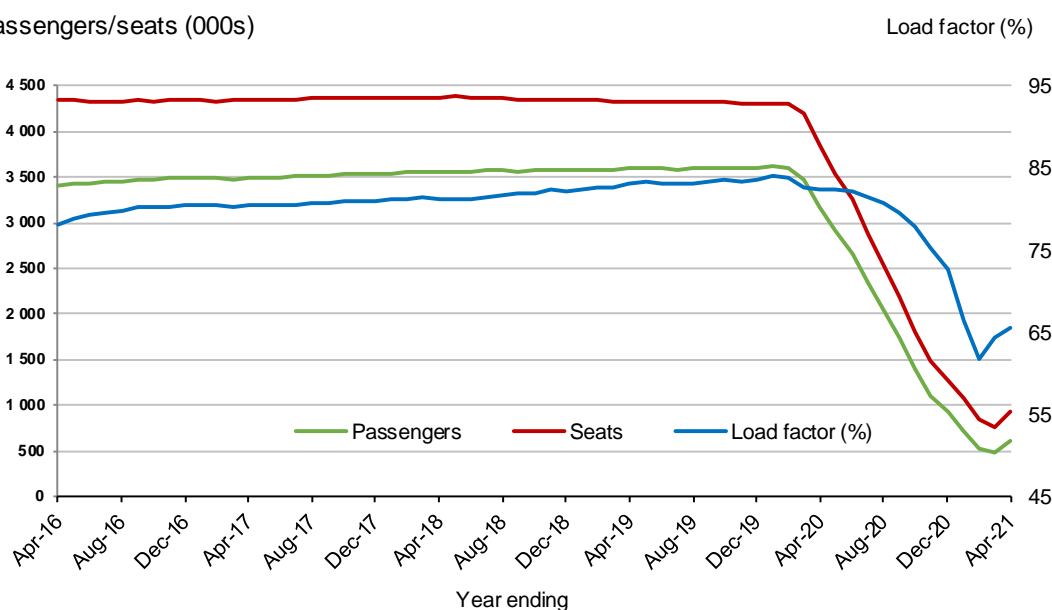


### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 179.8	613.4	-80.7
Seats (000s)	3 859.6	937.2	-75.7
Load factor %	82.4	65.4	-16.9 *
Aircraft trips	22 922	6 664	-70.9

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)

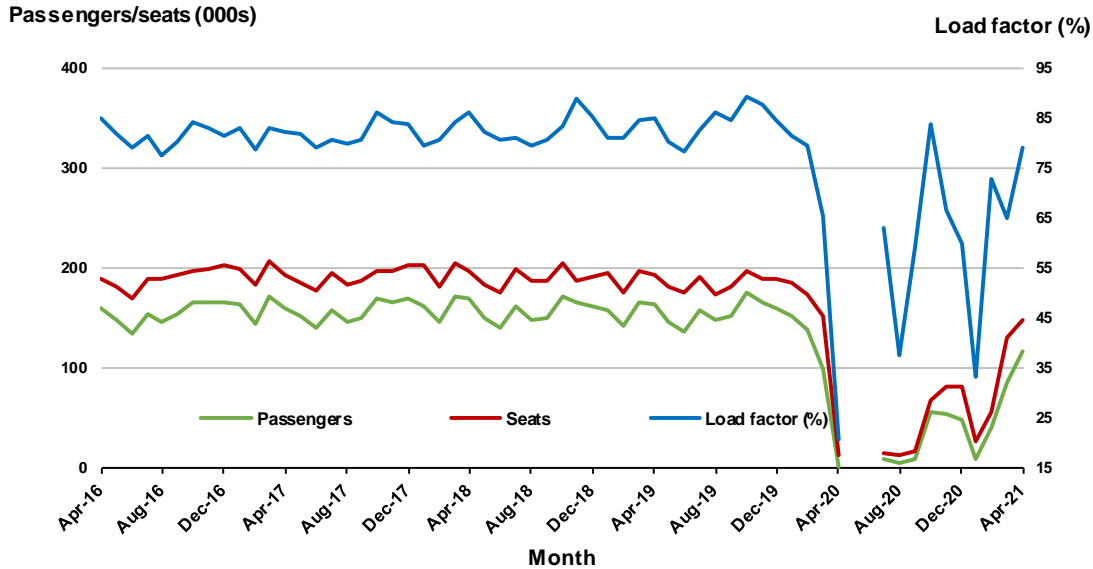


## 7. Adelaide - Sydney <sup>(a)</sup>

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2.7	117.1	4 257.9
Seats (000s)	12.9	148.2	1 049.2
Load factor %	20.8	79.0	58.2 *
Aircraft trips	116	851	633.6

\* percentage point difference

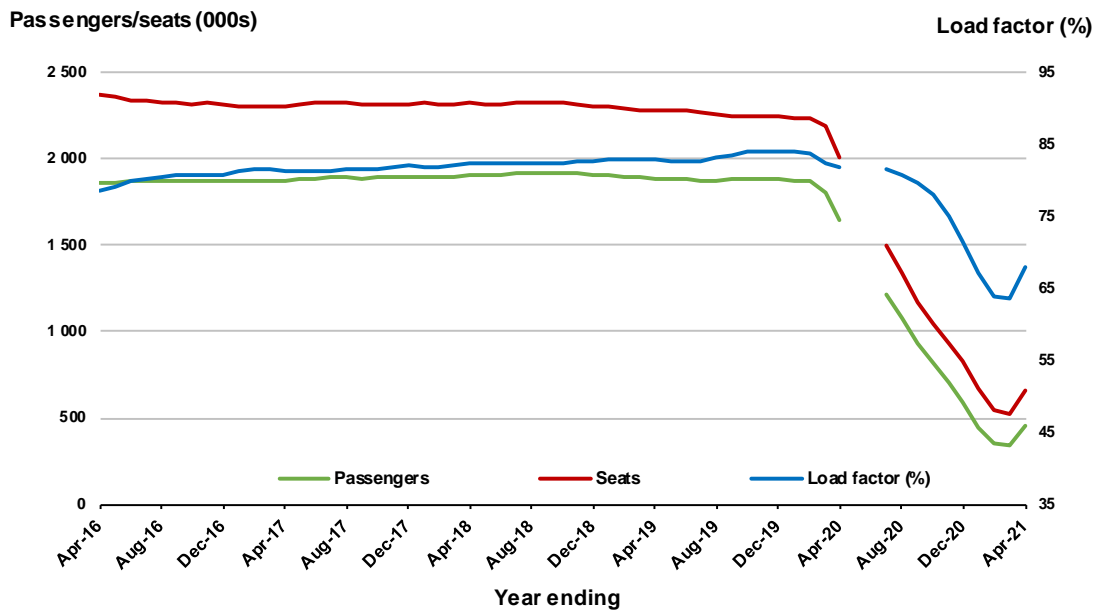


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### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 639.8	450.7	-72.5
Seats (000s)	2 005.0	663.7	-66.9
Load factor %	81.8	67.9	-13.9 *
Aircraft trips	11 822	4 318	-63.5

\* percentage point difference



(a) May and June 2020 moving annual totals are not available for release

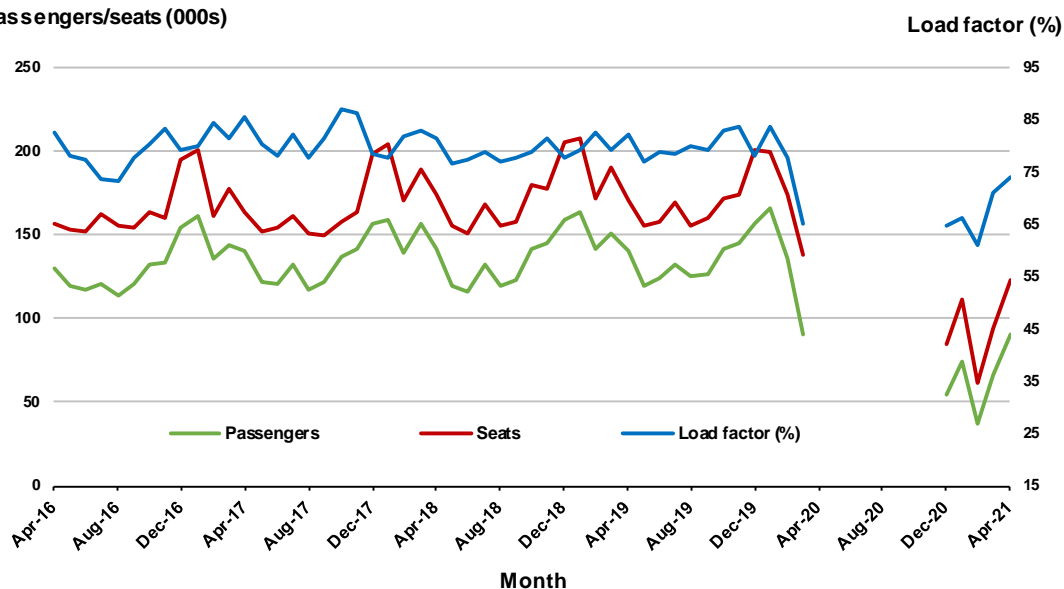
## 8. Hobart - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	90.8	NA
Seats (000s)	..	122.8	NA
Load factor %	..	73.9	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	771	NA

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)



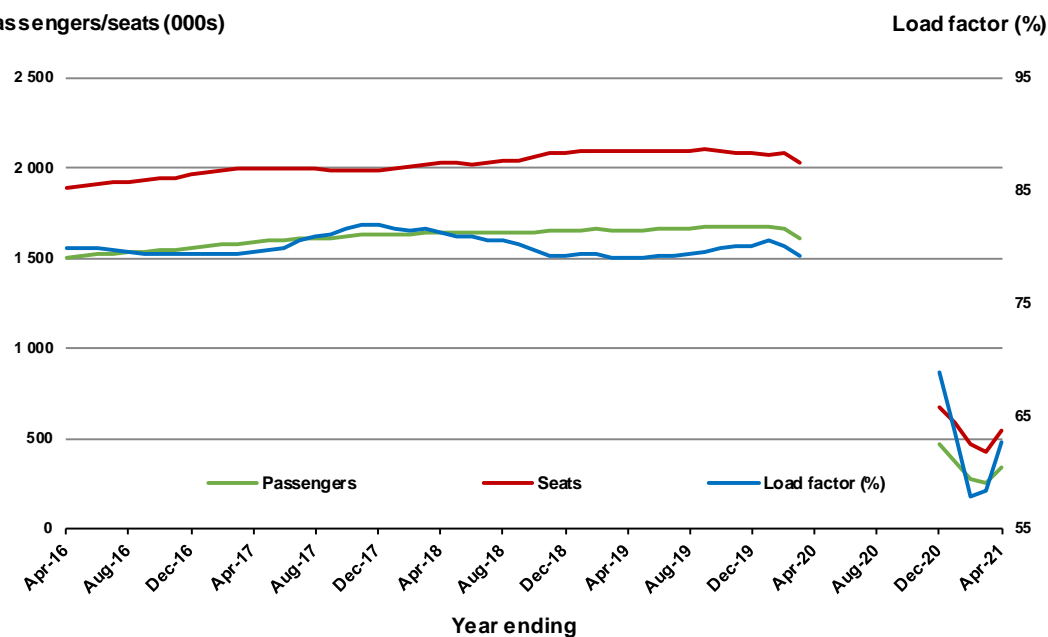
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### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	340.4	NA
Seats (000s)	..	543.3	NA
Load factor %	..	62.6	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	3 428	NA

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)



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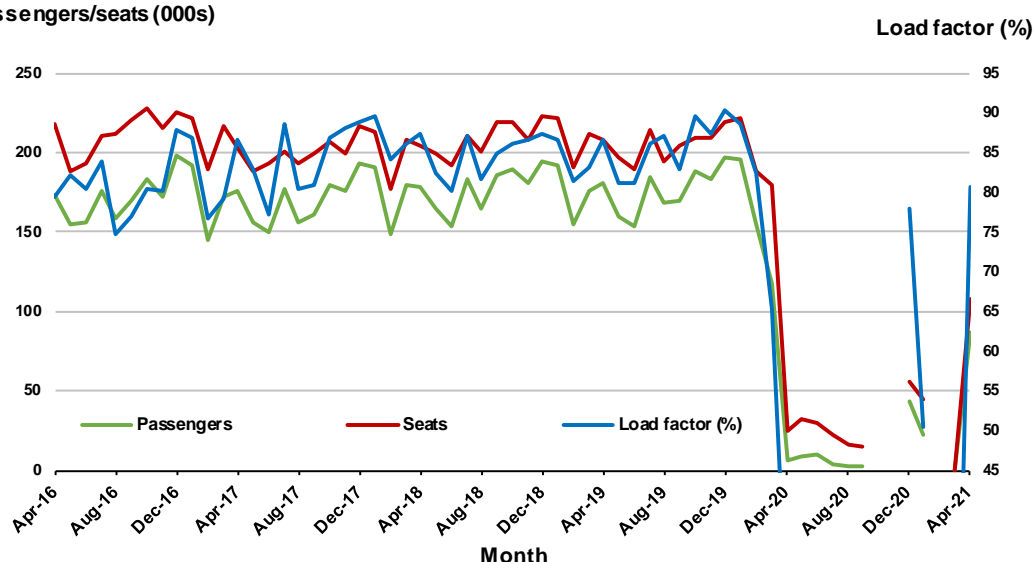
## 9. Melbourne - Perth <sup>(a)</sup>

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	6.1	87.0	1 319.2
Seats (000s)	25.2	107.9	327.2
Load factor %	24.3	80.7	56.4 *
Aircraft trips	216	649	200.5

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)



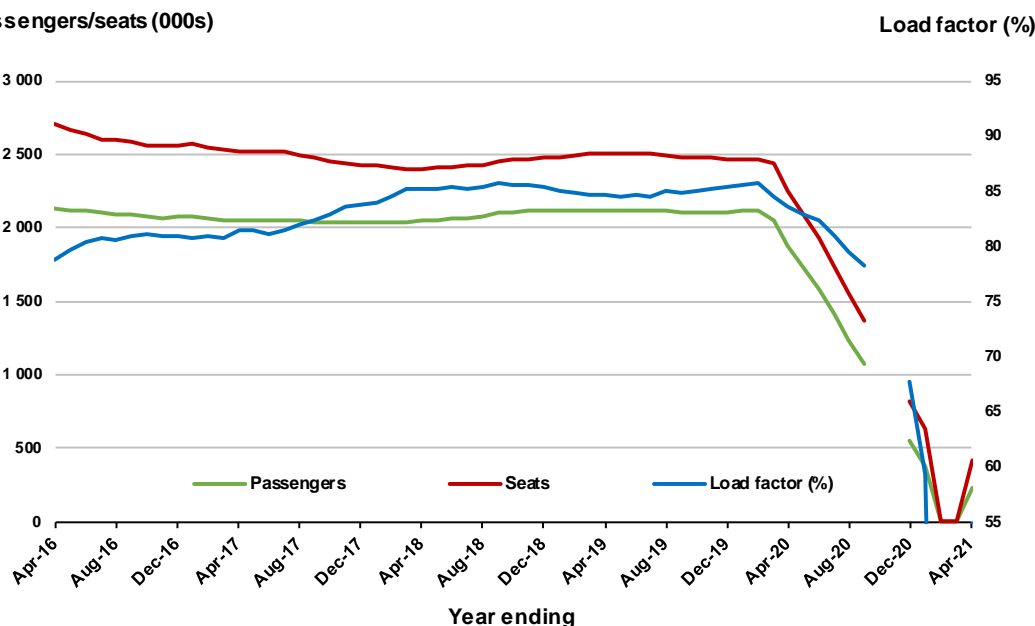
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### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 880.8	230.9	-87.7
Seats (000s)	2 252.3	421.2	-81.3
Load factor %	83.5	54.8	-28.7 *
Aircraft trips	11 247	3 078	-72.6

\* percentage point difference

### Passengers/seats (000s)



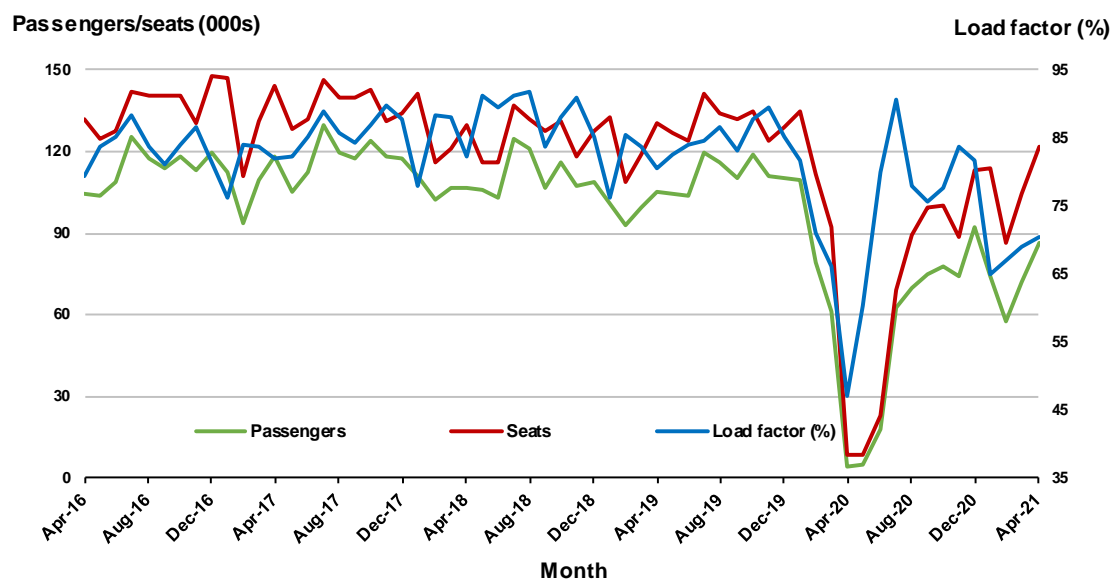
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## 10. Brisbane - Cairns

### Monthly data

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3.9	86.1	2 105.4
Seats (000s)	8.3	122.1	1 370.8
Load factor %	47.1	70.6	23.5 *
Aircraft trips	122	741	507.4

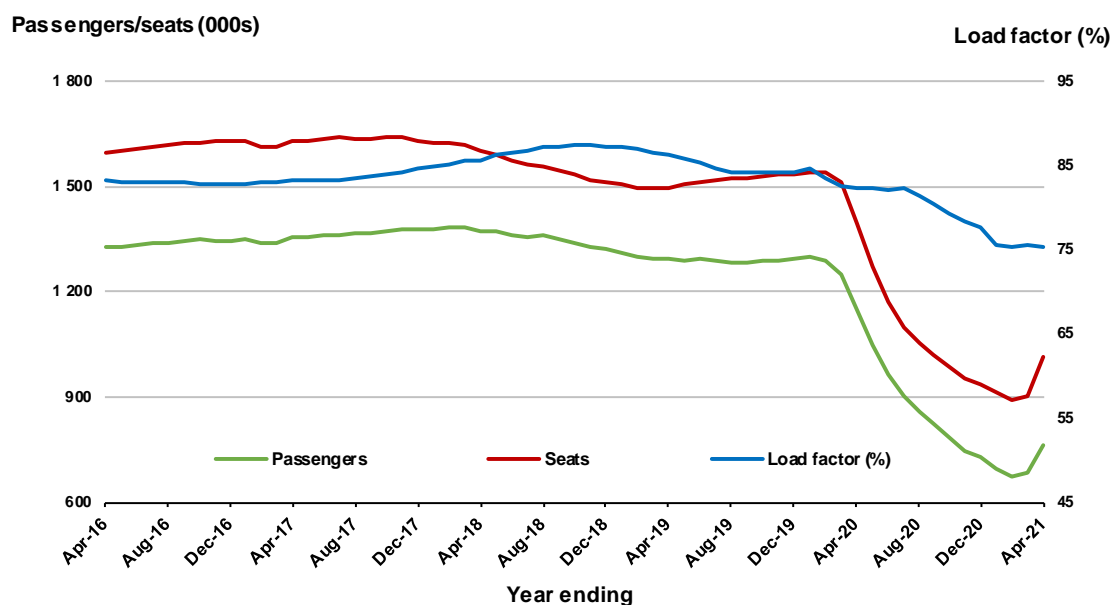
\* percentage point difference



### Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 147.5	765.0	-33.3
Seats (000s)	1 392.4	1 016.9	-27.0
Load factor %	82.4	75.2	-7.2 *
Aircraft trips	9 794	6 952	-29.0

\* percentage point difference



## TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
1 Cairns	7.4	275.4	3 608.7
2 Hobart	2.1	190.2	8 869.2
3 Darwin	6.7	115.9	1 627.2
4 Townsville	7.9	108.6	1 282.7
5 Launceston	0.8	106.8	13 665.9
6 Newcastle	0.4	79.2	18 075.5
7 Ballina	0.4	59.1	15 577.7
8 Mackay	7.2	58.9	720.5
9 Hamilton Island	..	41.2	NA
10 Rockhampton	2.5	36.9	1 372.9
11 Broome	1.6	35.3	2 156.2
12 Proserpine	..	33.0	NA
13 Karratha	3.3	32.7	901.7
14 Alice Springs	3.0	31.8	954.0
15 Port Hedland	5.1	28.6	462.5
16 Newman	3.9	26.9	581.2
17 Coffs Harbour	0.7	21.4	2 866.7
18 Kalgoorlie	3.1	20.0	540.9
19 Paraburdoo	1.6	16.3	943.3
20 Mount Isa	3.8	16.1	327.0
21 Dubbo	0.7	14.5	1 960.4
22 Port Lincoln	0.6	14.0	2 265.9
23 Gladstone	1.2	13.7	1 080.6
24 Albury	0.4	13.0	2 831.3
25 Ayers Rock	..	12.8	NA
26 Emerald	2.8	12.5	344.3
27 Mildura	0.5	12.4	2 304.7
28 Wagga Wagga	0.4	11.3	3 109.7
29 Port Macquarie	0.3	11.2	3 359.1
30 Kununurra	1.2	9.9	754.9
31 Tamworth	0.3	9.6	3 196.6
32 Learmonth	0.4	8.5	2 260.8
33 Thursday Island	0.5	8.0	1 654.9
34 Bundaberg	0.6	7.8	1 269.0
35 Devonport	0.4	7.5	1 939.9
36 Armidale	0.2	6.7	4 294.1
37 Weipa	0.4	6.5	1 693.4
38 Hervey Bay	0.1	6.3	5 980.6
39 Orange	0.1	6.1	5 699.1
40 Geraldton	0.5	6.1	1 105.1
41 Merimbula	0.1	6.0	4 536.2
42 King Island	0.3	5.8	1 823.8
43 Moranbah	3.1	5.6	81.1
44 Gove	0.7	5.2	668.0
45 Narrandera	0.1	4.9	3 258.9
46 Mount Gambier	0.2	4.8	2 731.2
47 Whyalla	0.2	4.5	1 746.7
48 Griffith	0.3	4.4	1 595.4
49 Albany	0.5	4.3	833.0
50 Roma	0.9	4.3	369.5
<b>Total top 50 regional airports</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>1 582.9</b>	<b>1 899.4</b>
<b>Total regional airports</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>1 672.0</b>	<b>1 688.1</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>291.8</b>	<b>7 033.2</b>	<b>2 310.4</b>

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.

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

<b>Airport</b>	<b>YE Apr 2020</b>	<b>YE Apr 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1 Townsville	3 640.4	1 577.4	-56.7
2 Hobart	1 501.1	786.0	-47.6
3 Darwin	2 461.6	783.6	-68.2
4 Ballina	1 548.2	680.4	-56.1
5 Mackay	472.8	504.5	6.7
6 Launceston	805.6	465.8	-42.2
7 Newcastle	1 208.2	423.6	-64.9
8 Rockhampton	1 119.9	348.7	-68.9
9 Karratha	516.0	285.6	-44.6
10 Broome	429.1	283.4	-34.0
11 Proserpine	360.3	275.5	-23.6
12 Alice Springs	383.9	223.1	-41.9
13 Port Hedland	466.1	218.9	-53.0
14 Hamilton Island	364.5	218.1	-40.2
15 Newman	414.0	211.0	-49.0
16 Kalgoorlie	319.9	188.7	-41.0
17 Mount Isa	261.0	169.5	-35.0
18 Paraburdoo	214.0	150.4	-29.7
19 Gladstone	180.2	122.2	-32.2
20 Coffs Harbour	222.7	104.0	-53.3
21 Emerald	348.9	98.1	-71.9
22 Port Lincoln	187.6	95.2	-49.2
23 Dubbo	157.2	95.1	-39.5
24 Thursday Island	188.0	83.2	-55.7
25 Learmonth	86.1	68.8	-20.0
26 Kununurra	74.3	66.4	-10.6
27 Albury	103.9	63.1	-39.3
28 Wagga Wagga	223.8	53.2	-76.2
29 Gove	186.0	51.2	-72.5
30 Bundaberg	75.6	50.0	-33.8
31 Weipa	137.3	49.1	-64.3
32 Ayers Rock	64.5	48.4	-25.0
33 Mildura	424.2	45.2	-89.3
34 Port Macquarie	224.5	44.7	-80.1
35 Olympic Dam	194.4	44.3	-77.2
36 Tamworth	64.6	43.0	-33.5
37 Geraldton	169.3	41.4	-75.5
38 Moranbah	94.2	39.9	-57.6
39 King Island	102.9	39.5	-61.6
40 Roma	41.3	35.1	-15.0
41 Albany	87.3	34.0	-61.0
42 Esperance	56.4	32.7	-41.9
43 Armidale	46.9	31.6	-32.6
44 Whyalla	115.2	29.4	-74.5
45 Cloncurry	70.5	28.4	-59.7
46 Orange	42.9	28.4	-33.8
47 Devonport	74.8	26.4	-64.7
48 Hervey Bay	132.8	26.2	-80.3
49 Longreach	150.1	25.6	-83.0
50 Longreach	35.8	24.7	-31.1
<b>Total top 50 regional airports</b>	<b>20 850.9</b>	<b>9 463.0</b>	<b>-54.6</b>
<b>Total regional airports</b>	<b>22 308.0</b>	<b>10 186.5</b>	<b>-54.3</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>108 566.2</b>	<b>32 700.5</b>	<b>-69.9</b>

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**

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	198 192	287 336	45.0
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5 461	5 585	2.3

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

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

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 786 172	3 346 431	20.1
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	50 210	68 528	36.5

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

**Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly**

	Apr 2020	Apr 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	396 384	574 672	45.0
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	10 922	11 170	2.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	151 312	213 270	40.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 781	3 599	-4.8

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

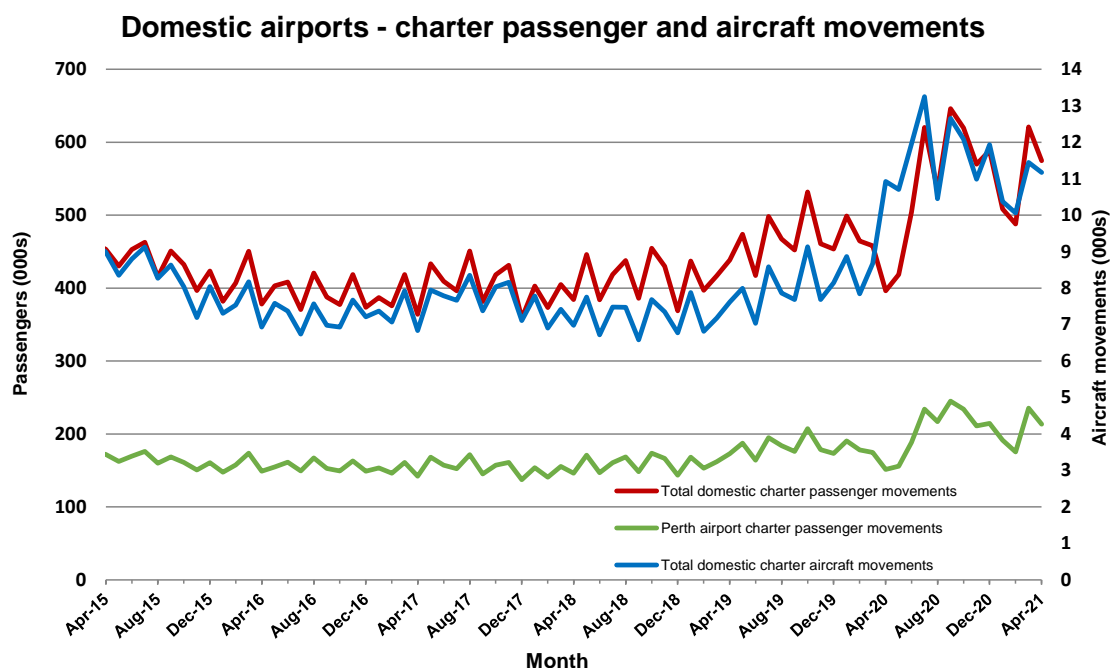
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

**Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual**

	YE Apr 2020	YE Apr 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 572 344	6 692 862	20.1
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	100 420	137 056	36.5
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 158 992	2 514 785	16.5
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	35 485	44 939	26.6

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

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



## DEFINITIONS

Aircraft Trips	The number of flight stages. A return flight counts as two aircraft trips.
Airport Movements	Airport movements (passenger and cargo) are measured once on arrival and once on departure. Each domestic trip generates two movements at airports. For example, a trip from Melbourne to Sydney will be counted twice, as a departure at Melbourne and as an arrival at Sydney. At the national level, the sum of all domestic airport traffic will therefore be equal to twice the number of trips undertaken.
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of seats available on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
City-Pair	The ports shown make up the city-pair route. Passenger movements shown for a city pair reflect total traffic in both directions.
Flight Stage	The operation of an aircraft from take-off to landing.
Load Factor	The total revenue passenger kilometres performed as a percentage of the total available seat kilometres.
Passengers Carried	Revenue passengers carried.
Regular Public Transport Services (RPT)	All air service operations in which aircraft are available for the transport of members of the public and are conducted in accordance with fixed schedules. It does not include charter or other non-scheduled operations.
Revenue Passengers	All passengers paying any fare. Frequent flyer redemption travellers are regarded as revenue passengers.
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of revenue passengers travelling on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
Traffic on board by stages	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.
..	Not available for confidentiality or other reasons.
NA	Not applicable.