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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of August 2025.

The data covers revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled Regular Public Transport (RPT) services over Australian flight stages and fixed-wing charter operators. These estimates include passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights operated by these carriers. The passengers carried refer to traffic on board by stages.

Estimates of passengers and aircraft movements for charter aviation are included in this publication, where BITRE confidentiality standards are met.

Individual routes shown are restricted to those with an average exceeding 8,000 passengers per month over the previous six months where two or more airlines operate in competition.

Information on the total network for the month of August 2025 and on the RPT network for the month of August 2025 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended August 2025 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication. For the month of August 2025, there are 62 individual routes published.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 14.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 15. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Team Global Express (formerly Toll).

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

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are shown on pages 26-27.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 28. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed estimates for individual Australian airports, with the exception of Perth Airport.

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure and Transport Research Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data were not available and data presented in this publication 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 5.42 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in August 2025, compared with 5.32 million in August 2024 (up 1.8%). This is also a decrease of 0.2% on pre-COVID August 2019 passenger numbers (5.43 million).

5.06 million passengers were carried on Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights in August 2025 (excluding charter operations), an increase of 2.2% compared to August 2024.

For the month of August 2025, there were 51.0 thousand RPT aircraft trips, a decrease of 0.1% on August 2024.

For the year ending August 2025, there were 59.82 million RPT passengers, an increase of 1.7% on the year ending August 2024.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.13 billion for the month, compared with 5.99 billion in August 2024 (up 2.3%).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 7.45 billion in August 2025 compared to 7.19 billion in August 2024 (up 3.6%).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 83.3% in August 2024 to 82.3% in August 2025. The highest load factor (95.0%) was recorded on the Melbourne – Sunshine Coast route while the lowest load factor (50.7%) was recorded on the Brisbane – Moranbah route.

For the month of August 2025, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 684.9 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 368.8 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 307.3 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.11 million passenger movements in August 2025, followed by Melbourne with 2.02 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.50 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 24.4 thousand tonnes in August 2025, a decrease of 10.6% compared with August 2024.

In August 2025, there were 2.23 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, an increase of 2.1% from August 2024. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Proserpine Airport (up 15.1% on August 2024), while the largest decrease was recorded at Paraburdoo Airport (down 15.7% on August 2024).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 353.1 thousand passengers in August 2025, a decrease of 4.3% compared with August 2024. Perth Airport accounted for 35.8% of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.32	5.42	1.8
Aircraft trips (000s)	57.2	56.9	-0.6

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

RPT NETWORK

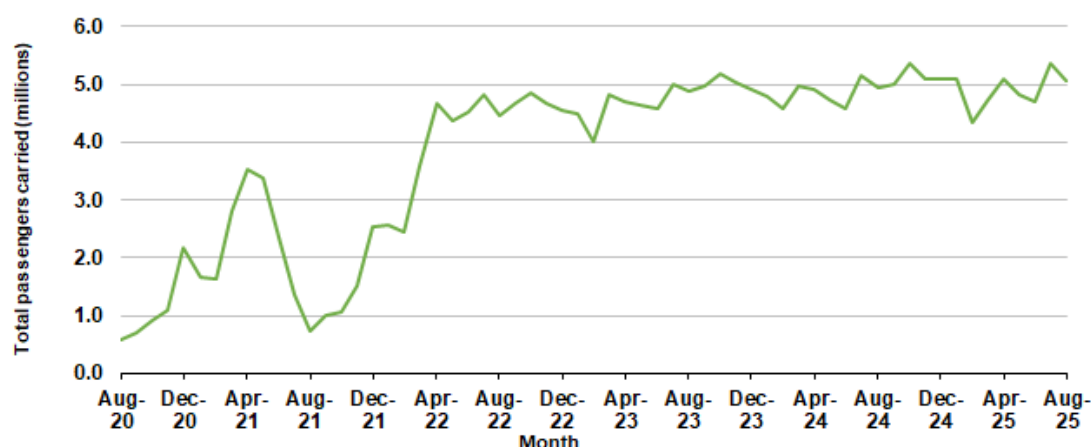
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.95	5.06	2.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.99	6.13	2.3
Available seats (millions)	6.09	6.27	2.9
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.19	7.45	3.6
Load factor %	83.3	82.3	-1.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	51.0	51.0	-0.1

* percentage point difference

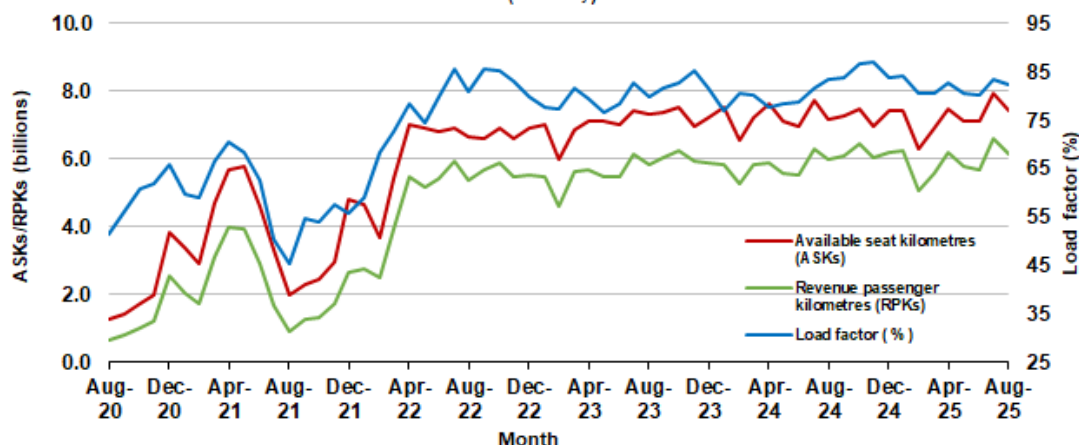
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.13	64.08	1.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	690.4	673.5	-2.4

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

RPT NETWORK

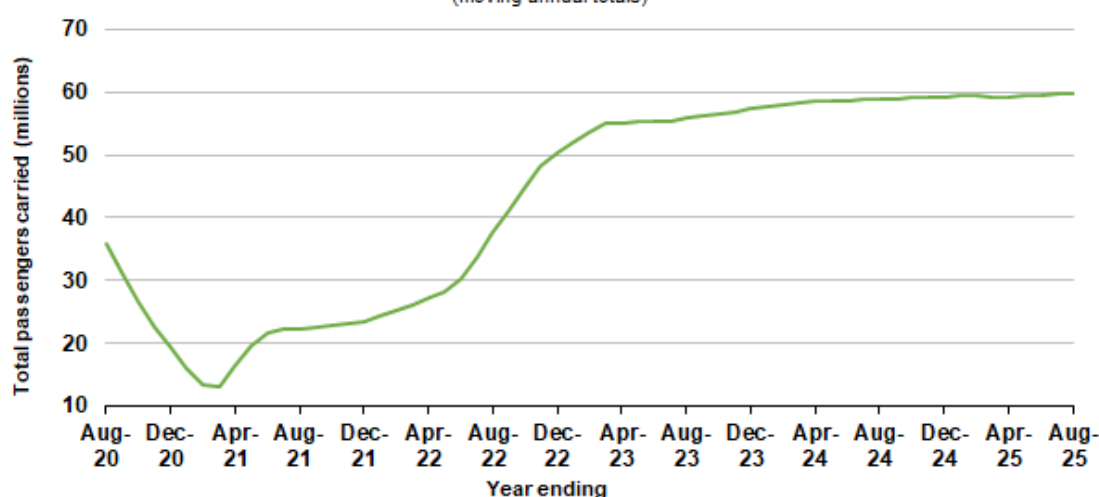
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	58.83	59.82	1.7
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	70.26	72.12	2.6
Available seats (millions)	74.76	73.63	-1.5
Available seat kilometres (billions)	87.06	86.87	-0.2
Load factor %	80.7	83.0	2.3 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	617.3	600.5	-2.7

* percentage point difference

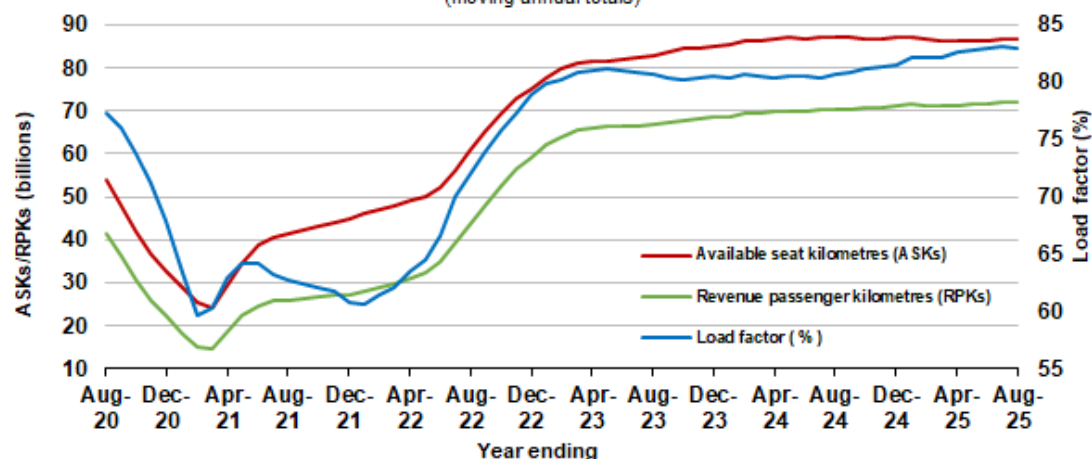
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 947.7	8 118.6	2.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 339.9	4 360.5	0.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 426.5	3 581.5	4.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 540.7	2 481.7	-2.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 331.4	2 337.8	0.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 213.3	2 103.4	-5.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	2 001.3	2 079.2	3.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 850.1	1 897.1	2.5
9	Perth - Sydney	1 614.3	1 727.1	7.0
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 356.1	1 432.9	5.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 285.9	1 309.7	1.9
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 049.4	1 137.6	8.4
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 020.2	983.9	-3.6
14	Brisbane - Townsville	905.2	966.5	6.8
15	Cairns - Sydney	914.4	924.0	1.1
16	Launceston - Melbourne	860.8	879.0	2.1
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	869.6	865.5	-0.5
18	Cairns - Melbourne	820.0	864.7	5.5
19	Hobart - Sydney	778.6	832.0	6.9
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	774.9	790.3	2.0
21	Brisbane - Mackay	752.3	788.9	4.9
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	762.6	735.0	-3.6
23	Adelaide - Perth	685.0	715.0	4.4
24	Karratha - Perth	588.0	655.5	11.5
25	Brisbane - Canberra	628.9	649.8	3.3
26	Canberra - Sydney	627.7	621.4	-1.0
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	549.8	609.0	10.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	505.4	522.1	3.3
29	Ballina - Sydney	516.1	493.2	-4.4
30	Perth - Port Hedland	472.9	479.9	1.5
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	447.7	469.2	4.8
32	Newman - Perth	379.4	432.2	13.9
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	365.2	378.5	3.6
34	Broome - Perth	359.1	367.3	2.3
35	Brisbane - Darwin	321.7	354.6	10.2
36	Launceston - Sydney	340.8	348.8	2.3
37	Brisbane - Hobart	294.7	318.8	8.2
38	Darwin - Melbourne	280.2	301.3	7.5
39	Brisbane - Proserpine	273.0	290.9	6.5
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	275.0	281.3	2.3
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	242.7	254.6	4.9
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	222.7	219.4	-1.5
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	209.0	201.1	-3.8
44	Adelaide - Canberra	184.5	195.2	5.8
45	Darwin - Perth	178.5	191.2	7.1
46	Brisbane - Emerald	185.2	189.0	2.0
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	185.4	175.4	-5.4
48	Dubbo - Sydney	176.2	170.5	-3.2
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	171.6	166.1	-3.2
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	166.9	164.1	-1.7

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

	City-Pair	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	162.0	164.1	1.3
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	157.9	164.0	3.9
53	Brisbane - Launceston	148.4	154.2	3.9
54	Albury - Sydney	164.4	153.8	-6.5
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	144.6	152.3	5.3
56	Melbourne - Mildura	169.6	150.2	-11.4
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	138.2	140.1	1.4
58	Devonport - Melbourne	122.8	139.1	13.3
59	Geraldton - Perth	107.9	120.2	11.4
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	114.2	NA
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	111.2	105.0	-5.6
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	110.3	104.2	-5.6
Total domestic network		58 833.4	59 817.1	1.7

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	652.7	684.9	4.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	372.1	368.8	-0.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	297.7	307.3	3.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	204.2	213.9	4.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	190.4	197.1	3.5
6	Melbourne - Perth	160.9	161.9	0.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	161.0	157.7	-2.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	144.4	145.7	0.9
9	Perth - Sydney	133.7	133.4	-0.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	116.6	118.6	1.7
11	Hobart - Melbourne	102.8	107.2	4.3
12	Brisbane - Perth	87.9	89.1	1.5
13	Cairns - Sydney	84.9	88.5	4.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	87.6	87.4	-0.3
15	Canberra - Melbourne	84.5	84.7	0.2
16	Cairns - Melbourne	79.6	81.5	2.4
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	70.6	72.1	2.2
18	Brisbane - Mackay	67.8	71.5	5.5
19	Launceston - Melbourne	67.9	70.1	3.1
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	63.4	65.9	3.9
21	Brisbane - Canberra	57.9	60.4	4.4
22	Hobart - Sydney	58.4	60.3	3.3
23	Karratha - Perth	54.5	58.7	7.8
24	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	53.2	58.4	9.8
25	Adelaide - Perth	57.1	56.8	-0.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	52.1	52.8	1.4
27	Canberra - Sydney	58.2	52.4	-9.9
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	43.9	45.8	4.5
29	Perth - Port Hedland	41.4	40.7	-1.8
30	Broome - Perth	37.6	39.0	3.9
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	37.6	38.6	2.6
32	Brisbane - Darwin	33.3	38.4	15.3
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	34.4	36.5	6.0
34	Newman - Perth	35.2	36.0	2.3
35	Ballina - Sydney	42.5	34.2	-19.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	29.1	30.3	4.1
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	24.1	25.7	6.7
38	Brisbane - Hobart	22.2	24.0	8.3
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	23.4	23.7	1.3
40	Launceston - Sydney	24.5	23.0	-6.0
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	19.9	22.7	14.3
42	Darwin - Perth	19.1	19.3	1.3
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	19.8	18.7	-5.4
44	Canberra - Gold Coast	14.6	16.5	13.2
45	Brisbane - Emerald	16.3	16.5	1.0
46	Adelaide - Canberra	15.3	16.3	6.8
47	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	17.3	16.2	-6.8
48	Dubbo - Sydney	15.7	15.4	-1.6
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	14.4	14.8	2.8
50	Brisbane - Mount Isa	14.5	14.0	-3.3

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	14.1	13.8	-1.8
52	Albury - Sydney	14.6	13.4	-8.0
53	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	12.5	13.3	6.5
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.6	13.1	-3.7
55	Melbourne - Mildura	12.7	12.4	-2.1
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	12.5	12.2	-3.1
57	Devonport - Melbourne	10.9	12.1	10.7
58	Geraldton - Perth	10.2	10.6	3.4
59	Brisbane - Launceston	10.1	10.6	4.5
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	10.1	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.6	8.9	-7.4
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	9.2	8.1	-11.8
Total domestic network		4 954.1	5 064.3	2.2

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	772.9	811.2	5.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	422.7	424.5	0.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	330.1	350.6	6.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	225.2	239.6	6.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	220.4	238.1	8.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	197.0	194.8	-1.1
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	167.4	169.5	1.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	186.7	191.7	2.6
9	Perth - Sydney	163.2	169.1	3.6
10	Brisbane - Cairns	129.9	133.2	2.5
11	Hobart - Melbourne	114.8	121.6	6.0
12	Brisbane - Perth	104.9	109.4	4.4
13	Cairns - Sydney	93.5	95.0	1.6
14	Brisbane - Townsville	100.2	102.5	2.2
15	Canberra - Melbourne	111.5	116.4	4.4
16	Cairns - Melbourne	85.3	86.1	0.9
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	81.1	84.7	4.4
18	Brisbane - Mackay	82.0	98.2	19.7
19	Launceston - Melbourne	79.6	81.0	1.8
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	73.7	76.9	4.3
21	Brisbane - Canberra	70.6	74.3	5.2
22	Hobart - Sydney	76.7	70.5	-8.2
23	Karratha - Perth	78.5	80.1	2.1
24	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	55.7	61.4	10.3
25	Adelaide - Perth	70.0	72.2	3.2
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	65.8	63.6	-3.3
27	Canberra - Sydney	94.9	84.2	-11.2
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	52.3	56.3	7.5
29	Perth - Port Hedland	63.2	62.4	-1.2
30	Broome - Perth	45.6	45.8	0.4
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	46.8	46.3	-1.2
32	Brisbane - Darwin	36.1	48.5	34.2
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	61.0	60.7	-0.5
34	Newman - Perth	55.0	57.7	4.9
35	Ballina - Sydney	51.5	39.4	-23.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	33.3	36.2	8.8
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.8	27.5	6.3
38	Brisbane - Hobart	24.5	25.7	5.1
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	25.2	25.6	1.4
40	Launceston - Sydney	29.2	25.7	-11.7
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	26.3	27.2	3.3
42	Darwin - Perth	24.8	27.9	12.2
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	29.7	27.9	-6.0
44	Canberra - Gold Coast	15.7	17.9	13.7
45	Brisbane - Emerald	26.9	25.3	-5.9
46	Adelaide - Canberra	22.6	24.1	6.4
47	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	22.7	21.0	-7.3
48	Dubbo - Sydney	25.0	22.4	-10.6
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	22.7	21.0	-7.4
50	Brisbane - Mount Isa	20.5	22.8	11.1

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	20.2	19.2	-5.1
52	Albury - Sydney	20.7	17.6	-15.1
53	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	16.3	15.9	-2.1
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	23.0	24.0	4.4
55	Melbourne - Mildura	18.2	17.6	-3.3
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	19.1	17.8	-7.0
57	Devonport - Melbourne	15.1	17.5	16.0
58	Geraldton - Perth	19.2	19.2	0.0
59	Brisbane - Launceston	11.2	11.5	1.8
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	11.5	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.5	13.1	-10.2
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	16.8	15.9	-5.1
Total domestic network		6 090.5	6 268.0	2.9

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	84.5	84.5	0.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	88.0	86.9	-1.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	90.2	87.7	-2.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	90.7	89.3	-1.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	86.4	82.8	-3.6
6	Melbourne - Perth	81.7	83.1	1.4
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	96.1	93.0	-3.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	77.3	76.0	-1.3
9	Perth - Sydney	81.9	78.9	-3.0
10	Brisbane - Cairns	89.8	89.0	-0.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	89.5	88.1	-1.4
12	Brisbane - Perth	83.8	81.5	-2.3
13	Cairns - Sydney	90.8	93.1	2.3
14	Brisbane - Townsville	87.4	85.3	-2.1
15	Canberra - Melbourne	75.8	72.8	-3.0
16	Cairns - Melbourne	93.3	94.7	1.4
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	87.1	85.2	-1.9
18	Brisbane - Mackay	82.7	72.9	-9.8
19	Launceston - Melbourne	85.3	86.5	1.2
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	86.1	85.8	-0.3
21	Brisbane - Canberra	82.0	81.4	-0.6
22	Hobart - Sydney	76.1	85.5	9.4
23	Karratha - Perth	69.4	73.3	3.9
24	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	95.5	95.0	-0.5
25	Adelaide - Perth	81.6	78.6	-3.0
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	79.1	82.9	3.8
27	Canberra - Sydney	61.3	62.3	1.0
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	83.8	81.4	-2.4
29	Perth - Port Hedland	65.6	65.2	-0.4
30	Broome - Perth	82.3	85.2	2.9
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	80.3	83.4	3.1
32	Brisbane - Darwin	92.3	79.2	-13.1
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	56.4	60.1	3.7
34	Newman - Perth	63.9	62.4	-1.5
35	Ballina - Sydney	82.6	87.0	4.4
36	Darwin - Melbourne	87.3	83.5	-3.8
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	93.2	93.5	0.3
38	Brisbane - Hobart	90.5	93.3	2.8
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	92.9	92.7	-0.2
40	Launceston - Sydney	84.1	89.5	5.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	75.5	83.6	8.1
42	Darwin - Perth	76.8	69.3	-7.5
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	66.5	67.0	0.5
44	Canberra - Gold Coast	92.8	92.4	-0.4
45	Brisbane - Emerald	60.6	65.0	4.4
46	Adelaide - Canberra	67.6	67.8	0.2
47	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	76.4	76.9	0.5
48	Dubbo - Sydney	62.6	68.9	6.3
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	63.4	70.4	7.0
50	Brisbane - Mount Isa	70.4	61.2	-9.2

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Point diff
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	69.8	72.2	2.4
52	Albury - Sydney	70.5	76.5	6.0
53	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	76.7	83.5	6.8
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	59.3	54.8	-4.5
55	Melbourne - Mildura	69.8	70.7	0.9
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	65.7	68.4	2.7
57	Devonport - Melbourne	72.7	69.4	-3.3
58	Geraldton - Perth	53.4	55.1	1.7
59	Brisbane - Launceston	89.9	92.2	2.3
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	87.7	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	66.3	68.4	2.1
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	54.6	50.7	-3.9
	Total domestic network	83.3	82.3	-1.0

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 454	4 616	3.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 546	2 511	-1.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	1 966	2 136	8.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 279	1 361	6.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 336	1 403	5.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	1 080	1 108	2.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	881	904	2.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 116	1 123	0.6
9	Perth - Sydney	863	893	3.5
10	Brisbane - Cairns	908	984	8.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	725	724	-0.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	606	613	1.2
13	Cairns - Sydney	508	497	-2.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	792	786	-0.8
15	Canberra - Melbourne	734	745	1.5
16	Cairns - Melbourne	438	444	1.4
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	648	634	-2.2
18	Brisbane - Mackay	610	701	14.9
19	Launceston - Melbourne	647	611	-5.6
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	411	422	2.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	573	624	8.9
22	Hobart - Sydney	435	414	-4.8
23	Karratha - Perth	468	479	2.4
24	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	311	328	5.5
25	Adelaide - Perth	402	400	-0.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	713	677	-5.0
27	Canberra - Sydney	1 290	1 284	-0.5
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	443	464	4.7
29	Perth - Port Hedland	394	401	1.8
30	Broome - Perth	285	281	-1.4
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	308	302	-1.9
32	Brisbane - Darwin	246	271	10.2
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	422	413	-2.1
34	Newman - Perth	345	348	0.9
35	Ballina - Sydney	350	258	-26.3
36	Darwin - Melbourne	186	199	7.0
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	160	168	5.0
38	Brisbane - Hobart	154	155	0.6
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	124	124	0.0
40	Launceston - Sydney	186	170	-8.6
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	150	152	1.3
42	Darwin - Perth	143	158	10.5
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	348	327	-6.0
44	Canberra - Gold Coast	88	98	11.4
45	Brisbane - Emerald	357	336	-5.9
46	Adelaide - Canberra	209	224	7.2
47	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	406	372	-8.4
48	Dubbo - Sydney	477	439	-8.0
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	406	382	-5.9
50	Brisbane - Mount Isa	179	200	11.7

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

	City-Pair	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	329	340	3.3
52	Albury - Sydney	386	326	-15.5
53	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	119	124	4.2
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	559	480	-14.1
55	Melbourne - Mildura	431	349	-19.0
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	311	290	-6.8
57	Devonport - Melbourne	333	286	-14.1
58	Geraldton - Perth	211	206	-2.4
59	Brisbane - Launceston	64	66	3.1
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	64	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	173	153	-11.6
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	224	210	-6.3
Total domestic network		51 019	50 971	-0.1

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(a) Includes RPT cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

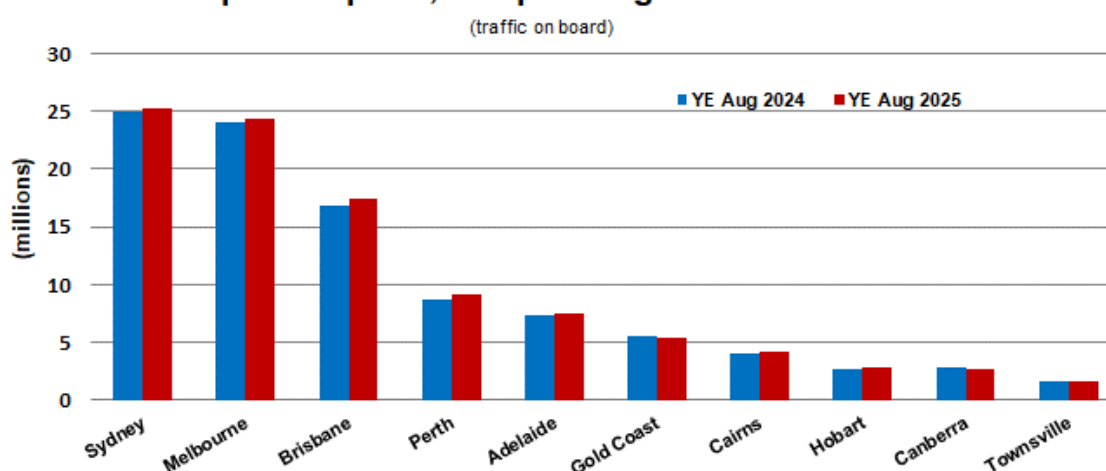
Airport	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	2 078.5	2 113.0	1.7	20.9
2 Melbourne	1 953.5	2 019.5	3.4	19.9
3 Brisbane	1 475.4	1 504.3	2.0	14.9
4 Perth	752.3	755.2	0.4	7.5
5 Adelaide	599.0	615.6	2.8	6.1
6 Gold Coast	432.1	442.4	2.4	4.4
7 Cairns	380.4	389.7	2.4	3.8
8 Canberra	241.5	242.8	0.5	2.4
9 Hobart	197.9	208.0	5.1	2.1
10 Darwin	164.6	172.2	4.6	1.7
Total top ten airports	8 275.2	8 462.7	2.3	83.6
Total domestic network	9 908.3	10 128.7	2.2	100.0

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

Airport	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	24 892.0	25 288.4	1.6	21.1
2 Melbourne	24 076.3	24 285.3	0.9	20.3
3 Brisbane	16 811.1	17 415.0	3.6	14.6
4 Perth	8 704.3	9 213.8	5.9	7.7
5 Adelaide	7 317.2	7 445.4	1.8	6.2
6 Gold Coast	5 618.4	5 399.5	-3.9	4.5
7 Cairns	4 056.9	4 145.9	2.2	3.5
8 Hobart	2 682.7	2 820.7	5.1	2.4
9 Canberra	2 794.2	2 771.0	-0.8	2.3
10 Townsville	1 663.4	1 654.6	-0.5	1.4
Total top ten airports	98 616.5	100 439.6	1.8	84.0
Total domestic network	117 666.9	119 634.2	1.7	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.4	6.8	-8.4	27.7
2 Sydney	6.0	5.3	-11.4	21.7
3 Brisbane	4.8	4.3	-11.3	17.6
4 Perth	3.2	2.8	-11.0	11.5
5 Adelaide	1.5	1.1	-22.8	4.6
Total top five airports	22.8	20.3	-11.1	83.2
Total domestic network	27.3	24.4	-10.6	100.0

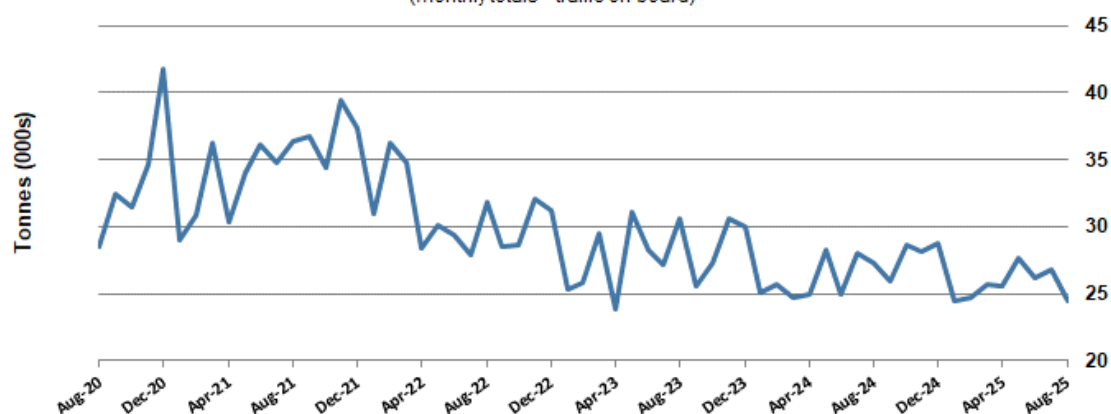
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	87.6	87.3	-0.4	27.6
2 Sydney	70.2	67.0	-4.6	21.1
3 Brisbane	58.9	56.0	-4.8	17.7
4 Perth	35.4	35.8	1.3	11.3
5 Adelaide	18.4	16.7	-9.4	5.3
Total top five airports	270.5	262.8	-2.9	83.0
Total domestic network	322.5	316.7	-1.8	100.0

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

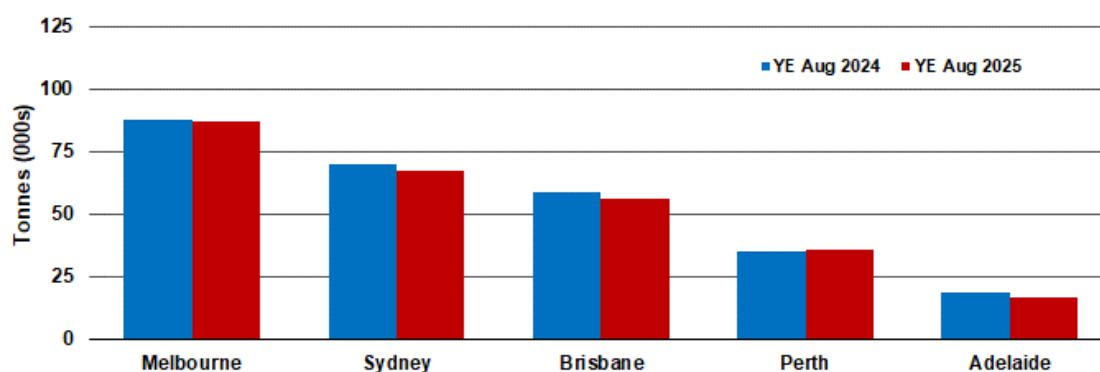
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



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

TOP TEN ROUTES

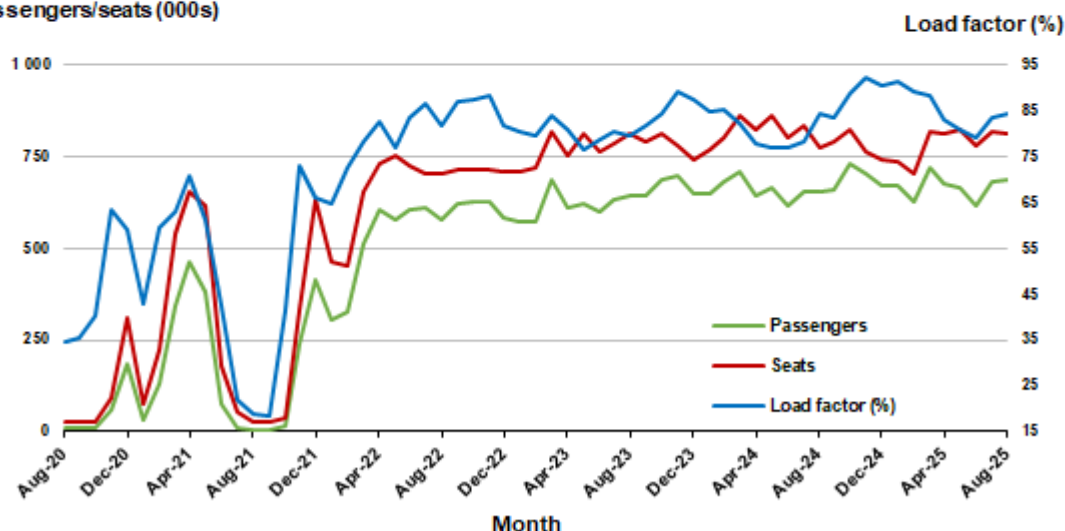
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	652.7	684.9	4.9
Seats (000s)	772.9	811.2	5.0
Load factor %	84.5	84.5	0.0 *
Aircraft trips	4 454	4 616	3.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

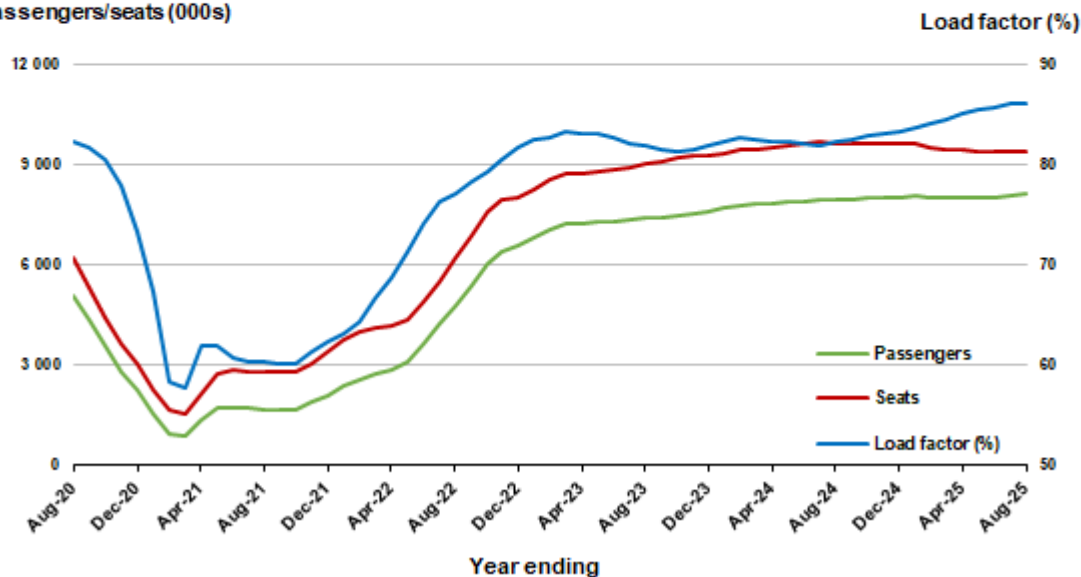


Moving annual data

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 947.7	8 118.6	2.2
Seats (000s)	9 650.5	9 426.9	-2.3
Load factor %	82.4	86.1	3.8 *
Aircraft trips	55 807	54 009	-3.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

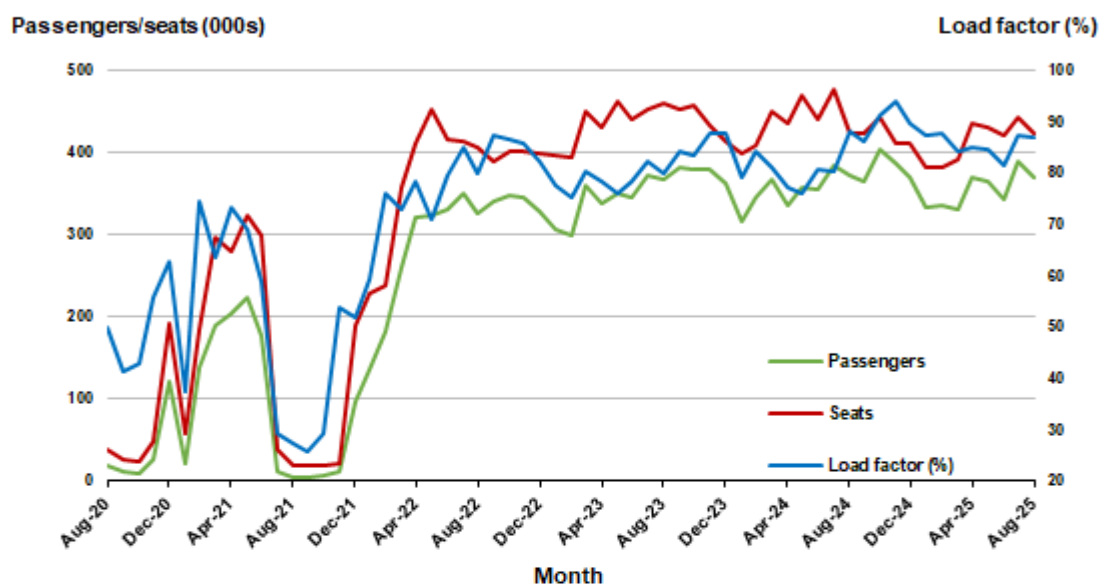


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	372.1	368.8	-0.9
Seats (000s)	422.7	424.5	0.4
Load factor %	88.0	86.9	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	2 546	2 511	-1.4

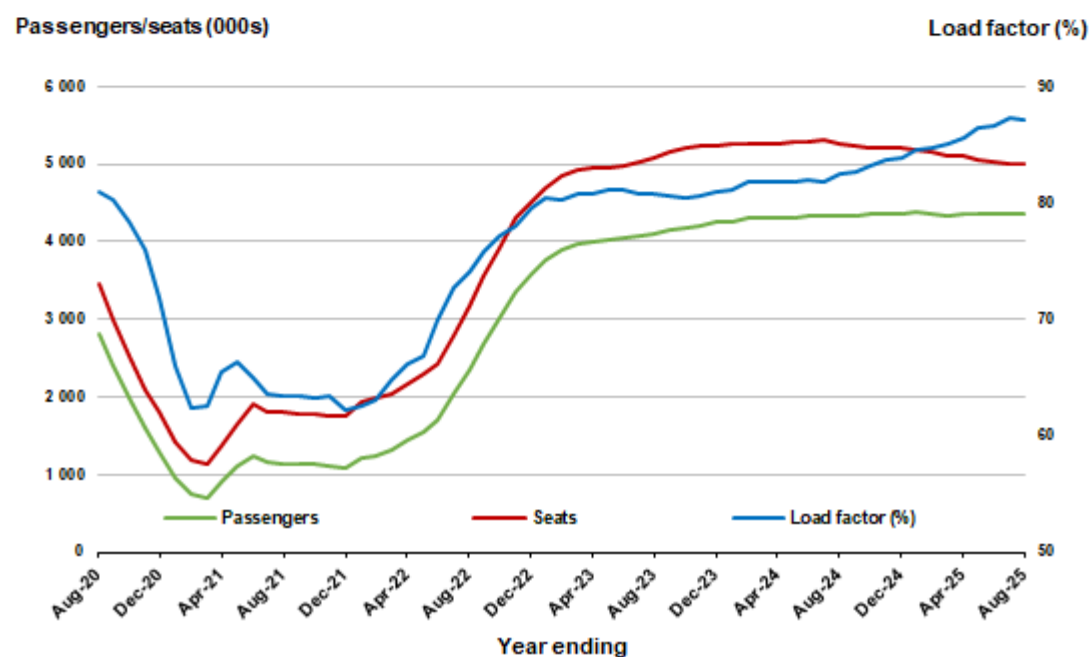
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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 339.9	4 360.5	0.5
Seats (000s)	5 264.1	5 003.2	-5.0
Load factor %	82.4	87.2	4.7 *
Aircraft trips	32 133	29 930	-6.9

* percentage point difference

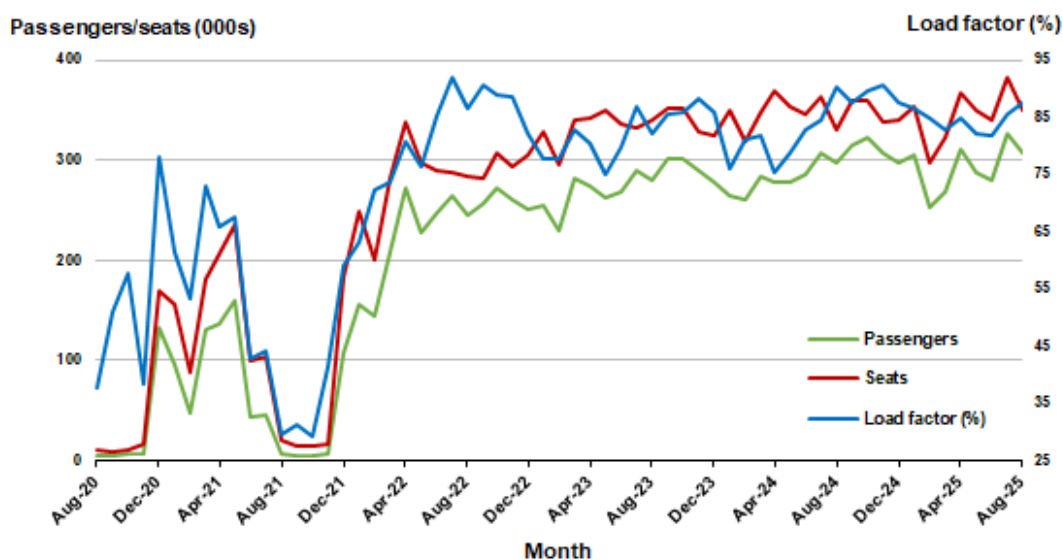


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	297.7	307.3	3.2
Seats (000s)	330.1	350.6	6.2
Load factor %	90.2	87.7	-2.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 966	2 136	8.6

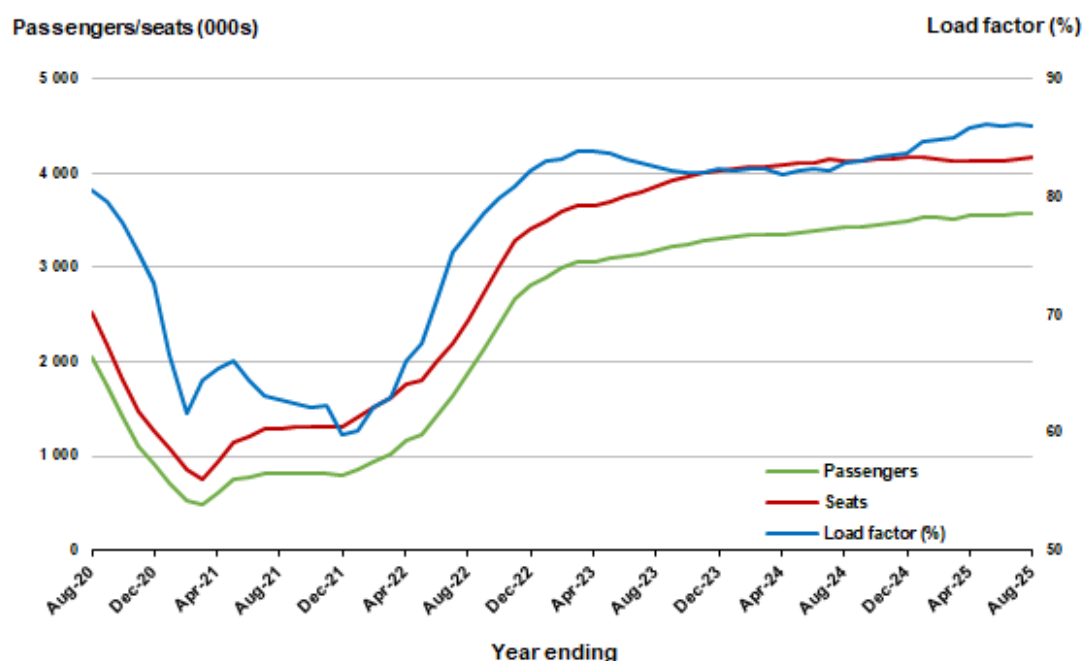
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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 426.5	3 581.5	4.5
Seats (000s)	4 133.6	4 165.0	0.8
Load factor %	82.9	86.0	3.1 *
Aircraft trips	24 777	25 147	1.5

* percentage point difference



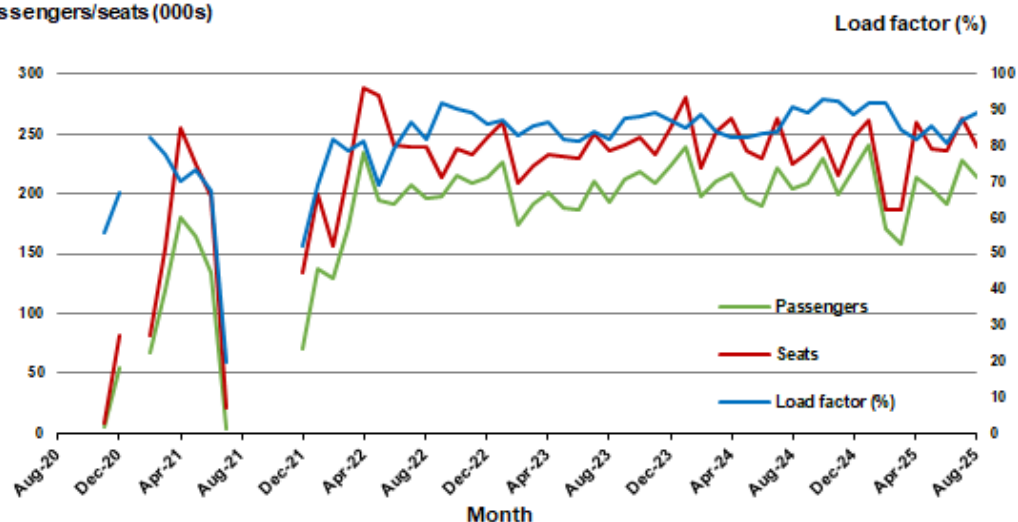
4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	204.2	213.9	4.8
Seats (000s)	225.2	239.6	6.4
Load factor %	90.7	89.3	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 279	1 361	6.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



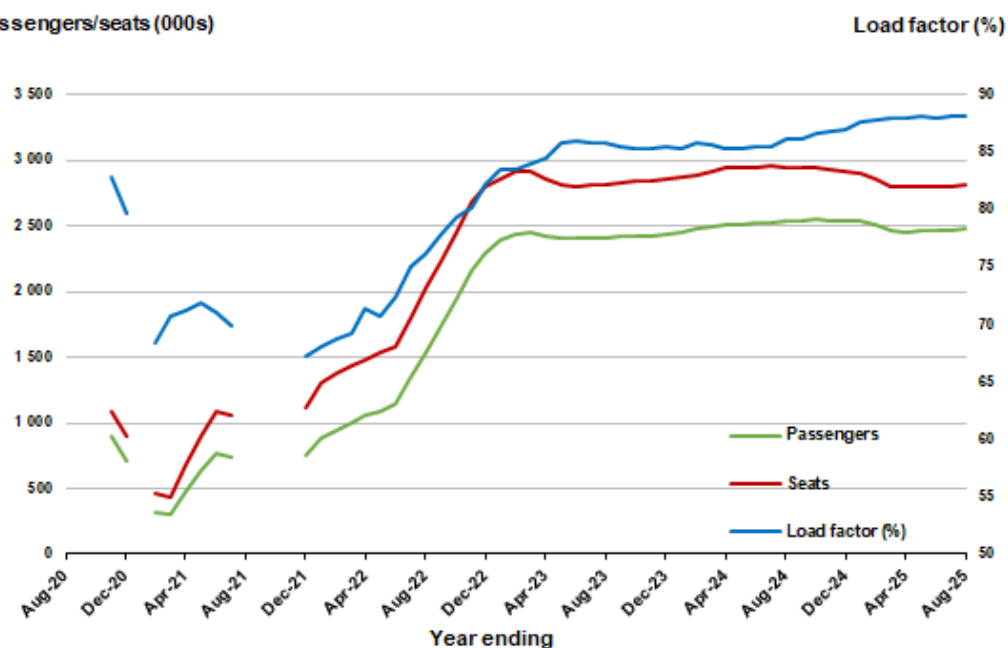
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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 540.7	2 481.7	-2.3
Seats (000s)	2 950.2	2 818.7	-4.5
Load factor %	86.1	88.0	1.9 *
Aircraft trips	16 704	16 013	-4.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



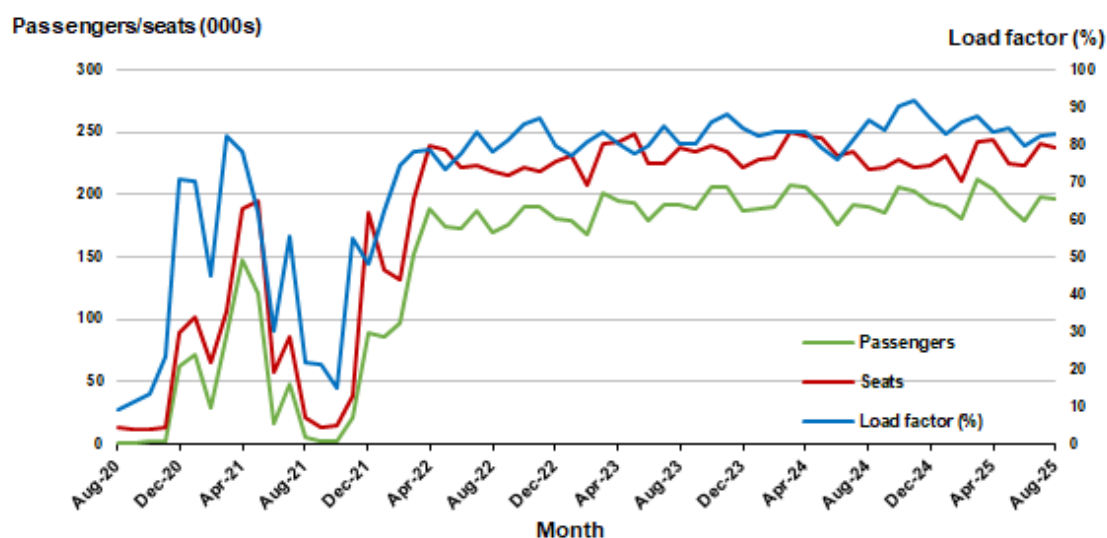
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	190.4	197.1	3.5
Seats (000s)	220.4	238.1	8.0
Load factor %	86.4	82.8	-3.6 *
Aircraft trips	1 336	1 403	5.0

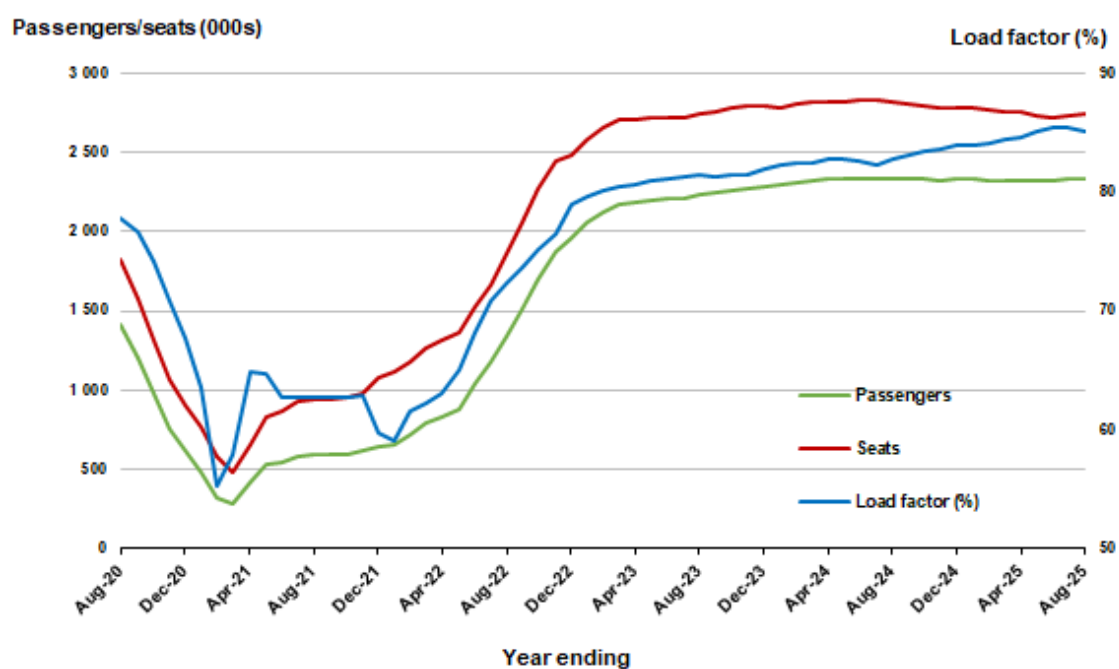
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Moving annual data

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 331.4	2 337.8	0.3
Seats (000s)	2 817.4	2 746.2	-2.5
Load factor %	82.7	85.1	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	17 167	16 298	-5.1

* percentage point difference



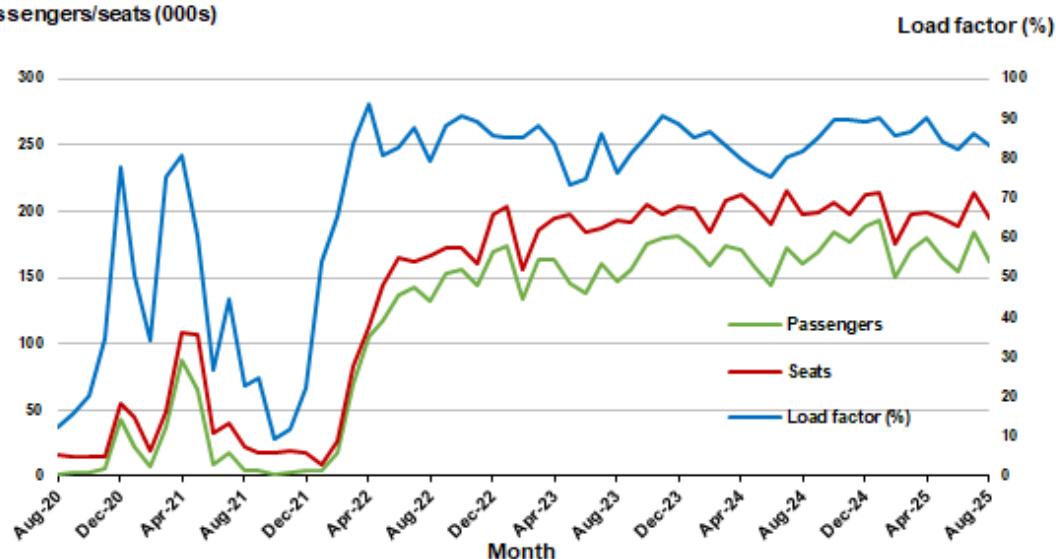
6. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	160.9	161.9	0.6
Seats (000s)	197.0	194.8	-1.1
Load factor %	81.7	83.1	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 080	1 108	2.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

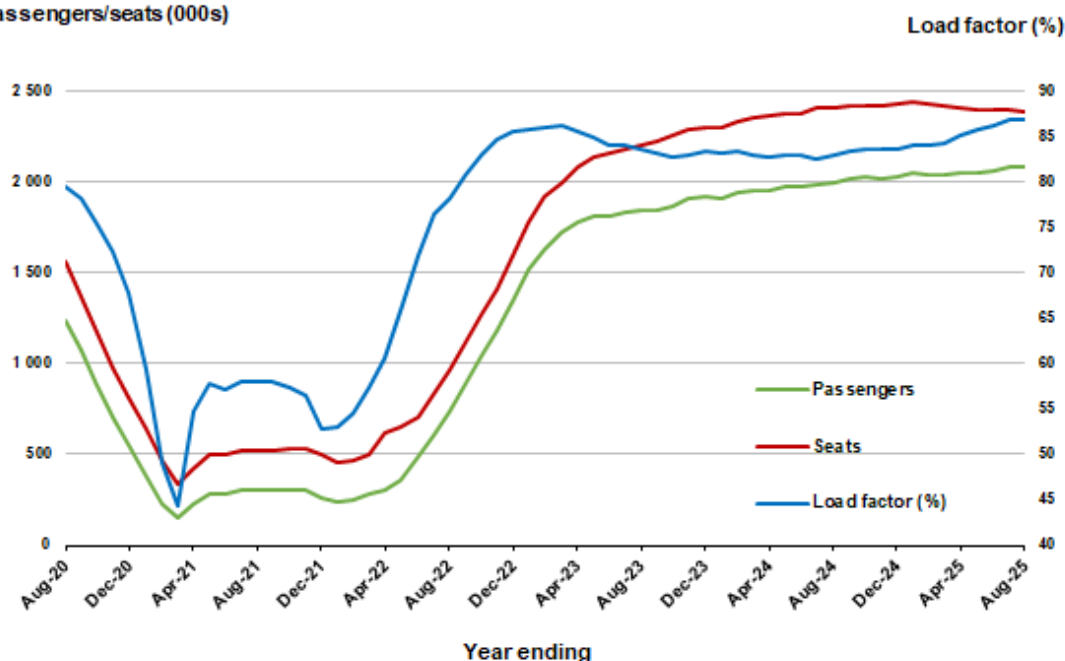


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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 001.3	2 079.2	3.9
Seats (000s)	2 411.6	2 391.9	-0.8
Load factor %	83.0	86.9	3.9 *
Aircraft trips	13 353	13 375	0.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

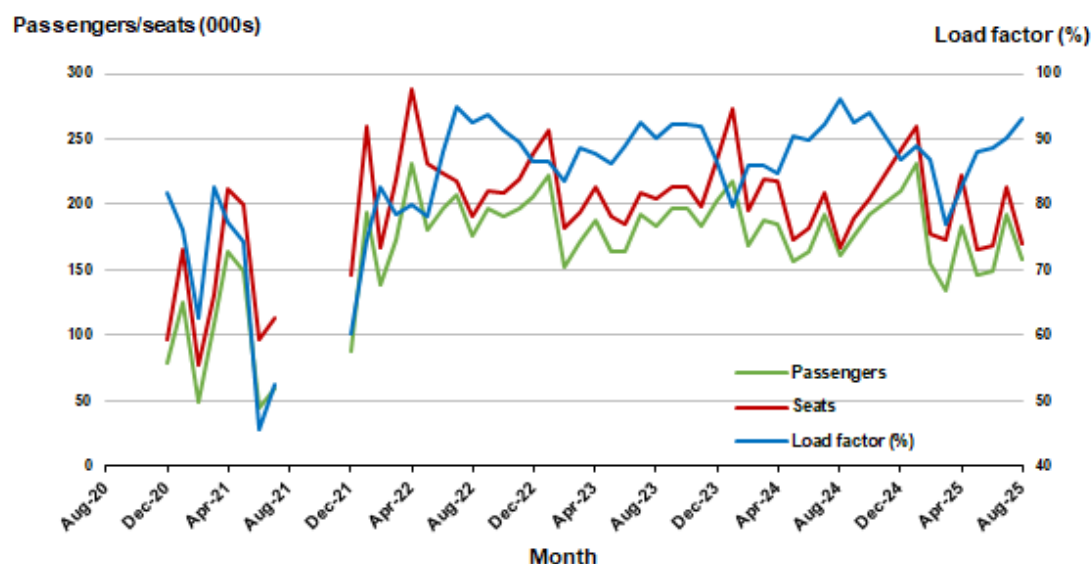


7. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	161.0	157.7	-2.1
Seats (000s)	167.4	169.5	1.2
Load factor %	96.1	93.0	-3.1 *
Aircraft trips	881	904	2.6

* percentage point difference

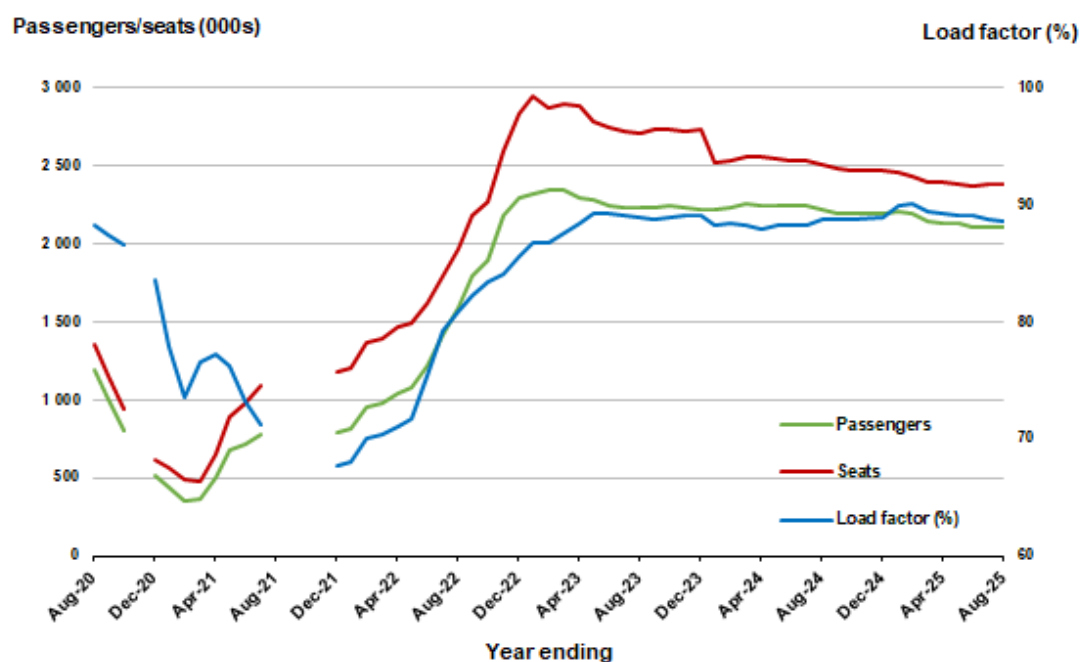


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Moving annual data

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 213.3	2 103.4	-5.0
Seats (000s)	2 497.3	2 375.6	-4.9
Load factor %	88.6	88.5	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	13 602	12 843	-5.6

* percentage point difference



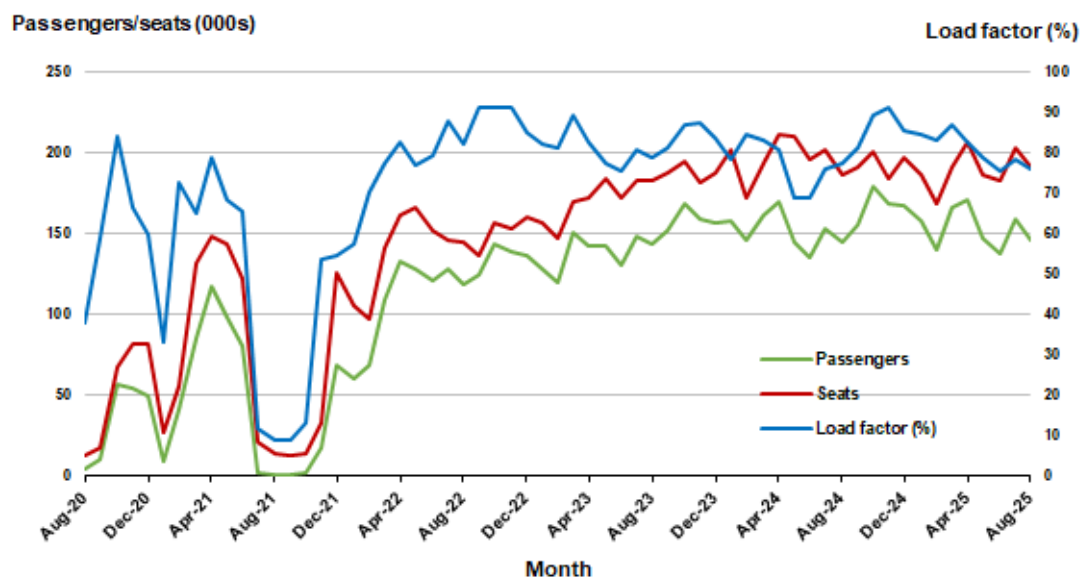
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8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	144.4	145.7	0.9
Seats (000s)	186.7	191.7	2.6
Load factor %	77.3	76.0	-1.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 116	1 123	0.6

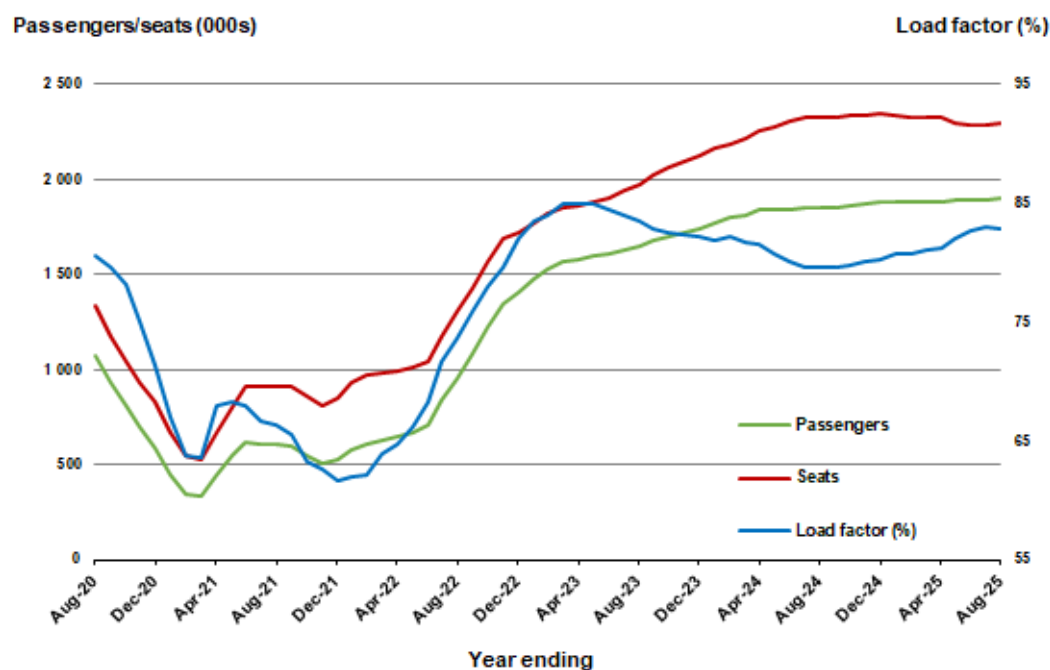
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Moving annual data

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 850.1	1 897.1	2.5
Seats (000s)	2 325.8	2 291.0	-1.5
Load factor %	79.5	82.8	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	14 090	13 448	-4.6

* percentage point difference



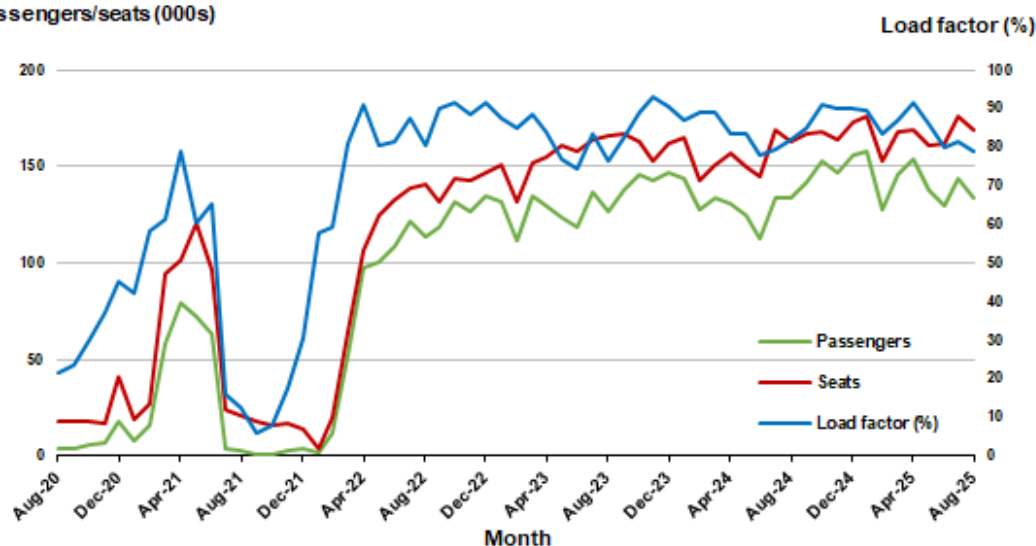
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	133.7	133.4	- 0.2
Seats (000s)	163.2	169.1	3.6
Load factor %	81.9	78.9	-3.0 *
Aircraft trips	863	893	3.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

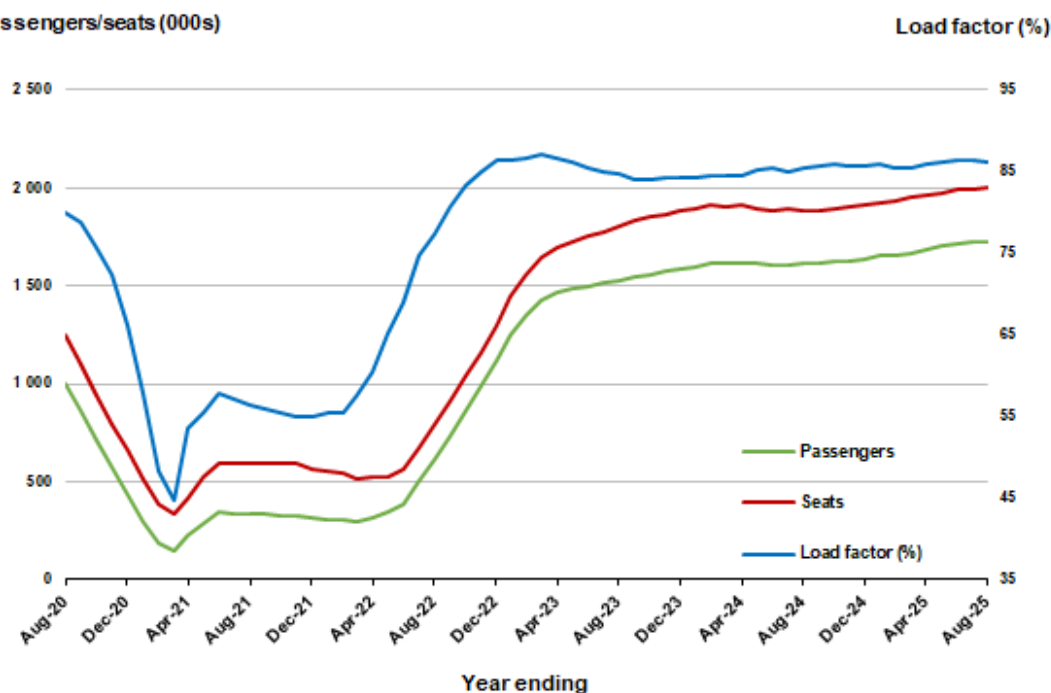


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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 614.3	1 727.1	7.0
Seats (000s)	1 887.7	2 003.6	6.1
Load factor %	85.5	86.2	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 899	10 669	7.8

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Passengers/seats (000s)

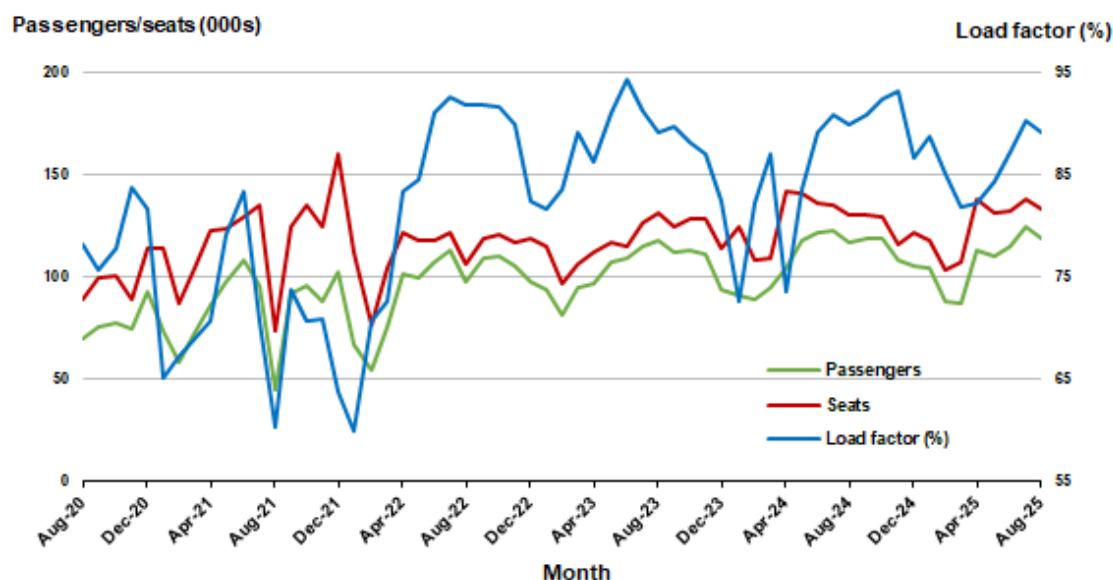


10. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	116.6	118.6	1.7
Seats (000s)	129.9	133.2	2.5
Load factor %	89.8	89.0	-0.8 *
Aircraft trips	908	984	8.4

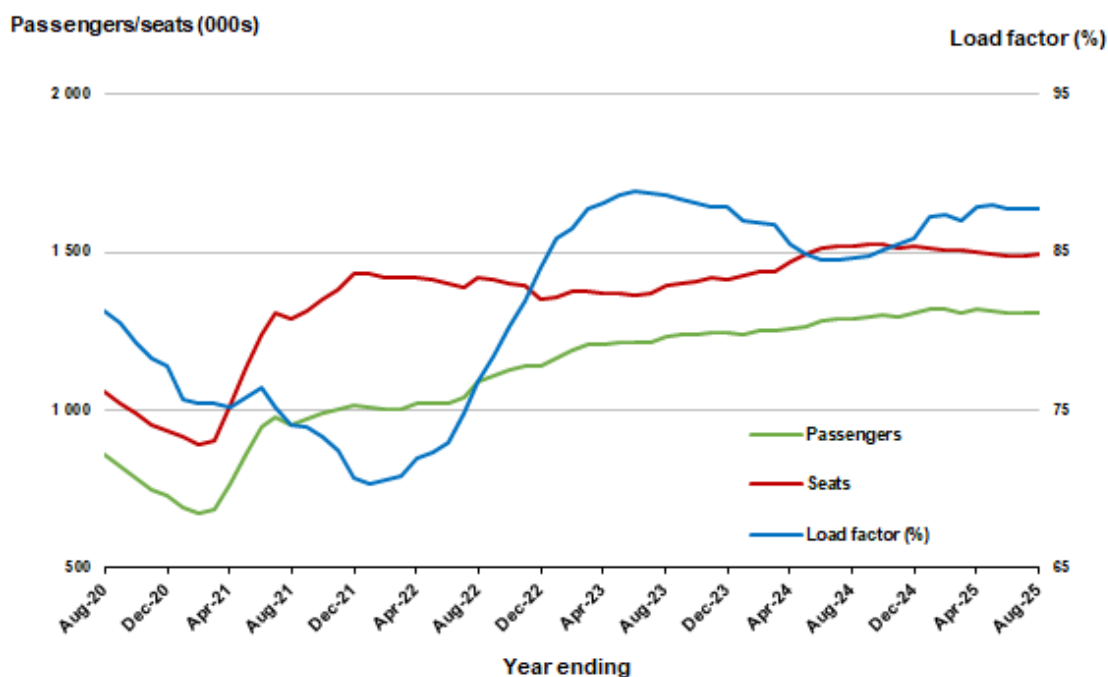
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	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 285.9	1 309.7	1.9
Seats (000s)	1 519.9	1 493.7	-1.7
Load factor %	84.6	87.7	3.1 *
Aircraft trips	10 427	10 652	2.2

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	380.4	389.7	2.4
2 Hobart	197.9	208.0	5.1
3 Darwin	164.6	172.2	4.6
4 Townsville	151.8	148.0	-2.6
5 Launceston	103.9	104.8	0.9
6 Newcastle	101.9	104.7	2.8
7 Mackay	78.6	81.4	3.5
8 Karratha	55.6	60.3	8.5
9 Rockhampton	55.7	56.1	0.8
10 Broome	51.2	53.2	4.0
11 Proserpine	42.4	48.8	15.1
12 Ballina	50.0	44.7	-10.6
13 Hamilton Island	39.4	42.4	7.6
14 Port Hedland	42.7	42.3	-0.9
15 Kalgoorlie	34.6	36.6	6.0
16 Newman	35.3	36.0	1.8
17 Ayers Rock	33.3	35.9	7.9
18 Alice Springs	35.5	35.8	0.8
19 Coffs Harbour	19.6	21.3	8.7
20 Mount Isa	22.2	20.8	-6.1
21 Paraburdoo	24.6	20.7	-15.7
22 Albury	20.6	20.0	-2.8
23 Wagga Wagga	18.5	19.4	4.8
24 Hervey Bay	18.2	18.7	2.7
25 Gladstone	19.8	18.7	-5.4
26 Dubbo	18.4	18.6	1.0
27 Emerald	17.2	17.2	0.4
28 Port Macquarie	16.3	16.2	-0.3
29 Kununurra	15.1	16.0	6.0
30 Mildura	16.5	15.6	-5.8
31 Tamworth	14.1	13.6	-3.5
32 Port Lincoln	13.6	13.1	-3.7
33 Bundaberg	12.5	12.2	-3.1
34 Devonport	10.9	12.1	11.0
35 Geraldton	10.9	11.2	2.8
36 Learmonth	11.1	11.0	-0.6
37 Thursday Island	10.7	10.8	0.3
38 Orange	9.6	10.3	7.8
39 Armidale	9.2	9.1	-0.6
40 Gove	9.9	9.0	-8.6
41 Olympic Dam	8.8	8.8	0.1
42 Weipa	8.5	8.7	2.9
43 Moranbah	9.2	8.1	-11.8
44 Busselton	7.5	7.7	2.7
45 Griffith	6.3	6.9	9.2
46 Burnie	6.0	6.5	8.8
47 Mount Gambier	6.2	6.3	2.3
48 Merimbula	5.3	6.0	13.4
49 Broken Hill	5.3	5.6	6.5
50 Albany	5.7	5.4	-4.3
Total top 50 regional airports	2 062.7	2 106.5	2.1
Total regional airports	2 180.6	2 225.8	2.1
Total domestic network	9 908.3	10 128.7	2.2

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

Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

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

Airport	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	4 056.9	4 145.9	2.2
2 Hobart	2 682.7	2 820.7	5.1
3 Townsville	1 663.4	1 654.6	-0.5
4 Darwin	1 592.8	1 650.1	3.6
5 Launceston	1 421.6	1 442.5	1.5
6 Newcastle	1 203.5	1 192.0	-1.0
7 Mackay	913.1	907.1	-0.7
8 Karratha	598.7	669.9	11.9
9 Rockhampton	649.7	649.1	-0.1
10 Ballina	619.7	603.8	-2.6
11 Proserpine	501.1	533.4	6.5
12 Port Hedland	488.6	493.4	1.0
13 Hamilton Island	486.8	492.8	1.2
14 Broome	442.0	447.9	1.3
15 Newman	380.3	433.3	13.9
16 Kalgoorlie	365.9	378.8	3.5
17 Alice Springs	369.5	359.5	-2.7
18 Ayers Rock	293.7	349.0	18.8
19 Paraburdoo	268.8	267.6	-0.5
20 Coffs Harbour	259.2	254.5	-1.8
21 Mount Isa	234.5	237.3	1.2
22 Albury	270.1	221.2	-18.1
23 Gladstone	239.9	219.4	-8.5
24 Wagga Wagga	203.6	215.0	5.6
25 Hervey Bay	165.6	210.4	27.0
26 Dubbo	211.5	206.1	-2.6
27 Emerald	196.8	199.9	1.6
28 Port Macquarie	220.9	190.7	-13.7
29 Mildura	225.0	187.6	-16.6
30 Port Lincoln	171.6	166.1	-3.2
31 Tamworth	169.4	159.7	-5.7
32 Bundaberg	140.8	141.3	0.4
33 Kununurra	161.1	140.3	-12.9
34 Devonport	123.0	139.4	13.4
35 Geraldton	114.0	127.1	11.5
36 Thursday Island	112.8	119.0	5.5
37 Orange	110.1	114.4	3.9
38 Learmonth	103.1	113.5	10.1
39 Moranbah	111.3	105.1	-5.5
40 Armidale	105.1	102.1	-2.9
41 Olympic Dam	103.2	101.6	-1.6
42 Weipa	90.6	97.3	7.4
43 Busselton	72.5	96.3	32.9
44 Gove	93.4	87.3	-6.5
45 Burnie	78.9	81.3	3.1
46 Griffith	68.0	76.1	12.0
47 Mount Gambier	72.4	71.1	-1.8
48 Norfolk Island	70.3	70.2	-0.1
49 Merimbula	69.9	69.2	-1.0
50 Albany	65.8	66.6	3.6
Total top 50 regional airports	23 433.1	23 878.6	1.9
Total regional airports	24 872.7	25 314.9	1.8
Total domestic network	117 666.9	119 634.2	1.7

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport. Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	368.9	353.1	-4.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6.2	5.9	-4.6

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

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

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 298.2	4 259.8	-0.9
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	73.1	73.0	-0.2

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

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

	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	737.9	706.2	-4.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	12.4	11.8	-4.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	271.3	252.9	-6.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	4.0	3.6	-10.3

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

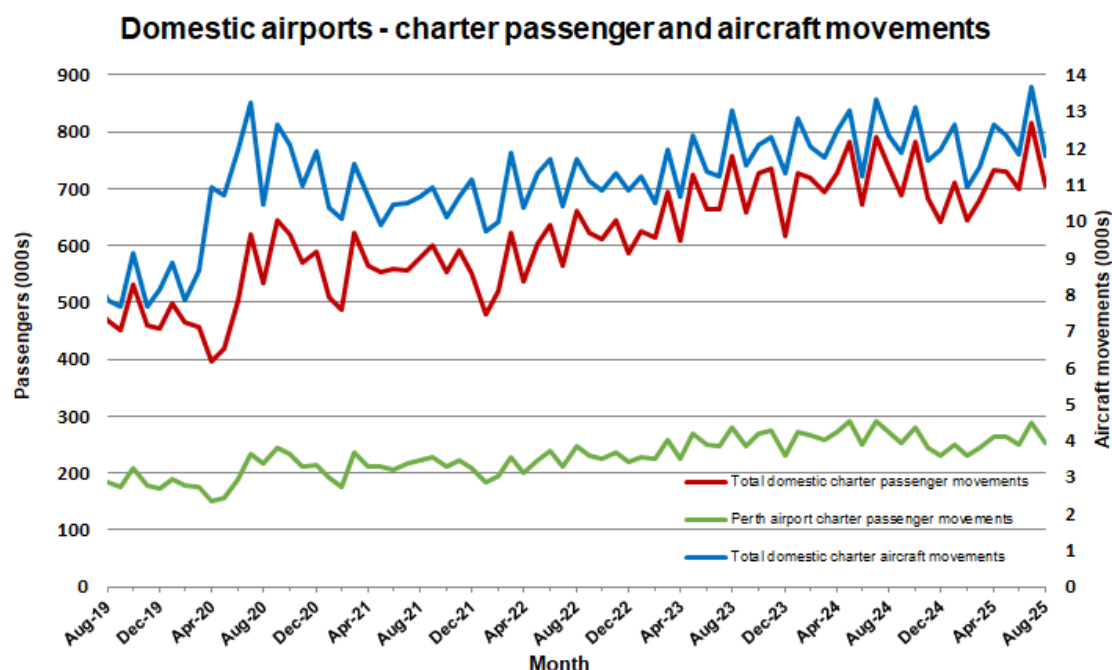
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

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

	YE Aug 2024	YE Aug 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 596.3	8 519.7	-0.9
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	146.3	145.9	-0.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 192.0	3 052.3	-4.4
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	48.5	44.6	-8.1

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

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



DEFINITIONS

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