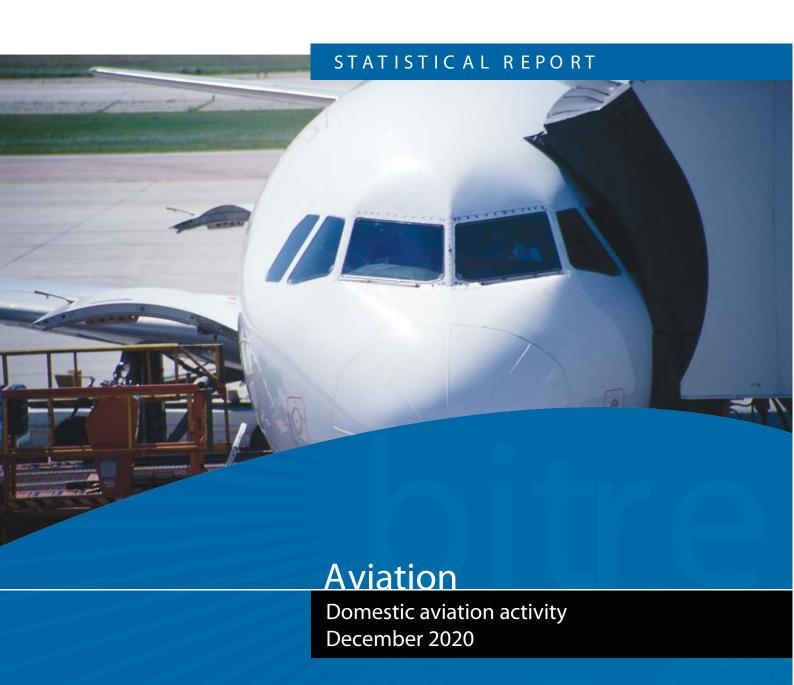


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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of December 2020.

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 December 2020, there were 45 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of December 2020 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of December 2020 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended December 2020 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 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

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

There were 2.5 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in December 2020, a decrease of 54.9 per cent on December 2019. For the month of December 2020, there were 36.2 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 35.6 per cent compared to December 2019.

2.2 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in December 2020, a decrease of 58.6 per cent on December 2019.

For the year ending December 2020 there were 19.4 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 68.3 per cent on the year ending December 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 2.54 billion for the month, down 59.0 per cent compared with December 2019. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 48.6 per cent compared with December 2019 to a total of 3.86 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 82.5 per cent in December 2019 to 65.8 per cent in December 2020. Load factors decreased on 44 individual RPT routes of the 45 RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years. Brisbane – Darwin was the only route to show an increased load factor in December 2020 (up 1.0 percentage points).

In December 2020, most published routes recorded significant decreases in the number of passengers carried compared with December 2019.

For the month of December 2020, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 183.0 thousand passengers, a decrease of 75.8 per cent compared with December 2019. It was followed by Brisbane – Melbourne with 132.6 thousand passengers (down 57.9 per cent) and Brisbane – Sydney with 120.9 thousand passengers (down 70.4 per cent).

Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 802.0 thousand passenger movements in December 2020 (down 47.1 per cent), followed by Melbourne with 739.8 thousand passenger movements (down 66.9 per cent) and Sydney with 658.4 thousand passenger movements (down 72.0 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 41.7 thousand tonnes in December 2020, an increase of 1.4 per cent compared with December 2019.

In December 2020, there were 1.3 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 39.7 per cent less than in December 2019. Most published regional airports recorded large decreases compared with December 2019.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 294.1 thousand passengers in December 2020, an increase of 29.7 per cent on December 2019. The largest increases were on major mining routes which also have RPT services. Perth Airport accounted for 36.5 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.48	2.47	-54.9
Aircraft trips (000s)	56.2	36.2	-35.6

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

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

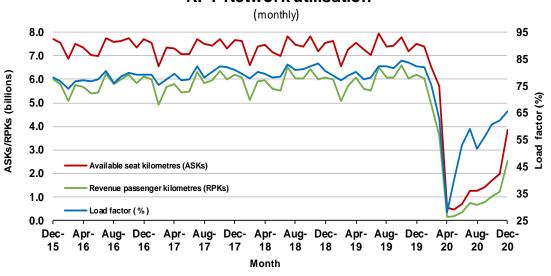
	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.26	2.18	-58.6
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.20	2.54	-59.0
Available seats (millions)	6.52	3.40	-47.8
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.52	3.86	-48.6
Load factor %	82.5	65.8	-16.7
Aircraft trips (000s)	52.1	30.3	-42.0

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	64.11	22.60	-64.7
Aircraft trips (000s)	683.5	347.5	-49.2

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

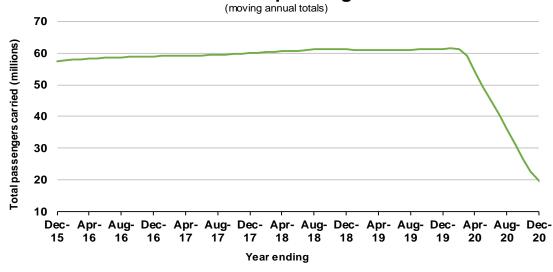
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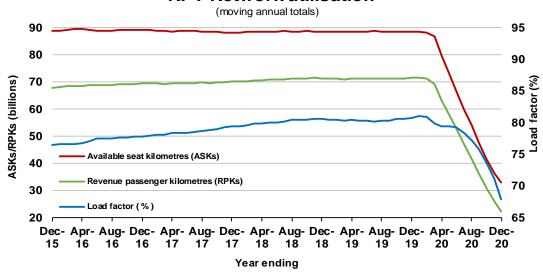
	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.39	19.44	-68.3
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.50	22.30	-68.8
Available seats (millions)	77.74	29.14	-62.5
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.55	32.86	-62.9
Load factor %	80.8	67.9	-12.9 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	636.7	282.3	-55.7

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	%Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 181.9	2 249.8	-75.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 821.0	1 299.7	-73.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 608.7	928.8	-74.3
4	Brisbane - Cairns	1 292.7	728.8	-43.6
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 733.1	701.7	-74.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 538.1	609.5	-76.0
7	Adelaide - Sydney	1 878.7	576.9	-69.3
8	Melbourne - Perth	2 110.1	544.0	-74.2
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 122.2	513.6	-75.8
10	Brisbane - Townsville	1 018.1	509.6	-49.9
11	Hobart - Melbourne	1 670.2	446.9	-73.2
12	Perth - Sydney	1 692.0	425.9	-74.8
13	Brisbane - Mackay	775.6	395.4	-49.0
14	Adelaide - Brisbane	875.3	360.4	-58.8
15	Ballina - Sydney	433.3	354.1	-18.3
16	Brisbane - Perth	960.6	301.6	-68.6
17	Karratha - Perth	466.2	272.3	-41.6
18	Launceston - Melbourne	959.2	266.7	-72.2
19	Canberra - Melbourne	1 184.8	265.6	-77.6
20	Brisbane - Rockhampton	539.5	255.4	-52.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	660.1	246.9	-62.6
22	Cairns - Sydney	1 078.1	243.3	-77.4
23	Hobart - Sydney	728.9	229.3	-68.5
24	Broome - Perth	328.8	224.5	-31.7
25	Perth - Port Hedland	378.4	209.7	-44.6
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	604.6	187.4	-69.0
27	Newman - Perth	347.5	166.8	-52.0
28	Brisbane - Proserpine	257.1	165.2	-35.7
29	Cairns - Melbourne	855.9	161.4	-81.1
30	Brisbane - Darwin	354.8	159.1	-55.2
31	Kalgoorlie - Perth	278.2	157.4	-43.4
32	Adelaide - Perth	656.8	149.5	-77.2
33	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	665.0	145.5	-78.1
34	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	558.0	134.3	-75.9
35	Melbourne - Newcastle	483.4	121.7	-74.8
36	Brisbane - Hobart	241.4	99.7	-58.7
37	Launceston - Sydney	294.6	99.4	-66.3
38	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	326.5	86.7	-73.4
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	132.4	86.3	-34.8
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	247.8	85.4	-65.5
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	215.2	67.7	-68.5
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	172.3	60.7	-64.8
43	Adelaide - Canberra	195.4	56.1	-71.3
44	Brisbane - Emerald	201.5	54.1	-73.2
45	Brisbane - Mount Isa	141.0	51.1	-63.8
46	Canberra - Sydney	931.4		NA
47	Darwin - Melbourne	310.9		NA
48	Darwin - Sydney	309.5		NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	231.3		NA
50	Albury - Sydney	230.1		NA

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	%Change
51	Hamilton Island - Sydney	213.3		NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	196.2		NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	190.9		NA
54	Dubbo - Sydney	182.0		NA
55	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	180.7		NA
56	Sydney - Tamworth	174.3	••	NA
57	Darwin - Perth	174.2		NA
58	Sydney - Towns ville	173.5		NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	153.6		NA
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	144.6		NA
61	Cairns - Townsville	143.2	••	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	125.0	••	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	113.3		NA
	Total domestic network	61 389.4	19 441.7	-68.3

^{..} Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	756.7	183.0	-75.8
2	Brisbane - Melbourne	314.9	132.6	-57.9
3	Brisbane - Sydney	408.9	120.9	-70.4
4	Brisbane - Cairns	110.1	92.6	-15.9
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	197.8	78.6	-60.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	207.3	62.7	-69.8
7	Brisbane - Townsville	87.9	61.8	-29.7
8	Gold Coast - Sydney	247.8	54.9	-77.8
9	Hobart - Melbourne	157.2	54.5	-65.3
10	Ballina - Sydney	41.2	52.9	28.3
11	Adelaide - Sydney	161.0	49.3	-69.4
12	Brisbane - Mackay	67.5	45.6	-32.5
13	Melbourne - Perth	197.5	43.2	-78.1
14	Brisbane - Perth	88.9	42.6	-52.0
15	Brisbane - Canberra	57.0	38.9	-31.7
16	Launceston - Melbourne	92.6	38.1	-58.8
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	78.2	32.2	-58.8
18	Brisbane - Newcastle	51.6	31.4	-39.1
19	Brisbane - Rockhampton	44.7	30.6	-31.7
20	Hobart - Sydney	74.8	30.0	-59.9
21	Karratha - Perth	37.6	29.1	-22.5
22	Canberra - Melbourne	92.0	27.0	-70.7
23	Brisbane - Hobart	92.0 25.4	26.8	5.5
23 24	Cairns - Melbourne	68.1	25.5	-62.6
	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	51.0		-51.3
25 26	Newman - Perth	27.4	24.8 24.4	-11.0
27	Brisbane - Darwin	28.5		-14.6
28	Broome - Perth	23.0	24.3	5.9
	Perth - Port Hedland		24.3	
29		29.6	24.3	-18.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	41.0	22.5	-45.0
31	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	12.0	22.3	85.9
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	23.9	21.7	-8.9
33	Cairns - Sydney	94.3	18.5	-80.4
34	Perth - Sydney	157.7	18.3	-88.4
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	21.3	18.1	-14.9
36	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	59.2	17.9	-69.7
37	Launceston - Sydney	32.7	17.9	-45.4
38	Brisbane - Gladstone	20.3	11.7	-42.4
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	27.9	11.0	-60.7
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	19.5	10.4	-46.5
41	Brisbane - Emerald	15.8	9.7	-38.5
42	Adelaide - Canberra	16.4	9.4	-42.7
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	15.6	9.3	-40.3
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	11.3	9.2	-18.3
45	Adelaide - Perth	58.3	8.2	-85.9
46	Canberra - Sydney	68.1		NA
47	Darwin - Melbourne	23.1		NA
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	22.0		NA
49	Darwin - Sydney	21.9		NA
50	Melbourne - Mildura	18.9		NA

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	18.0		NA
52	Sydney - Townsville	16.5	••	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	16.4	••	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	14.0		NA
55	Darwin - Perth	13.7	••	NA
56	Sydney - Tamworth	13.7	••	NA
57	Dubbo - Sydney	13.5		NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	12.7		NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	11.5		NA
60	Ayers Rock - Sydney	11.1		NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	9.8		NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.5		NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	9.4		NA
	Total domestic network	5 257.7	2 176.7	-58.6

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	860.6	310.0	-64.0
2	Brisbane - Melbourne	367.0	169.5	-53.8
3	Brisbane - Sydney	471.6	192.2	-59.2
4	Brisbane - Cairns	129.0	113.5	-12.0
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	225.3	96.1	-57.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	253.6	88.8	-65.0
7	Brisbane - Townsville	106.8	84.8	-20.6
8	Gold Coast - Sydney	281.1	82.1	-70.8
9	Hobart - Melbourne	201.1	84.5	-58.0
10	Ballina - Sydney	48.3	77.9	61.4
11	Adelaide - Sydney	190.4	82.3	-56.8
12	Brisbane - Mackay	81.3	67.8	-16.6
13	Melbourne - Perth	218.6	55.4	-74.7
14	Brisbane - Perth	98.2	53.7	-45.4
15	Brisbane - Canberra	76.1	52.2	-31.3
16	Launceston - Melbourne	119.4	55.6	-53.5
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	97.0	47.7	-50.9
18	Brisbane - Newcastle	66.7	51.7	-22.5
19	Brisbane - Rockhampton	54.2	48.9	-9.9
20	Hobart - Sydney	93.3	59.5	-36.2
21	Karratha - Perth	63.0	61.7	-2.1
22	Canberra - Melbourne	133.4	39.6	-70.3
23	Brisbane - Hobart	30.4	35.4	16.4
24	Cairns - Melbourne	79.5	33.9	-57.3
25	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	59.9	30.1	-49.7
26	Newman - Perth	48.3	57.4	18.7
27	Brisbane - Darwin	37.5	31.6	-15.7
28	Broome - Perth	34.2	41.8	22.2
29	Perth - Port Hedland	49.5	47.8	-3.4
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	47.6	37.9	-20.5
31	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	16.0	33.5	109.5
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	29.5	27.9	-5.3
33	Cairns - Sydney	109.7	36.3	-66.9
34	Perth - Sydney	175.8	40.6	-76.9
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	33.0	33.3	0.8
36	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	70.1	28.5	-59.4
37	Launceston - Sydney	39.1	31.8	-18.7
38	Brisbane - Gladstone	30.0	20.7	-30.9
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	37.2	17.7	-52.3
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	22.7	16.5	-27.2
41	Brisbane - Emerald	23.7	20.7	-12.6
42	Adelaide - Canberra	22.6	15.4	-31.9
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	23.0	13.7	-40.3
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	15.3	19.0	24.0
45	Adelaide - Perth	69.7	18.6	-73.3
46	Canberra - Sydney	89.5	10.0	-75.5 NA
47	Darwin - Melbourne	29.5	•	NA NA
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	28.4	•	NA NA
49	Darwin - Sydney	28.8	•	NA NA
50	Melbourne - Mildura	28.2		NA NA

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	25.3		NA
52	Sydney - Towns ville	19.7		NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	21.3		NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	20.1		NA
55	Darwin - Perth	21.3		NA
56	Sydney - Tamworth	21.2		NA
57	Dubbo - Sydney	20.2	••	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.1		NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	21.0		NA
60	Ayers Rock - Sydney	20.3		NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	14.0		NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.7		NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	11.1		NA
	Total domestic network	6 524.2	3 403.8	-47.8

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	87.9	59.0	-28.9
2	Brisbane - Melbourne	85.8	78.2	-7.6
3	Brisbane - Sydney	86.7	62.9	-23.8
4	Brisbane - Cairns	85.3	81.6	-3.7
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	87.8	81.8	-6.0
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	81.7	70.5	-11.2
7	Brisbane - Townsville	82.2	72.8	-9.4
8	Gold Coast - Sydney	88.1	66.9	-21.2
9	Hobart - Melbourne	78.2	64.6	-13.6
10	Ballina - Sydney	85.3	67.8	-17.5
11	Adelaide - Sydney	84.6	59.9	-24.7
12	Brisbane - Mackay	83.1	67.2	-15.9
13	Melbourne - Perth	90.4	77.9	-12.5
14	Brisbane - Perth	90.5	79.4	-11.1
15	Brisbane - Canberra	74.9	74.4	-0.5
16	Launceston - Melbourne	77.6	68.6	-9.0
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	80.6	67.5	-13.1
18	Brisbane - Newcastle	77.3	60.8	-16.5
19	Brisbane - Rockhampton	82.4	62.5	-19.9
20	Hobart - Sydney	80.2	50.4	-29.8
21	Karratha - Perth	59.6	47.2	-12.4
22	Canberra - Melbourne	69.0	68.1	-0.9
23	Brisbane - Hobart	83.5	75.7	-7.8
24	Cairns - Melbourne	85.7	75.0	-10.7
25	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	85.2	82.5	-2.7
26	Newman - Perth	56.8	42.6	-14.2
27	Brisbane - Darwin	76.1	77.1	1.0
28	Broome - Perth	67.2	58.2	-9.0
29	Perth - Port Hedland	59.9	50.8	-9.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	86.0	59.5	-26.5
31	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	75.3	66.8	-8.5
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	80.9	77.8	-3.1
33	Cairns - Sydney	86.0	51.1	-34.9
34	Perth - Sydney	89.7	45.0	-44.7
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	64.3	54.3	-10.0
36	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	84.6	63.0	-21.6
37	Launceston - Sydney	83.7	56.2	-27.5
38	Brisbane - Gladstone	67.8	56.4	-11.4
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	75.2	61.9	-13.3
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	85.8	63.1	-22.7
41	Brisbane - Emerald	66.7	46.9	-19.8
42	Adelaide - Canberra	72.7	61.3	-11.4
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	67.6	67.5	-0.1
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	73.8	48.7	-25.1
45	Adelaide - Perth	83.6	44.1	-39.5
46	Canberra - Sydney	76.1	77.1	NA
4 7	Darwin - Melbourne	78.5	•	NA NA
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	77.2	•	NA NA
49	Darwin - Sydney	76.1	•	NA NA
50	Melbourne - Mildura	66.9	•	NA NA

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Point diff
51	Albury - Sydney	70.9		NA
52	Sydney - Towns ville	83.6		NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	77.1		NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	69.8		NA
55	Darwin - Perth	64.5		NA
56	Sydney - Tamworth	64.4		NA
57	Dubbo - Sydney	67.2		NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	70.4		NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	54.8		NA
60	Ayers Rock - Sydney	54.9		NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	69.6		NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	64.5		NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	84.6		NA
	Total domestic network	82.5	65.8	-16.7

^{..} Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 857	1 910	-60.7
2	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 205	1 138	-48.4
3	Brisbane - Sydney	2 878	1 301	-54.8
4	Brisbane - Cairns	884	727	-17.8
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 188	504	-57.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 544	605	-60.8
7	Brisbane - Townsville	729	522	-28.4
8	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 570	484	-69.2
9	Hobart - Melbourne	1 107	489	-55.8
10	Ballina - Sydney	292	508	74.0
11	Adelaide - Sydney	1 114	538	-51.7
12	Brisbane - Mackay	636	486	-23.6
13	Melbourne - Perth	1 050	428	-59.2
14	Brisbane - Perth	530	309	-41.7
15	Brisbane - Canberra	558	382	-31.5
16	Launceston - Melbourne	860	481	-44.1
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	559	299	-46.5
18	Brisbane - Newcastle	480	343	-28.5
19	Brisbane - Rockhampton	632	476	-24.7
20	Hobart - Sydney	569	346	-39.2
21	Karratha - Perth	475	384	-19.2
22	Canberra - Melbourne	852	303	-64.4
23	Brisbane - Hobart	171	218	27.5
24	Cairns - Melbourne	413	172	-58.4
25	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	336	176	-47.6
26	Newman - Perth	332	353	6.3
27	Brisbane - Darwin	227	196	-13.7
28	Broome - Perth	292	291	-0.3
29	Perth - Port Hedland	379	340	-10.3
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	262	206	-21.4
31	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	124	210	69.4
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	166	167	0.6
33	Cairns - Sydney	568	204	-64.1
34	Perth - Sydney	795	219	-72.5
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	280	240	-14.3
36	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	441	174	-60.5
37	Launceston - Sydney	215	186	-13.5
38	Brisbane - Gladstone	397	272	-31.5
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	408	242	-40.7
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	127	92	-27.6
41	Brisbane - Emerald	350	316	-9.7
42	Adelaide - Canberra	136	98	-27.9
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	593	346	-41.7
44	Brisbane - Mount Isa	131	119	-9.2
45	Adelaide - Perth	452	155	-65.7
46	Canberra - Sydney	1 178		NA
47	Darwin - Melbourne	167		NA
48	Hamilton Island - Sydney	175		NA
49	Darwin - Sydney	168		NA NA
50	Melbourne - Mildura	371		NA

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	460		NA
52	Sydney - Towns ville	111		NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	328		NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	392	••	NA
55	Darwin - Perth	124		NA
56	Sydney - Tamworth	346		NA
57	Dubbo - Sydney	429		NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	291		NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	317		NA
60	Ayers Rock - Sydney	114		NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	325		NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	120		NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	61		NA
	Total domestic network	52 112	30 250	-42.0

⁽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

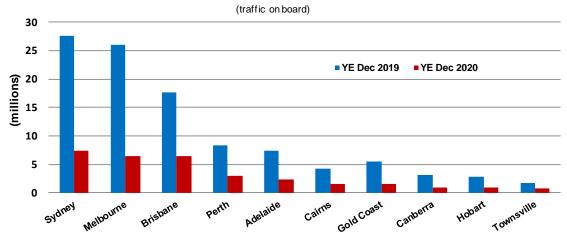
	Airport	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Brisbane	1 517.5	802.0	-47.1	18.4
2	Melbourne	2 237.0	739.8	-66.9	17.0
3	Sydney	2 353.7	658.4	-72.0	15.1
4	Perth	727.6	304.0	-58.2	7.0
5	Adelaide	622.4	220.7	-64.5	5.1
6	Cairns	350.6	197.1	-43.8	4.5
7	Gold Coast	512.9	188.1	-63.3	4.3
8	Hobart	271.3	131.3	-51.6	3.0
9	Canberra	250.9	111.3	-55.6	2.6
10	Townsville	142.3	94.6	-33.5	2.2
	Total top ten airports	8 986.3	3 447.4	-61.6	79.2
	Total domestic network	10 515.4	4 353.4	-58.6	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	27 575.7	7 461.4	-72.9	19.2
2	Melbourne	25 996.6	6 501.5	-75.0	16.7
3	Brisbane	17 584.2	6 387.6	-63.7	16.4
4	Perth	8 286.2	2 977.4	-64.1	7.7
5	Adelaide	7 387.7	2 348.6	-68.2	6.0
6	Cairns	4 155.5	1 588.8	-61.8	4.1
7	Gold Coast	5 569.7	1 529.4	-72.5	3.9
8	Canberra	3 154.4	893.8	-71.7	2.3
9	Hobart	2 781.7	879.7	-68.4	2.3
10	Townsville	1 666.0	766.9	-54.0	2.0
	Total top ten airports	104 157.7	31 335.2	-69.9	80.6
	Total domestic network	122 778.9	38 883.4	-68.3	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

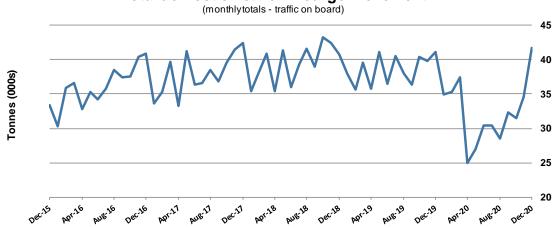
	Airport	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	10.7	11.3	5.2	27.0
2	Sydney	9.2	9.3	1.3	22.2
3	Brisbane	6.6	7.4	11.7	17.8
4	Perth	5.6	4.0	-28.9	9.5
_5	Adelaide	2.6	2.5	-5.3	6.0
	Total top five airports	34.7	34.4	-0.8	82.5
	Total domestic network	41.2	41.7	1.4	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	122.2	101.1	-17.3	26.0
2	Sydney	100.3	84.4	-15.8	21.7
3	Brisbane	73.0	68.3	-6.5	17.5
4	Perth	61.5	38.1	-38.1	9.8
5	Adelaide	28.4	23.8	-16.3	6.1
	Total top five airports	385.4	315.7	-18.1	81.1
	Total domestic network	462.8	389.2	-15.9	100.0

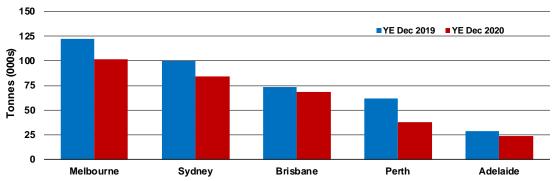
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

Total domestic network - cargo movement



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



TOP TEN ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	756.7	183.0	-75.8
Seats (000s)	860.6	310.0	-64.0
Load factor %	87.9	59.0	-28.9 *
Aircraft trips	4 857	1 910	-60.7

^{*} percentage point difference

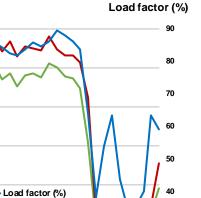
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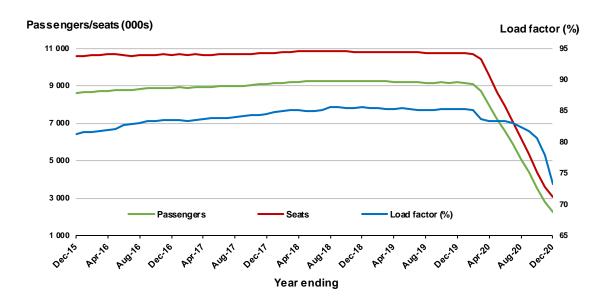
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	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	9 181.9	2 249.8	-75.5
Seats (000s)	10 775.5	3 072.2	-71.5
Load factor %	85.2	73.3	-12.0 *
Aircraft trips	60 424	19 050	-68.5

^{*} percentage point difference

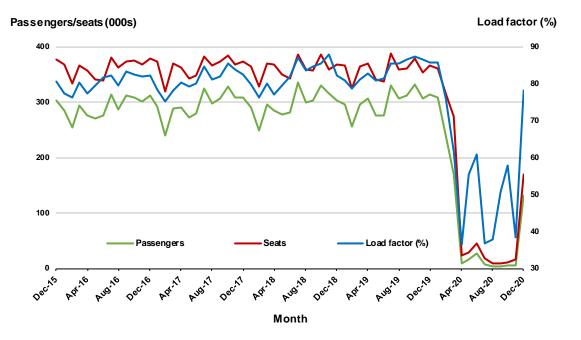


2. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

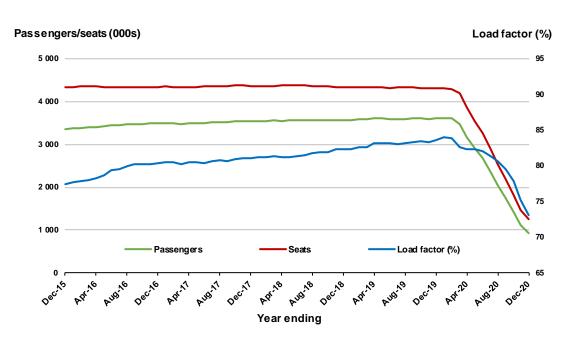
	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	314.9	132.6	-57.9
Seats (000s)	367.0	169.5	-53.8
Load factor %	85.8	78.2	-7.6 *
Aircraft trips	2 205	1 138	-48.4

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 608.7	928.8	-74.3
Seats (000s)	4 313.3	1 279.1	-70.3
Load factor %	83.7	72.6	-11.1 *
Aircraft trips	25 421	8 649	-66.0

^{*} percentage point difference

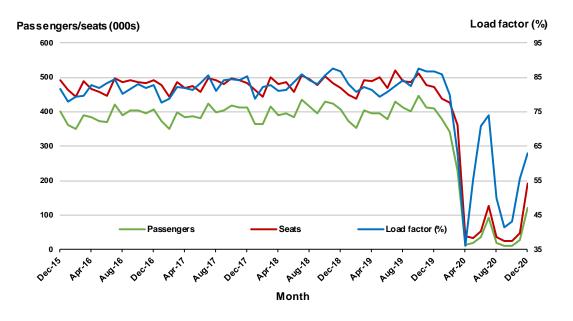


3. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

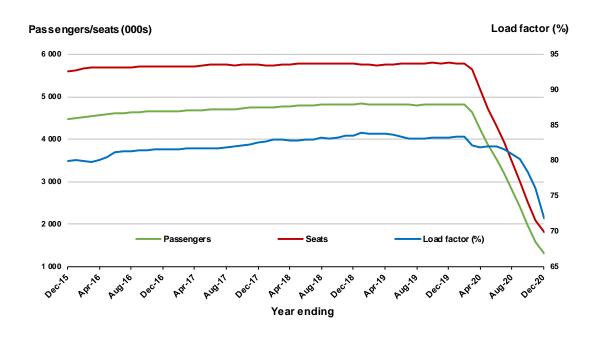
	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	408.9	120.9	-70.4
Seats (000s)	471.6	192.2	-59.2
Load factor %	86.7	62.9	-23.8 *
Aircraft trips	2 878	1 301	-54.8

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 821.0	1 299.7	-73.0
Seats (000s)	5 795.8	1 809.5	-68.8
Load factor %	83.2	71.8	-11.4 *
Aircraft trips	35 315	12 608	-64.3

^{*} percentage point difference

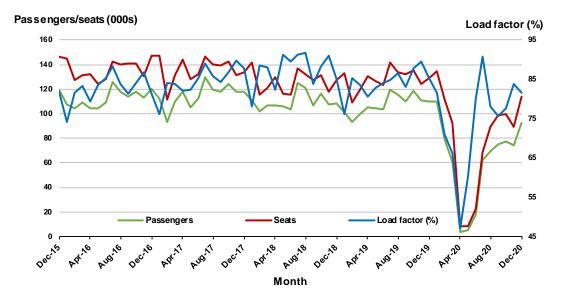


4. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

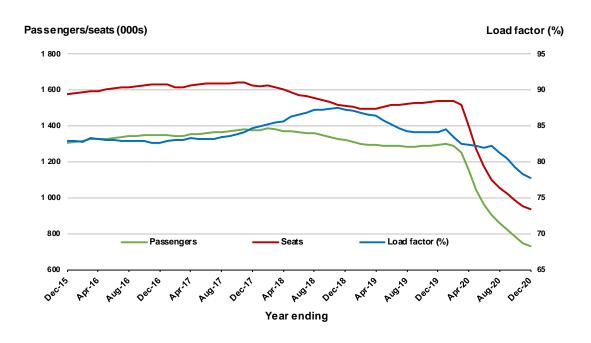
	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	110.1	92.6	-15.9
Seats (000s)	129.0	113.5	-12.0
Load factor %	85.3	81.6	-3.7 *
Aircraft trips	884	727	-17.8

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 292.7	728.8	-43.6
Seats (000s)	1 537.2	937.1	-39.0
Load factor %	84.1	77.8	-6.3 *
Aircraft trips	10 577	6 791	-35.8

^{*} percentage point difference

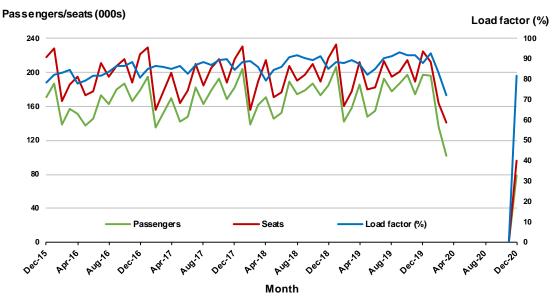


5. Gold Coast - Melbourne (a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	197.8	78.6	-60.3
Seats (000s)	225.3	96.1	-57.3
Load factor %	87.8	81.8	-6.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 188	504	-57.6

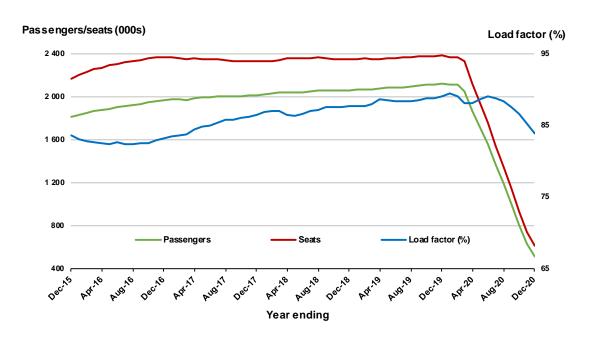
^{*} percentage point difference



(a) April to November 2020 data not available for release

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 122.2	513.6	-75.8
Seats (000s)	2 384.0	612.9	-74.3
Load factor %	89.0	83.8	-5.2 *
Aircraft trips	12 597	3 243	-74.3

^{*} percentage point difference

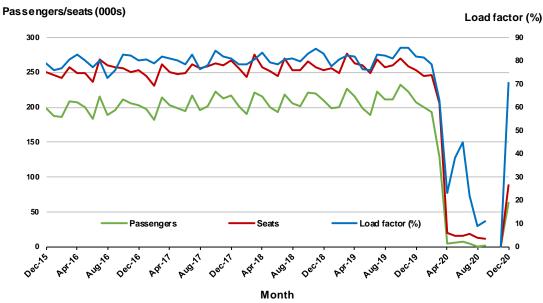


6. Adelaide - Melbourne (a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	207.3	62.7	-69.8
Seats (000s)	253.6	88.8	-65.0
Load factor %	81.7	70.5	-11.2 *
Aircraft trips	1 544	605	-60.8

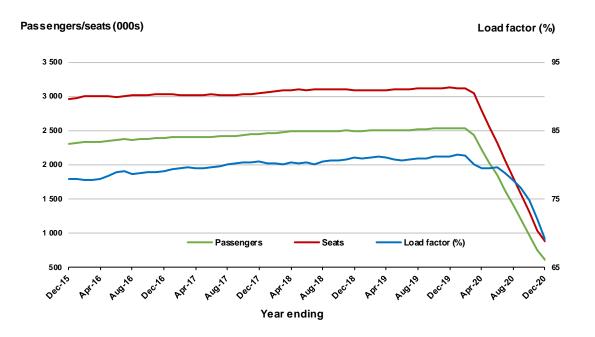
^{*} percentage point difference



(a) October and November 2020 data not available for release

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 538.1	609.5	-76.0
Seats (000s)	3 125.9	881.4	-71.8
Load factor %	81.2	69.1	-12.0 *
Aircraft trips	19 019	6 023	-68.3

^{*} percentage point difference

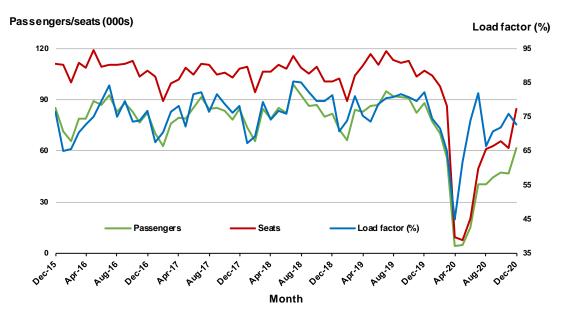


7. Brisbane - Townsville

Monthly data

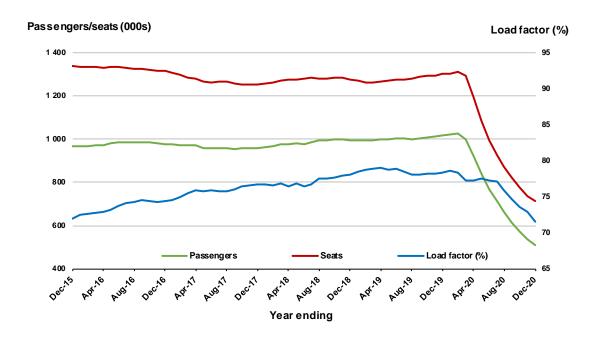
	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	87.9	61.8	-29.7
Seats (000s)	106.8	84.8	-20.6
Load factor %	82.2	72.8	-9.4 *
Aircraft trips	729	522	-28.4

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 018.1	509.6	-49.9
Seats (000s)	1 300.3	712.2	-45.2
Load factor %	78.3	71.5	-6.8 *
Aircraft trips	8 723	4 756	-45.5

^{*} percentage point difference

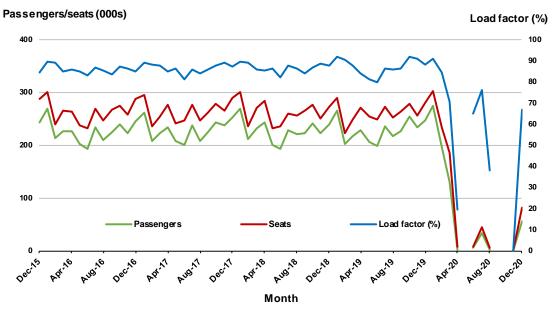


8. Gold Coast - Sydney (a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	247.8	54.9	-77.8
Seats (000s)	281.1	82.1	-70.8
Load factor %	88.1	66.9	-21.2 *
Aircraft trips	1 570	484	-69.2

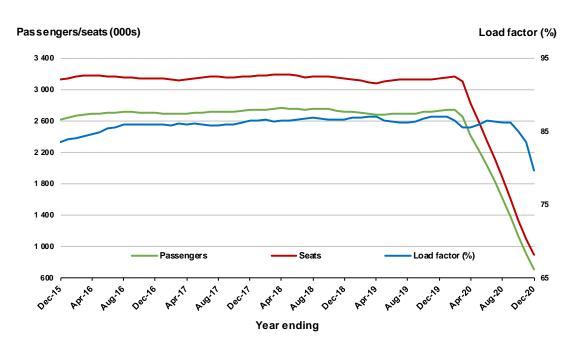
^{*} percentage point difference



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

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 733.1	701.7	-74.3
Seats (000s)	3 139.6	870.9	-72.3
Load factor %	87.1	80.6	-6.5 *
Aircraft trips	17 970	4 947	-72.5

^{*} percentage point difference

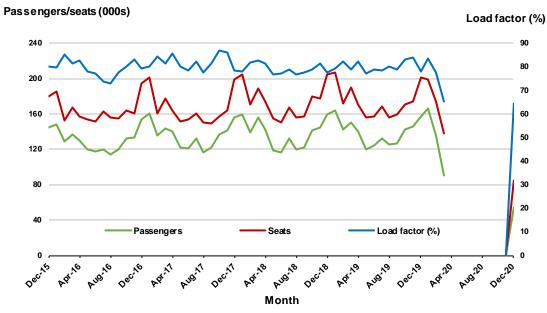


9. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	157.2	54.5	-65.3
Seats (000s)	201.1	84.5	-58.0
Load factor %	78.2	64.6	-13.6 *
Aircraft trips	1 107	489	-55.8

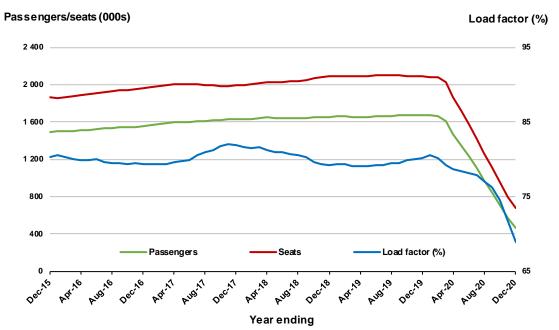
^{*} percentage point difference



(a) April to November 2020 data not available for release

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 670.2	446.9	-73.2
Seats (000s)	2 084.6	596.6	-71.4
Load factor %	80.1	74.9	-5.2 *
Aircraft trips	11 401	3 304	-71.0

^{*} percentage point difference

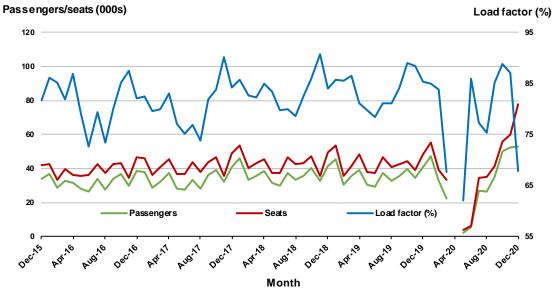


10. Ballina - Sydney (a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	41.2	52.9	28.3
Seats (000s)	48.3	77.9	61.4
Load factor %	85.3	67.8	-17.5 *
Aircraft trips	292	508	74.0

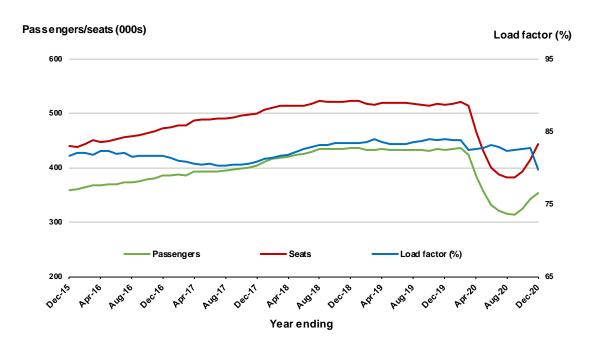
^{*} percentage point difference



(a) April 2020 data not available for release

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	433.3	354.1	-18.3
Seats (000s)	516.1	443.7	-14.0
Load factor %	84.0	79.8	-4.2 *
Aircraft trips	3 292	3 092	-6.1

^{*} percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
1 Cairns	350.6	197.1	-43.8
2 Hobart	271.3	131.3	-51.6
3 Townsville	142.3	94.6	-33.5
4 Darwin	128.4	83.8	-34.8
5 Launceston	140.0	72.2	-48.4
6 Ballina	51.5	66.2	28.7
7 Newcastle	106.3	62.0	-41.7
8 Mackay	75.1	53.6	-28.6
9 Rockhampton	47.1	33.3	-29.3
10 Karratha	37.6	29.1	-22.5
11 Hamilton Island	44.1	28.4	-35.7
12 Proserpine	39.0	28.1	-27.8
13 Broome	26.7	25.8	-3.2
14 Newman	27.4	24.6	-10.4
15 Port Hedland	30.2	24.3	-19.6
16 Alice Springs	34.5	24.0	-30.3
17 Kalgoorlie	22.3	18.1	-18.9
18 Mount Isa	18.0	15.1	-16.3
19 Paraburdoo	14.3	15.0	4.6
20 Gladstone	20.4	11.7	-42.4
21 Coffs Harbour	33.8	11.6	-65.9
22 Emerald	15.8	9.7	-38.5
23 Port Lincoln	15.6	9.3	-40.3
24 Dubbo	15.8	9.1	-42.6
25 Thursday Island	8.5	7.9	-7.2
26 Ayers Rock	29.5	6.9	-76.6
27 Albury	20.7	6.9	-66.7
28 Bundaberg	12.7	6.6	-48.4
29 Kununurra	7.2	6.2	-14.3
30 Port Macquarie	19.3	6.1	-68.2
31 Mildura	20.6	5.8	-71.7
32 Wagga Wagga	16.0	5.8	-63.8
33 Tamworth	14.9	5.4	-64.0
34 Weipa	6.4	5.2	-17.8
35 Learmonth	5.3	5.2	-2.9
36 Geraldton	8.4	5.1	-39.2
37 Gove	6.3	4.9	-22.6
38 Devonport	13.2	4.8	-63.4
39 King Island	4.0	4.2	4.6
40 Hervey Bay	15.2	4.1	-73.0
41 Norfolk Island	5.2	4.0	-22.9
42 Olympic Dam	4.9	3.9	-20.1
43 Armidale	10.3	3.6	-64.6
44 Roma	7.1	3.6	-49.3
45 Albany	4.8	3.5	-26.8
46 Lord Howe Island	3.7	3.5	-5.2
47 Esperance	4.4	3.3	-25.5
48 Orange	6.3	3.2	-49.2
49 Moranbah	8.0	3.0	-62.5
50 Merimbula	5.9	2.4	-59.6
Total top 50 regional airports	1 977.1	1 203.2	-39.1
Total regional airports	2 105.4	1 270.4	-39.7
Total domestic network	10 515.4	4 353.4	-58.6

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

Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography

Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
1	Cairns	4 155.5	1 588.8	-61.8
2	Hobart	2 781.7	879.7	-68.4
3	Townsville	1 666.0	766.9	-54.0
4	Darwin	1 727.2	656.8	-62.0
5	Mackay	878.9	455.5	-48.2
6	Launceston	1 395.3	452.4	-67.6
7	Ballina	533.3	404.8	-24.1
8	Newcastle	1 274.1	378.2	-70.3
9	Rockhampton	571.7	275.9	-51.7
10	Karratha	468.2	273.4	-41.6
11	Broome	403.8	242.0	-40.1
	Port Hedland	387.5	213.6	-44.9
13	Alice Springs	554.5	209.2	-62.3
	Proserpine	433.4	205.7	-52.5
	Hamilton Island	452.5	188.8	-58.3
	Newman	348.7	167.2	-52.0
17		289.7	160.0	-44.8
18	Mount Isa	226.8	146.8	-35.3
19	Coffs Harbour	395.6	124.1	-68.6
20	Paraburdoo	191.0	110.7	-42.1
21	Gladstone	247.9		
			110.2	-55.5
	Emerald	201.5	98.9	-50.9
	Ayers Rock	489.6	92.4	-81.1
	Port Lincoln	172.3	89.3	-48.2
25	Dubbo	211.5	81.7	-61.4
	Albury	255.6	65.9	-74.2
27	Mildura	254.2	64.4	-74.6
	Wagga Wagga	208.2	61.3	-70.5
	Port Macquarie	218.6	61.2	-72.0
30	Thursday Island	97.1	59.8	-38.4
31	Learmonth	84.7	57.4	-32.3
32	Kununurra	113.8	56.9	-50.0
33	Bundaberg	153.7	56.4	-63.3
	Tamworth	189.4	55.2	-70.9
	Gove	81.6	50.4	-38.2
36	Moranbah	109.8	47.5	-56.7
37	Hervey Bay	166.8	42.4	-74.6
38	Geraldton	106.7	42.3	-60.3
39	Weipa	72.3	42.2	-41.6
40	Roma	96.7	39.4	-59.2
41	Olympic Dam	75.9	38.4	-49.4
42	Devonport	148.4	37.7	-74.6
43	Toowoomba Wellcamp	120.0	37.2	-69.0
	Armidale	132.8	36.2	-72.8
	Albany	62.2	33.5	-46.2
	Esperance	51.3	31.9	-37.8
	King Island	45.9	29.2	-36.5
48	Cloncurry	45.4	28.9	-36.2
49	Whyalla	79.0	28.2	-64.2
		60.4	27.5	-54.6
30	Total top 50 regional airports	23 489.0	9 504.5	-59.5
	Total regional airports	25 060.6	10 247.0	-59.5 -59.1
	Total domestic network	122 778.9	38 883.4	-68.3
	TOTAL WOLLESTIC HELWOLK	122 110.3	JO 003.4	-00.3

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

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	226 803	294 105	29.7
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	4 071	5 955	46.3

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

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

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 721 957	3 159 216	16.1
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	46 806	65 146	39.2

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	453 606	588 210	29.7
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	8 142	11 910	46.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	173 312	214 450	23.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 830	3 779	33.5

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

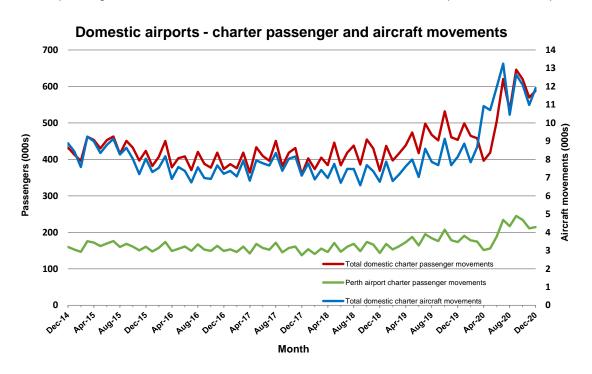
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Dec 2019	YE Dec 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 443 914	6 318 432	16.1
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	93 612	130 292	39.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 120 702	2 393 699	12.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	33 158	43 429	31.0

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 a 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.