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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of December 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 December 2025 and on the RPT network for the month of December 2025 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended December 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 December 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 5.66 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in December 2025, compared with 5.42 million in December 2024 (up 4.6%). This is also an increase of 3.3% on pre-COVID December 2019 passenger numbers (5.48 million).

5.30 million passengers were carried on Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights in December 2025 (excluding charter operations), an increase of 4.0% compared to December 2024.

For the month of December 2025, there were 51.6 thousand RPT aircraft trips, an increase of 3.4% on December 2024.

For the year ending December 2025, there were 60.44 million RPT passengers, an increase of 1.9% on the year ending December 2024.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.45 billion for the month, compared with 6.22 billion in December 2024 (up 3.7%).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 7.81 billion in December 2025 compared to 7.42 billion in December 2024 (up 5.3%).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 83.8% in December 2024 to 82.6% in December 2025. The highest load factor (90.9%) was recorded on the Adelaide – Gold Coast route while the lowest load factor (47.4%) was recorded on the Brisbane – Moranbah route.

For the month of December 2025, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 674,5 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 382.7 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 333.6 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.23 million passenger movements in December 2025, followed by Melbourne with 2.19 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.54 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 30.2 thousand tonnes in December 2025, an increase of 5.4% compared with December 2024.

In December 2025, there were 2.17 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, an increase of 4.4% from December 2024. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Devonport Airport (up 24.7% on December 2024), while the largest decrease was recorded at Paraburdoo Airport (down 18.6% on December 2024).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 363.4 thousand passengers in December 2025, an increase of 13.3% compared with December 2024. Perth Airport accounted for 35.6% of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.42	5.66	4.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	55.9	58.2	4.1

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

RPT NETWORK

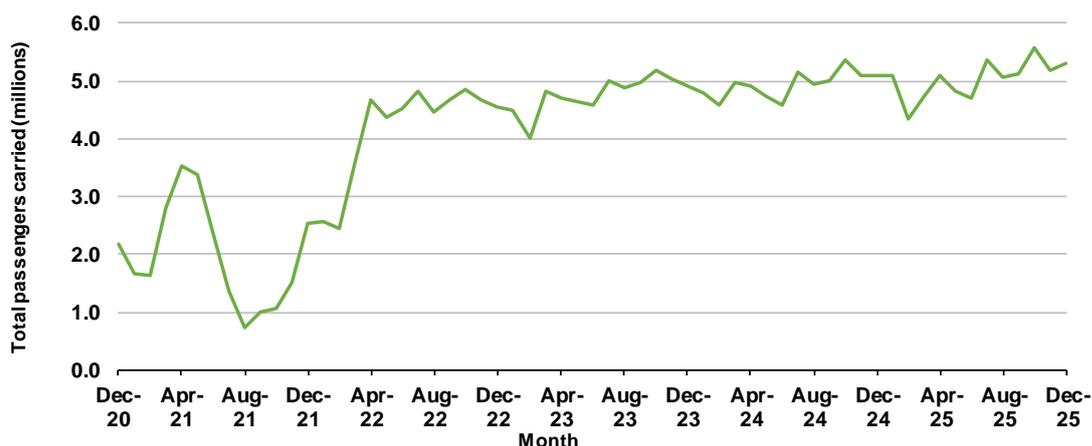
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.10	5.30	4.0
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.22	6.45	3.7
Available seats (millions)	6.20	6.52	5.2
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.42	7.81	5.3
Load factor %	83.8	82.6	-1.2 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	49.9	51.6	3.4

* percentage point difference

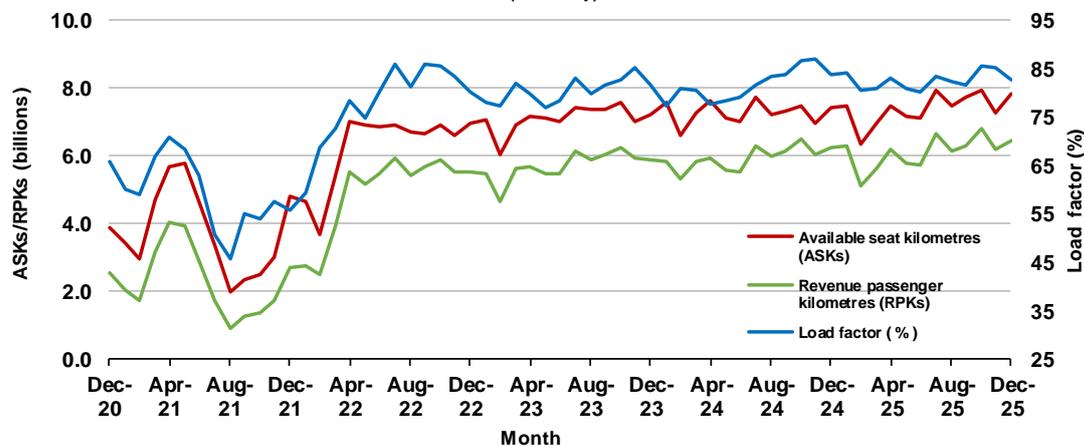
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.62	64.79	1.8
Aircraft trips (000s)	688.1	677.3	-1.6

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

RPT NETWORK

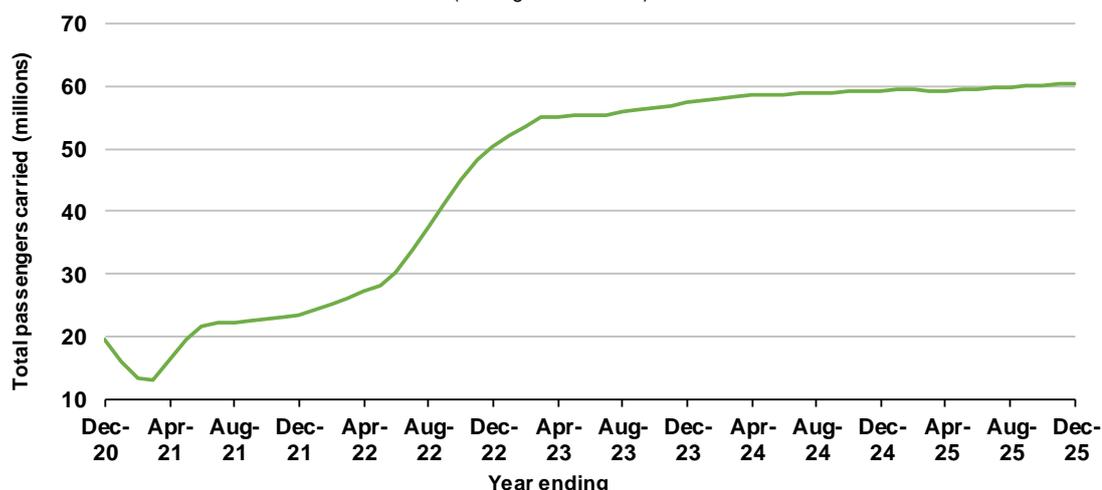
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	59.29	60.44	1.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.00	72.97	2.8
Available seats (millions)	74.51	74.84	0.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	87.07	88.44	1.6
Load factor %	81.6	82.5	1.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	614.3	603.2	-1.8

* percentage point difference

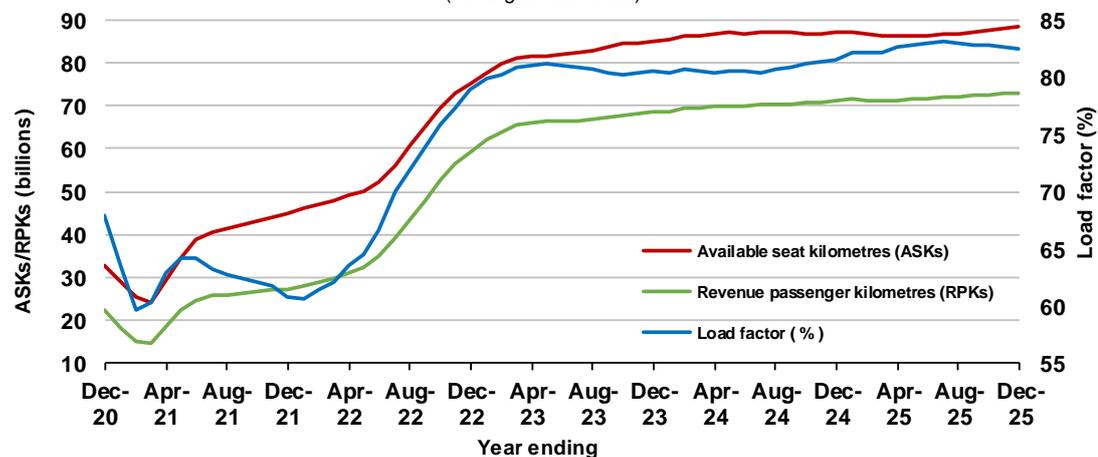
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 039.3	8 795.1	9.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 358.3	4 383.0	0.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 499.3	3 646.0	4.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 538.0	2 748.1	8.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 331.1	2 589.2	11.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 187.9	2 146.9	-1.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	2 030.6	2 109.2	3.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 883.8	1 904.9	1.1
9	Perth - Sydney	1 639.4	1 749.4	6.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 373.1	1 460.5	6.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 305.5	1 313.0	0.6
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 090.9	1 140.1	4.5
13	Cairns - Sydney	919.2	1 008.4	9.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	940.8	990.8	5.3
15	Canberra - Melbourne	1 009.4	979.1	-3.0
16	Launceston - Melbourne	856.0	898.1	4.9
17	Cairns - Melbourne	824.8	878.1	6.5
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	875.3	874.9	-0.1
19	Hobart - Sydney	804.8	835.1	3.8
20	Brisbane - Mackay	761.3	822.8	8.1
21	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	777.8	798.8	2.7
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	742.6	761.0	2.5
23	Adelaide - Perth	697.8	722.5	3.5
24	Karratha - Perth	608.6	687.3	12.9
25	Brisbane - Canberra	638.3	651.9	2.1
26	Canberra - Sydney	639.5	610.7	-4.5
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	585.0	604.6	3.4
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	512.5	523.9	2.2
29	Perth - Port Hedland	475.3	487.0	2.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	457.3	470.6	2.9
31	Ballina - Sydney	523.2	466.9	-10.8
32	Newman - Perth	396.7	443.1	11.7
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	366.9	396.5	8.0
34	Broome - Perth	355.1	374.3	5.4
35	Brisbane - Darwin	327.3	359.8	9.9
36	Launceston - Sydney	339.7	354.7	4.4
37	Brisbane - Hobart	307.0	321.7	4.8
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	277.9	294.3	5.9
39	Darwin - Melbourne	289.3	292.7	1.2
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	279.8	277.8	-0.7
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	246.9	274.6	11.2
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	224.4	218.0	-2.8
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	208.1	200.5	-3.6
44	Adelaide - Canberra	186.1	196.6	5.6
45	Darwin - Perth	182.5	192.0	5.2
46	Brisbane - Emerald	187.1	189.8	1.5
47	Dubbo - Sydney	173.0	185.9	7.5
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	165.8	181.3	9.3
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	159.9	180.4	12.8
50	Canberra - Gold Coast	182.5	177.9	-2.6

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	%Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	162.3	168.7	4.0
52	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	169.5	167.5	-1.2
53	Albury - Sydney	161.3	155.8	-3.4
54	Melbourne - Mildura	159.7	152.4	-4.6
55	Brisbane - Launceston	152.5	151.5	-0.6
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	147.9	150.9	2.0
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	140.9	150.9	7.0
58	Devonport - Melbourne	124.6	148.8	19.4
59	Geraldton - Perth	113.3	131.0	15.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	107.3	120.8	12.6
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	107.4	103.5	-3.6
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	112.1	100.3	-10.5
	Total domestic network	59 288.2	60 440.7	1.9

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	671.6	674.5	0.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	368.9	382.7	3.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	298.3	333.6	11.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	220.5	233.9	6.1
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	211.0	219.2	3.9
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	193.4	215.3	11.3
7	Melbourne - Perth	189.1	197.6	4.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	167.8	176.0	4.9
9	Perth - Sydney	155.7	159.5	2.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	133.1	140.6	5.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	104.8	109.9	4.8
12	Brisbane - Perth	104.5	104.1	-0.4
13	Hobart - Sydney	81.5	88.5	8.6
14	Brisbane - Townsville	79.2	86.4	9.1
15	Launceston - Melbourne	76.6	83.5	9.1
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	79.3	81.8	3.2
17	Cairns - Sydney	80.0	79.7	-0.4
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	73.0	76.3	4.4
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	72.8	74.6	2.6
20	Canberra - Melbourne	77.1	74.6	-3.3
21	Brisbane - Mackay	62.2	73.0	17.4
22	Cairns - Melbourne	73.5	68.6	-6.7
23	Adelaide - Perth	62.8	67.0	6.8
24	Karratha - Perth	45.3	54.7	20.8
25	Brisbane - Canberra	56.2	53.7	-4.5
26	Canberra - Sydney	47.9	46.8	-2.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	48.6	46.8	-3.8
28	Ballina - Sydney	48.9	44.6	-8.8
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	44.2	43.1	-2.4
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	38.8	40.7	4.8
31	Perth - Port Hedland	35.7	39.4	10.3
32	Launceston - Sydney	35.2	37.1	5.4
33	Brisbane - Hobart	34.9	35.4	1.2
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	27.3	33.9	24.2
35	Newman - Perth	30.8	33.5	8.8
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	27.0	27.6	2.2
37	Brisbane - Darwin	26.6	26.7	0.2
38	Adelaide - Gold Coast	28.1	25.9	-7.6
39	Broome - Perth	25.0	25.8	3.4
40	Darwin - Melbourne	23.0	22.9	-0.2
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	23.0	20.8	-9.3
42	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	17.3	19.1	10.2
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	17.8	18.1	1.9
44	Brisbane - Launceston	18.3	17.4	-4.8
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	17.5	17.1	-2.5
46	Adelaide - Canberra	15.9	15.8	-0.6
47	Brisbane - Emerald	14.3	15.6	9.7
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	14.7	15.6	6.5
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	15.1	15.3	1.2
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.9	14.3	3.4

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
51	Darwin - Perth	14.5	13.4	-7.1
52	Dubbo - Sydney	12.6	13.4	6.5
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	12.1	13.4	10.5
54	Devonport - Melbourne	10.7	13.4	24.9
55	Albury - Sydney	12.4	13.2	6.7
56	Melbourne - Mildura	12.0	12.4	3.3
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	11.0	11.6	5.4
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	11.2	11.1	-0.6
59	Geraldton - Perth	9.0	9.7	7.4
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	8.0	9.3	16.3
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	7.6	7.8	3.1
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	8.0	7.3	-8.9
	Total domestic network	5 095.6	5 300.7	4.0

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	740.3	769.5	3.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	412.1	435.0	5.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	340.7	392.6	15.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	247.5	264.7	7.0
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	242.6	252.8	4.2
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	222.6	253.6	14.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	212.0	224.5	5.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	196.7	213.1	8.3
9	Perth - Sydney	172.7	185.6	7.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	153.4	170.7	11.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	121.1	123.2	1.7
12	Brisbane - Perth	118.5	123.5	4.2
13	Hobart - Sydney	93.7	110.3	17.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	94.8	104.1	9.8
15	Launceston - Melbourne	91.9	102.1	11.1
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	90.7	97.9	7.9
17	Cairns - Sydney	93.0	92.3	-0.7
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	86.5	89.3	3.3
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	85.4	86.4	1.1
20	Canberra - Melbourne	91.8	95.4	3.9
21	Brisbane - Mackay	74.2	89.1	20.1
22	Cairns - Melbourne	88.2	82.4	-6.6
23	Adelaide - Perth	74.7	82.1	10.0
24	Karratha - Perth	68.4	77.3	13.0
25	Brisbane - Canberra	70.4	69.2	-1.6
26	Canberra - Sydney	70.6	65.1	-7.8
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	58.1	54.5	-6.1
28	Ballina - Sydney	54.3	51.9	-4.3
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	50.9	52.6	3.3
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	44.7	46.5	4.2
31	Perth - Port Hedland	59.7	64.9	8.8
32	Launceston - Sydney	40.6	43.7	7.5
33	Brisbane - Hobart	39.0	42.0	7.7
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	49.3	56.7	15.0
35	Newman - Perth	54.7	58.9	7.6
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	31.7	31.3	-1.2
37	Brisbane - Darwin	32.8	32.7	-0.3
38	Adelaide - Gold Coast	32.2	28.5	-11.4
39	Broome - Perth	35.7	37.4	4.8
40	Darwin - Melbourne	30.4	29.4	-3.3
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	28.0	25.7	-8.5
42	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	23.3	24.7	5.7
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	25.2	25.8	2.5
44	Brisbane - Launceston	20.7	20.8	0.2
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	27.0	25.4	-6.0
46	Adelaide - Canberra	21.2	22.2	4.8
47	Brisbane - Emerald	22.2	22.5	1.5
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	20.5	21.1	2.7
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	17.2	17.1	-0.6
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	20.3	23.1	13.7

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
51	Darwin - Perth	18.4	19.1	3.8
52	Dubbo - Sydney	21.2	20.1	-5.2
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	19.2	19.5	1.8
54	Devonport - Melbourne	14.3	17.9	25.0
55	Albury - Sydney	17.9	18.0	0.3
56	Melbourne - Mildura	17.8	19.4	9.0
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	17.0	17.9	5.3
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.2	16.6	-8.7
59	Geraldton - Perth	17.4	18.2	5.0
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	12.6	12.1	-4.4
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.1	11.0	-1.3
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	14.8	15.4	3.6
	Total domestic network	6 199.1	6 520.2	5.2

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	90.7	87.7	-3.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	89.5	88.0	-1.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	87.6	85.0	-2.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	89.1	88.4	-0.7
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	86.9	86.7	-0.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	86.9	84.9	-2.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	89.2	88.0	-1.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	85.3	82.6	-2.7
9	Perth - Sydney	90.1	85.9	-4.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	86.8	82.4	-4.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	86.6	89.2	2.7
12	Brisbane - Perth	88.1	84.3	-3.9
13	Hobart - Sydney	87.0	80.2	-6.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	83.6	83.0	-0.6
15	Launceston - Melbourne	83.3	81.8	-1.5
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	87.4	83.6	-3.9
17	Cairns - Sydney	86.1	86.3	0.2
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	84.4	85.4	1.0
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	85.2	86.4	1.3
20	Canberra - Melbourne	84.0	78.2	-5.8
21	Brisbane - Mackay	83.8	81.9	-1.9
22	Cairns - Melbourne	83.3	83.3	-0.1
23	Adelaide - Perth	84.0	81.6	-2.4
24	Karratha - Perth	66.3	70.8	4.6
25	Brisbane - Canberra	79.9	77.6	-2.3
26	Canberra - Sydney	67.8	71.9	4.1
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	83.8	85.8	2.0
28	Ballina - Sydney	90.0	85.8	-4.2
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	86.8	82.0	-4.8
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	86.9	87.4	0.5
31	Perth - Port Hedland	59.8	60.6	0.8
32	Launceston - Sydney	86.6	84.8	-1.7
33	Brisbane - Hobart	89.6	84.2	-5.4
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	55.5	59.9	4.4
35	Newman - Perth	56.3	57.0	0.7
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	85.3	88.3	3.0
37	Brisbane - Darwin	81.2	81.5	0.3
38	Adelaide - Gold Coast	87.1	90.9	3.8
39	Broome - Perth	69.8	68.9	-0.9
40	Darwin - Melbourne	75.7	78.1	2.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	81.9	81.2	-0.7
42	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	74.2	77.3	3.2
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	70.7	70.3	-0.4
44	Brisbane - Launceston	88.2	83.8	-4.4
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	64.9	67.3	2.5
46	Adelaide - Canberra	75.2	71.3	-3.9
47	Brisbane - Emerald	64.3	69.5	5.2
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	71.5	74.1	2.6
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	87.8	89.4	1.6
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	68.4	62.1	-6.2

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Point diff
51	Darwin - Perth	78.6	70.3	-8.3
52	Dubbo - Sydney	59.6	66.9	7.3
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	63.3	68.7	5.4
54	Devonport - Melbourne	74.7	74.7	0.0
55	Albury - Sydney	68.9	73.3	4.4
56	Melbourne - Mildura	67.4	63.8	-3.5
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	64.8	64.9	0.1
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	61.4	66.9	5.4
59	Geraldton - Perth	52.0	53.2	1.2
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	63.6	77.3	13.8
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	68.1	71.2	3.1
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	53.9	47.4	-6.5
	Total domestic network	83.8	82.6	-1.2

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 257	4 396	3.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 462	2 588	5.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 047	2 384	16.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 412	1 494	5.8
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 336	1 393	4.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 316	1 515	15.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	1 157	1 253	8.3
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 183	1 255	6.1
9	Perth - Sydney	928	1 010	8.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	867	944	8.9
11	Brisbane - Cairns	852	881	3.4
12	Brisbane - Perth	679	702	3.4
13	Hobart - Sydney	536	597	11.4
14	Brisbane - Townsville	746	770	3.2
15	Launceston - Melbourne	623	768	23.3
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	690	772	11.9
17	Cairns - Sydney	507	511	0.8
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	481	513	6.7
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	454	478	5.3
20	Canberra - Melbourne	599	705	17.7
21	Brisbane - Mackay	593	737	24.3
22	Cairns - Melbourne	459	437	-4.8
23	Adelaide - Perth	427	465	8.9
24	Karratha - Perth	416	469	12.7
25	Brisbane - Canberra	542	549	1.3
26	Canberra - Sydney	1 013	1 126	11.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	641	604	-5.8
28	Ballina - Sydney	355	352	-0.8
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	420	429	2.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	284	298	4.9
31	Perth - Port Hedland	363	406	11.8
32	Launceston - Sydney	240	273	13.8
33	Brisbane - Hobart	254	258	1.6
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	348	388	11.5
35	Newman - Perth	336	354	5.4
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	192	171	-10.9
37	Brisbane - Darwin	186	184	-1.1
38	Adelaide - Gold Coast	172	156	-9.3
39	Broome - Perth	244	243	-0.4
40	Darwin - Melbourne	170	164	-3.5
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	159	146	-8.2
42	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	165	156	-5.5
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	361	368	1.9
44	Brisbane - Launceston	124	123	-0.8
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	302	297	-1.7
46	Adelaide - Canberra	191	215	12.6
47	Brisbane - Emerald	279	305	9.3
48	Port Macquarie - Sydney	348	357	2.6
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	96	94	-2.1
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	500	466	-6.8

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

	City-Pair	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
51	Darwin - Perth	116	114	-1.7
52	Dubbo - Sydney	382	355	-7.1
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	335	328	-2.1
54	Devonport - Melbourne	294	287	-2.4
55	Albury - Sydney	312	306	-1.9
56	Melbourne - Mildura	376	356	-5.3
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	217	179	-17.5
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	293	273	-6.8
59	Geraldton - Perth	202	196	-3.0
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	70	66	-5.7
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	131	134	2.3
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	198	204	3.0
	Total domestic network	49 931	51 614	3.4

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	2 169.2	2 228.5	2.7	21.0
2 Melbourne	2 090.2	2 185.6	4.6	20.6
3 Brisbane	1 473.4	1 543.9	4.8	14.6
4 Perth	777.6	816.6	5.0	7.7
5 Adelaide	641.1	678.8	5.9	6.4
6 Gold Coast	508.6	527.0	3.6	5.0
7 Cairns	338.5	341.8	1.0	3.2
8 Hobart	274.9	294.5	7.1	2.8
9 Canberra	225.8	219.6	-2.7	2.1
10 Sunshine Coast	156.3	161.2	3.2	1.5
Total top ten airports	8 655.5	8 997.5	4.0	84.9
Total domestic network	10 191.3	10 601.3	4.0	100.0

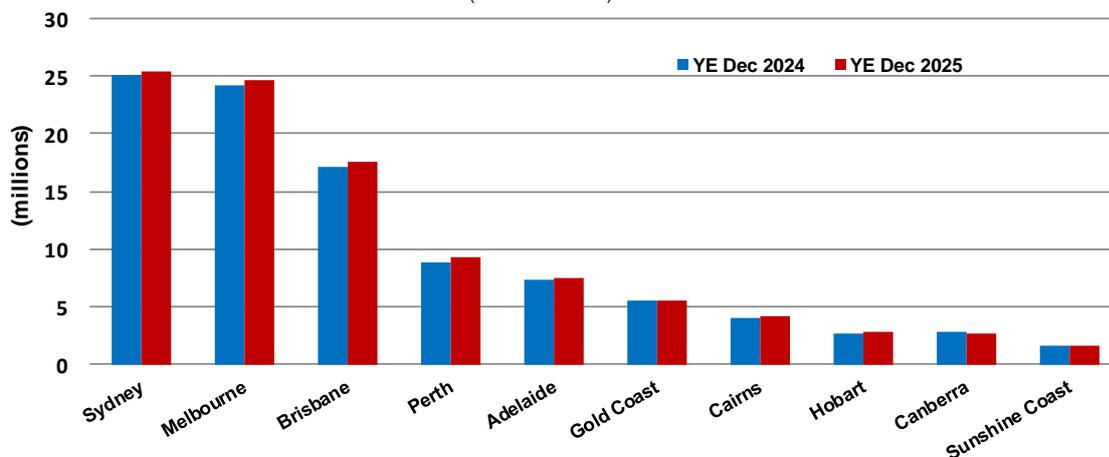
Table 7: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	25 136.0	25 413.9	1.1	21.0
2 Melbourne	24 146.5	24 589.5	1.8	20.3
3 Brisbane	17 115.0	17 586.8	2.8	14.5
4 Perth	8 888.2	9 356.1	5.3	7.7
5 Adelaide	7 387.5	7 538.6	2.0	6.2
6 Gold Coast	5 578.6	5 500.2	-1.4	4.6
7 Cairns	4 088.7	4 183.3	2.3	3.5
8 Hobart	2 729.3	2 865.4	5.0	2.4
9 Canberra	2 797.6	2 763.8	-1.2	2.3
10 Sunshine Coast	1 699.1	1 688.6	-0.6	1.4
Total top ten airports	99 566.6	101 486.0	1.9	84.0
Total domestic network	118 576.5	120 881.3	1.9	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(traffic on board)



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.9	8.4	5.7	27.7
2 Sydney	5.9	6.1	3.0	20.0
3 Brisbane	5.0	5.5	9.7	18.3
4 Perth	3.4	3.6	5.9	11.8
5 Adelaide	1.8	1.8	-4.3	5.8
Total top five airports	24.0	25.3	5.2	83.6
Total domestic network	28.7	30.2	5.4	100.0

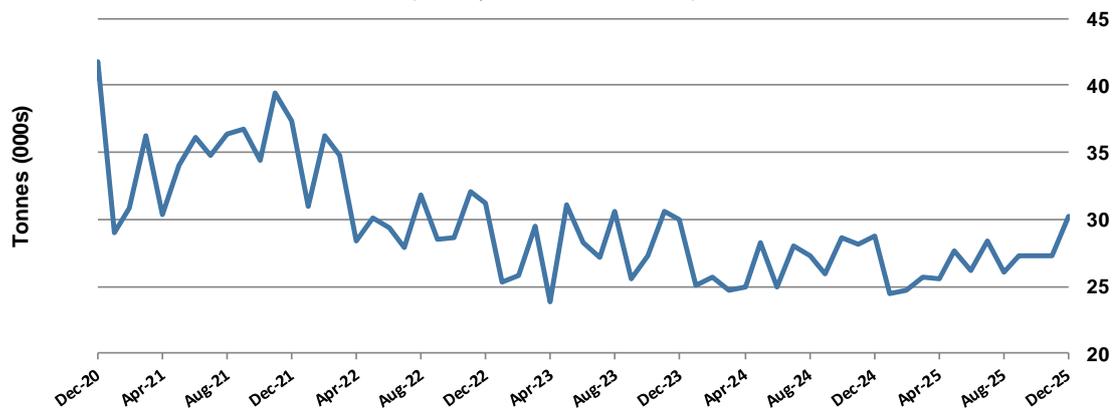
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	87.6	89.0	1.6	27.7
2 Sydney	68.3	67.4	-1.4	21.0
3 Brisbane	58.0	57.4	-1.1	17.9
4 Perth	36.4	36.2	-0.7	11.3
5 Adelaide	17.7	16.5	-7.2	5.1
Total top five airports	268.0	266.3	-0.6	83.0
Total domestic network	320.3	320.8	0.1	100.0

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

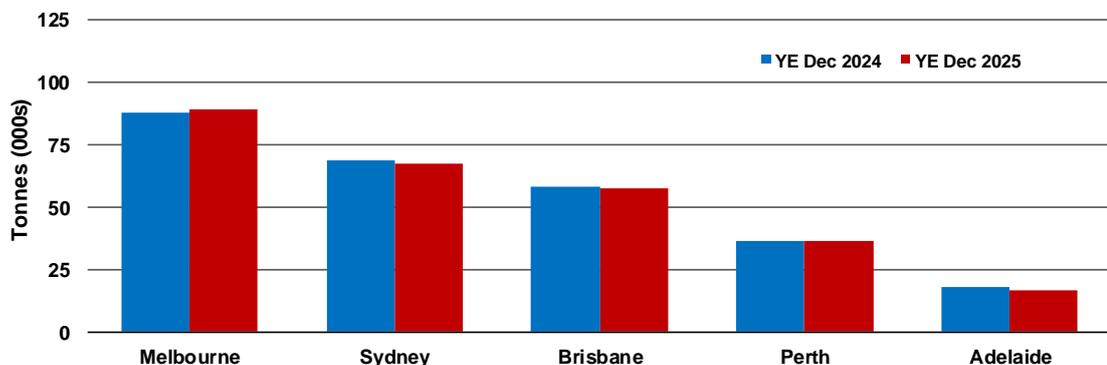
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(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

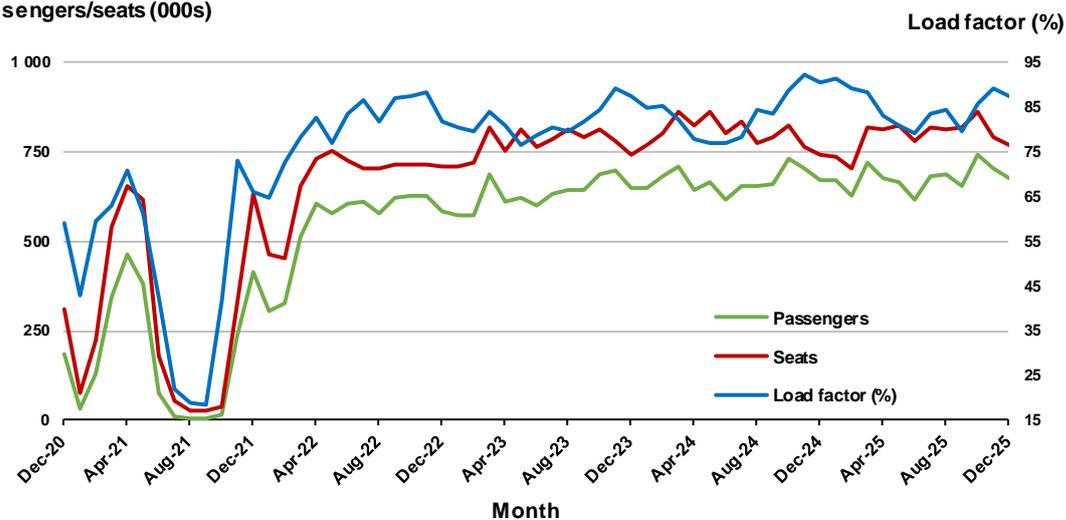
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	671.6	674.5	0.4
Seats (000s)	740.3	769.5	3.9
Load factor %	90.7	87.7	-3.0 *
Aircraft trips	4 257	4 396	3.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

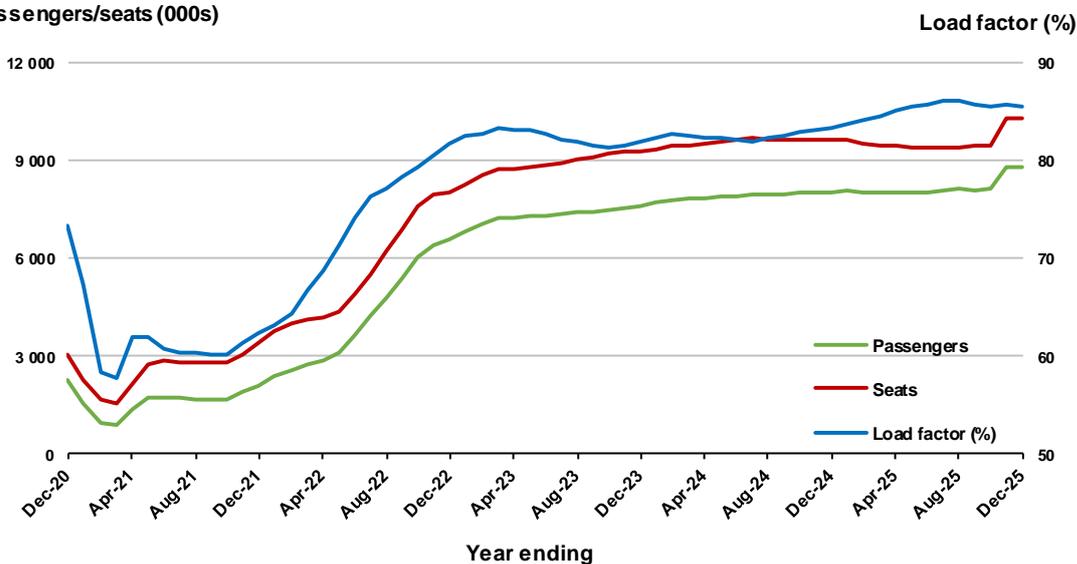


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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8 039.3	8 795.1	9.4
Seats (000s)	9 650.1	10 290.0	6.6
Load factor %	83.3	85.5	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	55 633	58 746	5.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

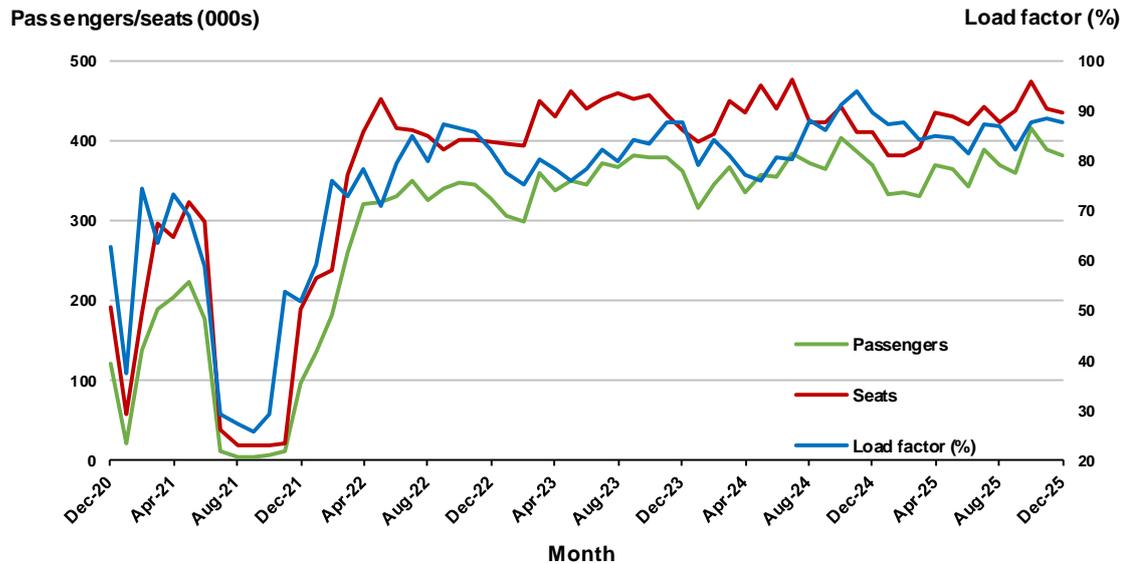


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	368.9	382.7	3.7
Seats (000s)	412.1	435.0	5.6
Load factor %	89.5	88.0	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	2 462	2 588	5.1

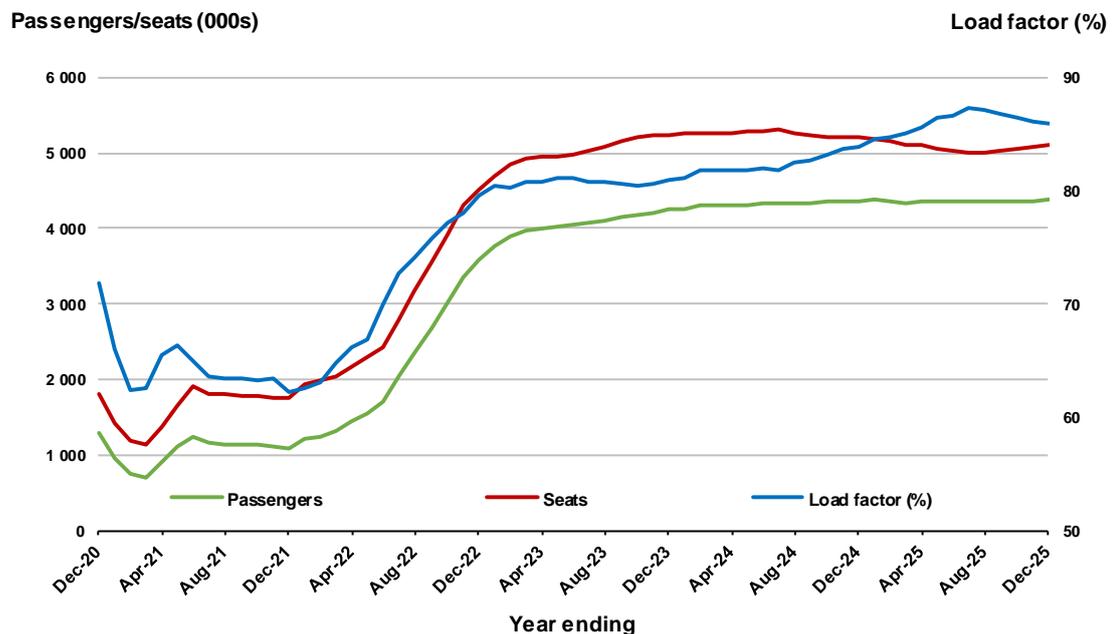
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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 358.3	4 383.0	0.6
Seats (000s)	5 198.4	5 099.5	-1.9
Load factor %	83.8	85.9	2.1 *
Aircraft trips	31 444	30 359	-3.5

* percentage point difference

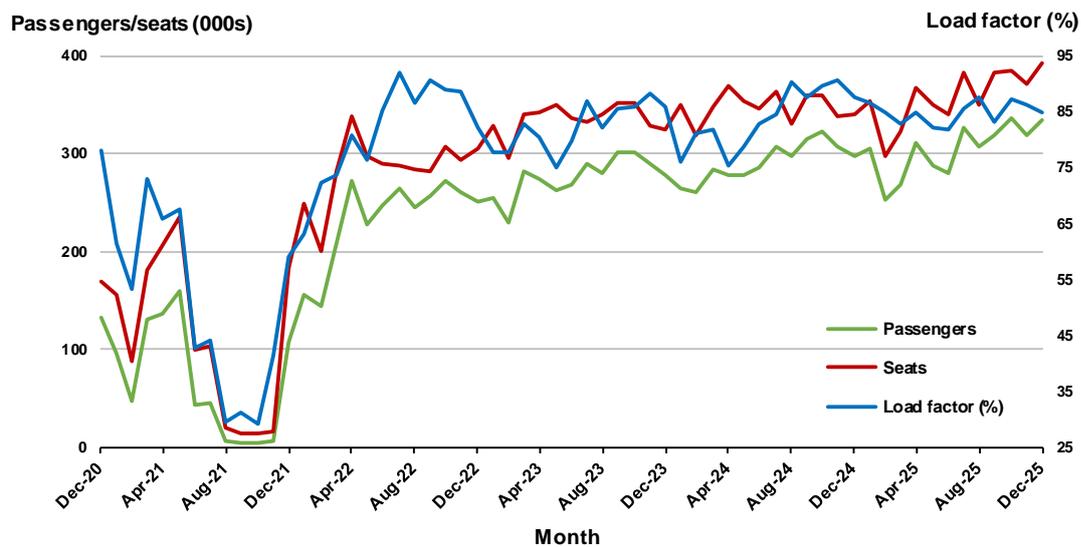


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	298.3	333.6	11.8
Seats (000s)	340.7	392.6	15.2
Load factor %	87.6	85.0	-2.6 *
Aircraft trips	2 047	2 384	16.5

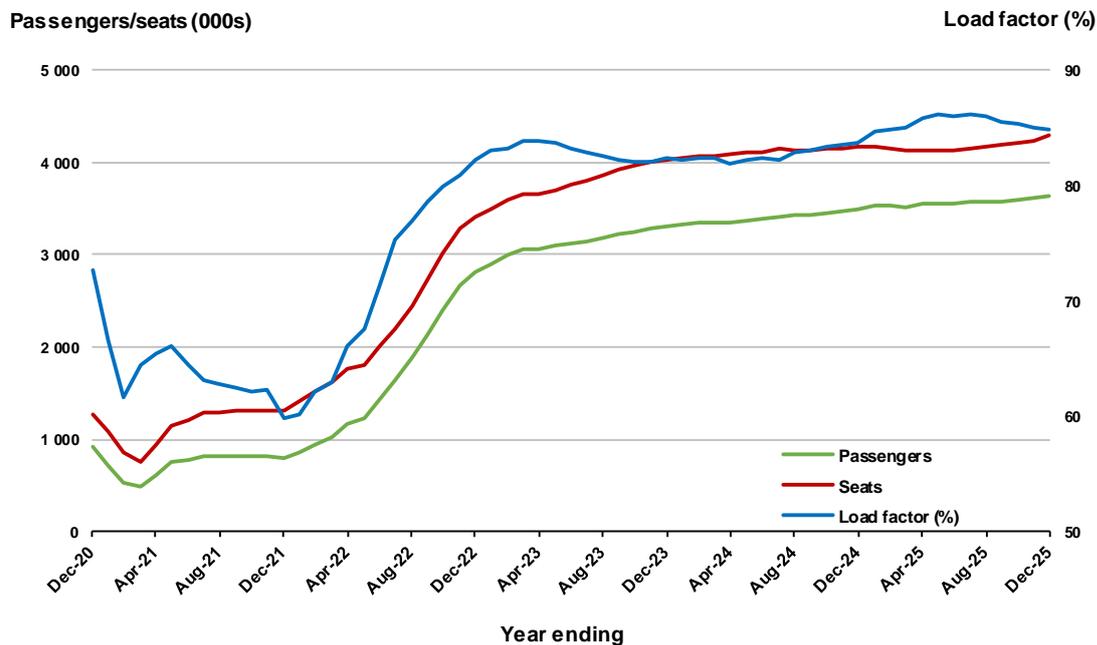
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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 499.3	3 646.0	4.2
Seats (000s)	4 176.9	4 297.0	2.9
Load factor %	83.8	84.9	1.1 *
Aircraft trips	24 965	26 008	4.2

* percentage point difference



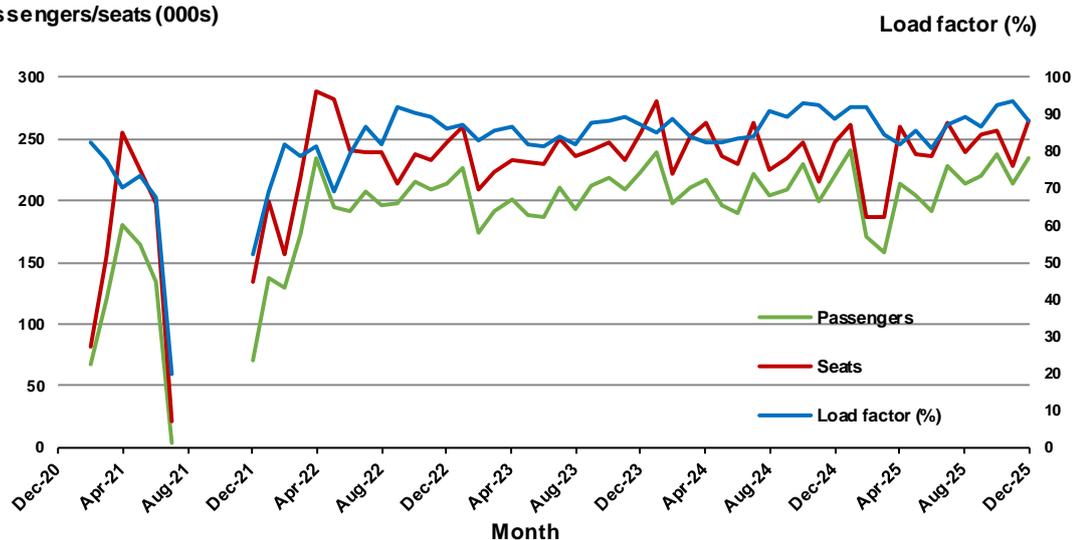
4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	220.5	233.9	6.1
Seats (000s)	247.5	264.7	7.0
Load factor %	89.1	88.4	-0.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 412	1 494	5.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



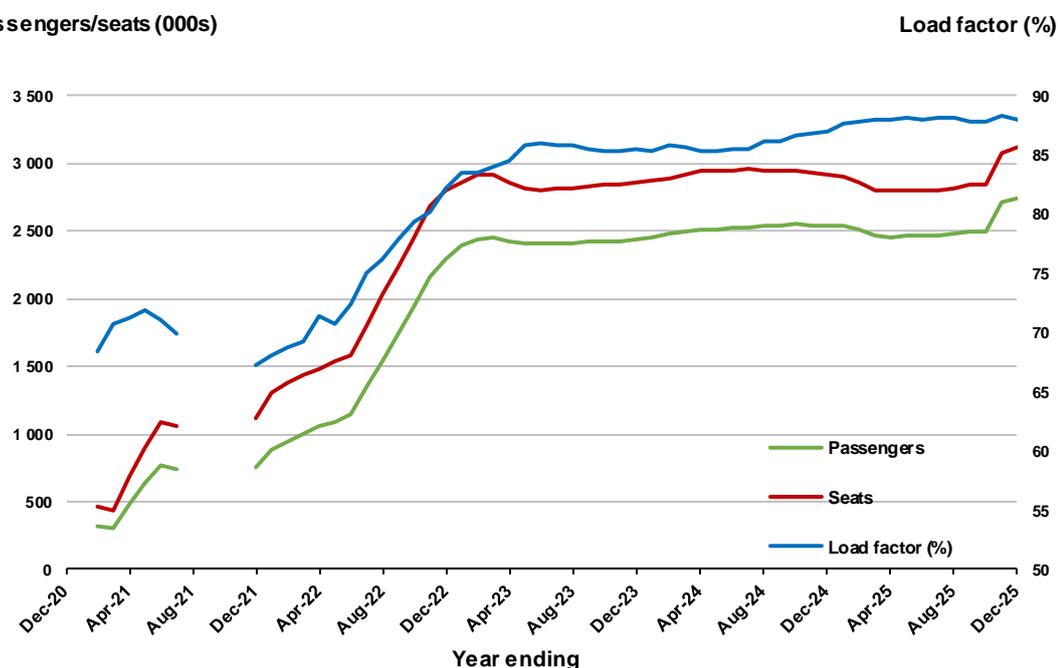
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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 538.0	2 748.1	8.3
Seats (000s)	2 917.7	3 124.3	7.1
Load factor %	87.0	88.0	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	16 439	17 718	7.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



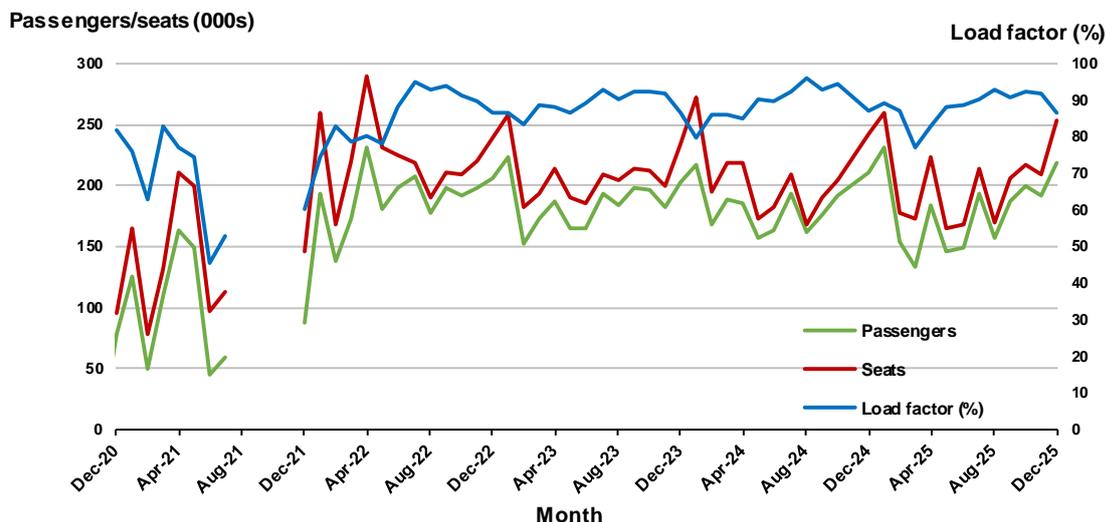
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5. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	211.0	219.2	3.9
Seats (000s)	242.6	252.8	4.2
Load factor %	86.9	86.7	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 336	1 393	4.3

* percentage point difference

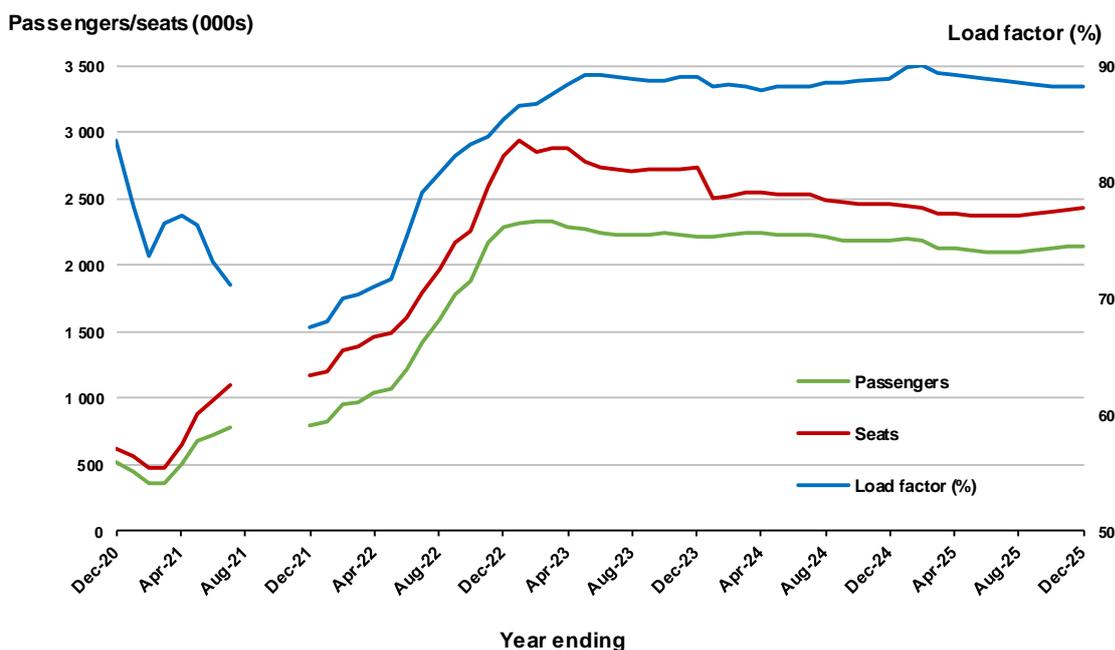


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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 187.9	2 146.9	-1.9
Seats (000s)	2 462.2	2 434.4	-1.1
Load factor %	88.9	88.2	-0.7 *
Aircraft trips	13 408	13 127	-2.1

* percentage point difference



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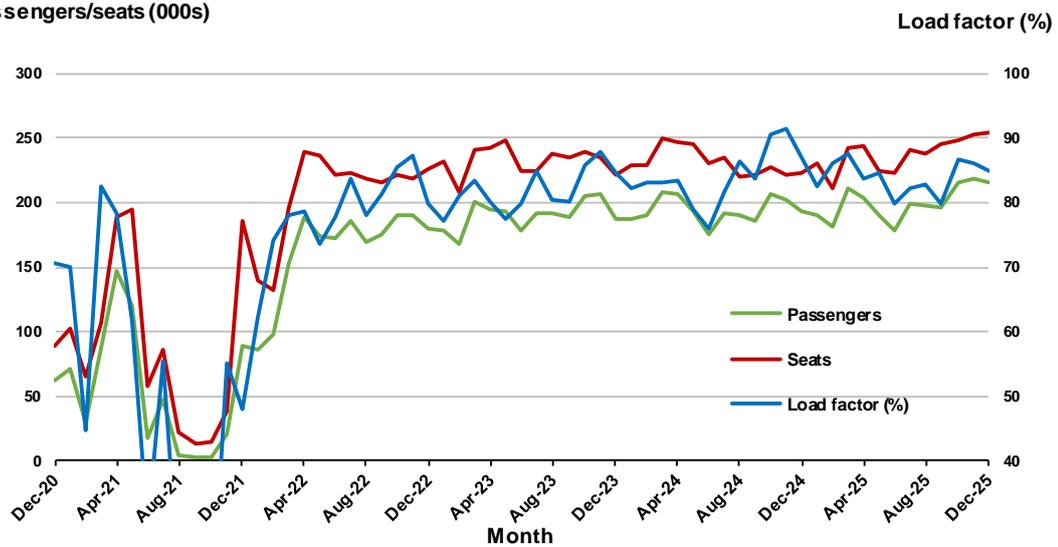
6. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	193.4	215.3	11.3
Seats (000s)	222.6	253.6	14.0
Load factor %	86.9	84.9	-2.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 316	1 515	15.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

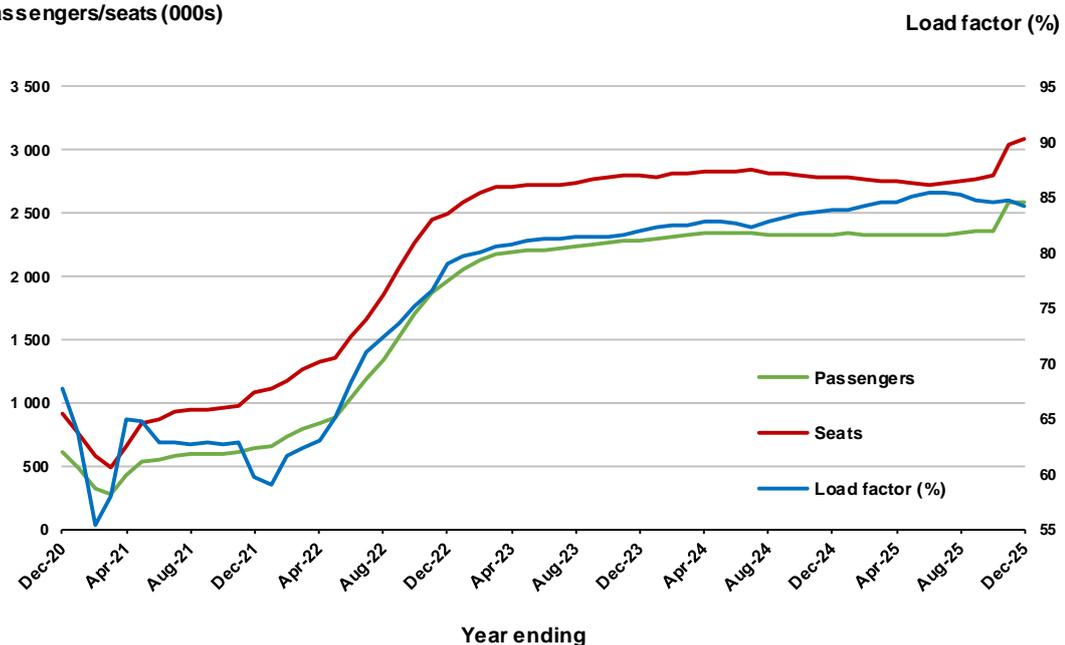


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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 331.1	2 589.2	11.1
Seats (000s)	2 780.0	3 077.4	10.7
Load factor %	83.9	84.1	0.3 *
Aircraft trips	16 732	18 241	9.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

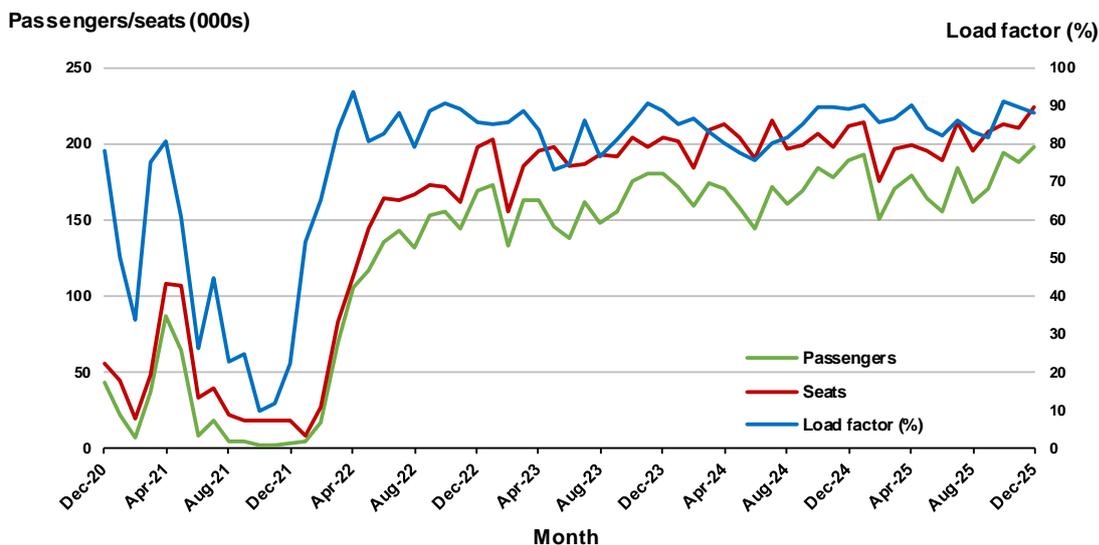


7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	189.1	197.6	4.5
Seats (000s)	212.0	224.5	5.9
Load factor %	89.2	88.0	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	1 157	1 253	8.3

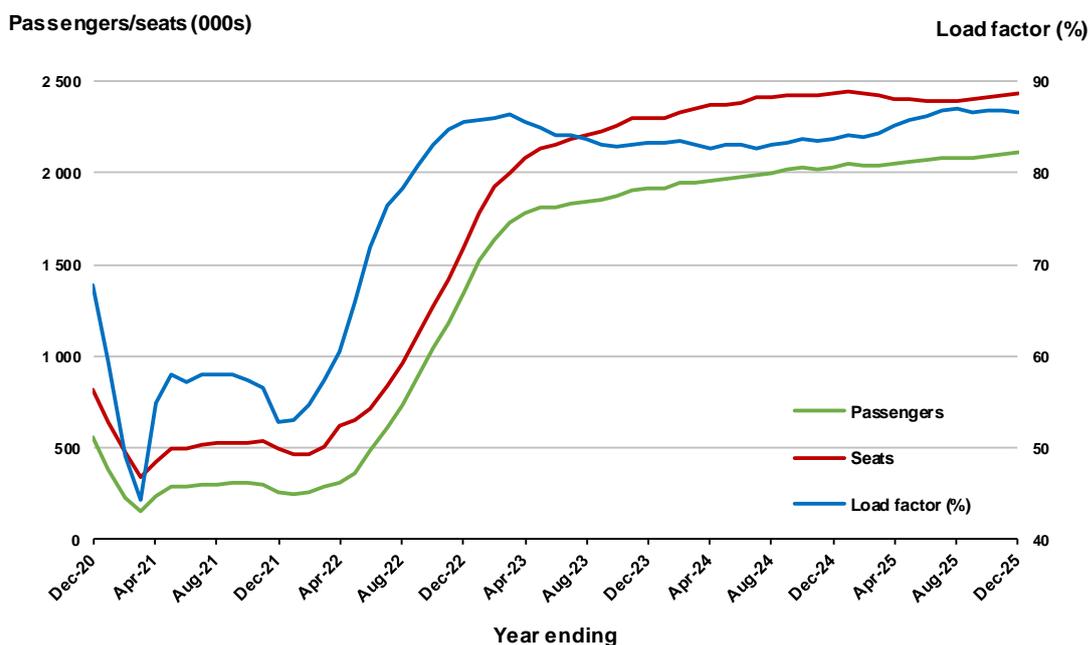
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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 030.6	2 109.2	3.9
Seats (000s)	2 428.6	2 433.3	0.2
Load factor %	83.6	86.7	3.1 *
Aircraft trips	13 381	13 638	1.9

* percentage point difference

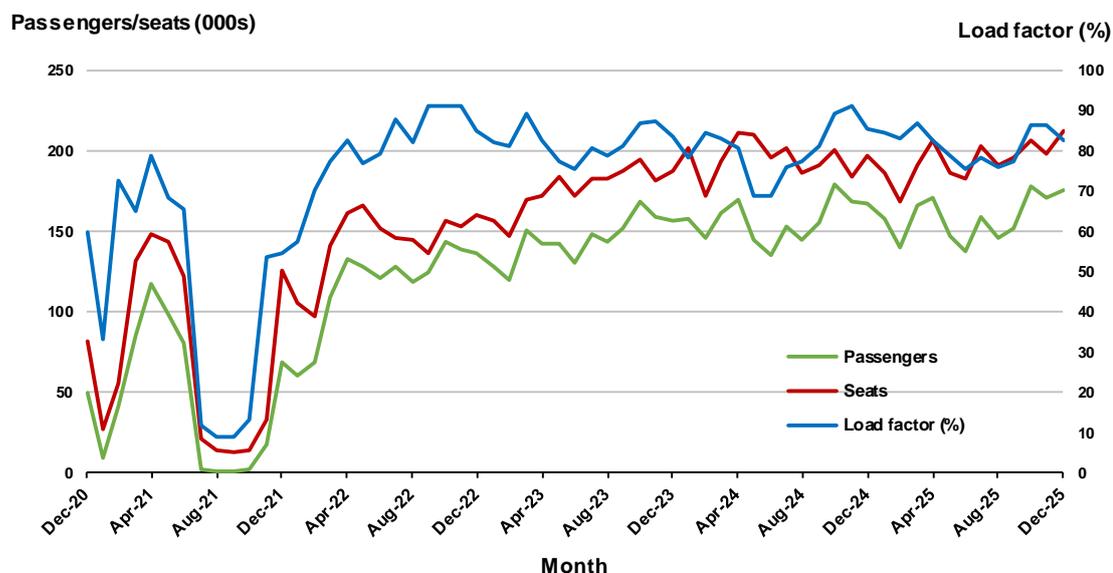


8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	167.8	176.0	4.9
Seats (000s)	196.7	213.1	8.3
Load factor %	85.3	82.6	-2.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 183	1 255	6.1

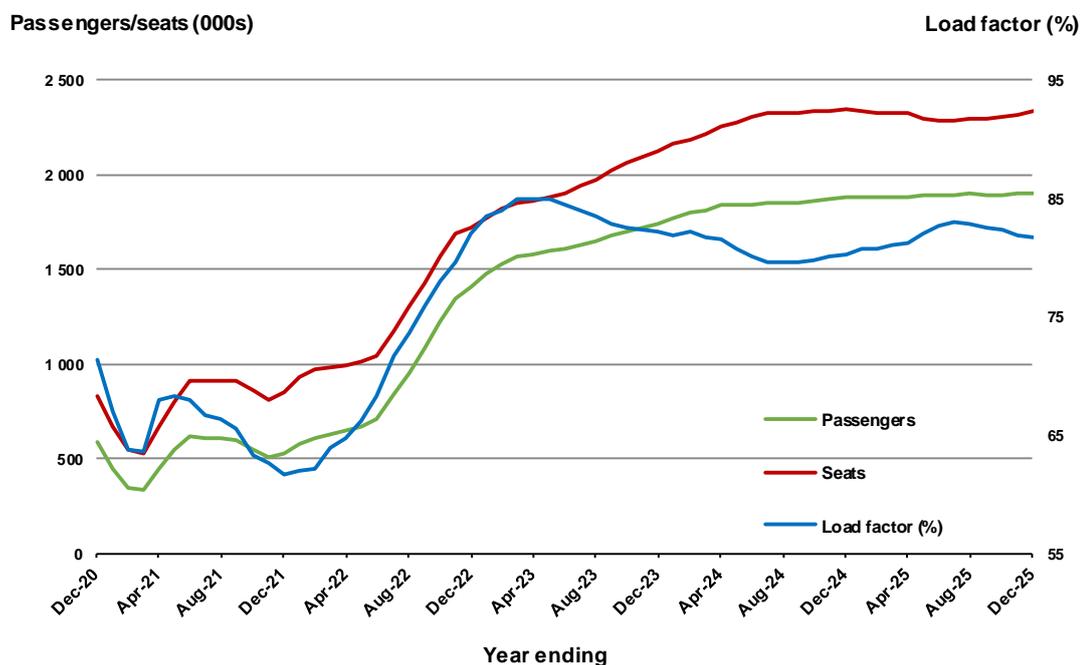
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Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 883.8	1 904.9	1.1
Seats (000s)	2 347.7	2 331.9	-0.7
Load factor %	80.2	81.7	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	14 016	13 593	-3.0

* percentage point difference



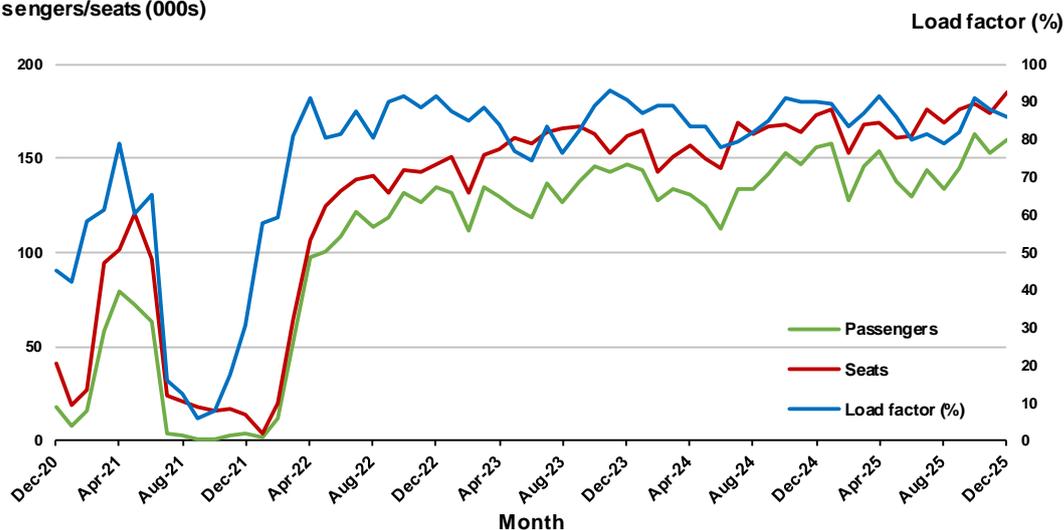
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	155.7	159.5	2.5
Seats (000s)	172.7	185.6	7.5
Load factor %	90.1	85.9	-4.2 *
Aircraft trips	928	1 010	8.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

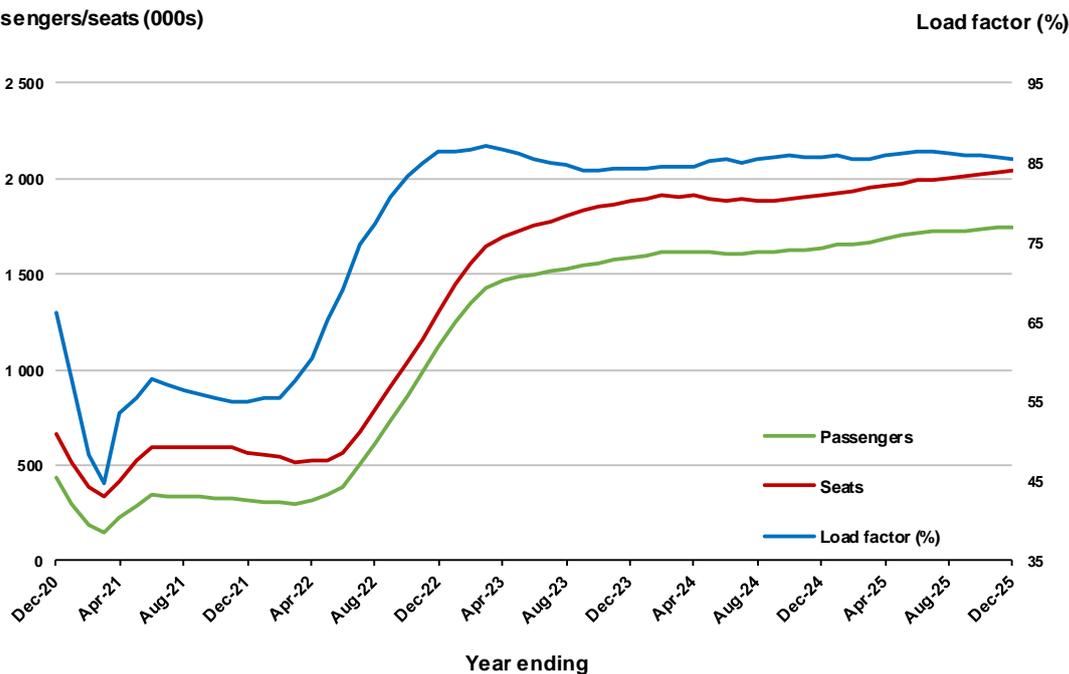


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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 639.4	1 749.4	6.7
Seats (000s)	1 913.2	2 047.8	7.0
Load factor %	85.7	85.4	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	10 097	10 905	8.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

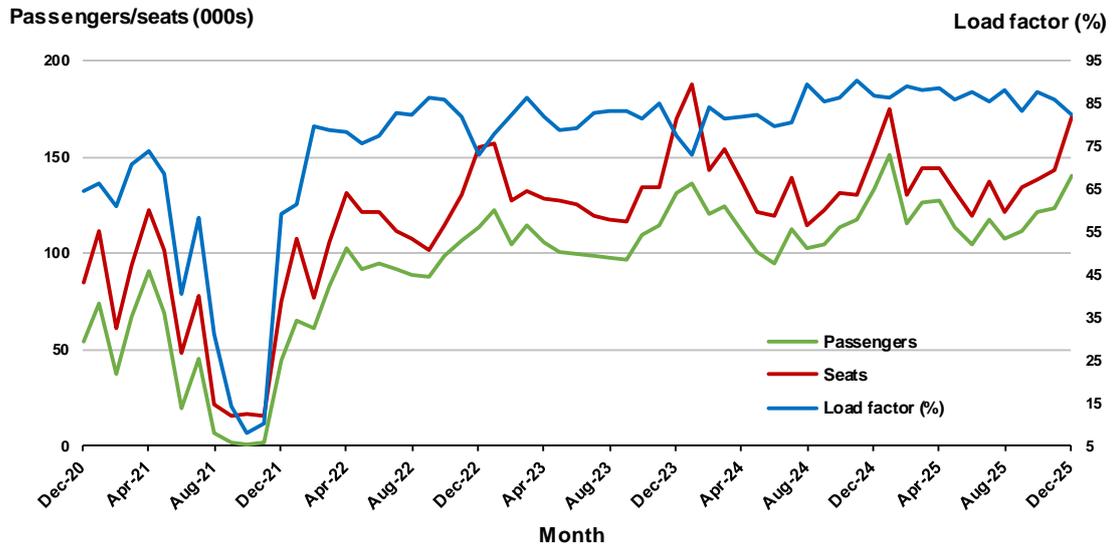


10. Hobart - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	133.1	140.6	5.6
Seats (000s)	153.4	170.7	11.3
Load factor %	86.8	82.4	-4.4 *
Aircraft trips	867	944	8.9

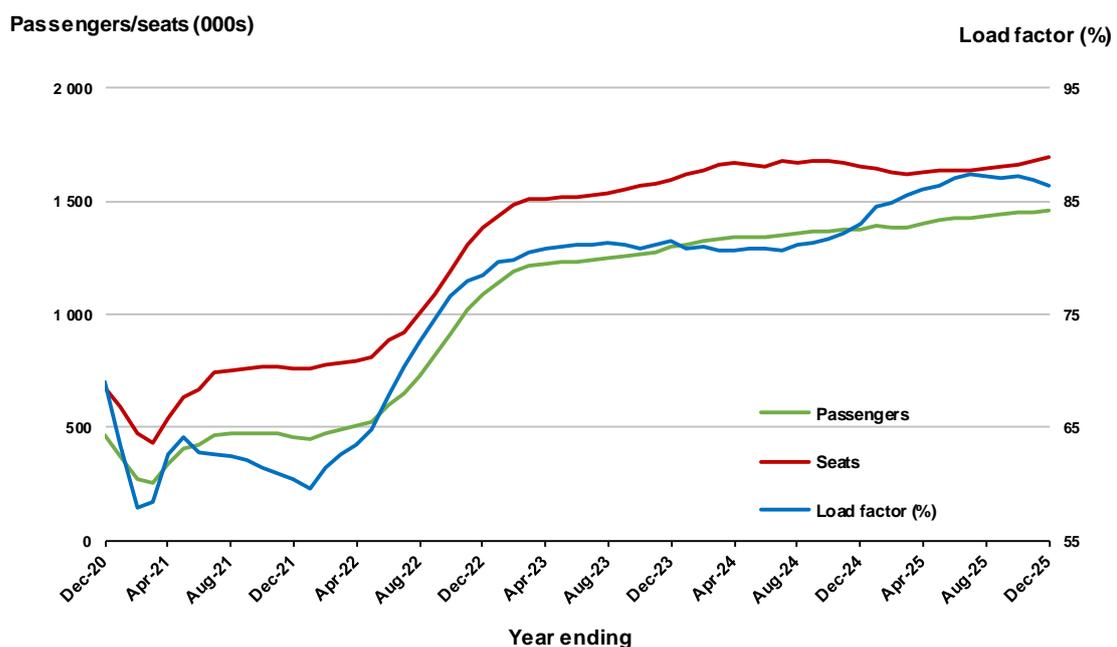
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	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 373.1	1 460.5	6.4
Seats (000s)	1 654.1	1 691.4	2.3
Load factor %	83.0	86.3	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	9 813	9 722	-0.9

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	338.5	341.8	1.0
2 Hobart	274.9	294.5	7.1
3 Launceston	139.4	146.5	5.1
4 Townsville	135.3	139.1	2.8
5 Darwin	120.7	120.7	0.1
6 Newcastle	98.4	106.2	7.8
7 Mackay	71.3	80.7	13.2
8 Karratha	46.3	56.0	21.1
9 Ballina	59.1	54.7	-7.4
10 Proserpine	47.7	53.9	13.0
11 Rockhampton	51.7	49.4	-4.3
12 Hamilton Island	46.9	46.1	-1.7
13 Port Hedland	36.5	40.4	10.8
14 Kalgoorlie	27.3	33.9	24.2
15 Newman	30.9	33.6	8.5
16 Broome	28.2	28.9	2.4
17 Alice Springs	24.7	25.9	5.1
18 Coffs Harbour	22.6	24.0	6.1
19 Ayers Rock	22.2	22.1	-0.1
20 Hervey Bay	18.1	20.8	15.3
21 Albury	17.9	18.9	5.5
22 Wagga Wagga	16.4	18.2	11.1
23 Port Macquarie	16.9	18.0	6.3
24 Mount Isa	17.2	17.2	0.2
25 Gladstone	17.5	17.1	-2.5
26 Emerald	15.2	16.7	9.9
27 Paraburdoo	20.2	16.4	-18.6
28 Dubbo	15.5	16.1	3.8
29 Mildura	14.8	14.8	0.0
30 Port Lincoln	13.9	14.3	3.4
31 Devonport	10.7	13.4	24.7
32 Tamworth	12.2	12.5	2.1
33 Bundaberg	11.2	11.2	0.0
34 Orange	8.5	10.4	22.3
35 Geraldton	9.5	10.4	8.6
36 Thursday Island	10.1	9.8	-3.3
37 Busselton	8.1	9.3	14.9
38 Kununurra	9.0	8.5	-6.2
39 Olympic Dam	7.8	8.5	8.8
40 Armidale	8.7	8.4	-3.4
41 Weipa	7.1	7.7	8.5
42 Burnie	6.5	7.6	16.5
43 Moranbah	8.1	7.4	-8.1
44 Merimbula	6.0	6.9	14.1
45 Gove	6.3	6.4	1.7
46 Learmonth	6.9	6.1	-10.6
47 Norfolk Island	6.1	6.1	0.1
48 Griffith	5.7	6.0	4.4
49 Mount Gambier	5.4	5.8	8.0
50 Albany	5.2	5.3	0.4
Total top 50 regional airports	1 965.1	2 054.5	4.6
Total regional airports	2 076.3	2 167.4	4.4
Total domestic network	10 191.3	10 601.3	4.0

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	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	4 088.7	4 183.3	2.3
2 Hobart	2 729.3	2 865.4	5.0
3 Townsville	1 663.9	1 663.2	0.0
4 Darwin	1 606.7	1 660.3	3.3
5 Launceston	1 418.5	1 464.5	3.2
6 Newcastle	1 200.1	1 213.4	1.1
7 Mackay	900.4	934.6	3.8
8 Karratha	620.8	702.8	13.2
9 Rockhampton	656.0	642.8	-2.0
10 Ballina	628.2	578.8	-7.9
11 Proserpine	507.2	549.7	8.4
12 Port Hedland	488.7	501.1	2.5
13 Hamilton Island	488.5	494.6	1.2
14 Broome	439.2	455.4	3.7
15 Newman	397.8	443.9	11.6
16 Kalgoorlie	367.6	397.1	8.0
17 Alice Springs	372.0	364.2	-2.1
18 Ayers Rock	317.2	352.6	11.1
19 Paraburdoo	251.3	263.1	4.7
20 Coffs Harbour	276.3	249.7	-9.6
21 Mount Isa	238.7	232.4	-2.6
22 Albury	253.1	223.5	-11.7
23 Gladstone	207.5	221.5	6.8
24 Wagga Wagga	183.3	218.8	19.4
25 Hervey Bay	233.9	218.2	-6.7
26 Dubbo	208.3	208.8	0.2
27 Emerald	198.8	201.0	1.1
28 Port Macquarie	206.3	193.8	-6.1
29 Mildura	209.3	187.7	-10.4
30 Port Lincoln	169.5	167.6	-1.1
31 Tamworth	165.0	159.2	-3.5
32 Bundaberg	124.8	149.0	19.5
33 Kununurra	152.4	139.8	-8.3
34 Devonport	140.2	139.5	-0.5
35 Geraldton	119.6	129.4	8.2
36 Thursday Island	110.5	122.1	10.5
37 Orange	117.2	117.0	-0.2
38 Learmonth	106.8	110.5	3.4
39 Moranbah	104.8	104.1	-0.6
40 Armidale	102.6	103.3	0.6
41 Olympic Dam	112.2	100.4	-10.5
42 Weipa	92.4	99.8	8.0
43 Busselton	86.6	97.9	13.0
44 Gove	93.4	85.2	-8.7
45 Burnie	78.5	82.6	5.2
46 Griffith	69.8	77.3	10.8
47 Mount Gambier	71.5	72.9	2.0
48 Norfolk Island	68.8	72.2	4.9
49 Merimbula	70.5	69.8	-1.1
50 Albany	67.1	66.1	3.6
Total top 50 regional airports	23 582.0	24 151.8	2.4
Total regional airports	25 020.3	25 586.2	2.3
Total domestic network	118 576.5	120 881.3	1.9

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)

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	320.8	363.4	13.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6.0	6.6	9.8

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

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

	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 327.7	4 347.7	0.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	73.8	74.1	0.4

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

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

	Dec 2024	Dec 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	641.6	726.7	13.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	12.0	13.1	9.8
Perth airport charter passenger movements	230.0	258.9	12.6
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3.7	4.0	10.0

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

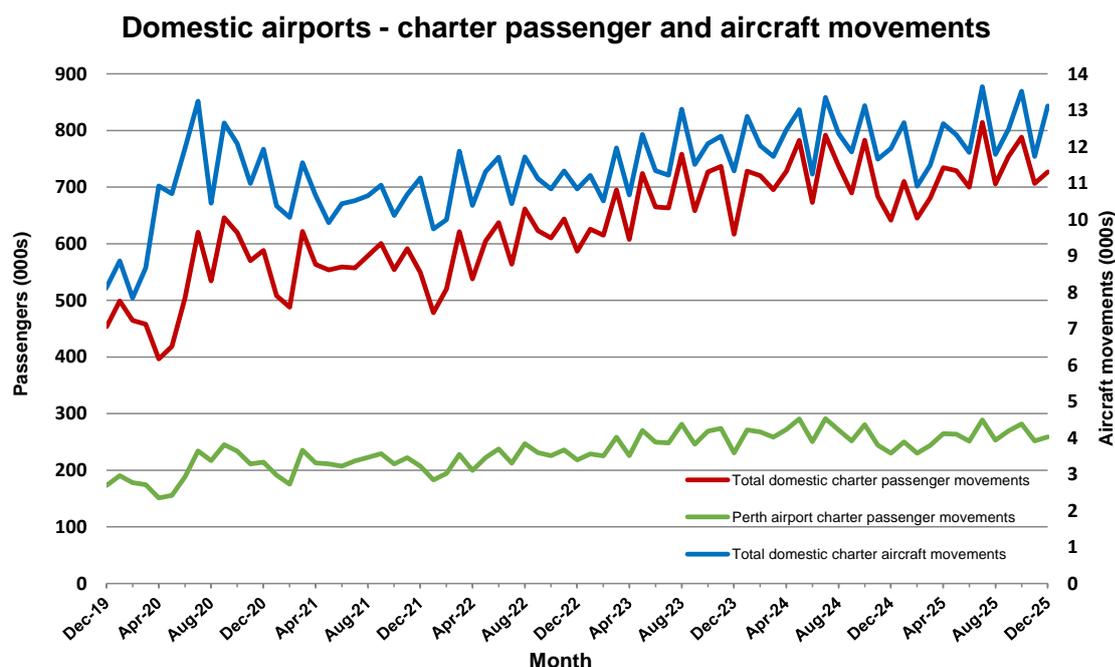
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

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

	YE Dec 2024	YE Dec 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 655.5	8 695.4	0.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	147.6	148.2	0.4
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 178.9	3 107.7	-2.2
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	47.5	45.0	-5.3

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.



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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