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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of February 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. However, for the period from December 2021 through to December 2022, the major airlines (Qantas Group, Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines) agreed to publication of the top 35 routes based on pre-COVID activity (December 2019) whether or not they were meeting the above criteria. From January 2023, the passenger load and dual competition requirements were reinstated due to the continued recovery of passenger numbers. Rex Airlines commenced jet services between selected major cities in March 2021. Domestic jet services ceased in July 2024.

Information on the total network for the month of February 2025 and on the RPT network for the month of February 2025 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended February 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 February 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 4.67 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in February 2025, compared with 4.93 million in February 2024 (down 5.2 per cent). This is also a decrease of 0.6 per cent on pre-COVID February 2019 passenger numbers (4.70 million).

4.35 million passengers were carried on Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights in February 2025 (excluding charter operations), a decrease of 4.8 per cent compared to February 2024.

For the month of February 2025, there were 45.2 thousand RPT aircraft trips, a decrease of 7.3 per cent on February 2024.

For the year ending February 2025 there were 59.38 million RPT passengers, an increase of 2.1 per cent on the year ending February 2024.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 5.07 billion for the month, compared with 5.29 billion in February 2024 (down 4.1 per cent).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased to 6.30 billion in February 2025 compared to 6.56 billion in February 2024 (down 4.0 per cent).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 80.6 per cent in February 2024 to 80.5 per cent in February 2025. The highest load factor (92.2 per cent) was recorded on the Launceston - Sydney route while the lowest load factor (53.8 per cent) was recorded on the Geraldton - Perth route.

For the month of February 2025, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 627.9 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 335.2 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 253.1 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.88 million passenger movements in February 2025, followed by Melbourne with 1.79 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.25 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 24.6 thousand tonnes in February 2025, a decrease of 3.9 per cent compared with February 2024.

In February 2025, there were 1.78 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, a decrease of 3.9 per cent from February 2024. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Busselton Airport (up 41.1 per cent on February 2024), while the largest decrease was recorded at Albury Airport (down 31.4 per cent on February 2024).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 322.5 thousand passengers in February 2025, a decrease of 10.4 per cent compared with February 2024. Perth Airport accounted for 35.7 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.93	4.67	-5.2
Aircraft trips (000s)	54.8	50.6	-7.5

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

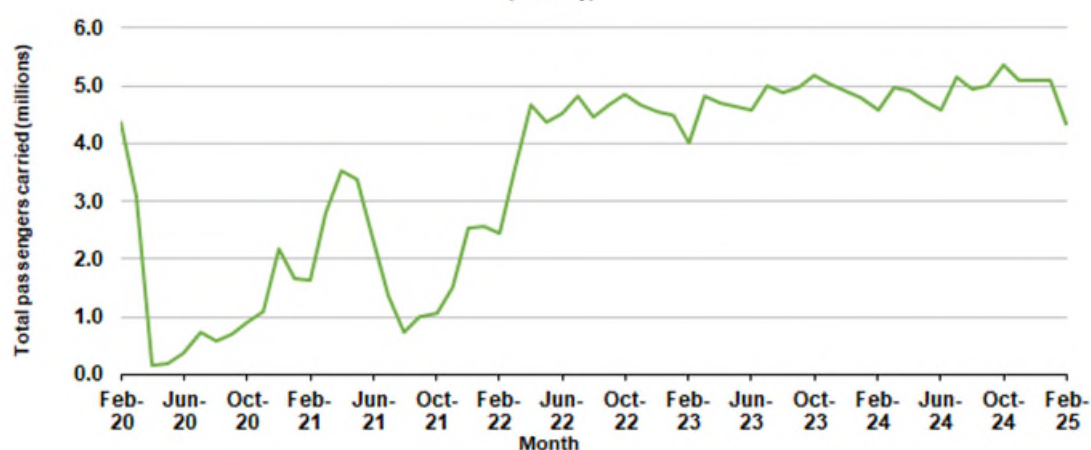
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.57	4.35	-4.8
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.29	5.07	-4.1
Available seats (millions)	5.81	5.45	-6.2
Available seat kilometres (billions)	6.56	6.30	-4.0
Load factor %	80.6	80.5	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	48.7	45.2	-7.3

* percentage point difference

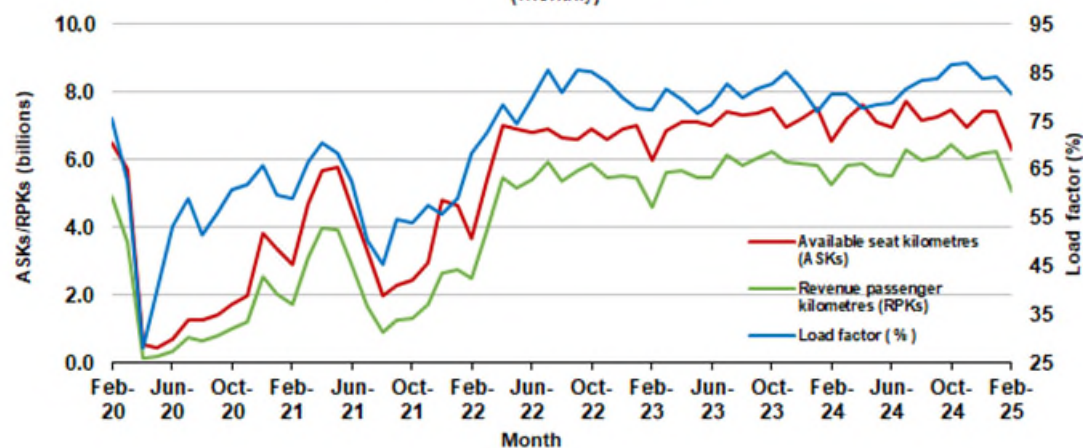
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	62.29	63.65	2.2
Aircraft trips (000s)	688.1	682.2	-0.9

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

RPT NETWORK

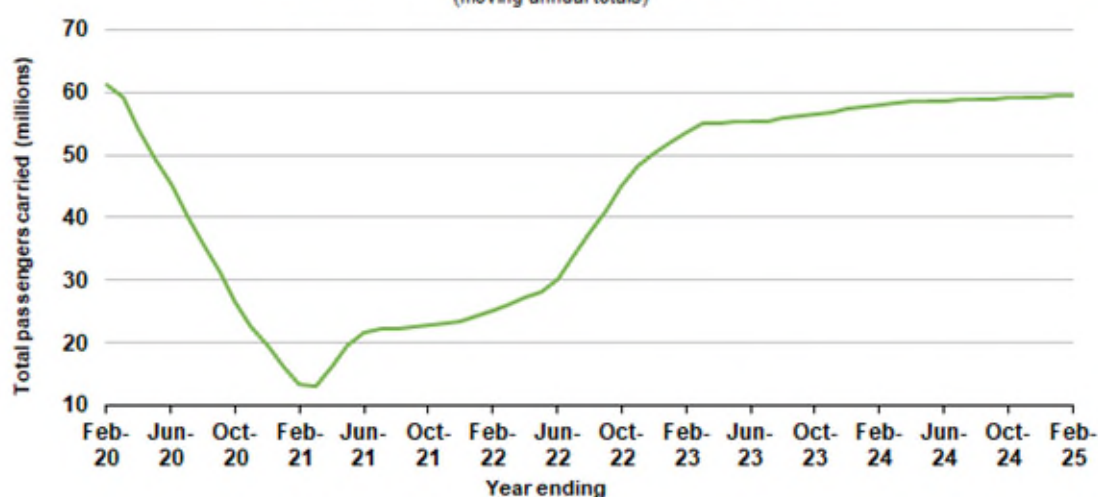
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	58.14	59.38	2.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	69.41	71.23	2.6
Available seats (millions)	74.05	74.01	-0.1
Available seat kilometres (billions)	86.08	86.71	0.7
Load factor %	80.6	82.1	1.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	616.8	609.7	-1.2

* percentage point difference

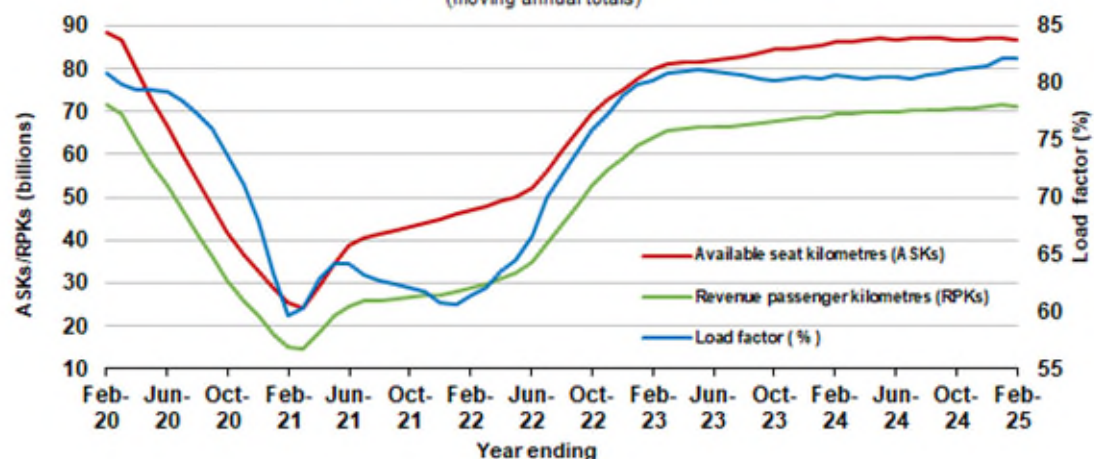
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 810.4	8 004.1	2.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 306.0	4 365.8	1.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 351.4	3 533.6	5.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 472.9	2 513.3	1.6
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 315.4	2 324.0	0.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 230.0	2 188.7	-1.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	1 940.8	2 042.2	5.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 798.7	1 878.6	4.4
9	Perth - Sydney	1 614.1	1 653.3	2.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 325.2	1 382.9	4.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 248.4	1 317.8	5.6
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 018.2	1 106.7	8.7
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 011.0	997.7	-1.3
14	Brisbane - Townsville	873.2	955.7	9.4
15	Cairns - Sydney	897.3	919.7	2.5
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	840.4	875.2	4.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	839.9	860.0	2.4
18	Cairns - Melbourne	834.4	825.1	-1.1
19	Hobart - Sydney	751.8	819.6	9.0
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	766.1	780.5	1.9
21	Brisbane - Mackay	726.8	767.7	5.6
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	771.5	736.6	-4.5
23	Adelaide - Perth	663.7	700.4	5.5
24	Brisbane - Canberra	633.7	641.3	1.2
25	Canberra - Sydney	608.7	640.8	5.3
26	Karratha - Perth	553.1	616.4	11.4
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	514.9	596.3	15.8
28	Ballina - Sydney	528.1	525.1	-0.6
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	502.9	514.2	2.2
30	Perth - Port Hedland	476.8	474.4	-0.5
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	427.2	461.0	7.9
32	Newman - Perth	369.2	408.4	10.6
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	363.2	366.8	1.0
34	Broome - Perth	362.6	356.8	-1.6
35	Launceston - Sydney	332.4	340.8	2.5
36	Brisbane - Darwin	322.0	328.6	2.1
37	Brisbane - Hobart	296.4	309.3	4.3
38	Darwin - Melbourne	285.0	290.9	2.1
39	Brisbane - Proserpine	275.4	283.5	3.0
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	267.4	281.8	5.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	244.4	247.9	1.5
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	217.0	225.1	3.7
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	213.2	210.0	-1.5
44	Brisbane - Emerald	185.3	188.3	1.6
45	Adelaide - Canberra	195.3	188.1	-3.7
46	Darwin - Perth	171.0	184.7	8.0
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	177.4	181.9	2.5
48	Dubbo - Sydney	179.4	172.5	-3.9
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	174.2	168.6	-3.2
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	167.7	166.3	-0.8

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

	City-Pair	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	164.0	163.5	-0.3
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	154.8	161.7	4.5
53	Albury - Sydney	167.0	160.9	-3.6
54	Brisbane - Launceston	148.8	157.3	5.7
55	Melbourne - Mildura	172.9	156.3	-9.6
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	143.4	150.5	5.0
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	131.5	142.3	8.2
58	Devonport - Melbourne	121.4	127.3	4.9
59	Geraldton - Perth	97.6	115.0	17.9
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	110.9	111.3	0.3
61	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	110.1	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	118.6	106.0	-10.6
Total domestic network		58 138.9	59 375.3	2.1

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	681.7	627.9	-7.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	345.3	335.2	-2.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	259.7	253.1	-2.6
4	Adelaide - Melbourne	190.9	181.2	-5.1
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	197.5	171.2	-13.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	167.9	154.4	-8.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	159.7	150.0	-6.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	146.2	140.7	-3.8
9	Perth - Sydney	127.6	127.6	0.0
10	Hobart - Melbourne	120.4	116.0	-3.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	89.1	87.4	-1.8
12	Brisbane - Perth	79.6	81.8	2.7
13	Canberra - Melbourne	83.9	74.9	-10.7
14	Launceston - Melbourne	76.4	72.7	-4.9
15	Hobart - Sydney	65.8	68.5	4.0
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	65.4	65.2	-0.4
17	Brisbane - Townsville	64.9	64.4	-0.7
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	58.8	56.0	-4.7
19	Brisbane - Mackay	57.1	55.5	-2.9
20	Cairns - Sydney	62.9	52.7	-16.2
21	Adelaide - Perth	54.4	52.6	-3.4
22	Canberra - Sydney	49.8	49.9	0.2
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	54.1	49.8	-8.0
24	Karratha - Perth	43.0	48.4	12.6
25	Brisbane - Canberra	47.3	46.6	-1.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	41.2	44.6	8.1
27	Cairns - Melbourne	49.7	43.9	-11.7
28	Ballina - Sydney	41.7	39.2	-6.0
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	39.0	37.8	-3.2
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	35.4	36.0	1.6
31	Perth - Port Hedland	34.4	33.7	-1.8
32	Newman - Perth	27.7	33.1	19.3
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	28.1	27.8	-0.9
34	Launceston - Sydney	27.8	26.4	-5.3
35	Brisbane - Hobart	22.5	23.7	5.2
36	Adelaide - Gold Coast	20.4	20.4	-0.3
37	Brisbane - Darwin	19.8	19.5	-1.6
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	18.4	19.0	2.8
39	Broome - Perth	17.6	18.5	5.4
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	17.9	16.9	-5.6
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	19.3	16.6	-14.1
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	15.8	16.4	3.9
43	Adelaide - Canberra	14.9	15.6	4.5
44	Darwin - Melbourne	14.5	15.4	6.2
45	Brisbane - Emerald	14.9	14.7	-1.3
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	14.7	13.8	-6.2
47	Dubbo - Sydney	13.3	12.8	-3.4
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	11.7	12.6	7.6
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	13.2	12.5	-4.7
50	Melbourne - Mildura	14.1	12.4	-11.9

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	12.7	12.4	-2.4
52	Albury - Sydney	12.2	11.9	-2.3
53	Brisbane - Launceston	10.8	11.6	7.6
54	Darwin - Perth	10.3	11.4	10.7
55	Devonport - Melbourne	9.8	11.0	11.8
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	10.1	10.9	7.9
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	10.8	10.7	-0.9
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	11.4	10.0	-12.9
59	Geraldton - Perth	8.2	9.3	13.5
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	9.9	9.1	-8.1
61	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	6.9	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	7.9	6.9	-13.5
Total domestic network		4 569.5	4 351.5	-4.8

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	800.7	705.1	-11.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	409.7	381.6	-6.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	319.7	298.1	-6.7
4	Adelaide - Melbourne	229.4	210.4	-8.3
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	222.2	186.1	-16.2
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	195.0	177.6	-8.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	184.2	175.2	-4.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	172.7	169.0	-2.1
9	Perth - Sydney	143.2	152.6	6.6
10	Hobart - Melbourne	143.4	130.4	-9.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	108.4	102.8	-5.2
12	Brisbane - Perth	94.5	103.4	9.4
13	Canberra - Melbourne	117.6	98.0	-16.7
14	Launceston - Melbourne	96.3	82.6	-14.2
15	Hobart - Sydney	77.2	79.8	3.4
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	88.9	81.7	-8.1
17	Brisbane - Townsville	85.2	83.8	-1.7
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	73.3	69.3	-5.5
19	Brisbane - Mackay	76.0	72.4	-4.7
20	Cairns - Sydney	72.4	61.4	-15.2
21	Adelaide - Perth	67.8	66.9	-1.3
22	Canberra - Sydney	77.9	78.2	0.5
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	66.6	60.0	-10.0
24	Karratha - Perth	63.9	72.9	14.1
25	Brisbane - Canberra	69.9	66.0	-5.5
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	55.6	57.0	2.7
27	Cairns - Melbourne	57.0	59.7	4.6
28	Ballina - Sydney	48.1	43.7	-9.1
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	50.7	46.7	-7.8
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	46.4	42.5	-8.3
31	Perth - Port Hedland	53.4	54.6	2.3
32	Newman - Perth	47.0	51.9	10.4
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	50.2	51.3	2.0
34	Launceston - Sydney	32.8	28.6	-12.7
35	Brisbane - Hobart	25.8	25.8	-0.1
36	Adelaide - Gold Coast	23.6	22.9	-3.0
37	Brisbane - Darwin	26.1	25.7	-1.9
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	21.0	22.9	8.8
39	Broome - Perth	27.0	32.6	20.5
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	26.1	27.2	4.0
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	26.0	24.9	-4.1
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	20.6	24.8	20.2
43	Adelaide - Canberra	21.5	21.7	1.0
44	Darwin - Melbourne	16.9	20.9	23.9
45	Brisbane - Emerald	21.9	23.9	9.0
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	21.8	20.0	-8.2
47	Dubbo - Sydney	21.9	20.2	-7.8
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	18.7	19.1	2.2
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	16.6	14.3	-14.1
50	Melbourne - Mildura	19.6	17.0	-13.0

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	19.2	16.5	-14.4
52	Albury - Sydney	18.5	16.6	-10.1
53	Brisbane - Launceston	13.5	13.3	-1.9
54	Darwin - Perth	14.1	15.5	9.9
55	Devonport - Melbourne	14.2	15.1	6.6
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	19.1	18.6	-2.2
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.3	17.3	-5.3
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.5	13.7	-11.9
59	Geraldton - Perth	17.3	17.3	-0.1
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	16.7	15.9	-4.8
61	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	10.4	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	12.2	10.4	-14.3
Total domestic network		5 813.0	5 450.5	-6.2

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	85.2	89.1	3.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	84.3	87.9	3.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	81.2	84.9	3.7
4	Adelaide - Melbourne	83.2	86.1	2.9
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	88.9	92.0	3.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	86.1	87.0	0.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	86.7	85.6	-1.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	84.7	83.3	-1.4
9	Perth - Sydney	89.1	83.6	-5.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	83.9	88.9	5.0
11	Brisbane - Cairns	82.2	85.1	2.9
12	Brisbane - Perth	84.2	79.0	-5.2
13	Canberra - Melbourne	71.3	76.4	5.1
14	Launceston - Melbourne	79.3	87.9	8.6
15	Hobart - Sydney	85.3	85.8	0.5
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	73.6	79.8	6.2
17	Brisbane - Townsville	76.1	76.9	0.8
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	80.1	80.8	0.7
19	Brisbane - Mackay	75.2	76.6	1.4
20	Cairns - Sydney	86.8	85.8	-1.0
21	Adelaide - Perth	80.3	78.6	-1.7
22	Canberra - Sydney	64.0	63.8	-0.2
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	81.2	83.0	1.8
24	Karratha - Perth	67.3	66.4	-0.9
25	Brisbane - Canberra	67.8	70.6	2.8
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	74.2	78.2	4.0
27	Cairns - Melbourne	87.1	73.5	-13.6
28	Ballina - Sydney	86.6	89.6	3.0
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	77.0	80.9	3.9
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	76.4	84.6	8.2
31	Perth - Port Hedland	64.4	61.8	-2.6
32	Newman - Perth	59.0	63.7	4.7
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	55.9	54.3	-1.6
34	Launceston - Sydney	85.0	92.2	7.2
35	Brisbane - Hobart	87.2	91.8	4.6
36	Adelaide - Gold Coast	86.7	89.1	2.4
37	Brisbane - Darwin	75.8	76.1	0.3
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	87.7	82.9	-4.8
39	Broome - Perth	65.1	56.9	-8.2
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	68.3	62.0	-6.3
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	74.3	66.6	-7.7
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	76.6	66.2	-10.4
43	Adelaide - Canberra	69.2	71.6	2.4
44	Darwin - Melbourne	86.1	73.9	-12.2
45	Brisbane - Emerald	67.8	61.3	-6.5
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	67.5	69.0	1.5
47	Dubbo - Sydney	60.6	63.4	2.8
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	62.6	65.9	3.3
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	79.2	87.8	8.6
50	Melbourne - Mildura	72.0	72.9	0.9

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Point diff
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	65.9	75.2	9.3
52	Albury - Sydney	65.8	71.5	5.7
53	Brisbane - Launceston	79.6	87.4	7.8
54	Darwin - Perth	73.1	73.6	0.5
55	Devonport - Melbourne	69.2	72.6	3.4
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	53.0	58.4	5.4
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	59.3	62.0	2.7
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	73.7	72.8	-0.9
59	Geraldton - Perth	47.4	53.8	6.4
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	59.5	57.4	-2.1
61	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	66.4	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	65.3	65.9	0.6
Total domestic network		80.6	80.5	-0.1

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 641	4 102	-11.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 512	2 309	-8.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	1 906	1 818	-4.6
4	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 389	1 252	-9.9
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 237	1 064	-14.0
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 069	965	-9.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	1 051	993	-5.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 063	1 001	-5.8
9	Perth - Sydney	731	813	11.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	825	740	-10.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	752	727	-3.3
12	Brisbane - Perth	559	596	6.6
13	Canberra - Melbourne	843	631	-25.1
14	Launceston - Melbourne	770	567	-26.4
15	Hobart - Sydney	470	448	-4.7
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	680	623	-8.4
17	Brisbane - Townsville	620	670	8.1
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	411	386	-6.1
19	Brisbane - Mackay	647	532	-17.8
20	Cairns - Sydney	378	332	-12.2
21	Adelaide - Perth	388	368	-5.2
22	Canberra - Sydney	1 222	1 206	-1.3
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	356	319	-10.4
24	Karratha - Perth	392	440	12.2
25	Brisbane - Canberra	553	520	-6.0
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	645	626	-2.9
27	Cairns - Melbourne	291	312	7.2
28	Ballina - Sydney	332	288	-13.3
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	472	394	-16.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	297	280	-5.7
31	Perth - Port Hedland	336	334	-0.6
32	Newman - Perth	294	316	7.5
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	321	346	7.8
34	Launceston - Sydney	204	167	-18.1
35	Brisbane - Hobart	168	160	-4.8
36	Adelaide - Gold Coast	116	112	-3.4
37	Brisbane - Darwin	217	144	-33.6
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	142	141	-0.7
39	Broome - Perth	185	228	23.2
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	328	300	-8.5
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	147	141	-4.1
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	364	287	-21.2
43	Adelaide - Canberra	198	200	1.0
44	Darwin - Melbourne	120	118	-1.7
45	Brisbane - Emerald	329	302	-8.2
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	530	462	-12.8
47	Dubbo - Sydney	416	369	-11.3
48	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	335	341	1.8
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	93	80	-14.0
50	Melbourne - Mildura	409	337	-17.6

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	338	272	-19.5
52	Albury - Sydney	334	295	-11.7
53	Brisbane - Launceston	80	73	-8.8
54	Darwin - Perth	92	88	-4.3
55	Devonport - Melbourne	314	253	-19.4
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	163	238	46.0
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	297	283	-4.7
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	108	96	-11.1
59	Geraldton - Perth	194	192	-1.0
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	223	212	-4.9
61	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	58	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	147	128	-12.9
Total domestic network		48 746	45 203	-7.3

(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

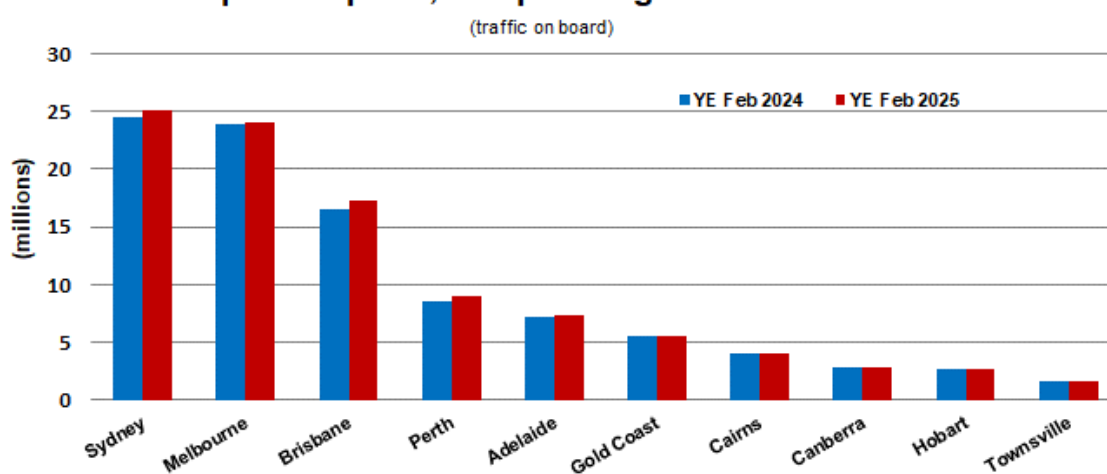
Airport	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	1 994.8	1 882.4	-5.6	21.6
2 Melbourne	1 942.5	1 794.0	-7.6	20.6
3 Brisbane	1 271.7	1 253.5	-1.4	14.4
4 Perth	648.2	658.8	1.6	7.6
5 Adelaide	579.1	558.7	-3.5	6.4
6 Gold Coast	426.8	380.4	-10.9	4.4
7 Cairns	273.8	253.0	-7.6	2.9
8 Hobart	231.8	228.1	-1.6	2.6
9 Canberra	220.4	211.0	-4.3	2.4
10 Launceston	123.7	118.7	-4.1	1.4
Total top ten airports	7 712.7	7 338.5	-4.9	84.3
Total domestic network	9 139.0	8 703.0	-4.8	100.0

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

Airport	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	24 542.1	25 135.0	2.4	21.2
2 Melbourne	23 845.3	24 097.5	1.1	20.3
3 Brisbane	16 502.8	17 247.5	4.5	14.5
4 Perth	8 493.4	8 971.4	5.6	7.6
5 Adelaide	7 237.8	7 383.7	2.0	6.2
6 Gold Coast	5 526.2	5 552.4	0.5	4.7
7 Cairns	4 029.3	4 109.1	2.0	3.5
8 Canberra	2 783.6	2 791.8	0.3	2.4
9 Hobart	2 629.7	2 751.7	4.6	2.3
10 Townsville	1 699.2	1 667.5	-1.9	1.4
Total top ten airports	97 289.2	99 707.4	2.5	84.0
Total domestic network	116 277.9	118 750.6	2.1	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	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.0	6.7	-3.4	27.3
2 Sydney	5.4	5.0	-7.7	20.3
3 Brisbane	4.8	4.5	-6.5	18.3
4 Perth	2.9	2.7	-5.0	11.1
5 Adelaide	1.4	1.3	-8.7	5.2
Total top five airports	21.5	20.3	-5.7	82.2
Total domestic network	25.6	24.6	-3.9	100.0

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

Airport	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	90.1	87.2	-3.3	27.3
2 Sydney	75.2	67.3	-10.4	21.1
3 Brisbane	59.6	57.6	-3.5	18.1
4 Perth	34.8	36.4	4.4	11.4
5 Adelaide	18.9	17.5	-7.2	5.5
Total top five airports	278.7	266.0	-4.6	83.4
Total domestic network	334.6	318.7	-4.7	100.0

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

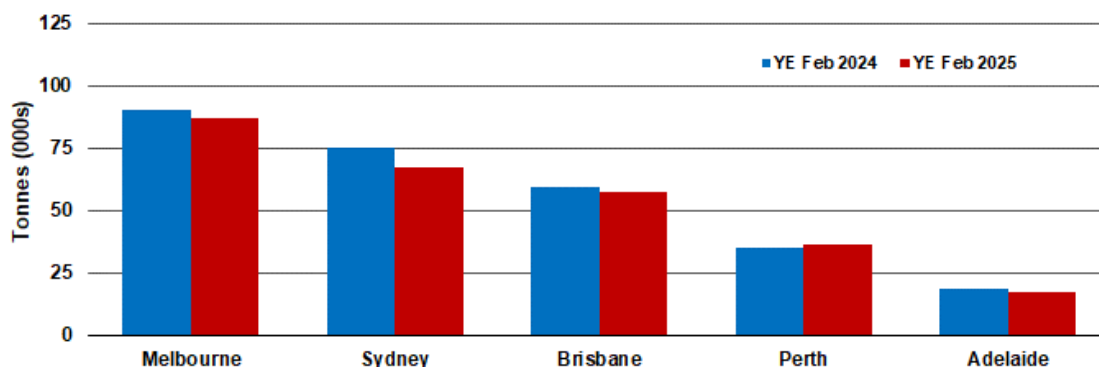
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(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

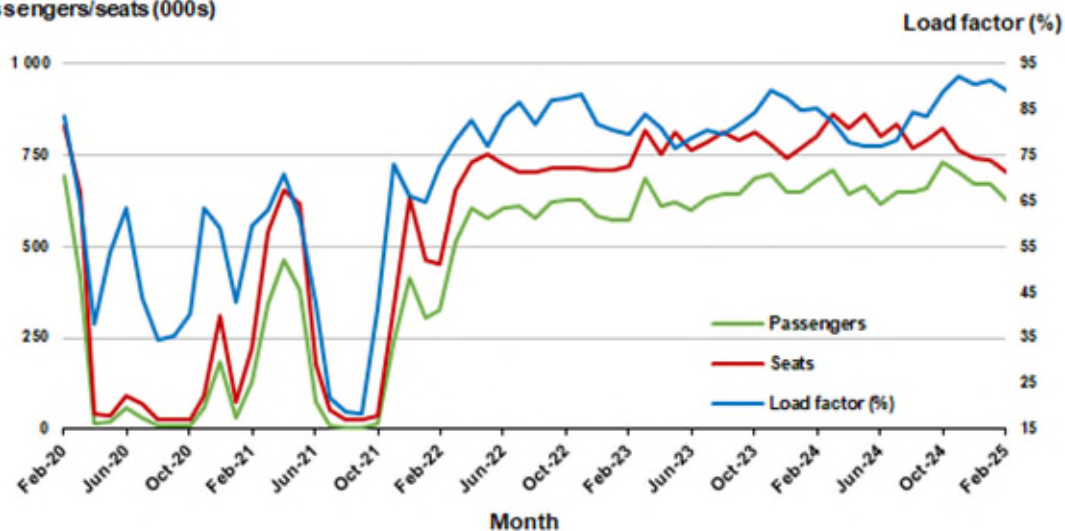
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	681.7	627.9	-7.9
Seats (000s)	800.7	705.1	-11.9
Load factor %	85.2	89.1	3.9 *
Aircraft trips	4 641	4 102	-11.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

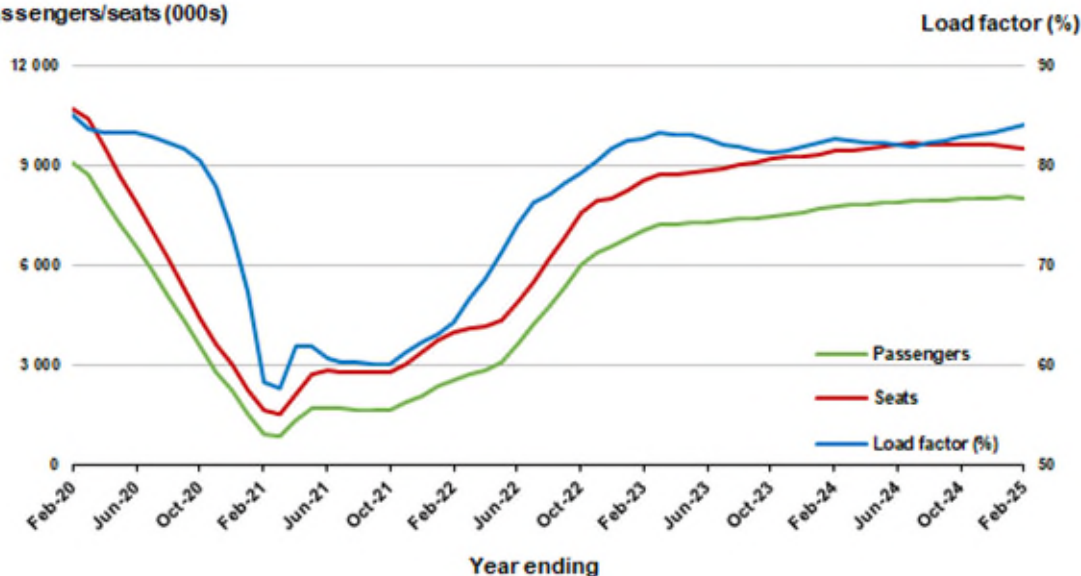


Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 810.4	8 004.1	2.5
Seats (000s)	9 439.5	9 518.3	0.8
Load factor %	82.8	84.1	1.3 *
Aircraft trips	54 795	54 800	0.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

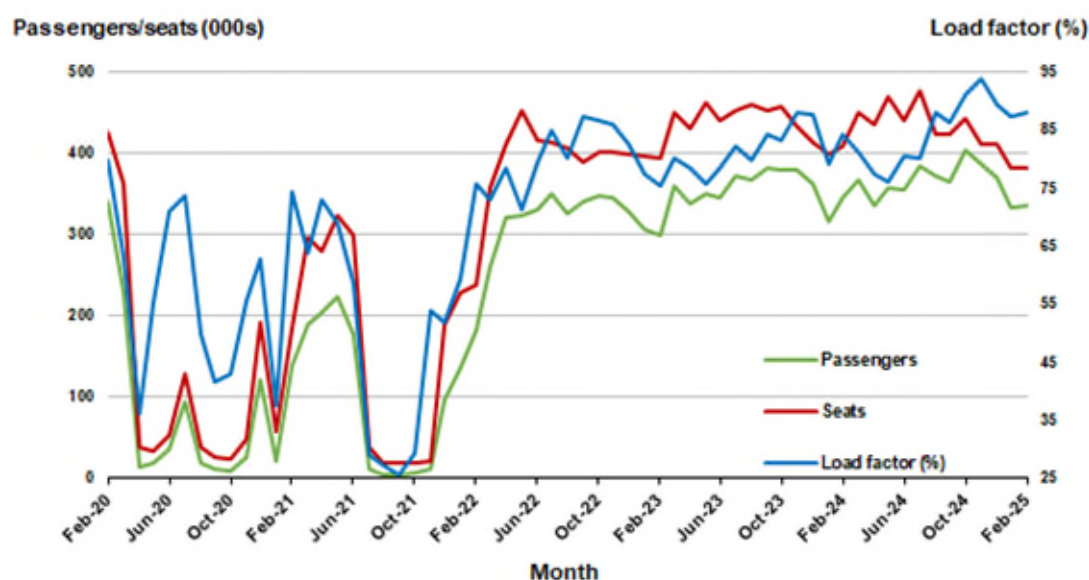


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	345.3	335.2	-2.9
Seats (000s)	409.7	381.6	-6.9
Load factor %	84.3	87.9	3.6 *
Aircraft trips	2 512	2 309	-8.1

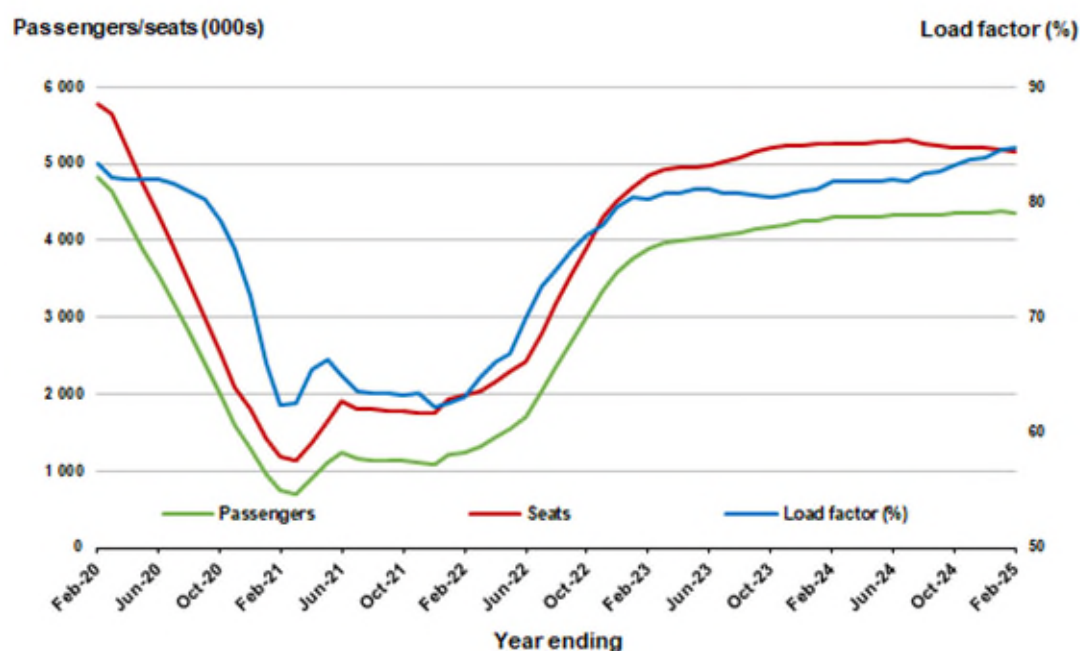
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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 306.0	4 365.8	1.4
Seats (000s)	5 264.4	5 152.1	-2.1
Load factor %	81.8	84.7	2.9 *
Aircraft trips	32 374	31 065	-4.0

* percentage point difference

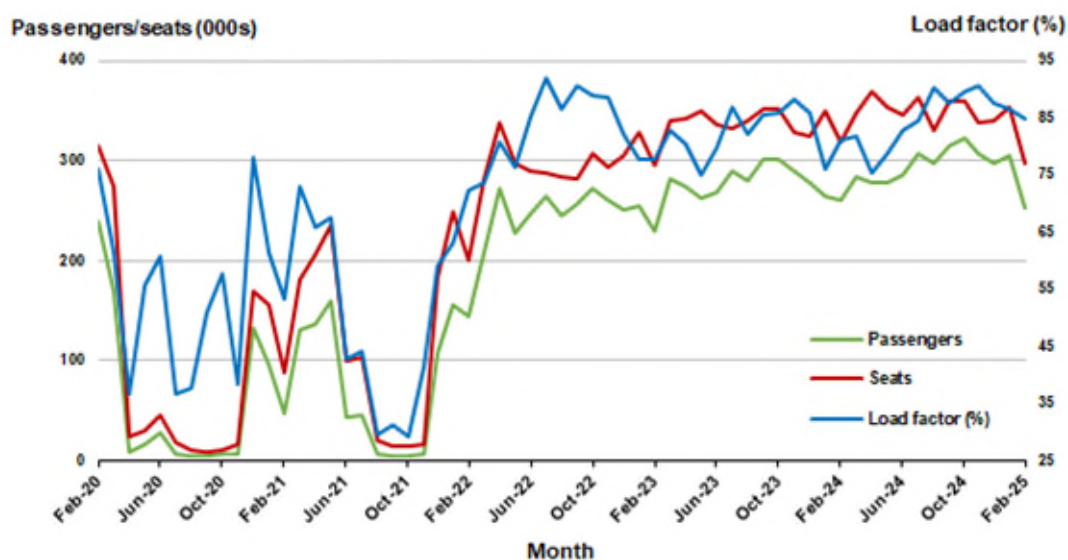


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	259.7	253.1	-2.6
Seats (000s)	319.7	298.1	-6.7
Load factor %	81.2	84.9	3.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 906	1 818	-4.6

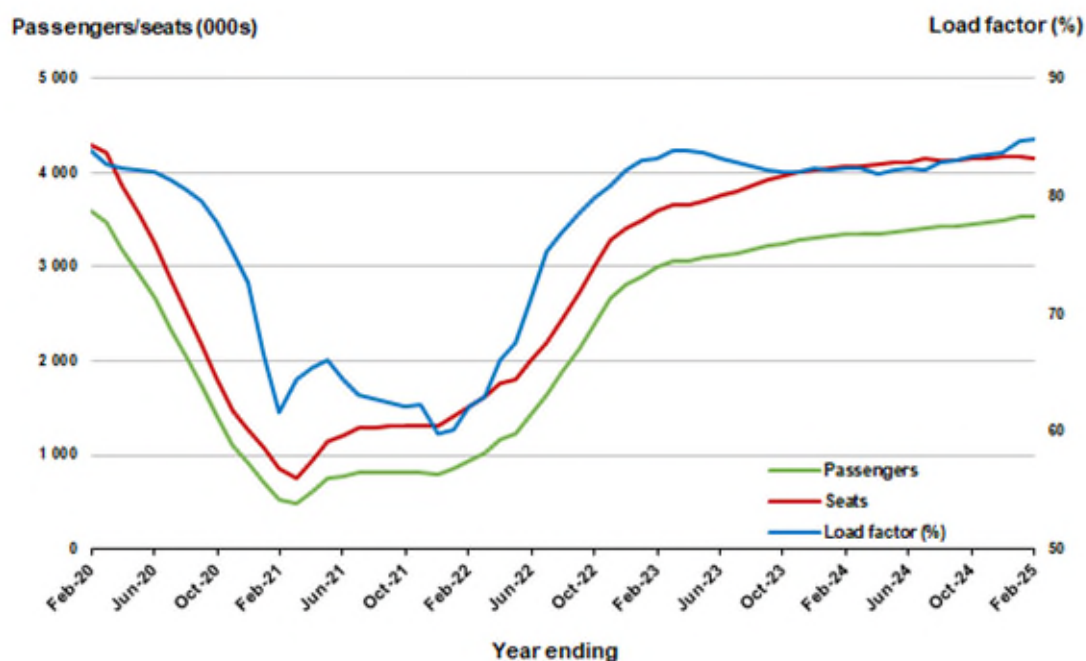
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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 351.4	3 533.6	5.4
Seats (000s)	4 064.7	4 160.2	2.3
Load factor %	82.4	84.9	2.5 *
Aircraft trips	24 544	24 936	1.6

* percentage point difference



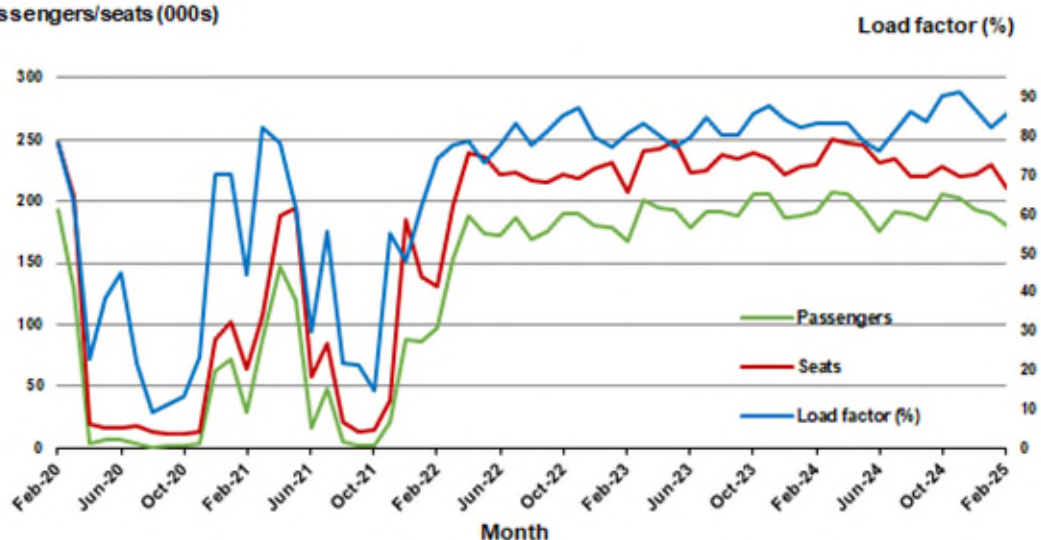
4. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	190.9	181.2	-5.1
Seats (000s)	229.4	210.4	-8.3
Load factor %	83.2	86.1	2.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 389	1 252	-9.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

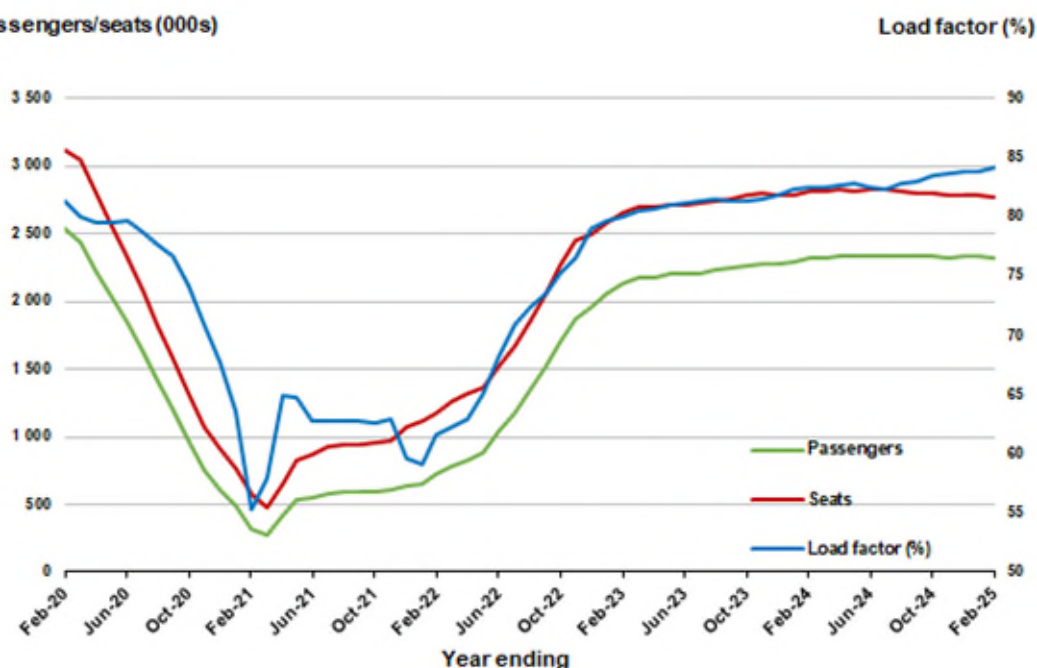


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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 315.4	2 324.0	0.4
Seats (000s)	2 807.6	2 762.9	-1.6
Load factor %	82.5	84.1	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	17 220	16 570	-3.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

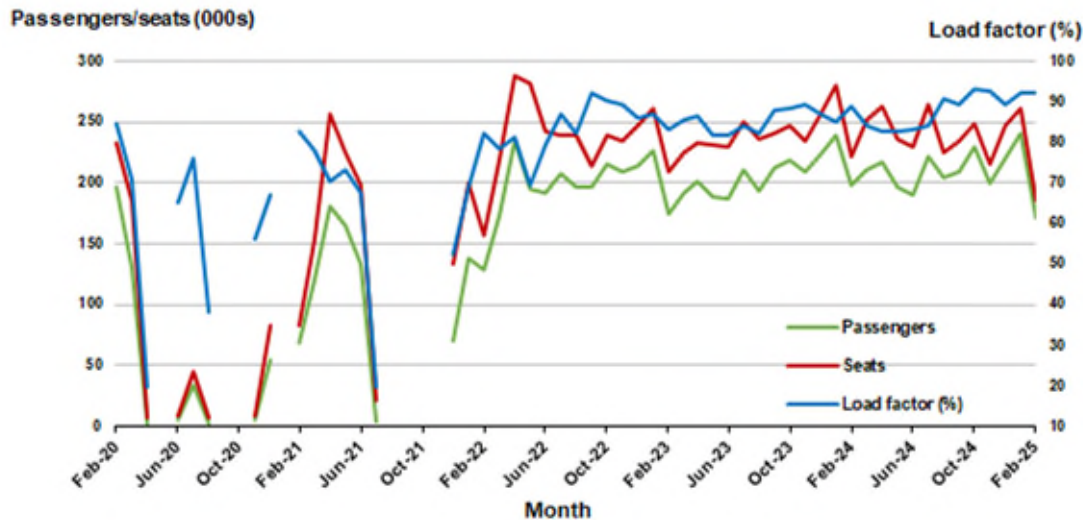


5. Gold Coast - Sydney^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	197.5	171.2	-13.3
Seats (000s)	222.2	186.1	-16.2
Load factor %	88.9	92.0	3.1 *
Aircraft trips	1 237	1 064	-14.0

* percentage point difference

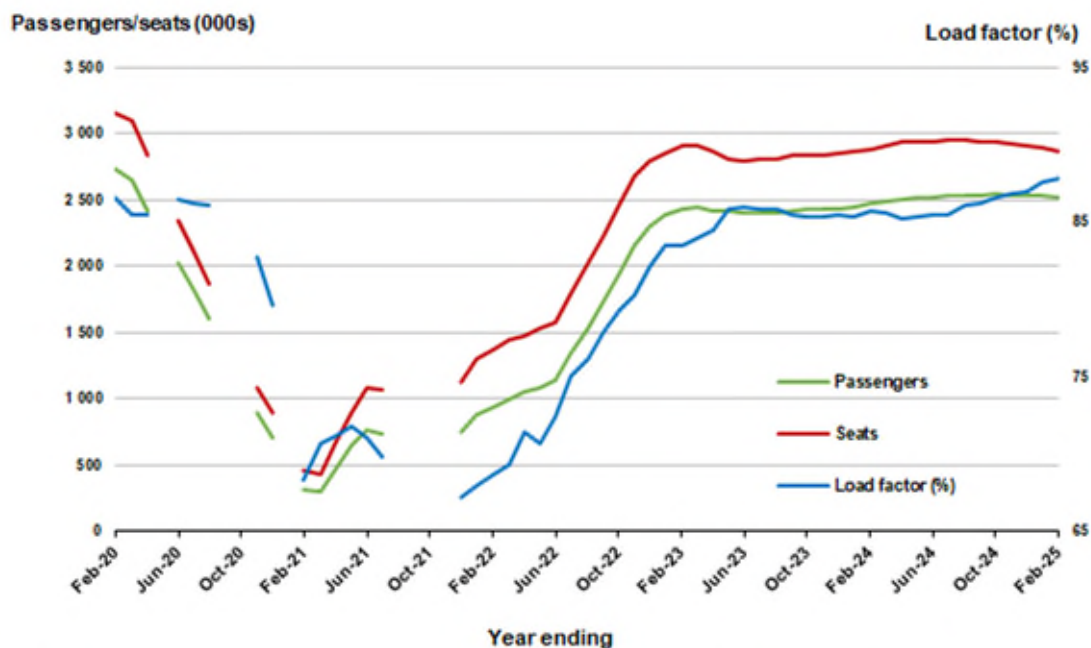


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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 472.9	2 513.3	1.6
Seats (000s)	2 884.5	2 862.3	-0.8
Load factor %	85.7	87.8	2.1 *
Aircraft trips	16 477	16 179	-1.8

* percentage point difference



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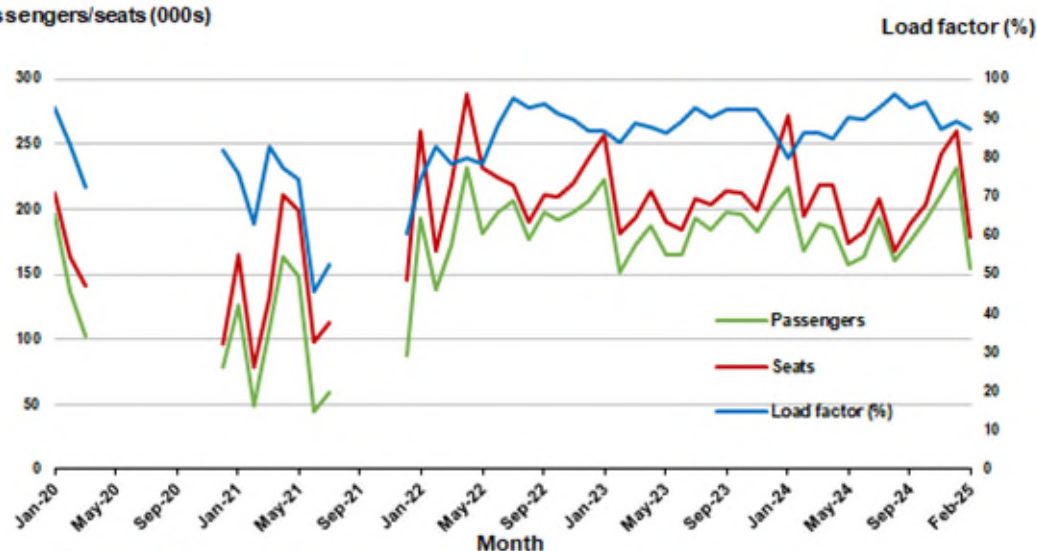
6. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	167.9	154.4	-8.0
Seats (000s)	195.0	177.6	-8.9
Load factor %	86.1	87.0	0.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 069	965	-9.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



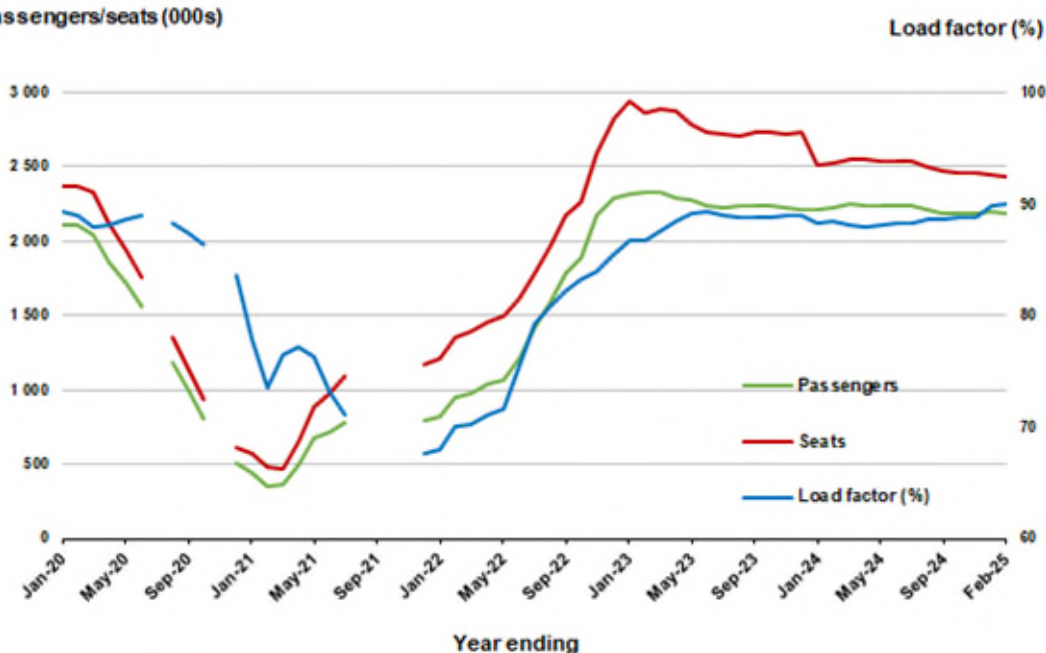
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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 230.0	2 188.7	-1.8
Seats (000s)	2 522.4	2 432.0	-3.6
Load factor %	88.4	90.0	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	13 715	13 191	-3.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



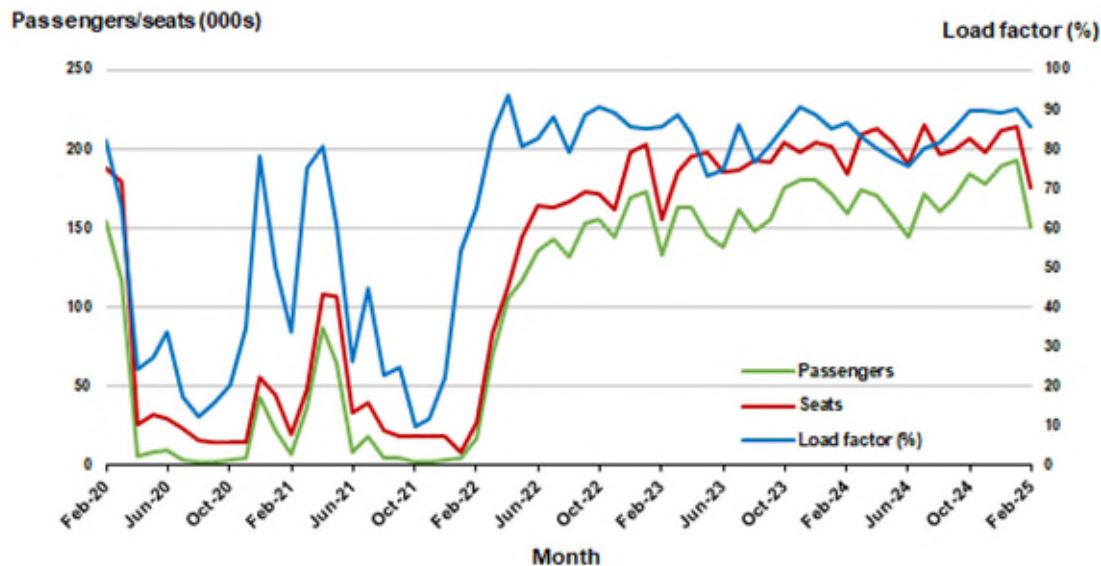
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7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	159.7	150.0	-6.1
Seats (000s)	184.2	175.2	-4.9
Load factor %	86.7	85.6	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	1 051	993	-5.5

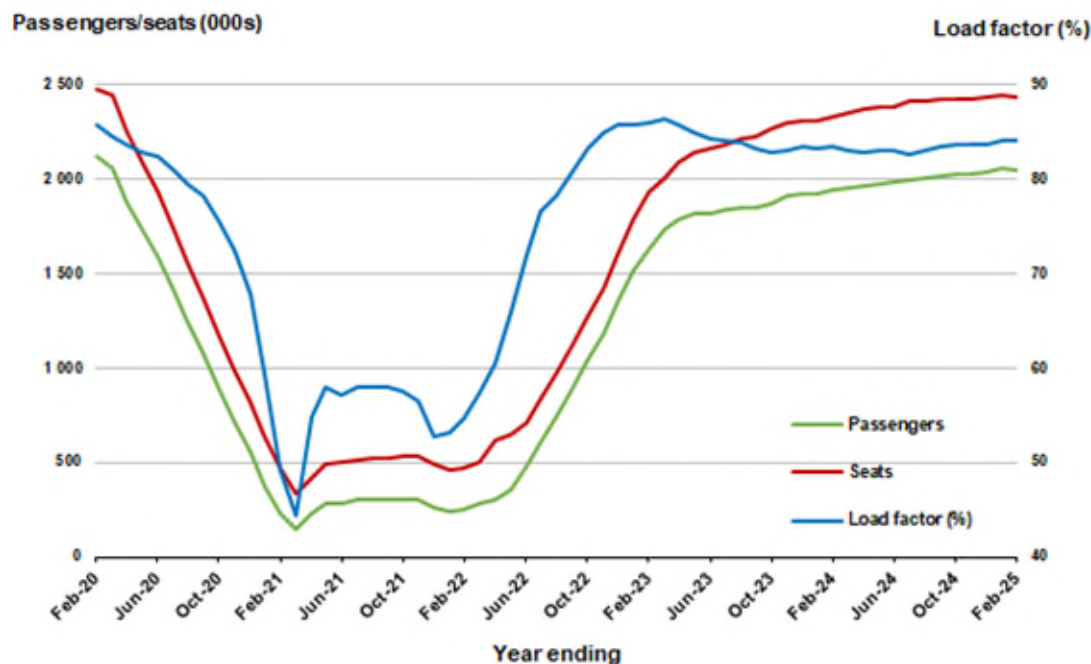
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Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 940.8	2 042.2	5.2
Seats (000s)	2 327.2	2 431.7	4.5
Load factor %	83.4	84.0	0.6 *
Aircraft trips	12 994	13 351	2.7

* percentage point difference

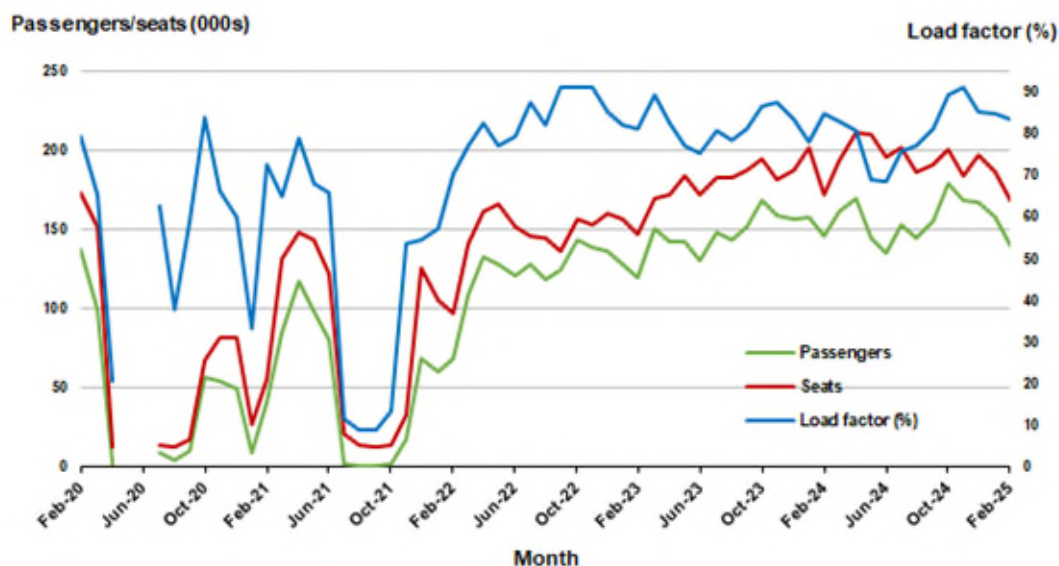


8. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	146.2	140.7	-3.8
Seats (000s)	172.7	169.0	-2.1
Load factor %	84.7	83.3	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 063	1 001	-5.8

* percentage point difference

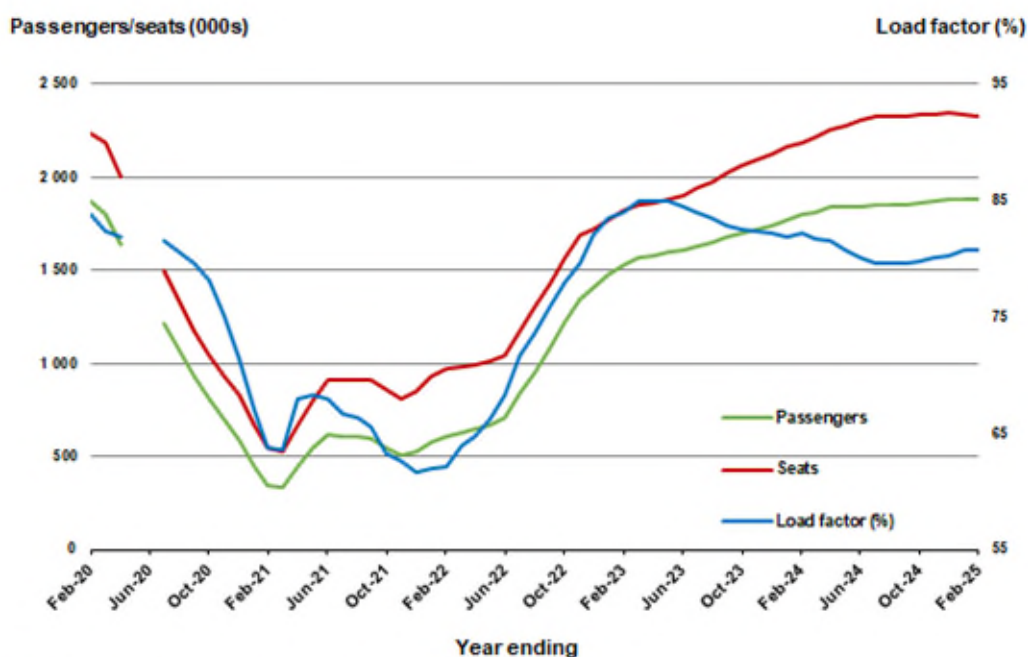


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Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 798.7	1 878.6	4.4
Seats (000s)	2 189.4	2 329.0	6.4
Load factor %	82.2	80.7	-1.5 *
Aircraft trips	13 391	13 817	3.2

* percentage point difference



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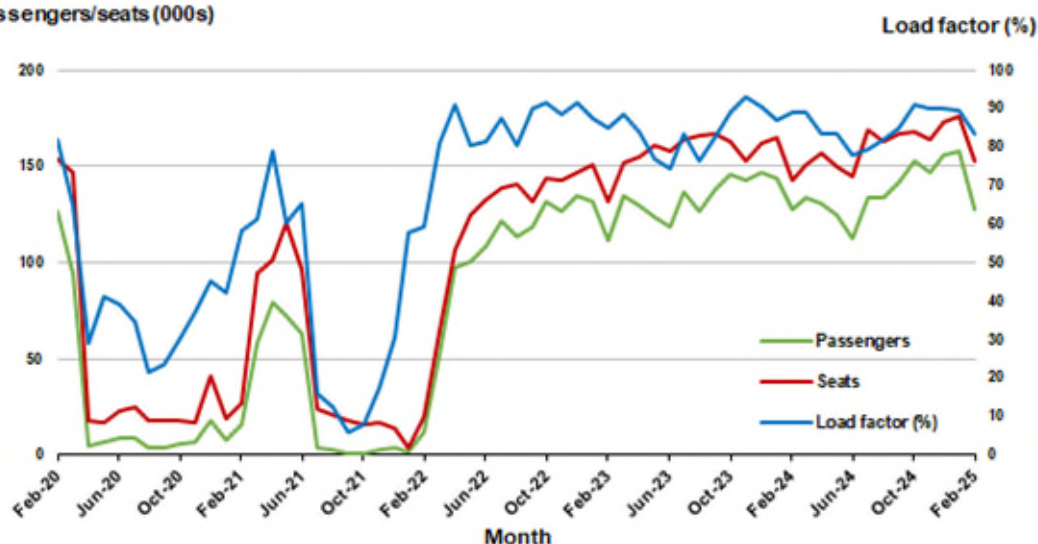
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	127.6	127.6	0.0
Seats (000s)	143.2	152.6	6.6
Load factor %	89.1	83.6	-5.5 *
Aircraft trips	731	813	11.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

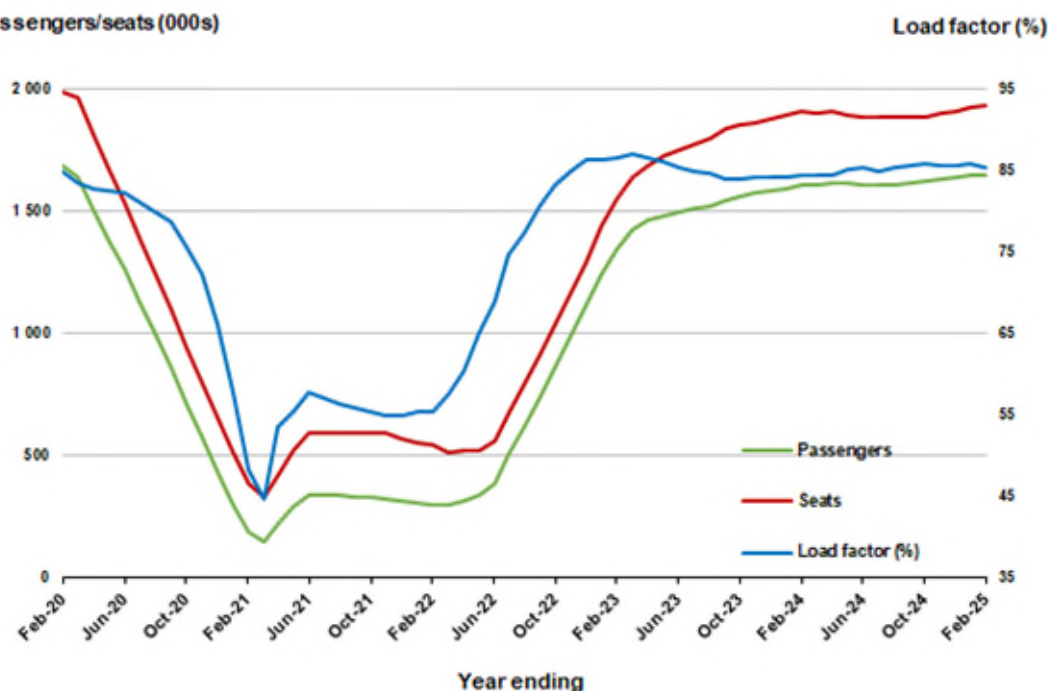


Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 614.1	1 653.3	2.4
Seats (000s)	1 909.3	1 933.5	1.3
Load factor %	84.5	85.5	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	9 863	10 212	3.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

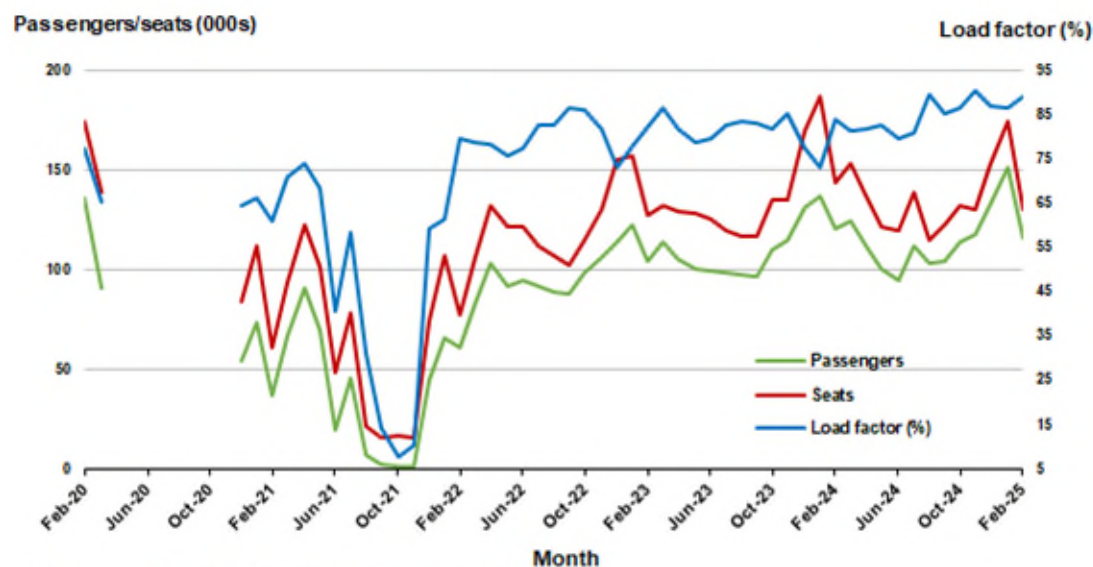


10. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	120.4	116.0	-3.7
Seats (000s)	143.4	130.4	-9.1
Load factor %	83.9	88.9	5.0 *
Aircraft trips	825	740	-10.3

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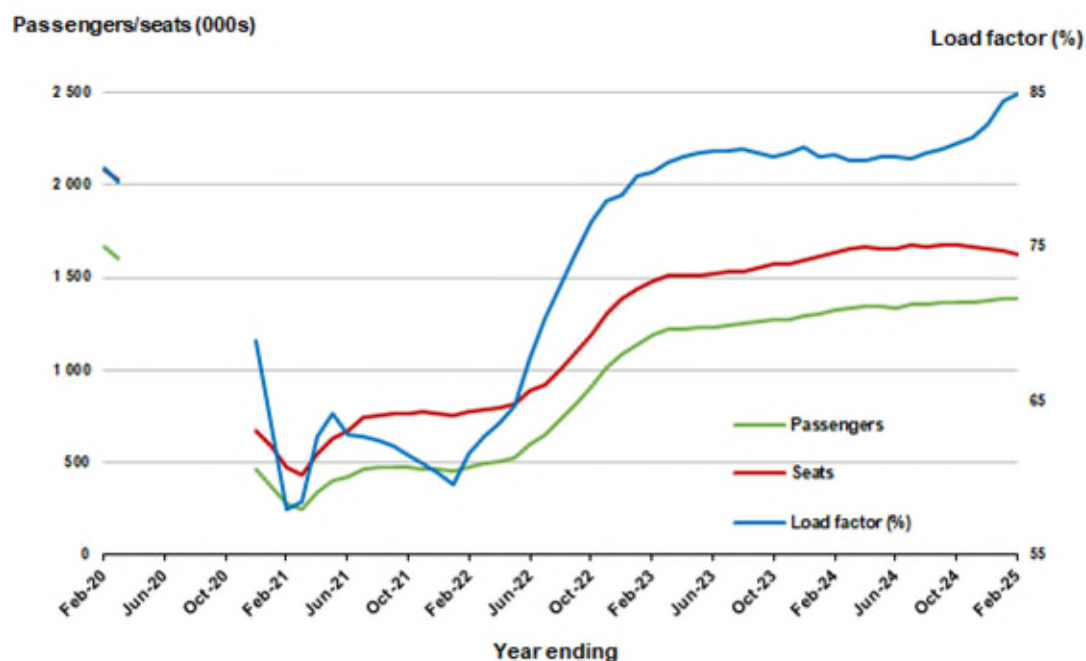


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	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 325.2	1 382.9	4.4
Seats (000s)	1 636.5	1 628.7	-0.5
Load factor %	81.0	84.9	3.9 *
Aircraft trips	9 515	9 627	1.2

* percentage point difference



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TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	273.8	253.0	-7.6
2 Hobart	231.8	228.1	-1.6
3 Launceston	123.7	118.7	-4.1
4 Townsville	120.4	113.3	-5.9
5 Darwin	94.5	93.9	-0.6
6 Newcastle	94.2	88.0	-6.6
7 Mackay	70.2	64.4	-8.2
8 Karratha	43.8	49.3	12.6
9 Ballina	49.6	47.3	-4.7
10 Rockhampton	50.0	47.2	-5.7
11 Port Hedland	35.9	34.8	-2.8
12 Newman	27.7	33.2	19.9
13 Proserpine	35.3	31.9	-9.6
14 Hamilton Island	35.8	30.9	-13.6
15 Kalgoorlie	28.1	27.8	-0.9
16 Alice Springs	25.6	22.0	-13.7
17 Ayers Rock	18.8	21.8	15.9
18 Broome	20.3	21.6	6.6
19 Paraburdoo	18.3	21.0	15.1
20 Coffs Harbour	20.2	20.7	2.3
21 Mount Isa	17.3	17.5	1.4
22 Gladstone	19.8	16.9	-14.8
23 Wagga Wagga	15.4	16.0	4.0
24 Emerald	15.7	15.5	-1.2
25 Albury	22.3	15.3	-31.4
26 Dubbo	16.4	15.3	-7.0
27 Mildura	18.2	14.9	-17.9
28 Hervey Bay	10.7	14.8	38.6
29 Tamworth	13.5	14.6	7.9
30 Port Macquarie	18.5	14.3	-22.6
31 Port Lincoln	14.7	13.8	-6.2
32 Devonport	9.8	11.0	11.8
33 Bundaberg	13.6	10.7	-20.7
34 Geraldton	8.6	9.7	12.9
35 Moranbah	9.9	9.1	-8.1
36 Orange	8.9	8.8	-0.8
37 Olympic Dam	8.5	8.0	-5.5
38 Busselton	5.3	7.5	41.1
39 Kununurra	7.6	7.3	-4.2
40 Thursday Island	7.1	7.1	0.4
41 Weipa	6.7	6.8	1.8
42 Burnie	6.8	6.5	-4.6
43 Griffith	4.6	5.7	26.0
44 Mount Gambier	6.2	5.7	-7.4
45 Norfolk Island	6.0	5.6	-5.3
46 Learmonth	4.6	5.5	18.8
47 Albany	5.5	5.5	-1.0
48 Gove	6.4	5.2	-17.7
49 Merimbula	5.5	5.1	-8.3
50 Broken Hill	4.4	4.7	7.6
Total top 50 regional airports	1 736.2	1 673.6	-3.6
Total regional airports	1 852.8	1 781.4	-3.9
Total domestic network	9 139.0	8 703.0	-4.8

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 Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	4 029.3	4 109.1	2.0
2 Hobart	2 629.7	2 751.7	4.6
3 Townsville	1 699.2	1 667.5	-1.9
4 Darwin	1 612.7	1 607.8	-0.3
5 Launceston	1 388.8	1 428.5	2.9
6 Newcastle	1 184.3	1 194.9	0.9
7 Mackay	913.0	899.6	-1.5
8 Rockhampton	649.8	655.1	0.8
9 Ballina	632.9	630.4	-0.4
10 Karratha	559.5	628.9	12.4
11 Proserpine	521.4	510.2	-2.1
12 Hamilton Island	495.8	488.2	-1.5
13 Port Hedland	485.2	486.9	0.3
14 Broome	437.2	441.0	0.9
15 Newman	369.6	409.7	10.8
16 Kalgoorlie	363.7	367.4	1.0
17 Alice Springs	363.1	366.3	0.9
18 Ayers Rock	268.0	326.3	21.7
19 Paraburdoo	251.4	280.2	11.5
20 Coffs Harbour	280.9	253.0	-9.9
21 Mount Isa	230.9	240.9	4.3
22 Albury	273.0	239.1	-12.4
23 Gladstone	234.5	230.5	-1.7
24 Wagga Wagga	199.9	209.8	5.0
25 Dubbo	214.3	207.0	-3.4
26 Mildura	231.6	202.2	-12.7
27 Emerald	196.3	199.6	1.7
28 Port Macquarie	228.4	199.3	-12.7
29 Hervey Bay	149.8	193.0	28.8
30 Port Lincoln	174.3	168.6	-3.2
31 Tamworth	172.3	165.2	-4.1
32 Bundaberg	159.5	147.9	-7.2
33 Kununurra	139.6	138.9	-0.5
34 Devonport	121.6	127.5	4.8
35 Geraldton	100.8	121.3	20.3
36 Thursday Island	108.2	118.6	9.6
37 Orange	106.7	111.7	4.7
38 Moranbah	111.1	111.4	0.3
39 Learmonth	104.2	108.8	4.4
40 Armidale	110.8	101.8	-8.1
41 Olympic Dam	103.8	101.5	-2.2
42 Weipa	88.1	93.2	5.9
43 Busselton	53.8	92.0	71.1
44 Gove	89.7	91.7	2.2
45 Burnie	82.6	78.5	-4.9
46 Griffith	72.3	71.5	-1.2
47 Mount Gambier	73.0	71.2	-2.4
48 Norfolk Island	69.0	70.1	1.5
49 Merimbula	71.5	68.1	-4.8
50 Albany	64.3	67.5	4.9
Total top 50 regional airports	23 271.2	23 651.3	1.6
Total regional airports	24 718.0	25 094.9	1.5
Total domestic network	116 277.9	118 750.6	2.1

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)

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	360.1	322.5	-10.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6.0	5.4	-9.7

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

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

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 150.3	4 277.1	3.1
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	71.3	72.6	1.7

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

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

	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	720.1	645.0	-10.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	12.0	10.9	-9.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	267.7	230.1	-14.0
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	4.0	3.4	-16.5

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

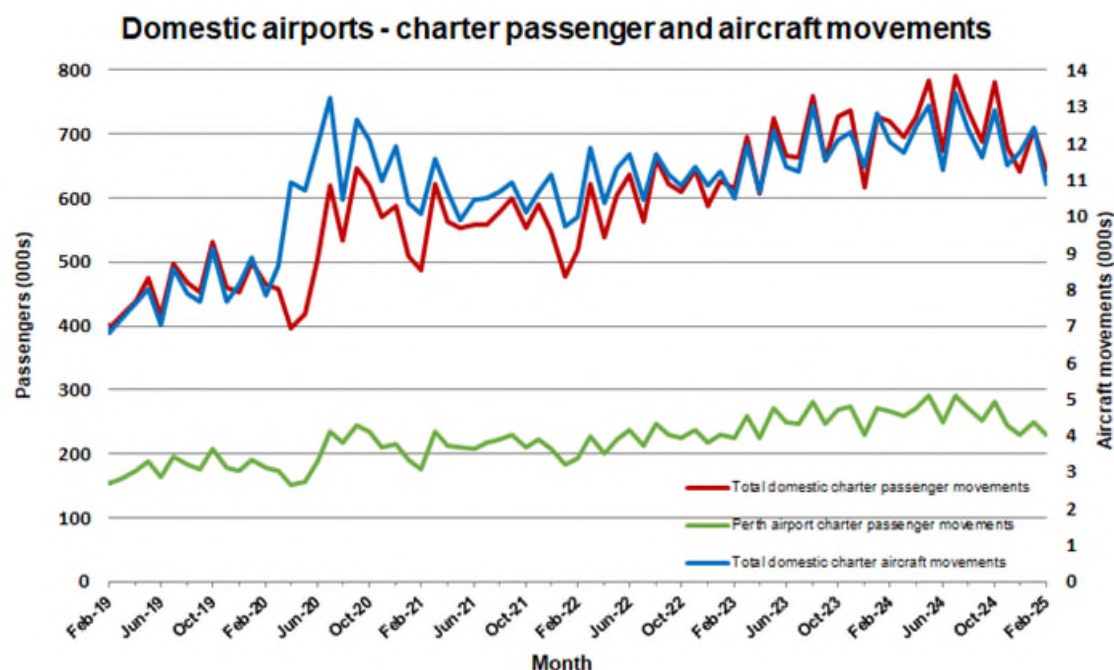
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

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

	YE Feb 2024	YE Feb 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 300.6	8 554.2	3.1
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	142.6	145.1	1.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 092.1	3 120.0	0.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	48.2	46.3	-3.8

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

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



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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