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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of July 2021.

The data cover revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled regular public transport services over Australian flight stages and fixed-wing charter operators. These estimates include passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights operated by these carriers. The passengers carried refer to traffic on board by stages.

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 July 2021, there were 38 such routes compared to 29 published in July 2020.

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

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-8 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 10.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 11. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North, Rex Airlines 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 12-21.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are presented on pages 22-23.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 24. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed estimates for individual Australian airports, with the exception of Perth Airport. For the month of July Alliance Airlines charter and RPT data have been estimated and included in this publication.

A list of definitions can be found on page 25.

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

The impact of COVID-19 and additional domestic travel restrictions continued to defer recovery of the domestic aviation industry in July 2021. The number of revenue passenger was 75 per cent below the pre-COVID-19 level in July 2019.

There were 1.63 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in July 2021, compared to 1.04 million in July 2020 and 5.70 million in July 2019.

For the month of July 2021, there were 32.5 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 21.5 thousand in July 2020 and 60.2 thousand in July 2019.

1.35 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in July 2021, compared to 0.73 million reported in July 2020 and 5.46 million reported in July 2019.

For the year ending July 2021 there were 22.16 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 45.3 per cent on the year ending July 2020.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 1.69 billion for the month, compared with 0.75 billion in July 2020.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 3.34 billion in July 2021 compared to 1.28 billion in July 2020.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 59.1 per cent in July 2020 to 50.6 per cent in July 2021. Load factors decreased on most routes for which data is available for publishing in both years. The highest load factor (78.0 per cent) was recorded on the Broome – Perth route while the lowest load factor (21.8 per cent) was recorded on the Melbourne – Sydney route.

In July 2021, most published routes recorded significant increases in the number of passengers carried compared to July 2020.

For the month of July 2021, Brisbane – Cairns was Australia's busiest RPT route with 95.4 thousand passengers, followed by Gold Coast – Melbourne with 59.6 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Townsville with 58.6 thousand passengers.

Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 492.8 thousand passenger movements in July 2021, followed by Melbourne with 409.6 thousand passenger movements and Perth with 271.5 thousand passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 30.8 thousand tonnes in July 2021, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared with July 2020.

In July 2021, there were 1.12 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 0.54 million in July 2020. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing in both years recorded increases in July 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 278.1 thousand passengers in July 2021, a decrease of 10.4 per cent on July 2020. Perth Airport accounted for 38.9 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.04	1.63	55.8
Aircraft trips (000s)	21.5	32.5	51.1

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

RPT NETWORK

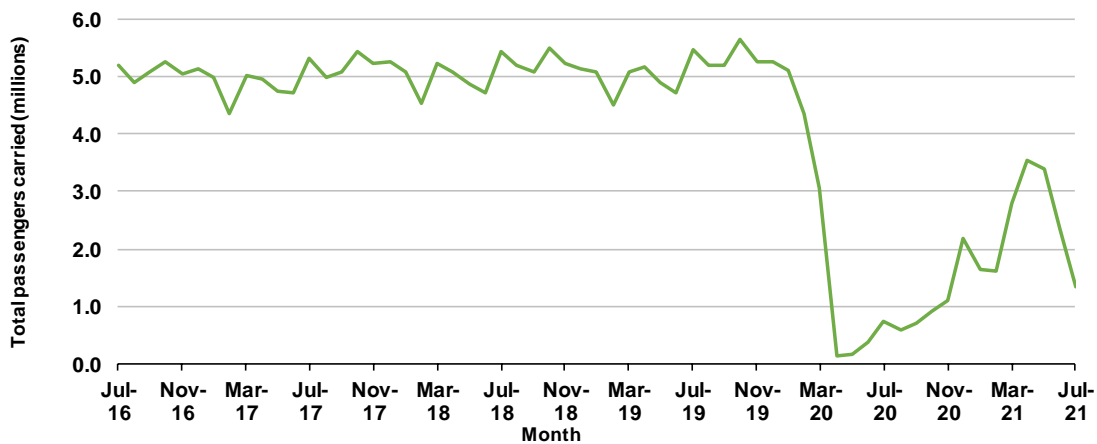
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	0.73	1.35	83.8
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	0.75	1.69	124.0
Available seats (millions)	1.20	2.72	127.0
Available seat kilometres (billions)	1.28	3.34	161.6
Load factor %	59.1	50.6	- 8.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	14.9	27.3	83.1

* percentage point difference

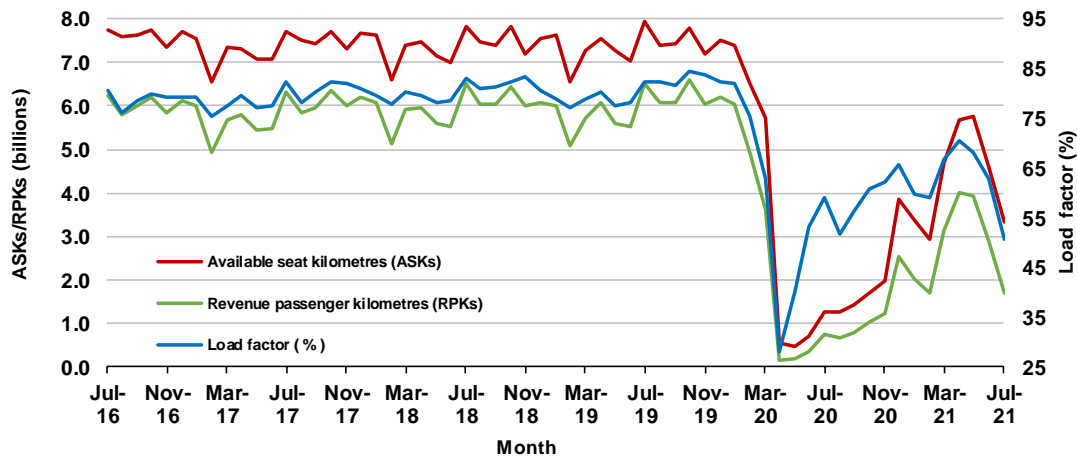
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	43.38	25.56	-41.1
Aircraft trips (000s)	507.2	404.7	-20.2

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

RPT NETWORK

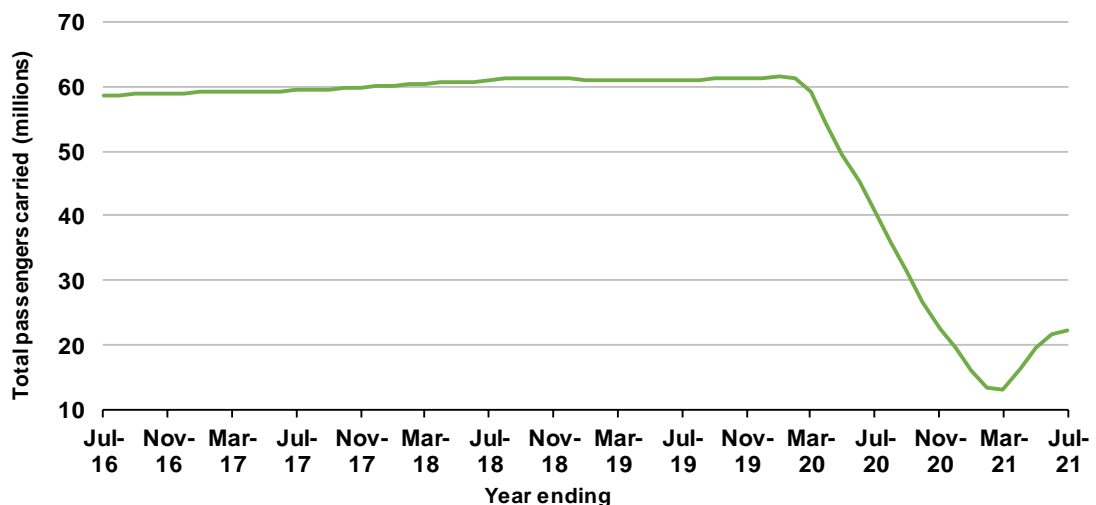
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	40.52	22.16	-45.3
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	47.03	25.68	-45.4
Available seats (millions)	52.80	35.71	-32.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	59.95	40.64	-32.2
Load factor %	78.4	63.2	-15.3 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	450.9	338.9	-24.8

* percentage point difference

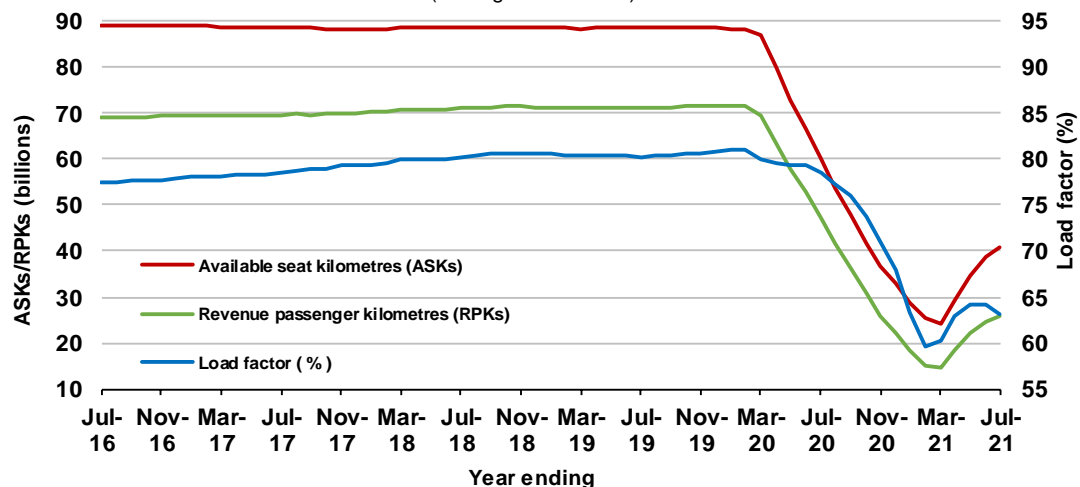
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	5 875.3	1 709.1	-70.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	3 196.8	1 154.6	-63.9
3	Brisbane - Cairns	904.9	980.1	8.3
4	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 347.2	811.3	-65.4
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	778.4	NA
6	Brisbane - Townsville	712.9	662.3	-7.1
7	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 628.9	581.7	-64.3
8	Brisbane - Mackay	563.8	500.0	-11.3
9	Hobart - Melbourne	..	463.5	NA
10	Adelaide - Brisbane	590.8	452.3	-23.4
11	Karratha - Perth	334.3	367.0	9.8
12	Brisbane - Canberra	443.6	359.9	-18.9
13	Broome - Perth	225.0	337.9	50.2
14	Brisbane - Rockhampton	373.9	337.9	-9.6
15	Launceston - Melbourne	..	309.9	NA
16	Cairns - Melbourne	..	305.5	NA
17	Melbourne - Perth	1 404.6	299.7	-78.7
18	Perth - Port Hedland	279.4	282.8	1.2
19	Brisbane - Perth	..	275.6	NA
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	261.2	NA
21	Brisbane - Newcastle	402.6	253.3	-37.1
22	Newman - Perth	242.8	252.5	4.0
23	Brisbane - Darwin	228.5	249.3	9.1
24	Canberra - Melbourne	753.8	236.7	-68.6
25	Brisbane - Proserpine	190.4	222.6	16.9
26	Adelaide - Perth	..	217.7	NA
27	Kalgoorlie - Perth	196.0	216.6	10.6
28	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	88.6	191.2	115.7
29	Brisbane - Hobart	..	183.5	NA
30	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	131.7	NA
31	Brisbane - Emerald	..	123.4	NA
32	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	120.8	NA
33	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	106.8	NA
34	Darwin - Melbourne	..	105.7	NA
35	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	105.2	NA
36	Cairns - Townsville	..	101.6	NA
37	Brisbane - Launceston	..	99.4	NA
38	Darwin - Perth	..	87.7	NA
39	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 827.6	..	NA (a)
40	Ballina - Sydney	321.8	..	NA (a)
41	Cairns - Sydney	693.0	..	NA (a)
42	Adelaide - Sydney	1 218.4	..	NA (a)
43	Perth - Sydney	1 127.6	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	40 520.1	22 159.9	-45.3

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(a) City pairs published in July 2020, data not available for release in July 2021.

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	62.6	95.4	52.5
2	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	59.6	NA
3	Brisbane - Townsville	40.5	58.6	44.8
4	Cairns - Melbourne	..	56.8	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	4.1	47.5	1 048.8
6	Hobart - Melbourne	..	45.8	NA
7	Brisbane - Melbourne	6.6	45.3	588.4
8	Brisbane - Mackay	28.0	43.6	55.4
9	Broome - Perth	19.2	37.5	95.6
10	Karratha - Perth	16.0	37.1	132.3
11	Brisbane - Canberra	11.4	30.5	167.5
12	Perth - Port Hedland	12.9	29.1	125.4
13	Brisbane - Rockhampton	15.9	28.7	80.5
14	Launceston - Melbourne	..	26.0	NA
15	Newman - Perth	6.5	25.0	282.1
16	Brisbane - Darwin	8.1	21.8	169.7
17	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	21.2	NA
18	Kalgoorlie - Perth	9.1	19.1	110.4
19	Darwin - Melbourne	..	18.0	NA
20	Melbourne - Perth	4.0	17.8	346.3
21	Brisbane - Proserpine	14.1	17.2	22.2
22	Brisbane - Hobart	..	15.9	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	..	14.6	NA
24	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	14.5	NA
25	Darwin - Perth	..	12.6	NA
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	9.4	12.2	29.2
27	Melbourne - Sydney	30.9	12.0	-61.3
28	Adelaide - Brisbane	18.2	12.0	-34.3
29	Canberra - Melbourne	2.2	11.9	434.8
30	Brisbane - Sydney	94.5	11.5	-87.8
31	Brisbane - Perth	..	11.3	NA
32	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	11.3	NA
33	Brisbane - Emerald	..	11.2	NA
34	Cairns - Townsville	..	10.4	NA
35	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	9.4	NA
36	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	8.9	NA
37	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	8.6	NA
38	Brisbane - Launceston	..	8.6	NA
39	Gold Coast - Sydney	34.3	..	NA (a)
40	Ballina - Sydney	26.8	..	NA (a)
41	Cairns - Sydney	24.1	..	NA (a)
42	Adelaide - Sydney	9.3	..	NA (a)
43	Perth - Sydney	8.6	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	733.0	1 347.4	83.8

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(a) Citypairs published in July 2020, data not available for release in July 2021.

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	68.9	134.9	95.9
2	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	113.5	NA
3	Brisbane - Townsville	49.5	94.7	91.5
4	Cairns - Melbourne	..	77.6	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	18.7	85.6	357.8
6	Hobart - Melbourne	..	78.3	NA
7	Brisbane - Melbourne	17.9	102.7	474.5
8	Brisbane - Mackay	37.2	79.5	113.5
9	Broome - Perth	22.6	48.1	113.0
10	Karratha - Perth	22.5	61.0	170.9
11	Brisbane - Canberra	14.5	57.0	292.6
12	Perth - Port Hedland	20.3	50.9	150.6
13	Brisbane - Rockhampton	23.1	55.2	139.5
14	Launceston - Melbourne	..	47.5	NA
15	Newman - Perth	12.2	54.5	345.3
16	Brisbane - Darwin	12.1	39.4	224.2
17	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	48.1	NA
18	Kalgoorlie - Perth	14.3	34.8	142.9
19	Darwin - Melbourne	..	32.9	NA
20	Melbourne - Perth	23.0	39.8	73.3
21	Brisbane - Proserpine	19.8	26.1	31.6
22	Brisbane - Hobart	..	25.3	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	..	31.2	NA
24	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	23.1	NA
25	Darwin - Perth	..	23.0	NA
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	14.9	25.4	70.3
27	Melbourne - Sydney	70.6	54.9	-22.1
28	Adelaide - Brisbane	21.0	37.3	77.0
29	Canberra - Melbourne	9.8	34.4	249.7
30	Brisbane - Sydney	127.9	39.5	-69.1
31	Brisbane - Perth	..	34.4	NA
32	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	22.8	NA
33	Brisbane - Emerald	..	22.0	NA
34	Cairns - Townsville	..	19.8	NA
35	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	17.8	NA
36	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	16.6	NA
37	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	19.3	NA
38	Brisbane - Launceston	..	14.3	NA
39	Gold Coast - Sydney	45.1	..	NA (a)
40	Ballina - Sydney	34.7	..	NA (a)
41	Cairns - Sydney	34.6	..	NA (a)
42	Adelaide - Sydney	14.8	..	NA (a)
43	Perth - Sydney	24.7	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	1 198.1	2 720.3	127.0

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(a) City pairs published in July 2020, data not available for release in July 2021.

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Point diff
1	Brisbane - Cairns	90.8	70.7	-20.1
2	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	52.6	NA
3	Brisbane - Townsville	81.9	61.9	-20.0
4	Cairns - Melbourne	..	73.2	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	22.1	55.5	33.4
6	Hobart - Melbourne	..	58.5	NA
7	Brisbane - Melbourne	36.8	44.1	7.3
8	Brisbane - Mackay	75.3	54.8	-20.5
9	Broome - Perth	85.0	78.0	-7.0
10	Karratha - Perth	70.8	60.7	-10.1
11	Brisbane - Canberra	78.5	53.5	-25.0
12	Perth - Port Hedland	63.5	57.1	-6.4
13	Brisbane - Rockhampton	69.0	52.0	-17.0
14	Launceston - Melbourne	..	54.7	NA
15	Newman - Perth	53.5	45.9	-7.6
16	Brisbane - Darwin	66.4	55.3	-11.1
17	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	44.1	NA
18	Kalgoorlie - Perth	63.5	55.0	-8.5
19	Darwin - Melbourne	..	54.7	NA
20	Melbourne - Perth	17.4	44.7	27.3
21	Brisbane - Proserpine	70.9	65.9	-5.0
22	Brisbane - Hobart	..	63.0	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	..	46.8	NA
24	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	62.7	NA
25	Darwin - Perth	..	54.5	NA
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	63.2	47.9	-15.3
27	Melbourne - Sydney	43.8	21.8	-22.0
28	Adelaide - Brisbane	86.6	32.1	-54.5
29	Canberra - Melbourne	22.6	34.5	11.9
30	Brisbane - Sydney	73.9	29.2	-44.7
31	Brisbane - Perth	..	32.8	NA
32	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	49.3	NA
33	Brisbane - Emerald	..	51.0	NA
34	Cairns - Townsville	..	52.5	NA
35	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	53.0	NA
36	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	53.6	NA
37	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	44.8	NA
38	Brisbane - Launceston	..	60.3	NA
39	Gold Coast - Sydney	76.2	..	NA (a)
40	Ballina - Sydney	77.3	..	NA (a)
41	Cairns - Sydney	69.7	..	NA (a)
42	Adelaide - Sydney	62.9	..	NA (a)
43	Perth - Sydney	34.8	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	59.1	50.6	-8.5

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(a) City pairs published in July 2020, data not available for release in July 2021.

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

	City-Pair	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	467	834	78.6
2	Gold Coast - Melbourne	..	599	NA
3	Brisbane - Townsville	314	563	79.3
4	Cairns - Melbourne	..	358	NA
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	215	582	170.7
6	Hobart - Melbourne	..	501	NA
7	Brisbane - Melbourne	232	712	206.9
8	Brisbane - Mackay	282	499	77.0
9	Broome - Perth	160	282	76.3
10	Karratha - Perth	162	379	134.0
11	Brisbane - Canberra	134	384	186.6
12	Perth - Port Hedland	146	367	151.4
13	Brisbane - Rockhampton	263	549	108.7
14	Launceston - Melbourne	..	419	NA
15	Newman - Perth	82	334	307.3
16	Brisbane - Darwin	112	210	87.5
17	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	..	278	NA
18	Kalgoorlie - Perth	108	261	141.7
19	Darwin - Melbourne	..	170	NA
20	Melbourne - Perth	163	309	89.6
21	Brisbane - Proserpine	126	145	15.1
22	Brisbane - Hobart	..	145	NA
23	Adelaide - Perth	..	214	NA
24	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	132	NA
25	Darwin - Perth	..	148	NA
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	105	202	92.4
27	Melbourne - Sydney	596	529	-11.2
28	Adelaide - Brisbane	140	230	64.3
29	Canberra - Melbourne	90	252	180.0
30	Brisbane - Sydney	939	396	-57.8
31	Brisbane - Perth	..	169	NA
32	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	300	NA
33	Brisbane - Emerald	..	323	NA
34	Cairns - Townsville	..	312	NA
35	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	122	NA
36	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	415	NA
37	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	179	NA
38	Brisbane - Launceston	..	80	NA
39	Gold Coast - Sydney	248	..	NA (b)
40	Ballina - Sydney	258	..	NA (b)
41	Cairns - Sydney	194	..	NA (b)
42	Adelaide - Sydney	134	..	NA (b)
43	Perth - Sydney	126	..	NA (b)
	Total domestic network	14 904	27 287	83.1

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights

(b) City pairs published in July 2020, data not available for release in July 2021.

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	351.4	492.8	40.2	18.3
2 Melbourne	61.2	409.6	569.6	15.2
3 Perth	108.7	271.5	149.7	10.1
4 Cairns	104.5	227.2	117.4	8.4
5 Adelaide	53.3	131.4	146.7	4.9
6 Gold Coast	41.6	95.4	129.2	3.5
7 Townsville	56.4	91.8	62.7	3.4
8 Darwin	26.5	91.4	245.3	3.4
9 Hobart	6.5	82.5	1 177.8	3.1
10 Canberra	22.6	67.5	198.4	2.5
Total top ten airports	832.7	1 961.3	135.5	72.8
Total domestic network	1 466.0	2 694.9	83.8	100.0

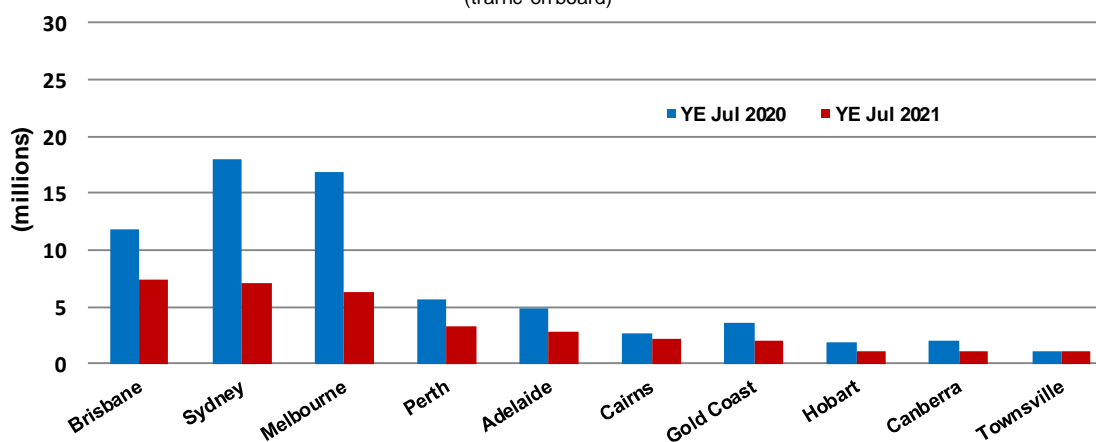
Table 7: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity

Airport	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	11 855.0	7 456.2	-37.1	16.8
2 Sydney	17 989.5	7 056.8	-60.8	15.9
3 Melbourne	16 773.7	6 238.1	-62.8	14.1
4 Perth	5 601.4	3 337.3	-40.4	7.5
5 Adelaide	4 816.0	2 801.4	-41.8	6.3
6 Cairns	2 729.1	2 202.4	-19.3	5.0
7 Gold Coast	3 663.3	2 020.8	-44.8	4.6
8 Hobart	1 859.3	1 113.3	-40.1	2.5
9 Canberra	2 038.2	1 089.2	-46.6	2.5
10 Townsville	1 148.8	1 017.5	-11.4	2.3
Total top ten airports	68 474.4	34 333.1	-49.9	77.5
Total domestic network	81 040.1	44 319.7	-45.3	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(traffic on board)



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

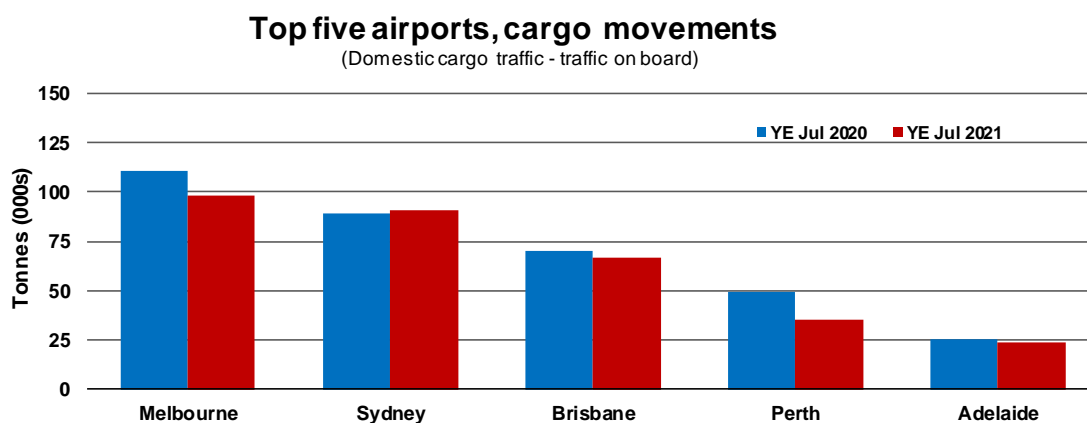
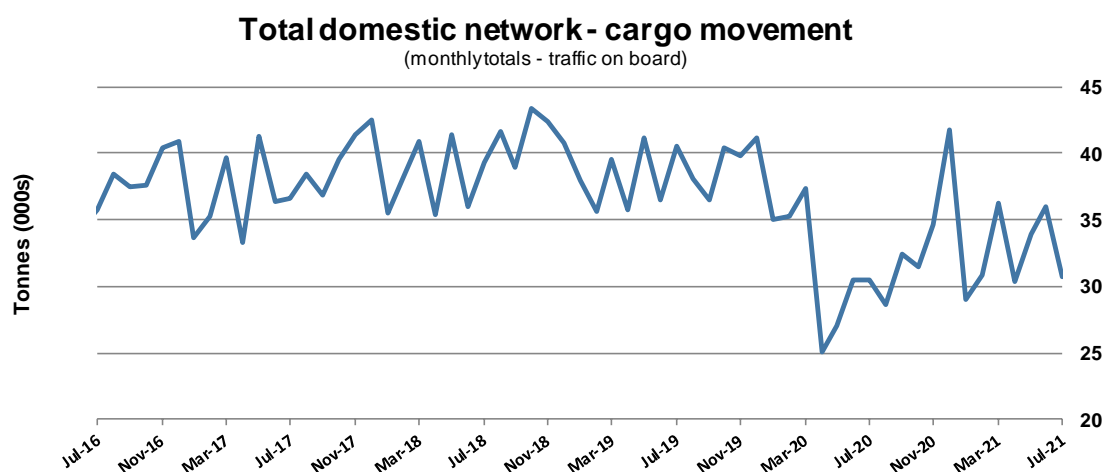
Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

Airport	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.9	8.3	4.0	26.9
2 Sydney	6.5	6.7	2.4	21.7
3 Brisbane	5.8	5.0	-13.4	16.3
4 Perth	2.6	3.1	18.5	10.1
5 Adelaide	1.8	1.9	8.2	6.3
Total top five airports	24.6	25.0	1.4	81.2
Total domestic network	30.4	30.8	1.2	100.0

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

Airport	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	110.8	98.0	-11.6	24.8
2 Sydney	88.9	90.4	1.7	22.8
3 Brisbane	69.8	67.1	-3.8	17.0
4 Perth	49.6	35.3	-28.8	8.9
5 Adelaide	25.6	24.1	-6.2	6.1
Total top five airports	344.9	315.0	-8.7	79.5
Total domestic network	416.3	395.9	-4.9	100.0

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



TOP TEN ROUTES

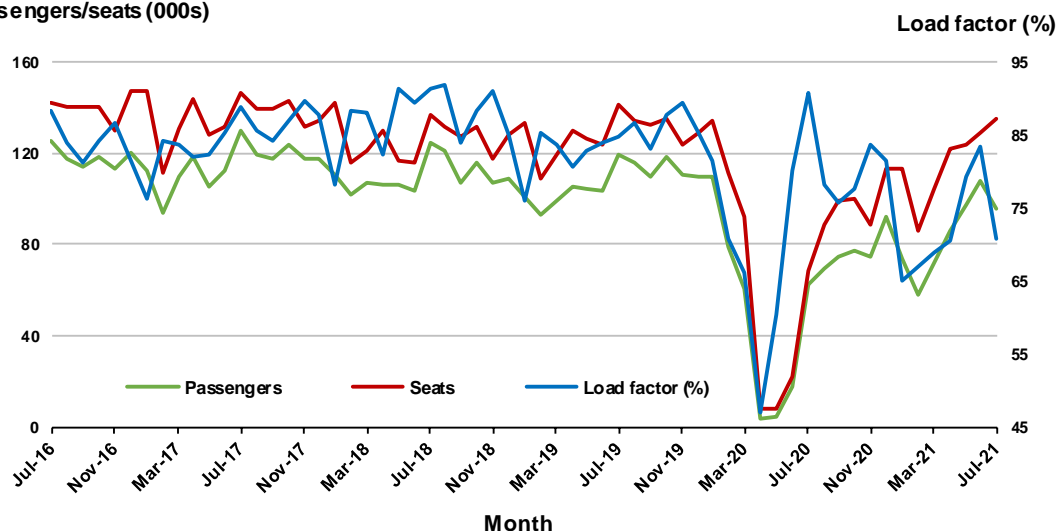
1. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	62.6	95.4	52.5
Seats (000s)	68.9	134.9	95.9
Load factor %	90.8	70.7	-20.1 *
Aircraft trips	467	834	78.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

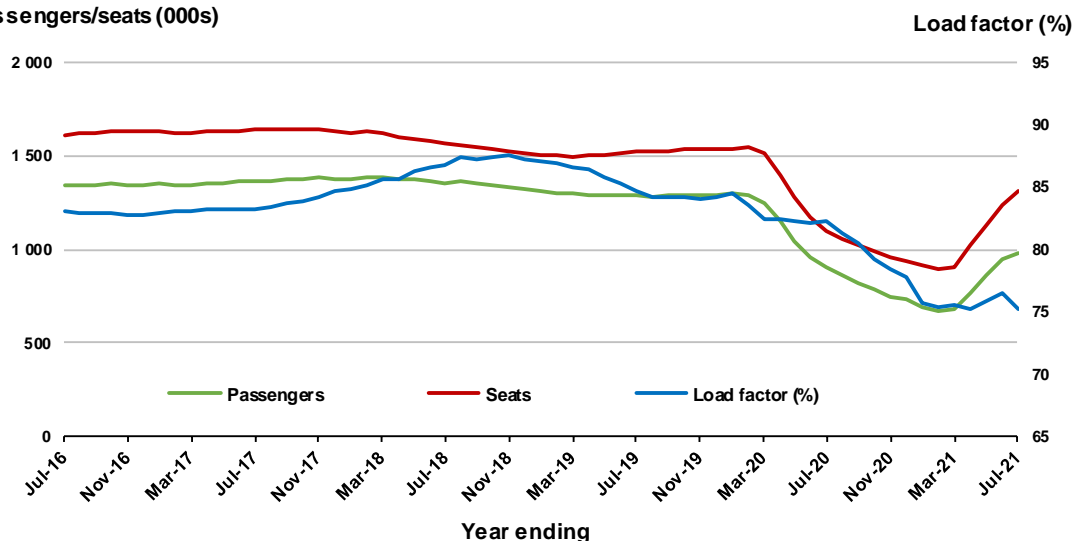


Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	904.9	980.1	8.3
Seats (000s)	1 100.6	1 304.6	18.5
Load factor %	82.2	75.1	-7.1 *
Aircraft trips	7 830	8 554	9.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



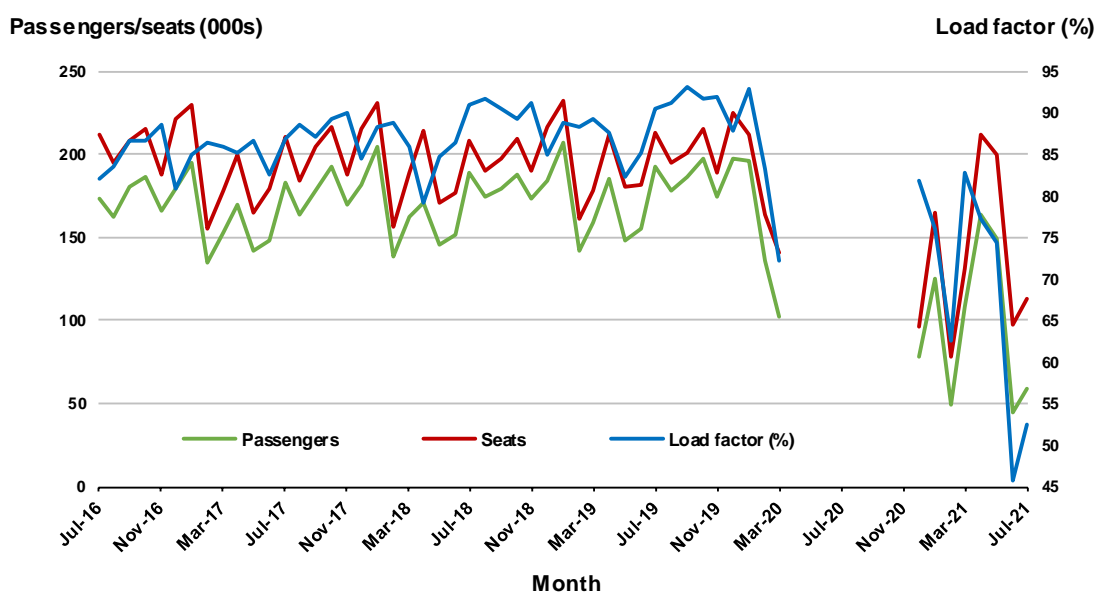
2. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	59.6	NA
Seats (000s)	..	113.5	NA
Load factor %	..	52.6	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	599	NA

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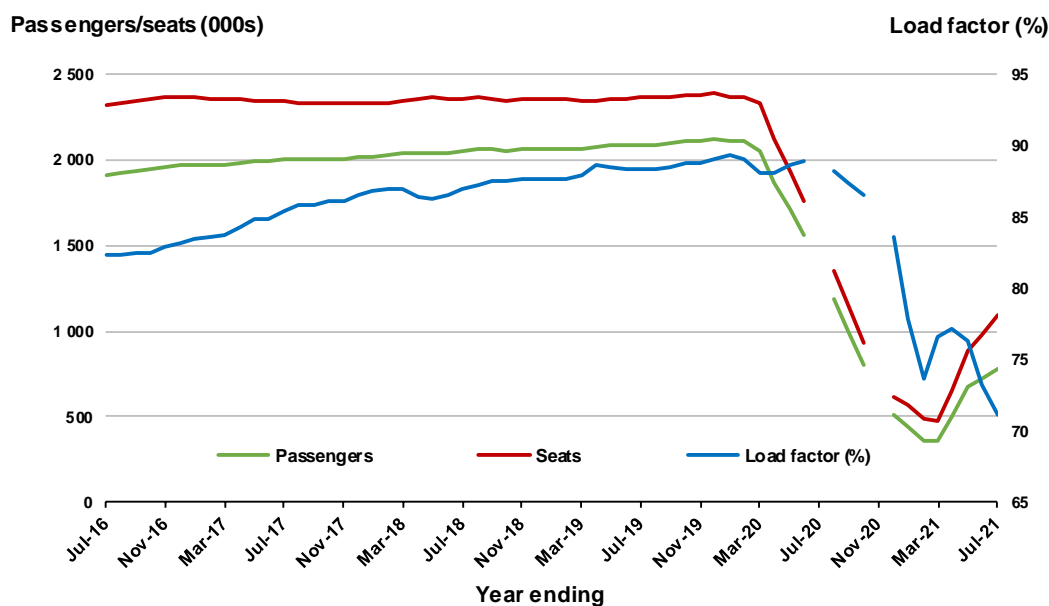
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	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	778.4	NA
Seats (000s)	..	1 093.4	NA
Load factor %	..	71.2	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	5 831	NA

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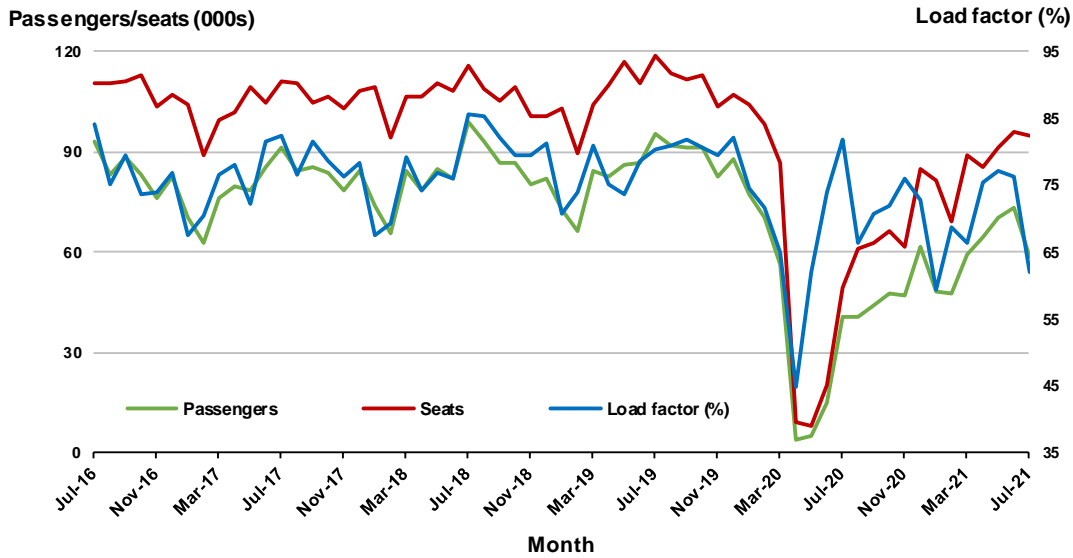
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3. Brisbane - Townsville

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	40.5	58.6	44.8
Seats (000s)	49.5	94.7	91.5
Load factor %	81.9	61.9	-20.0 *
Aircraft trips	314	563	79.3

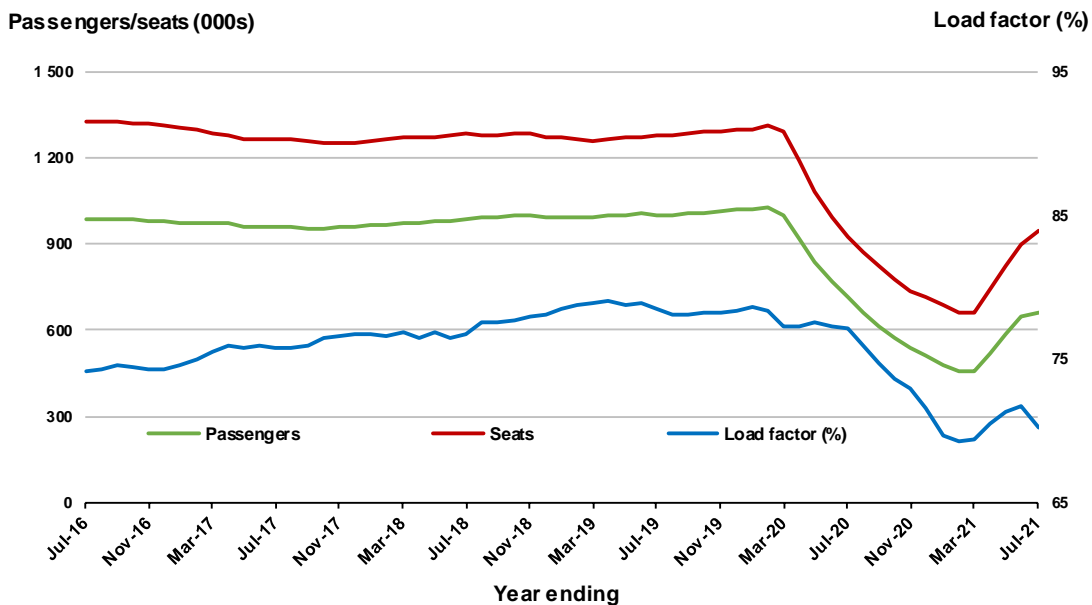
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Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	712.9	662.3	- 7.1
Seats (000s)	924.1	942.9	2.0
Load factor %	77.1	70.2	-6.9 *
Aircraft trips	6 296	5 770	- 8.4

* percentage point difference



4. Cairns - Melbourne ^(a)

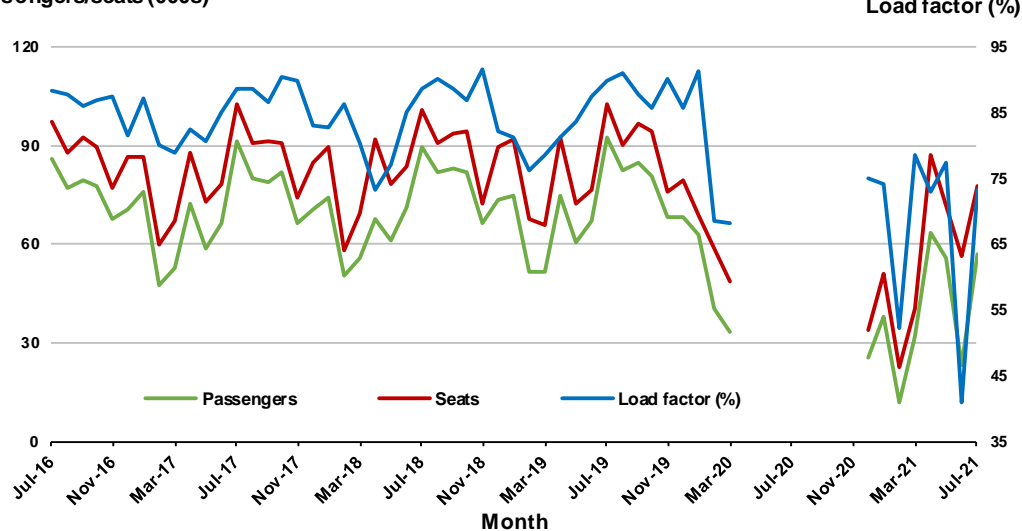
Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	56.8	NA
Seats (000s)	..	77.6	NA
Load factor %	..	73.2	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	358	NA

* percentage point difference

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Passengers/seats (000s)



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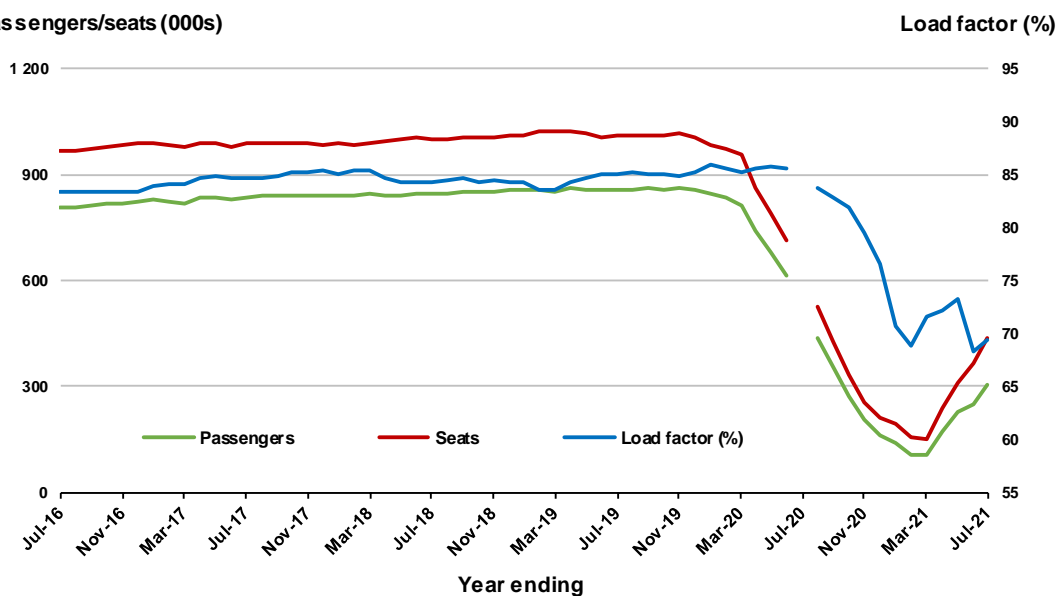
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	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	305.5	NA
Seats (000s)	..	440.1	NA
Load factor %	..	69.4	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	2 190	NA

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Passengers/seats (000s)



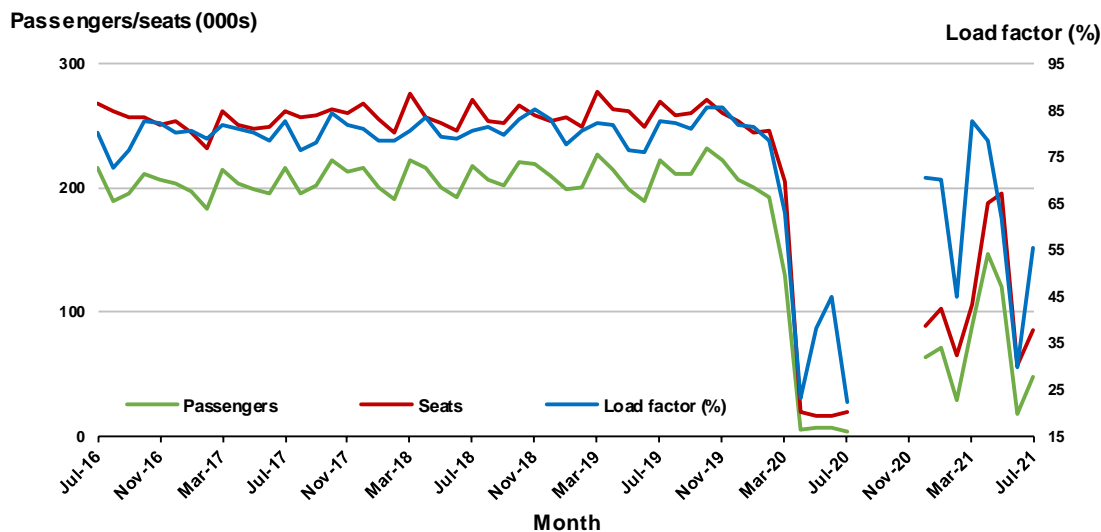
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4.1	47.5	1048.8
Seats (000s)	18.7	85.6	357.8
Load factor %	22.1	55.5	33.4 *
Aircraft trips	215	582	170.7

* percentage point difference

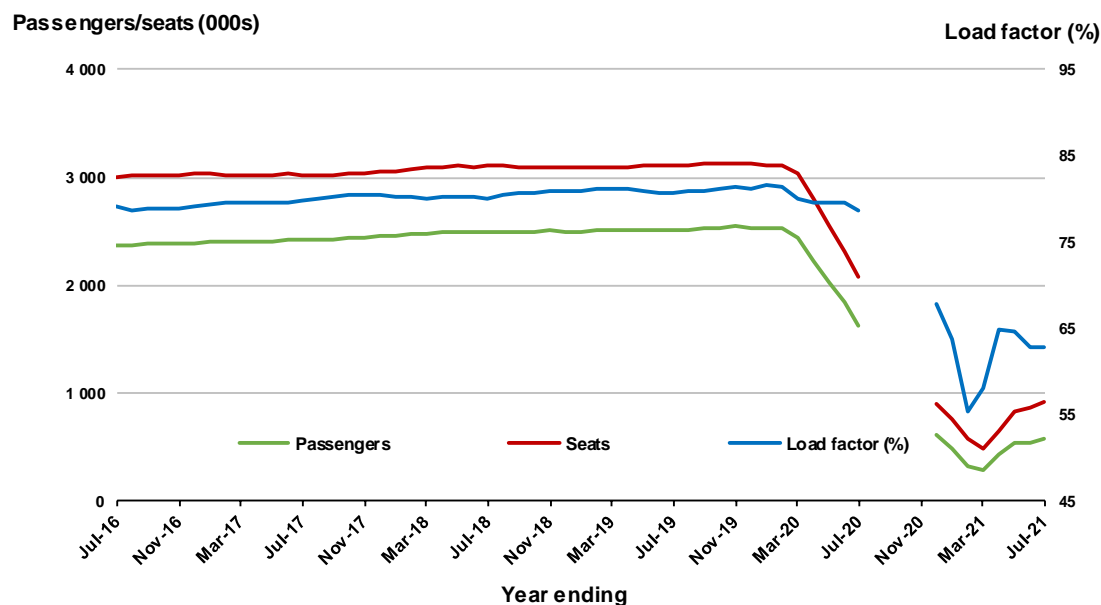


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Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 628.9	581.7	-64.3
Seats (000s)	2 068.8	926.5	-55.2
Load factor %	78.7	62.8	-16.0 *
Aircraft trips	13 031	6 340	-51.3

* percentage point difference



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6. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

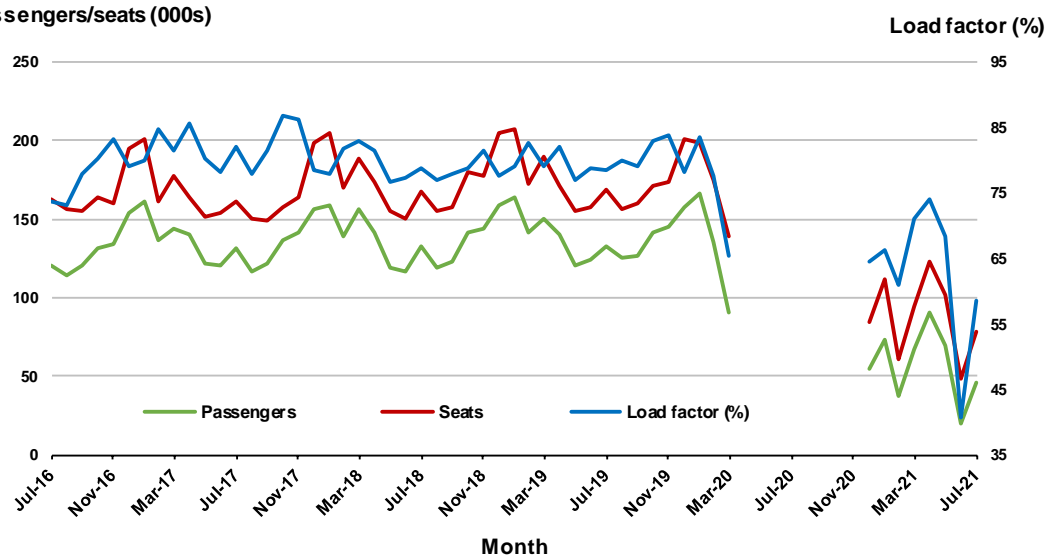
Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	45.8	NA
Seats (000s)	..	78.3	NA
Load factor %	..	58.5	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	501	NA

* percentage point difference

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Passengers/seats (000s)



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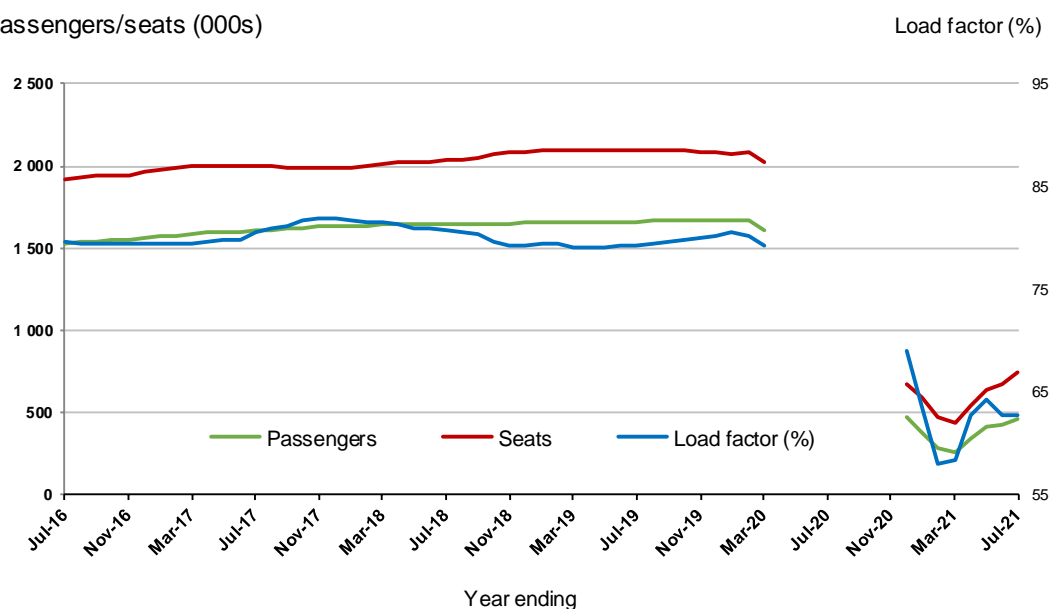
Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	463.5	NA
Seats (000s)	..	739.2	NA
Load factor %	..	62.7	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	4 640	NA

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Passengers/seats (000s)



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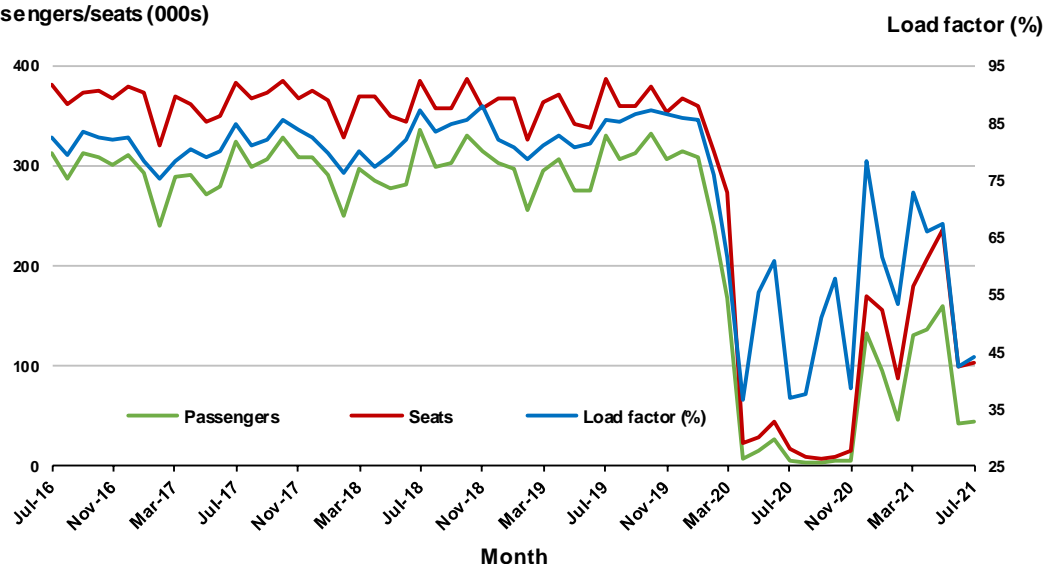
7. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	6.6	45.3	588.4
Seats (000s)	17.9	102.7	474.5
Load factor %	36.8	44.1	7.3 *
Aircraft trips	232	712	206.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

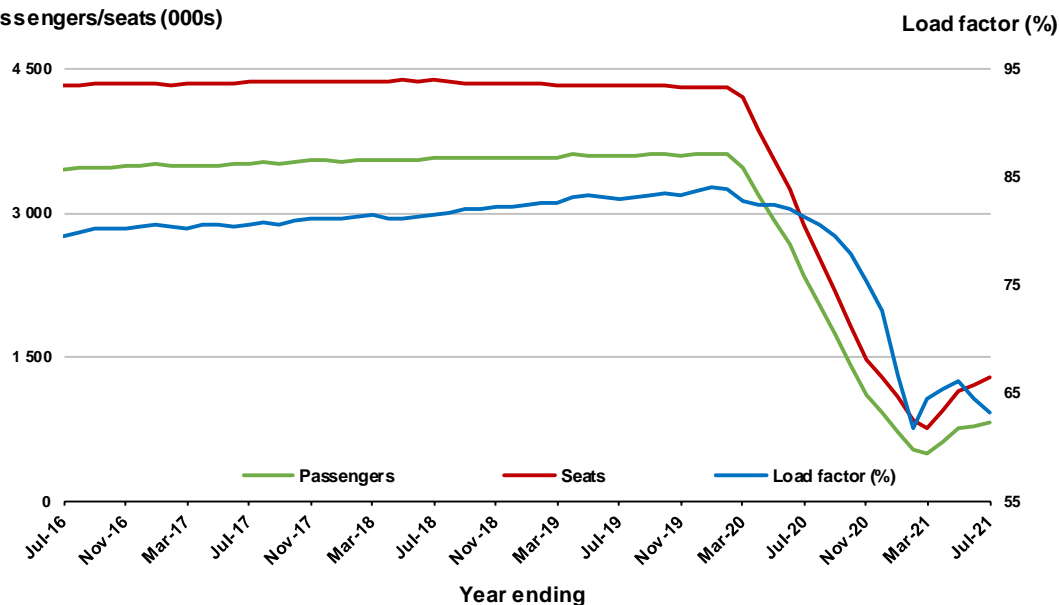


Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 347.2	811.3	-65.4
Seats (000s)	2 883.8	1 285.2	-55.4
Load factor %	81.4	63.1	-18.3 *
Aircraft trips	17 509	8 676	-50.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

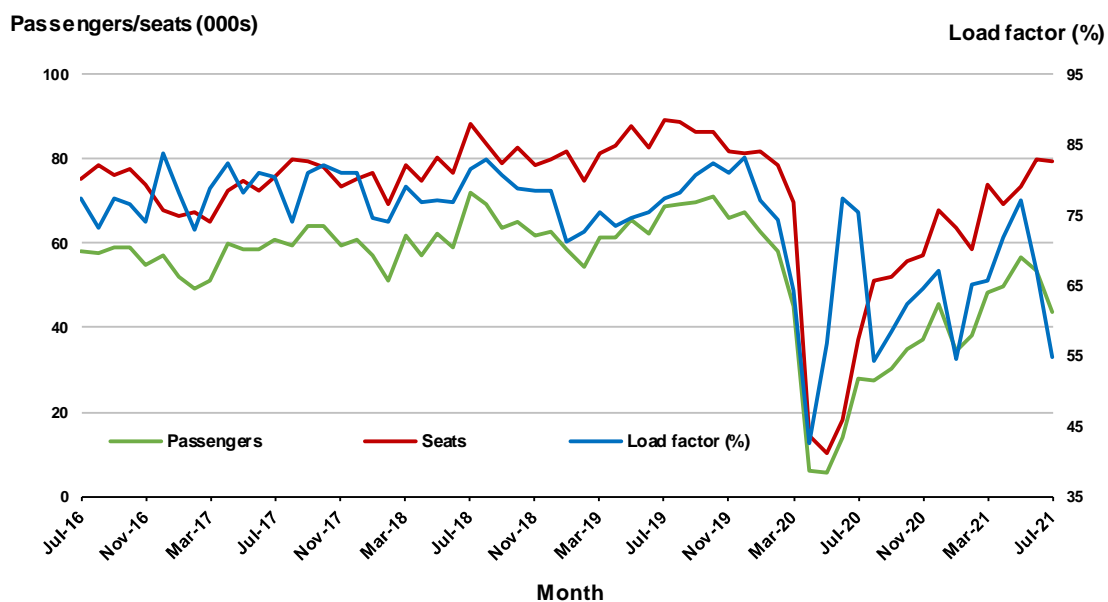


8. Brisbane - Mackay

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	28.0	43.6	55.4
Seats (000s)	37.2	79.5	113.5
Load factor %	75.3	54.8	-20.5 *
Aircraft trips	282	499	77.0

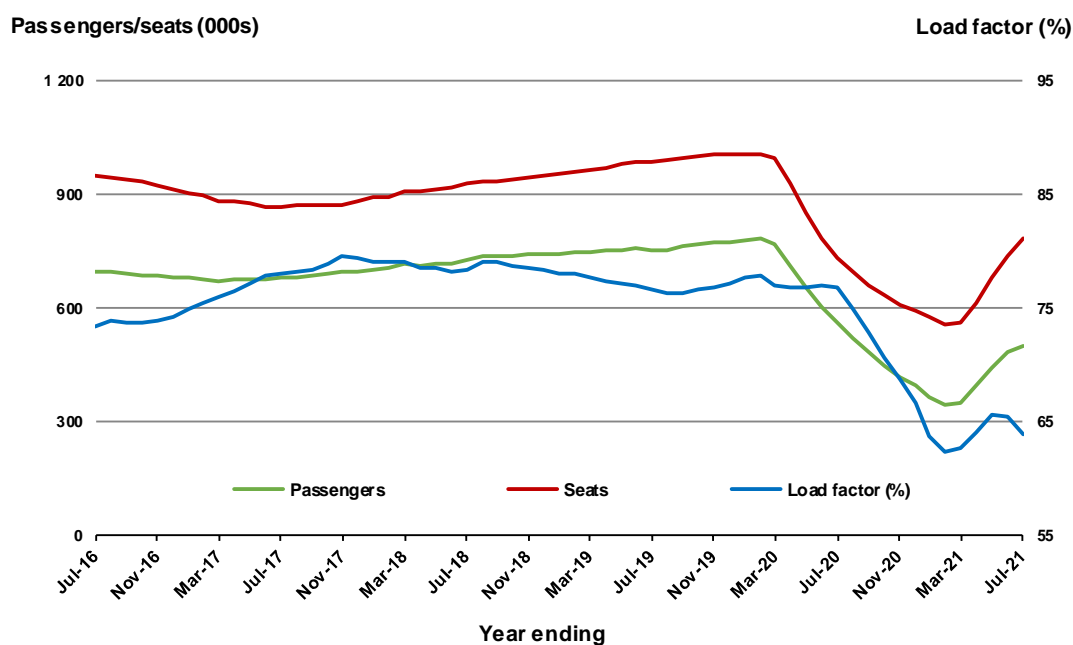
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Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	563.8	500.0	-11.3
Seats (000s)	734.1	781.7	6.5
Load factor %	76.8	64.0	-12.9 *
Aircraft trips	5 884	5 334	-9.3

* percentage point difference



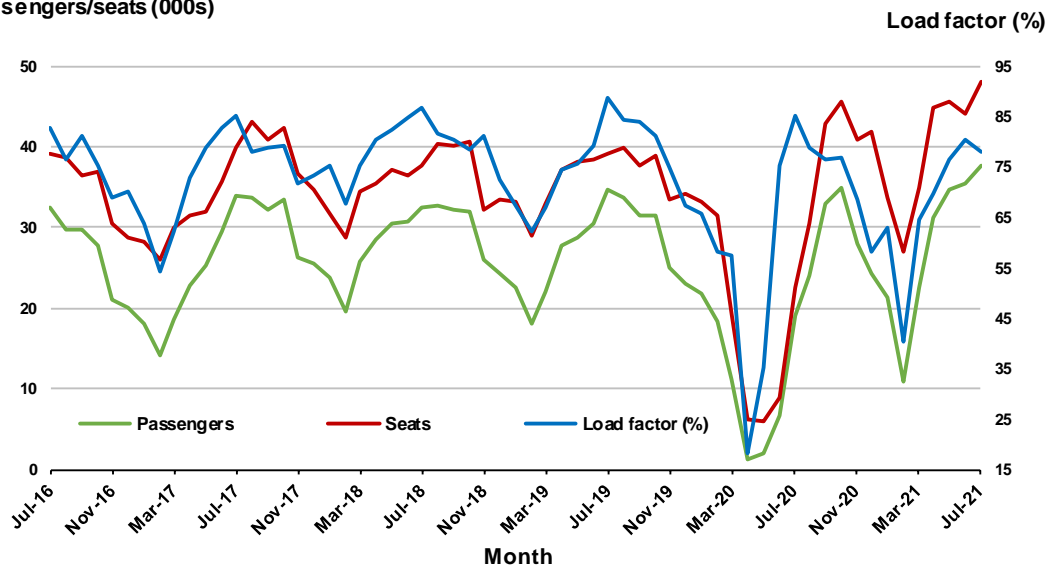
9. Broome - Perth

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	19.2	37.5	95.6
Seats (000s)	22.6	48.1	113.0
Load factor %	85.0	78.0	-7.0 *
Aircraft trips	160	282	76.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

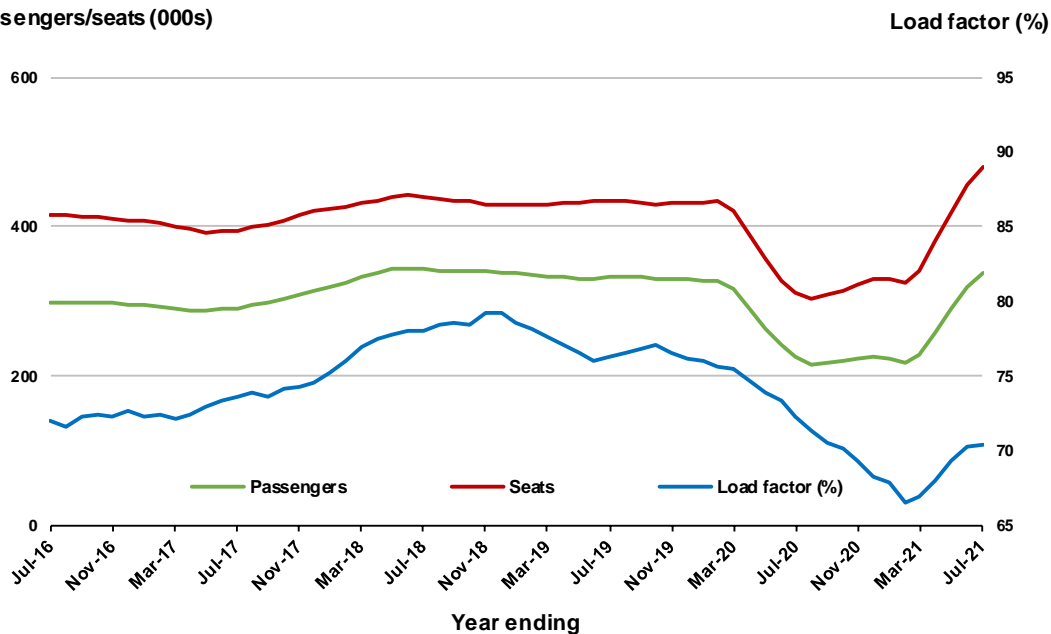


Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	225.0	337.9	50.2
Seats (000s)	311.5	479.9	54.0
Load factor %	72.2	70.4	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	2 619	3 104	18.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

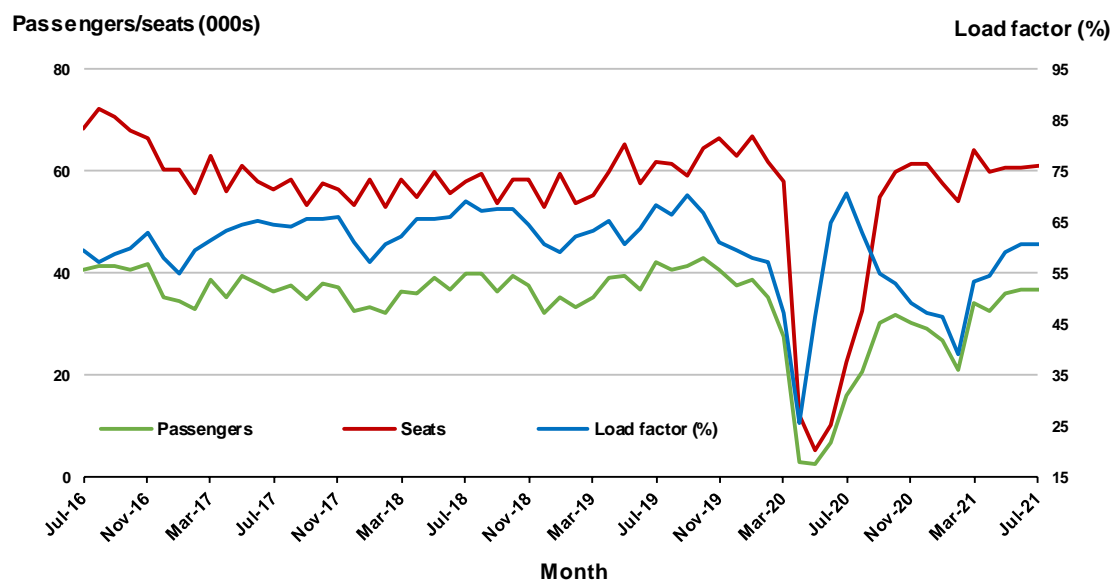


10. Karratha - Perth

Monthly data

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	16.0	37.1	132.3
Seats (000s)	22.5	61.0	170.9
Load factor %	70.8	60.7	-10.1 *
Aircraft trips	162	379	134.0

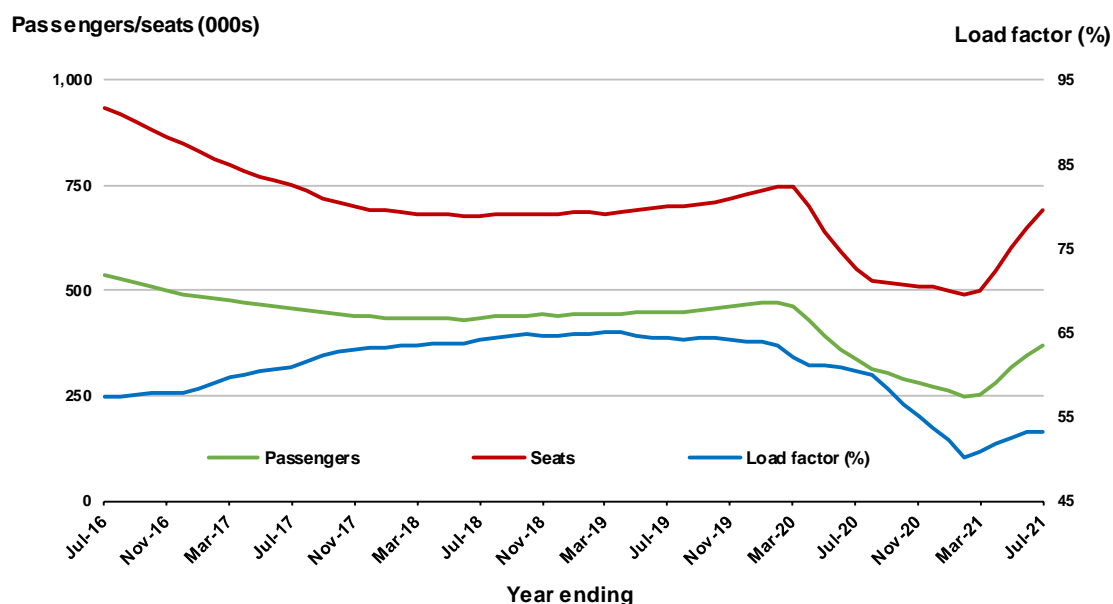
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Moving annual data

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	334.3	367.0	9.8
Seats (000s)	552.8	689.2	24.7
Load factor %	60.5	53.2	-7.2 *
Aircraft trips	4 200	4 272	1.7

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
1 Cairns	104.5	227.2	117.4
2 Townsville	56.4	91.8	62.7
3 Darwin	26.5	91.4	245.3
4 Hobart	6.5	82.5	1 177.8
5 Mackay	32.0	52.9	65.5
6 Broome	20.3	41.8	106.5
7 Launceston	4.6	37.7	716.2
8 Karratha	16.0	37.3	133.8
9 Rockhampton	17.3	31.9	84.8
10 Port Hedland	12.9	29.2	126.8
11 Newman	6.5	25.1	283.5
12 Hamilton Island	0.4	24.7	6 813.4
13 Newcastle	15.8	23.3	48.1
14 Proserpine	16.2	22.7	40.1
15 Kalgoorlie	9.1	19.3	112.3
16 Alice Springs	11.5	18.4	59.4
17 Paraburdoo	2.6	16.1	514.2
18 Mount Isa	11.8	15.2	28.2
19 Emerald	6.5	12.0	85.5
20 Gladstone	7.1	11.3	58.3
21 Learmonth	6.3	10.6	69.3
22 Kununurra	4.3	10.6	146.0
23 Thursday Island	4.5	9.0	99.4
24 Port Lincoln	5.7	8.9	57.0
25 Ballina	31.2	7.8	- 75.0
26 Olympic Dam	3.4	7.1	107.4
27 Moranbah	2.1	6.8	219.1
28 Weipa	3.0	6.7	127.4
29 Mildura	1.2	6.0	401.1
30 Geraldton	1.9	5.6	192.7
31 Bundaberg	3.7	5.3	44.1
32 Ayers Rock	..	4.7	NA
33 Gove	4.9	4.7	- 4.0
34 Cloncurry	3.6	4.5	25.6
35 Roma	2.3	4.0	78.2
36 Hervey Bay	1.1	3.9	262.9
37 Groote Eylandt	1.5	3.7	143.8
38 Albany	2.1	3.7	78.0
39 Coffs Harbour	5.0	3.7	- 27.3
40 Esperance	2.0	3.6	78.5
41 Devonport	..	3.6	NA
42 Dubbo	4.5	3.4	- 23.4
43 Whyalla	1.5	3.0	101.2
44 King Island	2.0	3.0	50.8
45 Longreach	1.9	2.9	54.0
46 Toowoomba Wellcamp	1.5	2.8	90.9
47 Mount Gambier	0.7	2.8	311.8
48 Albury	2.4	2.7	14.9
49 Camarvon	1.6	2.5	53.0
50 Burnie	1.1	2.2	96.6
Total top 50 regional airports	491.2	1 061.9	116.2
Total regional airports	241.9	1 471.1	508.1
Total domestic network	1 466.0	2 694.9	83.8

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.

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

Airport	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
1 Cairns	2 729.1	2 202.4	-19.3
2 Hobart	1 859.3	1 113.3	-40.1
3 Townsville	1 148.8	1 017.5	-11.4
4 Darwin	1 094.6	973.9	-11.0
5 Mackay	636.5	592.2	-7.0
6 Launceston	915.2	572.9	-37.4
7 Ballina	396.9	565.3	42.4
8 Newcastle	827.3	487.4	-41.1
9 Rockhampton	397.4	370.0	-6.9
10 Karratha	335.5	368.3	9.8
11 Broome	267.5	367.9	37.5
12 Hamilton Island	316.4	309.9	-2.1
13 Port Hedland	286.8	283.7	-1.1
14 Proserpine	302.6	279.7	-7.6
15 Alice Springs	338.0	278.1	-17.7
16 Newman	243.6	253.4	4.0
17 Kalgoorlie	204.3	217.0	6.3
18 Mount Isa	178.1	176.8	-0.8
19 Paraburdoo	137.1	165.4	20.6
20 Gladstone	171.9	133.1	-22.6
21 Coffs Harbour	260.7	131.4	-49.6
22 Emerald	145.1	127.3	-12.2
23 Port Lincoln	126.5	120.8	-4.5
24 Dubbo	142.2	108.1	-24.0
25 Kununurra	77.1	88.7	15.1
26 Thursday Island	67.5	86.7	28.4
27 Learmonth	58.7	86.5	47.5
28 Albury	163.5	74.8	-54.3
29 Ayers Rock	290.8	73.2	-74.8
30 Wagga Wagga	136.7	71.0	-48.1
31 Mildura	163.5	65.8	-59.8
32 Weipa	50.6	65.6	29.6
33 Port Macquarie	142.1	65.1	-54.2
34 Bundaberg	105.9	63.5	-40.0
35 Olympic Dam	52.1	62.3	19.6
36 Gove	61.6	58.3	-5.4
37 Tamworth	125.3	58.1	-53.6
38 Moranbah	79.2	58.0	-26.8
39 Geraldton	70.5	56.3	-20.2
40 Hervey Bay	111.1	43.3	-61.0
41 Roma	66.1	43.1	-34.8
42 King Island	35.8	42.3	18.2
43 Albany	44.5	41.8	-6.1
44 Armidale	84.1	40.9	-51.3
45 Orange	54.9	39.7	-27.8
46 Devonport	96.8	39.6	-59.1
47 Esperance	38.4	39.4	2.5
48 Whyalla	51.8	38.6	-25.4
49 Cloncurry	37.8	37.1	-1.9
50 Norfolk Island	42.4	32.1	-24.4
Total top 50 regional airports	15 770.3	12 687.4	-19.5
Total regional airports	18 669.6	12 994.4	-30.4
Total domestic network	81 040.1	44 319.7	-45.3

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

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	310 157	278 051	-10.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6 624	5 241	-20.9

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

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

	YE Jul 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 863 210	3 404 088	18.9
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	56 355	65 789	16.7

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Jul 2020	Jul 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	620 314	556 102	-10.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	13 248	10 482	-20.9
Perth airport charter passenger movements	233 974	216 379	-7.5
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	4 318	3 723	-13.8

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

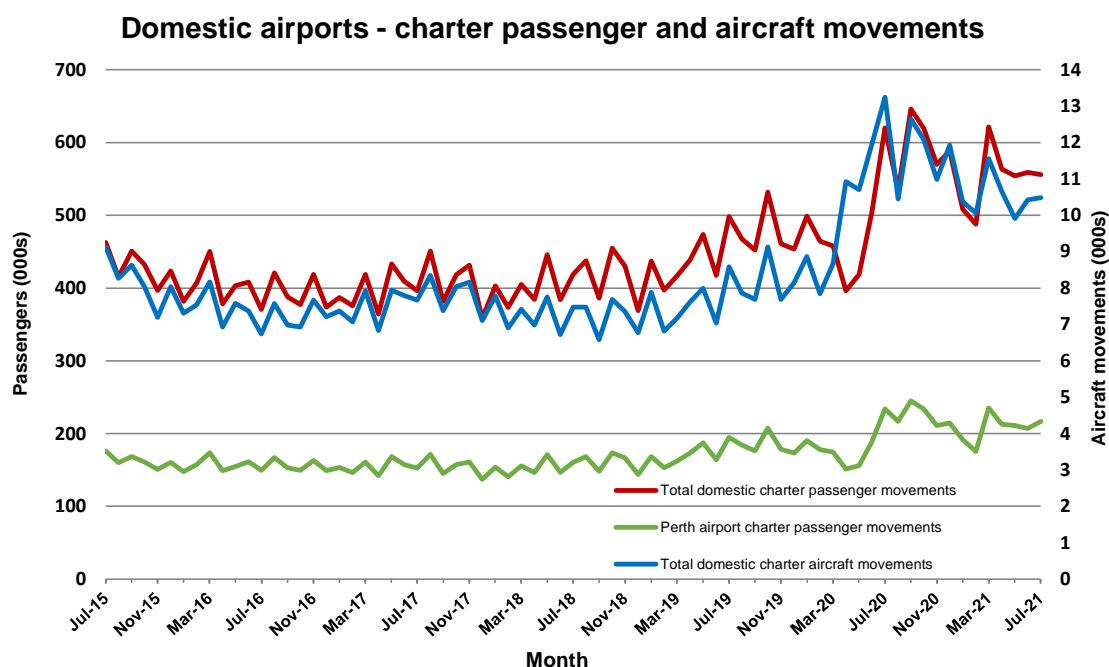
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Jun 2020	YE Jul 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 726 420	6 808 176	18.9
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	112 710	131 578	16.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 191 018	2 570 773	17.3
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	38 961	43 690	12.1

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

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



DEFINITIONS

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