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### **FOREWORD**

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of June 2022.

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

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

Individual routes shown are restricted to those exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. However, from November 2021 the major airlines (Qantas Group, Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines) have agreed to publication of the top 35 routes based on pre-COVID activity (December 2019) whether or not they currently meet the above criteria. With these approvals, there were 61 routes published for the month of June 2022 compared to 53 published in June 2021.

Information on the total network for the month of June 2022 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of June 2022 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended June 2022 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication.

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

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

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

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

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

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure 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 domestic aviation industry continued to recover in June 2022. Revenue passenger numbers were 92.2 per cent higher than June 2021 levels but still 3.9 per cent below pre-COVID June 2019.

There were 4.84 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in June 2022, compared to 2.63 million in June 2021 and 4.92 million in pre-COVID June 2019.

For the month of June 2022, there were 49.5 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 36.4 thousand in June 2021 and 51.0 thousand in pre-COVID June 2019.

4.53 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in June 2022, compared to 2.35 million reported in June 2021 and 4.71 million reported in pre-COVID June 2019.

For the year ending June 2022 there were 30.4 million RPT passengers, an increase of 40.8 per cent on the year ending June 2021 and a decrease of 50.2 per cent on the year ending June 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 5.45 billion for the month, compared with 2.90 billion in June 2021.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 6.82 billion in June 2022 compared to 4.63 billion in June 2021.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 62.8 per cent in June 2021 to 79.9 per cent in June 2022. The highest load factor (92.0 per cent) was recorded on the Cairns – Melbourne route while the lowest load factor (56.6 per cent) was recorded on the Adelaide – Port Lincoln route.

For the month of June 2022, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 603.9 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 330.8 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 247.3 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.88 million passenger movements in June 2022, followed by Melbourne with 1.84 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.31 million passengers.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 29.4 thousand tonnes in June 2022, a decrease of 18.6 per cent compared with June 2021.

In June 2022, there were 2.02 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 1.48 million in June 2021 and 1.98 million in pre-COVID June 2019. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing recorded large increases in June 2022 compared to June 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 317.6 thousand passengers in June 2022, compared to 279.5 thousand in June 2021 and 208.6 in pre-COVID June 2019. Perth Airport accounted for 37.4 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

# **TOTAL NETWORK**

### Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	2.63	4.84	83.9
Aircraft trips (000s)	41.6	55.3	33.0

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

## **RPT NETWORK**

## Summary of monthly RPT activity

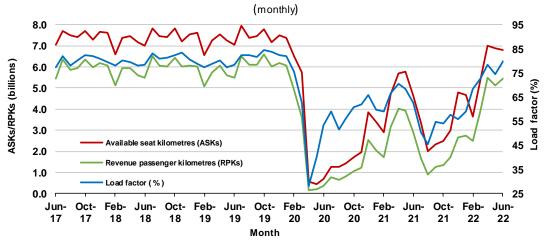
	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	2.35	4.53	92.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	2.90	5.45	87.6
Available seats (millions)	3.90	5.83	49.3
Available seat kilometres (billions)	4.63	6.82	47.3
Load factor %	62.8	79.9	17.1 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	36.4	49.5	36.0

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

## Domestic RPT passenger traffic



### **RPT Network utilisation**



# **TOTAL NETWORK**

## Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	24.99	33.77	35.1
Aircraft trips (000s)	393.8	483.6	22.8

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

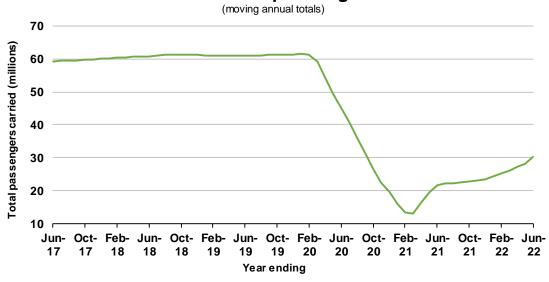
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## Summary of annual RPT activity

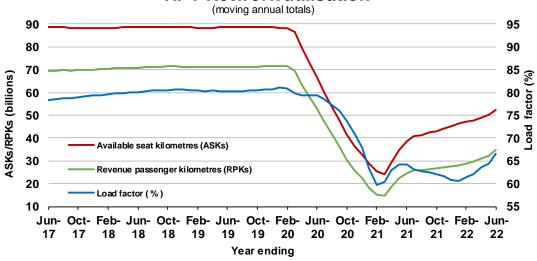
	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	21.56	30.36	40.8
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	24.76	34.89	40.9
Available seats (millions)	34.19	46.26	35.3
Available seat kilometres (billions)	38.60	52.38	35.7
Load factor %	64.1	66.6	2.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	326.6	419.1	28.3

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

## Domestic RPT passenger traffic



#### **RPT Network utilisation**



# **TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES**

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	1 728.1	3 625.1	109.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 237.6	1 692.3	36.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	772.6	1 429.8	85.1
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	719.2	1 217.0	69.2
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	773.7	1 140.8	47.4
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	547.3	1 040.0	90.0
7	Brisbane - Cairns	947.2	1 021.8	7.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	616.7	713.5	15.7
9	Brisbane - Townsville	644.2	702.4	9.0
10	Hobart - Melbourne	420.7	601.1	42.9
11	Brisbane - Mackay	484.4	565.8	16.8
12	Melbourne - Perth	285.9	485.7	69.9
13	Adelaide - Brisbane	458.6	469.2	2.3
14	Karratha - Perth	345.9	454.3	31.4
15	Cairns - Melbourne	249.1	452.8	81.8
16	Canberra - Melbourne	227.0	451.7	99.0
17	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	240.0	415.9	73.3
18	Perth - Port Hedland	266.6	408.3	53.1
19	Perth - Sydney	344.5	388.7	12.8
20	Ballina - Sydney	509.6	386.7	-24.1
21	Broome - Perth	319.5	380.5	19.1
22	Launceston - Melbourne	285.3	373.0	30.7
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	325.1	372.1	14.5
24	Cairns - Sydney	267.5	361.3	35.1
25	Brisbane - Perth	271.7	345.5	27.2
26	Hobart - Sydney	282.6	334.6	18.4
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	229.4	328.6	43.2
28	Newman - Perth	234.0	325.6	39.2
29	Brisbane - Canberra	340.9	320.8	-5.9
30	Adelaide - Perth	206.3	304.0	47.3
31	Brisbane - Darwin	235.6	280.2	18.9
32	Brisbane - Hobart	168.8	278.8	65.2
33	Brisbane - Proserpine	219.5	275.0	25.3
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	206.6	274.6	32.9
35	Canberra - Sydney	166.1	266.1	60.2
36	Melbourne - Newcastle	134.6	240.9	79.0
37	Brisbane - Newcastle	250.6	229.2	-8.5
38	Darwin - Melbourne		202.9	NA
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	177.0	194.3	9.8
40	Brisbane - Launceston		162.8	NA
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	126.5	155.2	22.7
42	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	117.6	148.5	26.3
43	Adelaide - Gold Coast	136.0	147.7	8.6
44	Launceston - Sydney	138.5	146.9	6.1
45	Darwin - Perth	76.2	138.9	82.3
46	Brisbane - Emerald	118.6	135.8	14.4
47	Cairns - Gold Coast	**	134.7	NA
48	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	116.9	131.3	12.3
49	Adelaide - Hobart	97.8	123.0	25.7
50	Brisbane - Mount Isa	104.1	115.0	10.5

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
51	Hamilton Island - Sydney	87.1	110.5	26.9
52	Melbourne - Mildura		86.2	NA
53	Dubbo - Sydney	76.8	83.5	8.8
54	Albury - Sydney	66.5	80.1	20.6
55	Canberra - Gold Coast	99.2	79.9	-19.5
56	Adelaide - Canberra	103.3	78.6	-23.9
57	Port Macquarie - Sydney	51.9	76.4	47.2
58	Adelaide - Alice Springs	91.9	75.8	-17.5
59	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	67.1	74.3	10.7
60	Armidale - Sydney		52.1	NA
61	Darwin - Sydney		••	NA
	Total domestic network	21 556.5	30 356.5	40.8

<sup>..</sup> Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	75.8	603.9	696.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	176.4	330.8	87.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	42.8	247.3	477.4
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	44.4	197.4	344.1
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	134.0	191.5	42.9
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	17.2	172.9	905.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	8.7	136.0	1455.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	80.2	120.9	50.8
9	Perth - Sydney	63.5	108.9	71.3
10	Brisbane - Cairns	107.7	107.4	-0.3
11	Hobart - Melbourne	19.6	94.5	382.3
12	Brisbane - Townsville	73.3	80.0	9.2
13	Cairns - Sydney	56.7	78.7	38.8
14	Cairns - Melbourne	22.9	78.4	242.3
15	Canberra - Melbourne	16.4	75.5	361.6
16	Brisbane - Perth	52.2	71.0	35.9
17	Brisbane - Mackay	53.5	65.5	22.5
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	15.4	59.3	285.2
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	56.9	58.5	2.8
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	37.7	56.8	50.8
21	Launceston - Melbourne	14.3	56.7	295.9
22	Canberra - Sydney	29.1	54.1	86.1
23	Brisbane - Canberra	48.2	52.6	9.1
24	Hobart - Sydney	46.0	51.9	13.0
25	Adelaide - Perth	35.7	46.0	28.8
26	Karratha - Perth	36.9	44.5	20.7
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	36.1	41.4	14.6
28	Ballina - Sydney	36.4	40.7	11.8
29	Perth - Port Hedland	29.6	39.4	33.0
30	Brisbane - Newcastle	35.9	39.0	8.4
31	Darwin - Sydney		38.4	NA
32	Broome - Perth	35.5	37.9	6.7
33	Brisbane - Darwin	29.1	36.7	26.4
34	Melbourne - Newcastle	8.0	34.0	326.5
35	Darwin - Melbourne		32.3	NA
36	Newman - Perth	26.5	30.1	13.6
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	21.5	26.5	23.0
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	18.5	24.8	34.3
39	Brisbane - Hobart	21.3	23.1	8.3
40	Launceston - Sydney	17.3	19.7	14.0
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	14.8	18.8	27.0
42	Adelaide - Gold Coast	17.0	17.6	4.1
43		16.1	17.4	8.3
43 44	Hamilton Island - Sydney Coffs Harbour - Sydney	13.8	17.4 17.4	25.7
45	Cairns - Gold Coast	13.0	16.6	NA
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46 47	Darwin - Perth	15.6	15.5	-0.5
47	Brisbane - Launceston		14.6	NA
48	Brisbane - Emerald	14.1	14.6	3.8
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	12.4	14.2	14.1
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	14.4	14.2	-1.5

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	9.7	13.2	35.2
52	Dubbo - Sydney	9.8	13.0	32.6
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	10.8	12.8	18.9
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	8.1	12.4	52.8
55	Adelaide - Canberra	13.3	12.3	-7.5
56	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	9.7	12.1	25.2
57	Melbourne - Mildura		12.1	NA
58	Canberra - Gold Coast	11.8	10.0	-15.7
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	8.5	9.5	12.1
60	Adelaide - Hobart	15.8	8.7	-45.2
61	Armidale - Sydney		8.4	NA
	Total domestic network	2 354.7	4 526.2	92.2

<sup>..</sup> Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	179.1	724.1	304.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	300.1	416.1	38.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	100.5	290.6	189.3
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	97.3	224.3	130.4
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	198.4	241.7	21.8
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	57.3	222.2	287.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	33.1	164.6	398.0
8	Adelaide - Sydney	122.1	152.4	24.8
9	Perth - Sydney	96.8	133.2	37.6
10	Brisbane - Cairns	129.2	117.8	-8.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	48.2	121.8	152.9
12	Brisbane - Townsville	95.9	99.7	3.9
13	Cairns - Sydney	74.7	91.7	22.8
14	Cairns - Melbourne	56.0	85.3	52.4
15	Canberra - Melbourne	39.5	108.9	175.6
16	Brisbane - Perth	69.9	89.9	28.6
17	Brisbane - Mackay	79.7	87.0	9.1
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	33.5	71.3	113.2
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	78.1	73.0	-6.5
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	60.0	82.9	38.2
21	Launceston - Melbourne	31.8	77.1	142.8
22	Canberra - Sydney	58.8	82.7	40.5
23	Brisbane - Canberra	71.1	68.6	-3.6
24	Hobart - Sydney	62.0	69.9	12.6
25	Adelaide - Perth	56.0	60.4	7.9
26	Karratha - Perth	60.7	60.2	-0.8
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	56.2	51.0	-9.3
28	Ballina - Sydney	54.2	62.0	14.5
29	Perth - Port Hedland	50.9	52.1	2.5
30	Brisbane - Newcastle	53.6	51.8	-3.3
31	Darwin - Sydney		45.9	NA
32	Broome - Perth	<b>44.2</b>	47.3	7.0
33	Brisbane - Darwin	37.2	43.7	17.4
34	Melbourne - Newcastle	21.6	43.4	101.2
35	Darwin - Melbourne		35.3	NA
36	Newman - Perth	57.3	52.4	-8.5
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	35.6	37.6	5.7
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	22.1	29.0	31.0
39	Brisbane - Hobart	24.8	28.7	15.6
40	Launceston - Sydney	21.4	25.8	20.4
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	28.1	26.9	-4.0
42				
	Adelaide - Gold Coast	21.9	19.3	-11.6
43	Hamilton Island - Sydney	28.1	26.9	-4.2
44 45	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	23.0	22.5	-2.0
45	Cairns - Gold Coast	24.4	18.0	NA
46	Darwin - Perth	21.1	20.6	-2.3
47 49	Brisbane - Launceston	22.4	18.6	NA 10.4
48	Brisbane - Emerald	23.4	21.0	-10.4
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	22.2	25.1	13.2
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	23.4	22.4	-4.3

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	18.3	20.0	9.8
52	Dubbo - Sydney	17.8	19.9	12.1
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	20.4	18.1	-11.2
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	19.6	19.9	1.4
55	Adelaide - Canberra	21.6	16.9	-21.6
56	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	18.1	18.1	-0.1
57	Melbourne - Mildura		16.9	NA
58	Canberra - Gold Coast	17.1	12.9	-24.7
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.6	13.6	-7.0
60	Adelaide - Hobart	26.7	13.1	-50.9
61	Armidale - Sydney		14.7	NA
	Total domestic network	3 903.4	5 828.4	49.3

<sup>..</sup> Data not available for release.

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

_	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	42.3	83.4	41.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	58.8	79.5	20.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	42.6	85.1	42.5
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	45.7	88.0	42.3
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	67.5	79.2	11.7
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	30.0	77.8	47.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	26.5	82.6	56.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	65.7	79.4	13.7
9	Perth - Sydney	65.6	81.7	16.1
10	Brisbane - Cairns	83.4	91.1	7.7
11	Hobart - Melbourne	40.7	77.6	36.9
12	Brisbane - Townsville	76.4	80.2	3.8
13	Cairns - Sydney	75.9	85.8	9.9
14	Cairns - Melbourne	40.9	92.0	51.1
15	Canberra - Melbourne	41.4	69.3	27.9
16	Brisbane - Perth	74.7	78.9	4.2
17	Brisbane - Mackay	67.1	75.3	8.2
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	46.0	83.2	37.2
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	72.8	80.1	7.3
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	62.8	68.6	5.8
21	Launceston - Melbourne	45.1	73.5	28.4
22	Canberra - Sydney	49.4	65.4	16.0
23	Brisbane - Canberra	67.8	76.7	8.9
24	Hobart - Sydney	74.1	74.3	0.2
25	Adelaide - Perth	63.8	76.2	12.4
26	Karratha - Perth	60.7	73.9	13.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	64.2	81.1	16.9
28	Ballina - Sydney	67.2	65.6	-1.6
29	Perth - Port Hedland	58.3	75.6	17.3
30	Brisbane - Newcastle	67.1	75.2	8.1
31	Darwin - Sydney		83.6	NA
32	Broome - Perth	80.4	80.2	-0.2
33	Brisbane - Darwin	78.0	84.0	6.0
34	Melbourne - Newcastle	36.9	78.3	41.4
35	Darwin - Melbourne		91.7	NA
36	Newman - Perth	46.2	57.4	11.2
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	60.5	70.4	9.9
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	83.4	85.4	2.0
39	Brisbane - Hobart	86.0	80.6	-5.4
40	Launceston - Sydney	80.7	76.4	-4.3
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	52.7	69.7	17.0
42	Adelaide - Gold Coast	77.6	91.3	13.7
43	Hamilton Island - Sydney	57.3	64.8	7.5
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	60.2	77.2	17.0
45	Cairns - Gold Coast		91.9	NA
46	Darwin - Perth	73.8	75.2	1.4
47	Brisbane - Launceston		78.7	NA
48	Brisbane - Emerald	60.1	69.6	9.5
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	56.1	56.6	0.5
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	61.4	63.2	1.8

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

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Point diff
51	Albury - Sydney	53.3	65.6	12.3
52	Dubbo - Sydney	55.4	65.5	10.1
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	52.9	70.8	17.9
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	41.3	62.3	21.0
55	Adelaide - Canberra	61.5	72.6	11.1
56	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	53.4	66.9	13.5
57	Melbourne - Mildura		71.8	NA
58	Canberra - Gold Coast	69.1	77.3	8.2
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	58.3	70.3	12.0
60	Adelaide - Hobart	59.2	66.1	6.9
61	Armidale - Sydney		57.0	NA
	Total domestic network	62.8	79.9	17.1

<sup>..</sup> Data not available for release.

Table 5: Aircraft trips (a) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	1 204	4 228	251.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 861	2 571	38.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	698	1 769	153.4
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	519	1 283	147.2
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 134	1 418	25.0
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	412	1 365	231.3
7	Melbourne - Perth	265	927	249.8
8	Adelaide - Sydney	721	935	29.7
9	Perth - Sydney	479	684	42.8
10	Brisbane - Cairns	796	777	-2.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	304	751	147.0
12	Brisbane - Townsville	571	679	18.9
13	Cairns - Sydney	371	470	26.7
14	Cairns - Melbourne	258	458	77.5
15	Canberra - Melbourne	300	803	167.7
16	Brisbane - Perth	385	518	34.5
17	Brisbane - Mackay	503	567	12.7
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	199	429	115.6
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	464	510	9.9
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	361	452	25.2
21	Launceston - Melbourne	314	676	115.3
22	Canberra - Sydney	834	1 333	59.8
23	Brisbane - Canberra	498	534	7.2
24	Hobart - Sydney	351	449	27.9
25	Adelaide - Perth	354	368	4.0
26	Karratha - Perth	380	390	2.6
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	540	563	4.3
28	Ballina - Sydney	412	493	19.7
29	Perth - Port Hedland	370	340	-8.1
30	Brisbane - Newcastle	410	459	12.0
31	Darwin - Sydney		214	NA
32	Broome - Perth	269	298	10.8
33	Brisbane - Darwin	208	288	38.5
34	Melbourne - Newcastle	133	274	106.0
	Darwin - Melbourne	133		
35		245	200	NA
36	Newman - Perth	345	336	-2.6
37	Kalgoorlie - Perth	268	272	1.5
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	124	178	43.5
39	Brisbane - Hobart	148	176	18.9
40	Launceston - Sydney	130	154	18.5
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	371	338	-8.9
42	Adelaide - Gold Coast	128	108	-15.6
43	Hamilton Island - Sydney	159	154	-3.1
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	416	437	5.0
45	Cairns - Gold Coast		100	NA
46	Darwin - Perth	135	118	-12.6
47	Brisbane - Launceston		104	NA
48	Brisbane - Emerald	343	310	-9.6
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	552	620	12.3
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	134	129	-3.7

Table 5: (continued) Aircraft trips <sup>(a)</sup> — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	308	384	24.7
52	Dubbo - Sydney	366	431	17.8
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	178	174	-2.2
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	391	402	2.8
55	Adelaide - Canberra	124	153	23.4
56	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	307	338	10.1
57	Melbourne - Mildura		397	NA
58	Canberra - Gold Coast	119	83	-30.3
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	174	114	-34.5
60	Adelaide - Hobart	183	88	-51.9
61	Armidale - Sydney		324	NA
	Total domestic network	36 378	49 478	36.0

<sup>..</sup> Data not available for release.

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes RPT cargo flights

# **TOP TEN AIRPORTS - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS**

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

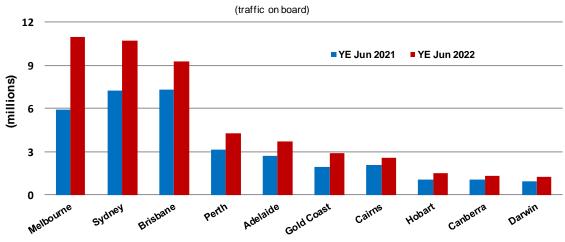
	Airport	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	905.5	1 882.6	107.9	20.8
2	Melbourne	321.1	1 841.7	473.5	20.3
3	Brisbane	863.2	1 312.9	52.1	14.5
4	Perth	404.0	633.1	56.7	7.0
5	Adelaide	298.2	523.6	75.6	5.8
6	Gold Coast	236.6	452.3	91.1	5.0
7	Cairns	261.0	346.1	32.6	3.8
8	Canberra	136.4	219.0	60.5	2.4
9	Hobart	108.8	191.4	75.9	2.1
10	Darwin	119.7	174.0	45.3	1.9
	Total top ten airports	3 654.5	7 576.6	107.3	83.7
	Total domestic network	4 709.3	9 052.4	92.2	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	5 889.6	10 985.5	86.5	18.1
2	Sydney	7 269.6	10 689.6	47.0	17.6
3	Brisbane	7 320.5	9 242.3	26.3	15.2
4	Perth	3 174.5	4 289.5	35.1	7.1
5	Adelaide	2 723.2	3 700.2	35.9	6.1
6	Gold Coast	1 967.0	2 914.5	48.2	4.8
7	Cairns	2 079.7	2 605.9	25.3	4.3
8	Hobart	1 037.3	1 503.8	45.0	2.5
9	Canberra	1 044.6	1 286.2	23.1	2.1
10	Darwin	908.9	1 248.8	37.4	2.1
	Total top ten airports	33 415.0	48 466.4	45.0	79.8
	Total domestic network	43 113.0	60 713.1	40.8	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

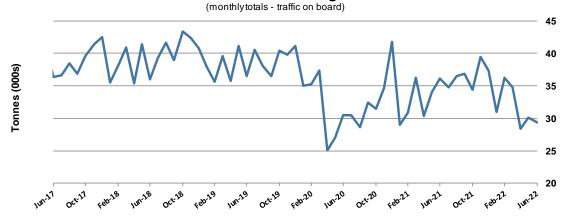
	Airport	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	9.2	7.6	-18.1	25.7
2	Sydney	8.1	6.0	-25.7	20.5
3	Brisbane	5.8	5.3	-9.0	18.1
4	Perth	3.7	2.9	-22.9	9.8
5	Adelaide	2.0	1.8	-10.5	6.1
	Total top five airports	28.9	23.6	-18.5	80.2
	Total domestic network	36.1	29.4	-18.6	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	97.7	105.1	7.6	25.7
2	Sydney	90.3	94.2	4.4	23.0
3	Brisbane	67.9	67.5	-0.7	16.5
4	Perth	34.8	37.0	6.2	9.0
_ 5	Adelaide	23.9	26.1	9.2	6.4
	Total top five airports	314.7	329.9	4.9	80.7
	Total domestic network	395.7	409.0	3.4	100.0

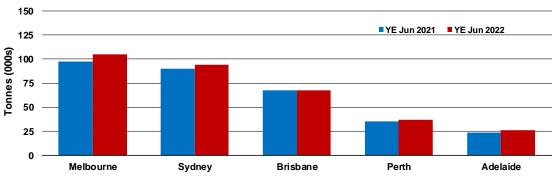
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

### Total domestic network- cargo movement



#### Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



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# **TOP TEN ROUTES**

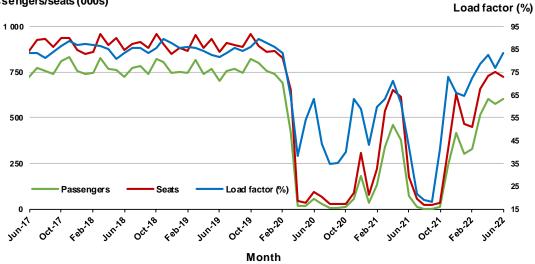
# 1. Melbourne - Sydney

### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	75.8	603.9	696.7
Seats (000s)	179.1	724.1	304.2
Load factor %	42.3	83.4	41.1 *
Aircraft trips	1 204	4 228	251.2

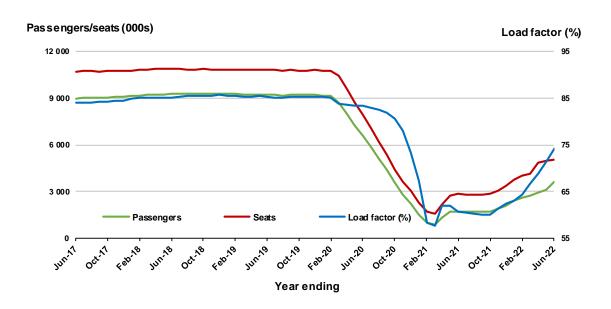
<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference





	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 728.1	3 625.1	109.8
Seats (000s)	2 845.1	5 069.3	78.2
Load factor %	60.7	74.1	13.4 *
Aircraft trips	18 198	30 055	65.2

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

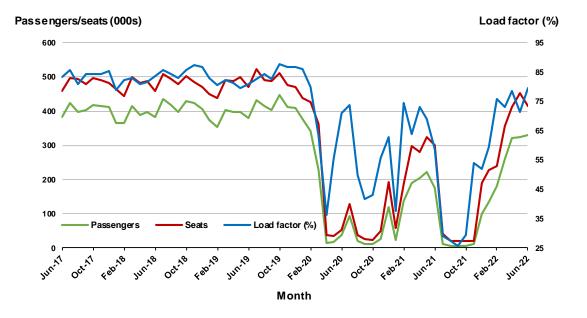


# 2. Brisbane - Sydney

#### Monthly data

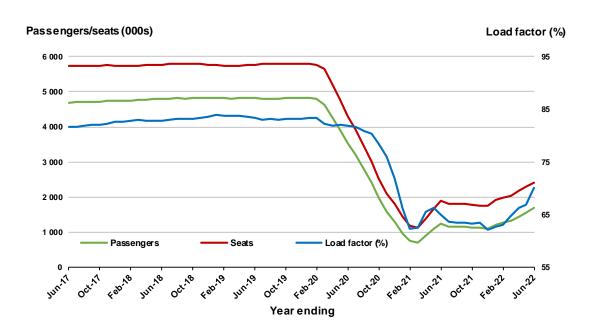
	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	176.4	330.8	87.5
Seats (000s)	300.1	416.1	38.7
Load factor %	58.8	79.5	20.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 861	2 571	38.2

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 237.6	1 692.3	36.7
Seats (000s)	1 903.5	2 417.9	27.0
Load factor %	65.0	70.0	5.0 *
Aircraft trips	13 034	16 063	23.2

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

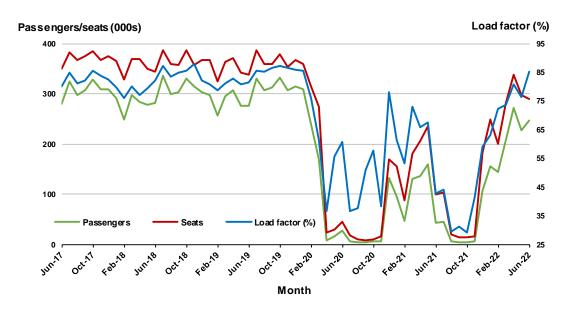


### 3. Brisbane - Melbourne

#### Monthly data

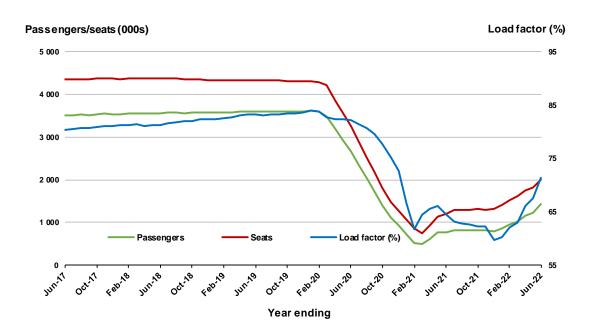
	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	42.8	247.3	477.4
Seats (000s)	100.5	290.6	189.3
Load factor %	42.6	85.1	42.5 *
Aircraft trips	698	1 769	153.4

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	772.6	1 429.8	85.1
Seats (000s)	1 200.4	2 004.8	67.0
Load factor %	64.4	71.3	7.0 *
Aircraft trips	8 196	12 926	57.7

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

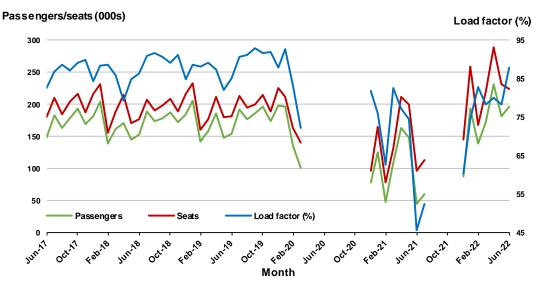


# 4. Gold Coast - Melbourne (a)

#### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	44.4	197.4	344.1
Seats (000s)	97.3	224.3	130.4
Load factor %	45.7	88.0	42.3 *
Aircraft trips	519	1 283	147.2

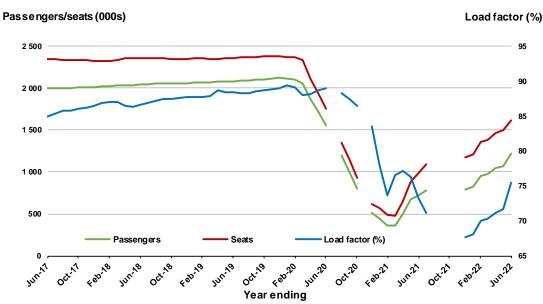
<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



(a) April to November 2020 and August to November 2021 data not available for release.

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	719.2	1 217.0	69.2
Seats (000s)	982.2	1 614.1	64.3
Load factor %	73.2	75.4	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	5 244	8 707	66.0

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



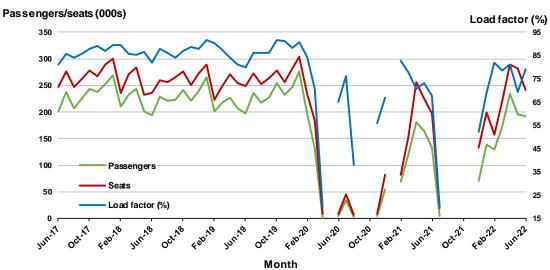
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# 5. Gold Coast - Sydney<sup>(a)</sup>

#### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	134.0	191.5	42.9
Seats (000s)	198.4	241.7	21.8
Load factor %	67.5	79.2	11.7 *
Aircraft trips	1 134	1 418	25.0

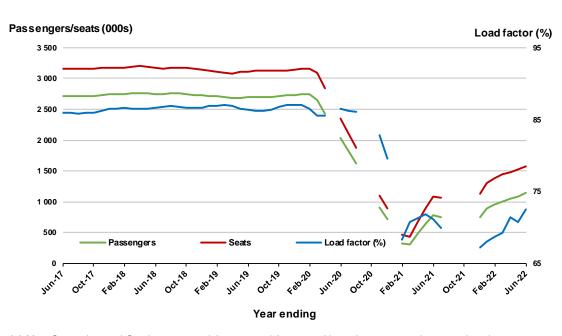
<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



(a) May, September and October 2020 and January and August to November 2021 data not available for release

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	773.7	1 140.8	47.4
Seats (000s)	1 087.8	1 574.7	44.8
Load factor %	71.1	72.4	1.3 *
Aircraft trips	6 280	9 221	46.8

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



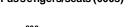
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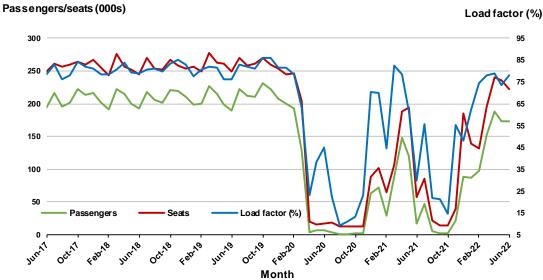
### 6. Adelaide - Melbourne

### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	17.2	172.9	905.8
Seats (000s)	57.3	222.2	287.4
Load factor %	30.0	77.8	47.8 *
Aircraft trips	412	1 365	231.3

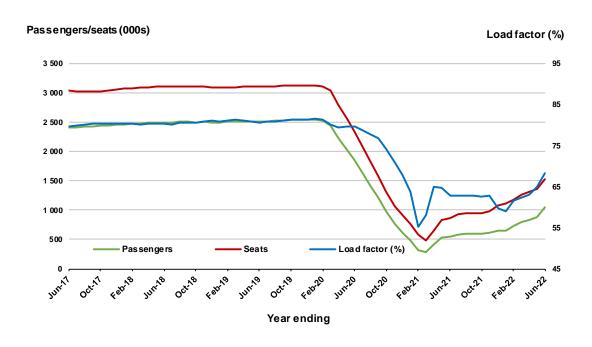
<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference





	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	547.3	1 040.0	90.0
Seats (000s)	872.2	1 525.0	74.8
Load factor %	62.8	68.2	5.4 *
Aircraft trips	6 041	9 739	61.2

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

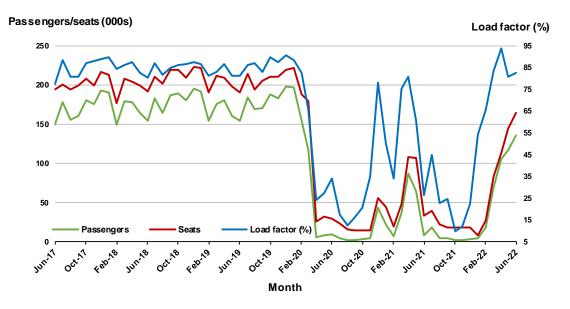


## 7. Melbourne - Perth

#### Monthly data

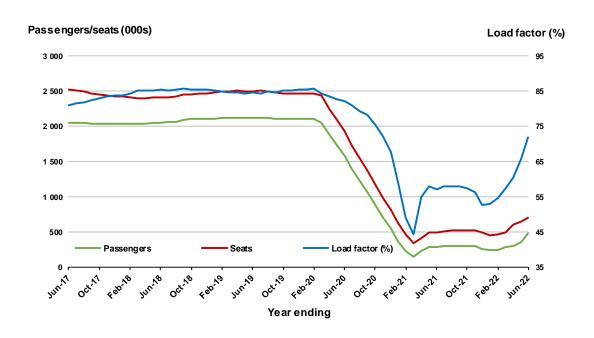
	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8.7	136.0	1455.2
Seats (000s)	33.1	164.6	398.0
Load factor %	26.5	82.6	56.1 *
Aircraft trips	265	927	249.8

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



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	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	285.9	485.7	69.9
Seats (000s)	499.6	708.8	41.9
Load factor %	57.2	71.9	14.7 *
Aircraft trips	3 562	4 624	29.8

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

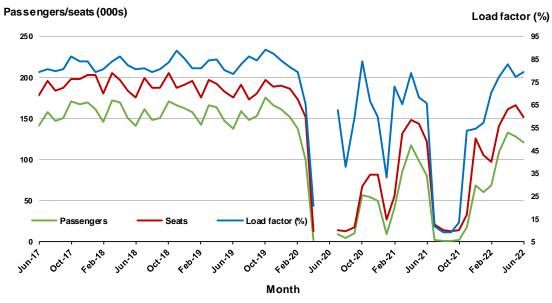


# 8. Adelaide - Sydney (a)

#### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	80.2	120.9	50.8
Seats (000s)	122.1	152.4	24.8
Load factor %	65.7	79.4	13.7 *
Aircraft trips	721	935	29.7

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference

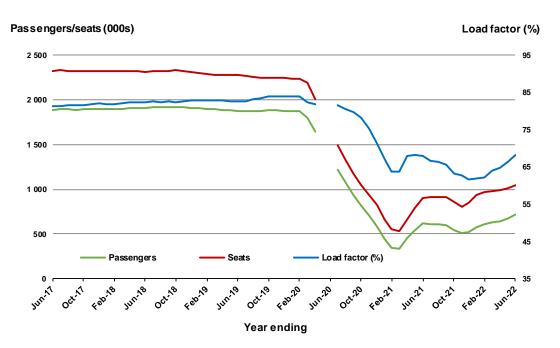


(a) May and June 2020 data not available for release.

#### Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	616.7	713.5	15.7
Seats (000s)	907.1	1 045.8	15.3
Load factor %	68.0	68.2	0.2 *
Aircraft trips	5 661	6 540	15.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



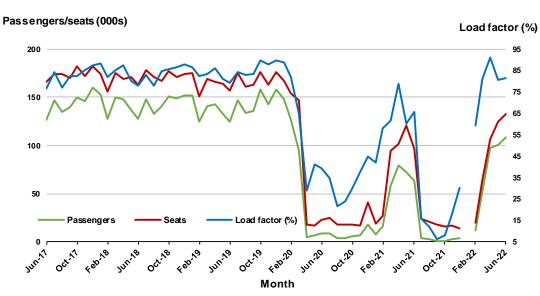
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# 9. Perth - Sydney (a)

#### Monthly data

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	63.5	108.9	71.3
Seats (000s)	96.8	133.2	37.6
Load factor %	65.6	81.7	16.1 *
Aircraft trips	479	684	42.8

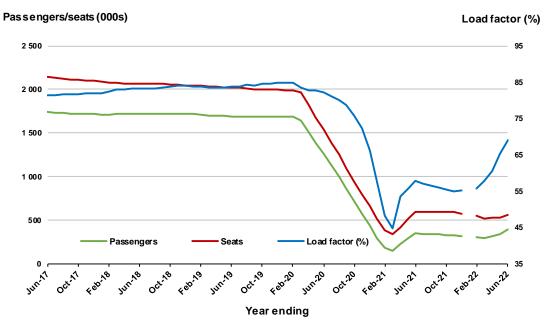
<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



(a) January 2022 data not available for release.

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	344.5	388.7	12.8
Seats (000s)	595.9	562.3	-5.6
Load factor %	57.8	69.1	11.3 *
Aircraft trips	3 081	3 091	0.3

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



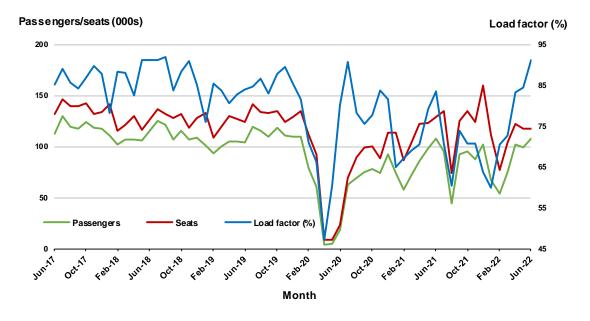
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## 10. Brisbane - Cairns

#### Monthly data

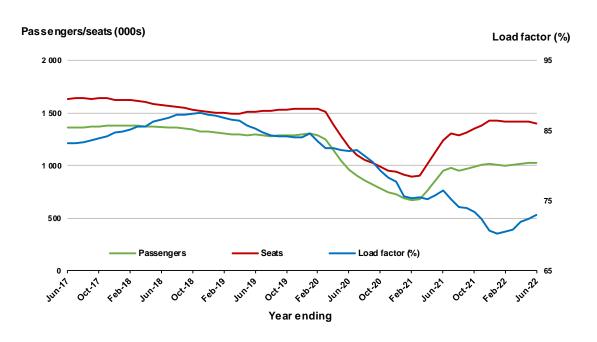
	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	107.7	107.4	-0.3
Seats (000s)	129.2	117.8	-8.8
Load factor %	83.4	91.1	7.7 *
Aircraft trips	796	777	-2.4

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	947.2	1 021.8	7.9
Seats (000s)	1 238.6	1 402.1	13.2
Load factor %	76.5	72.9	-3.6 *
Aircraft trips	8 187	9 029	10.3

<sup>\*</sup> percentage point difference



# **TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS**

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

Airport	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	261.0	346.1	32.6
2 Hobart	108.8	191.4	75.9
3 Darwin	119.7	174.0	45.3
4 Townsville	112.7	146.2	29.8
5 Launceston	42.7	94.7	121.7
6 Newcastle	56.9	87.8	54.3
7 Mackay	63.2	77.6	22.9
8 Ballina	43.6	49.6	13.7
9 Broome	40.7	48.0	17.9
10 Rockhampton	39.6	45.4	14.7
11 Karratha	37.2	44.6	19.9
12 Hamilton Island	33.5	40.7	21.5
13 Port Hedland	29.8	39.5	32.6
14 Proserpine	24.2	38.2	57.6
15 Alice Springs	28.9	35.7	23.6
16 Newman	26.6	30.6	15.2
17 Kalgoorlie	21.7	26.5	21.8
18 Coffs Harbour	16.2	24.5	51.3
19 Mount Isa	17.6	20.8	17.9
20 Ayers Rock	9.6	19.1	100.1
21 Gladstone	15.0	18.8	25.5
22 Paraburdoo	16.4	18.6	13.2
23 Albury	10.3	17.5	69.1
24 Dubbo	13.4	15.9	18.6
25 Wagga Wagga	10.0	15.7	56.3
26 Mildura	6.5	15.5	139.3
27 Emerald	15.0	15.4	2.5
28 Kununurra	12.2	14.4	18.2
29 Port Macquarie	9.8	14.4	47.3
30 Port Lincoln	12.4	14.2	14.4
31 Tamworth	8.1	11.4	40.5
32 Learmonth	10.1	11.0	8.5
33 Hervey Bay	7.8	10.5	35.1
34 Bundaberg	7.9	10.3	31.1
35 Thursday Island	8.7	9.1	5.2
36 Moranbah	7.9	8.9	12.8
37 Armidale	5.7	8.9	54.8
38 Gove	5.8	8.0	38.7
39 Orange	5.9	7.9	34.2
40 Olympic Dam	8.9	7.8	- 11.8
41 Weipa	7.0	7.8	11.3
42 Geraldton	6.8	7.5	10.0
43 Mount Gambier	4.4	7.0	59.0
44 Devonport	3.2	7.0	118.0
45 Toowoomba Wellcamp	2.6	6.3	143.4
46 Griffith	4.6	6.0	31.9
47 Merimbula	4.1	5.9	44.8
48 Burnie	2.2	5.8	160.1
49 Narrandera	4.5	5.6	23.8
50 Cloncurry	4.9	5.4	11.0
Total top 50 regional airports	1 376.2	1 899.5	38.0
Total regional airports	1 475.4	2 015.1	36.6
Total domestic network	4 709.3	9 052.4	92.2

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

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

	Airport	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
1	Cairns	2 079.7	2 605.9	25.3
2	Hobart	1 037.3	1 503.8	45.0
3	Darwin	908.9	1 248.8	37.4
4	Townsville	982.1	1 201.5	22.3
5	Launceston	539.8	743.1	37.7
6	Mackay	571.3	682.3	19.4
7	Newcastle	480.1	574.1	19.6
8	Ballina	588.7	527.4	-10.4
9	Karratha	347.0	456.9	31.7
10		346.3	424.9	22.7
11	Rockhampton	355.3	411.0	15.7
12	Port Hedland	267.3	409.7	53.2
13	Proserpine	273.2	370.7	35.7
14	Hamilton Island	285.6	361.8	26.7
15	Newman	234.8	327.0	39.2
	Kalgoorlie	206.8	274.8	32.9
17	Alice Springs	271.3	248.9	-8.2
18	Paraburdoo	151.9	198.8	30.8
19	Mount Isa	173.4	196.0	13.0
20	Coffs Harbour	132.7	180.2	35.7
21	Gladstone	129.0	155.4	20.5
22	Port Lincoln	117.6	148.6	26.3
23	Emerald	121.8	145.8	19.7
24	Dubbo	109.0	112.5	3.2
25	Kununurra	82.4	110.8	34.4
26	Albury	74.4	109.3	46.9
27	Mildura	60.9	105.8	73.6
28	Learmonth	82.2	94.4	14.9
29	Ayers Rock	68.4	93.5	36.7
30	Thursday Island	82.2	92.8	12.9
31	Olympic Dam	58.6	90.4	54.1
32	Wagga Wagga	72.0	89.5	24.4
33	Moranbah	53.3	89.2	67.3
34	Port Macquarie	64.4	88.8	37.9
35	Bundaberg	61.8	82.1	32.8
36	Geraldton	52.6	80.4	52.8
37	Weipa	61.8	78.4	26.8
38	Hervey Bay	40.5	76.5	88.9
39	Tamworth	58.4	71.8	22.9
40	Gove	58.5	61.2	4.6
41	Cloncurry	36.1	58.6	62.0
	Armidale	41.1	56.5	37.4
43	Mount Gambier	26.7	51.7	93.4
	Albany	40.2	51.4	27.8
	Orange	39.0	51.3	31.6
	Norfolk Island	43.5	50.5	16.0
47		37.8	49.6	31.2
	Roma	41.3	49.1	18.8
	Whyalla	37.1	47.1	26.8
	Groote Eylandt	28.0	46.6	66.2
	Total top 50 regional airports	12 114.6	15 436.8	27.4
	Total regional airports	13 004.5	16 485.2	26.8
	Total domestic network	43 113.0	60 713.1	40.8

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.

## **DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY**

Table 12: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - monthly activity

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	279 450	317 628	13.7
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5 219	5 862	12.3

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

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

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3 436 255	3 413 949	-0.6
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	67 178	64 534	-3.9

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	558 900	635 256	13.7
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	10 438	11 724	12.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	206 960	237 752	14.9
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 525	3 993	13.3

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

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

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Jun 2021	YE Jun 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6 872 510	6 827 898	-0.6
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	134 356	129 068	-3.9
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 588 368	2 573 057	-0.6
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	44 285	44 436	0.3

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.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

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