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FOREWORD

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

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

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

Individual routes shown are restricted to those with an average exceeding 8 000 passengers per month over the previous six months where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the month of March 2020, there were 63 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of March 2020 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of March 2020 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended March 2020 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on the 63 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, Toll Aviation and Virgin Australia Cargo.

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

Domestic RPT passenger movements at the top 50 regional airports are presented on pages 26-27.

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

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data were not available and data presented in this publication may contain revisions to previously published data.

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals, and in percentage changes which are derived from figures prior to rounding.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak resulted in the biggest disruptions in domestic air travel since September 1989 (pilots' strike).

There were 3.31 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in March 2020, a decrease of 37.2 per cent on March 2019. For the month of March 2020, there were 47.6 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 16.9 per cent compared to March 2019.

3.07 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in March 2020, a decrease of 39.3 per cent on March 2019.

For the year ending March 2020 there were 59.26 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 2.7 per cent on the year ending March 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 3.60 billion for the month, down 37.2 per cent compared with March 2019. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 21.1 per cent compared with March 2019 to a total of 5.73 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 78.7 per cent in March 2019 to 62.7 per cent in March 2020. Load factors decreased on all 62 individual RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years.

For the month of March 2020, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 416.3 thousand passengers, a decrease of 49.0 per cent compared with March 2019. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 228.4 thousand passengers (down 43.5 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 168.9 thousand passengers (down 42.8 per cent).

The greatest percentage decrease in RPT passenger numbers, compared to March 2019, was on the Ayers Rock – Sydney route (down 50.1 per cent). There were large decreases on a number of other routes, including Broome – Perth (down 49.6 per cent), Melbourne – Sydney (down 49.0 per cent) and Armidale – Sydney (down 47.5 per cent).

In March 2020, the Perth – Port Hedland route was the only route to record an increase in passenger numbers (up 1.5 per cent) compared with March 2019.

Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.32 million passenger movements in March 2020 (down 43.3 per cent), followed by Melbourne with 1.25 million passenger movements (down 42.9 per cent) and Brisbane with 885.4 thousand passenger movements (down 37.9 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 37.4 thousand tonnes in March 2020, a decrease of 5.4 per cent compared with March 2019.

In March 2020, there were 1.30 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 34.9 per cent less than in March 2019. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the largest decrease was at Alice Springs airport (down 50.2 per cent on March 2019). The only increases, compared with March 2019, were recorded at Paraburdoo airport (up 3.0 per cent) and Port Hedland airport (up 2.3 per cent).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 241.5 thousand passengers in March 2020, an increase of 14.6 per cent on March 2019. Perth Airport accounted for 38.2 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.27	3.31	-37.2
Aircraft trips (000s)	57.3	47.6	-16.9

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

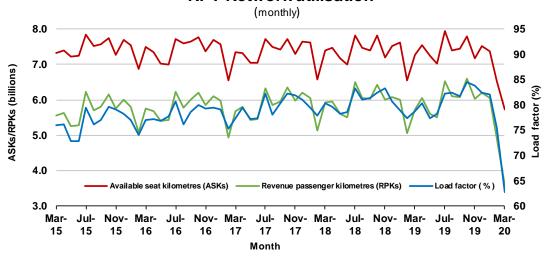
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.06	3.07	-39.3
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.72	3.60	-37.2
Available seats (millions)	6.50	5.03	-22.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.27	5.73	-21.1
Load factor %	78.7	62.7	-16.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	53.7	43.1	-19.7

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.39	62.11	-2.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	673.4	673.2	0.0

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

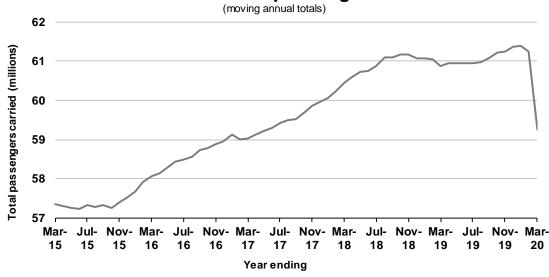
RPT NETWORK

Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	60.88	59.26	-2.7
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	70.94	69.24	-2.4
Available seats (millions)	77.20	76.00	-1.6
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.31	86.69	-1.8
Load factor %	80.3	79.9	-0.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	629.4	623.8	-0.9

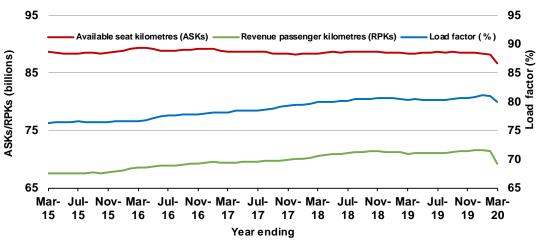
^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 235.9	8 719.1	-5.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 811.7	4 636.7	-3.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 580.0	3 478.0	-2.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 696.2	2 652.4	-1.6
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 511.4	2 433.2	-3.1
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 116.9	2 055.5	-2.9
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 062.4	2 050.5	-0.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 892.6	1 800.8	-4.9
9	Perth - Sydney	1 702.9	1 644.8	-3.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 654.7	1 605.6	-3.0
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 294.4	1 248.7	-3.5
12	Canberra - Melbourne	1 182.6	1 128.7	-4.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 110.7	1 024.8	-7.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	995.3	999.1	0.4
15	Brisbane - Perth	941.1	951.9	1.1
16	Launceston - Melbourne	957.5	922.0	-3.7
17	Canberra - Sydney	943.5	894.7	-5.2
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	841.5	858.4	2.0
19	Cairns - Melbourne	852.2	814.3	-4.4
20	Brisbane - Mackay	746.9	767.6	2.8
21	Hobart - Sydney	705.4	708.2	0.4
22	Brisbane - Canberra	643.0	647.8	0.7
23	Adelaide - Perth	630.7	644.1	2.1
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	629.9	633.7	0.6
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	586.1	587.9	0.3
26	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	541.1	545.1	0.7
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	518.5	527.5	1.8
28	Karratha - Perth	442.5	464.0	4.9
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	489.8	461.8	-5.7
30	Ballina - Sydney	433.1	423.5	-2.2
31	Perth - Port Hedland	365.7	381.9	4.4
32	Brisbane - Darwin	367.3	346.1	-5.8
33	Newman - Perth	312.2	344.2	10.2
34	Broome - Perth	332.3	317.3	-4.5
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	335.0	314.7	-6.1
36	Darwin - Melbourne	306.2	305.2	-0.3
37	Darwin - Sydney	307.4	304.5	-0.9
38	Launceston - Sydney	286.9	276.6	-3.6
39	Kalgoorlie - Perth	284.6	268.2	-5.8
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	241.0	255.6	6.0
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	248.4	241.9	-2.6
42	Brisbane - Hobart	235.1	237.6	1.0
43	Melbourne - Mildura		223.0	-2.1
43 44	Albury - Sydney	227.7 227.5	223.0 219.8	-2.1 -3.4
44 45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	202.0	219.6 214.7	
45 46	Adelaide - Gold Coast			6.3
46 47	Brisbane - Emerald	217.6	209.8	-3.6 2.1
		196.1	200.3	
48 49	Adelaide - Canberra	194.8	188.5	-3.2
49 50	Port Macquarie - Sydney Ayers Rock - Sydney	186.4 190.6	185.1 183.3	-0.7 -3.9

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

	City-Pair	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	180.0	176.0	-2.2
52	Dubbo - Sydney	187.4	175.8	-6.2
53	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	168.1	171.1	1.8
54	Sydney - Tamworth	173.7	169.6	-2.4
55	Darwin - Perth	186.8	169.3	-9.4
56	Sydney - Towns ville	170.6	167.5	-1.8
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	158.6	149.3	-5.9
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	131.2	142.4	8.6
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	131.1	138.1	5.3
60	Cairns - Townsville	145.7	137.8	-5.4
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	122.7	130.6	6.4
62	Armidale - Sydney	121.9	119.2	-2.2
63	Hamilton Island - Melbourne		33.8	<u>NA</u> (a)
	Total domestic network	60 875.5	59 256.3	-2.7

⁽a) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from November 2019, prior data not shown.

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	816.4	416.3	-49.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	404.5	228.4	-43.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	295.3	168.9	-42.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	217.5	130.8	-39.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	227.4	129.4	-43.1
6	Melbourne - Perth	175.4	117.2	-33.2
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	158.5	102.0	-35.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	166.6	99.2	-40.5
9	Perth - Sydney	140.9	94.9	-32.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	150.7	90.5	-40.0
11	Brisbane - Cairns	99.6	61.1	-38.7
12	Canberra - Melbourne	106.6	57.9	-45.7
13	Brisbane - Perth	75.7	56.7	-25.1
14	Brisbane - Townsville	84.3	56.2	-33.3
15	Launceston - Melbourne	86.7	51.2	-40.9
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	69.0	45.5	-34.2
17	Brisbane - Mackay	61.2	44.9	-26.6
18	Cairns - Sydney	80.8	43.4	-46.3
19	Canberra - Sydney	81.7	43.0	-47.3
20	Hobart - Sydney	62.7	40.1	-36.1
21	Adelaide - Perth	53.0	35.3	-33.3
22	Cairns - Melbourne	51.5	33.1	-35.6
23	Brisbane - Canberra	51.2	32.3	-36.9
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	51.6	31.3	-39.4
25	Brisbane - Rockhampton	43.9	29.6	-32.6
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	50.5	29.5	-41.5
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	40.5	28.6	-29.3
28	Perth - Port Hedland	27.5	27.9	1.5
29	Karratha - Perth	35.3	27.6	-21.7
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	40.5	23.1	-43.0
31	Ballina - Sydney	35.7	22.6	-36.8
32	Newman - Perth	27.0	19.5	-27.9
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	23.1	16.9	-26.8
34	Darwin - Sydney	19.5	16.6	-14.8
35	Launceston - Sydney	26.9	16.6	-38.4
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	28.1	16.4	-41.7
37	Brisbane - Darwin	23.6	15.1	-36.0
38	Darwin - Melbourne	21.4	14.8	-30.9
39	Brisbane - Hobart	19.8		
39 40			14.1	-28.8
41	Brisbane - Proserpine Brisbane - Gladstone	18.8	13.7	-27.1
		20.6	13.3	-35.5
42	Brisbane - Emerald	16.3	13.1	-20.1
43 44	Melbourne - Mildura	20.6	12.2	-40.7
	Albury - Sydney	19.3	12.1	-37.2
45 46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	14.3	11.8	-17.0
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	17.1	11.6	-32.0
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	15.5	11.2	-27.7
48	Broome - Perth	22.1	11.1	-49.6
49 50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	16.3	10.3	-36.8
50	Adelaide - Canberra	17.8	10.1	-43.1

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	16.2	9.9	-39.1
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	15.4	9.3	-39.3
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	10.7	9.1	-15.2
54	Sydney - Tamworth	15.0	9.0	-39.9
55	Darwin - Perth	13.0	8.9	-31.4
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	16.5	8.2	-50.1
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	12.9	8.2	-36.2
58	Cairns - Townsville	12.1	8.0	-34.0
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.0	7.2	-35.2
60	Sydney - Towns ville	11.3	6.6	-41.8
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	9.8	6.6	-32.8
62	Armidale - Sydney	10.6	5.6	-47.5
63	Hamilton Island - Melbourne		3.7	<u>NA</u> (a)
	Total domestic network	5 062.6	3 071.2	-39.3

⁽a) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from November 2019, prior data not shown.

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	954.0	650.2	-31.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	491.6	362.0	-26.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	363.9	274.1	-24.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	248.6	185.2	-25.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	277.0	205.1	-25.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	211.2	179.5	-15.0
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	177.7	141.2	-20.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	196.7	152.0	-22.8
9	Perth - Sydney	169.3	146.4	-13.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	190.4	138.6	-27.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	119.1	92.2	-22.6
12	Canberra - Melbourne	151.0	118.8	-21.4
13	Brisbane - Perth	96.0	85.0	-11.5
14	Brisbane - Townsville	104.3	86.6	-16.9
15	Launceston - Melbourne	110.9	76.0	-31.4
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	88.4	72.9	-17.5
17	Brisbane - Mackay	81.1	69.9	-13.8
18	Cairns - Sydney	101.0	70.2	-30.5
19	Canberra - Sydney	111.3	79.6	-28.4
20	Hobart - Sydney	75.5	58.5	-22.6
21	Adelaide - Perth	73.0	56.8	-22.2
22	Cairns - Melbourne	65.5	48.5	-25.9
23	Brisbane - Canberra	70.4	57.1	-18.9
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	61.7	45.9	-25.6
25	Brisbane - Rockhampton	57.5	51.2	-11.0
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	69.7	50.8	-27.1
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	48.0	37.8	-21.1
28	Perth - Port Hedland	44.6	52.6	17.9
29	Karratha - Perth	55.5	58.2	5.0
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	46.9	33.4	-28.8
31	Ballina - Sydney	41.3	33.3	-19.3
32	Newman - Perth	43.9	40.0	-8.9
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	43.3	36.6	-15.4
34	Darwin - Sydney	29.8	26.8	-10.2
35	Launceston - Sydney	31.8	22.7	-28.5
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	38.0	28.5	-25.0
37	Brisbane - Darwin	32.4	23.0	-29.0
38	Darwin - Melbourne	28.9	22.1	-23.6
39	Brisbane - Hobart	25.3	19.6	-22.7
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.3	21.0	-16.9
41	Brisbane - Gladstone	31.6	28.1	-11.3
42	Brisbane - Emerald	25.2	22.9	-9.4
43	Melbourne - Mildura	30.1	25.0	-16.9
44	Albury - Sydney	29.0	23.1	-20.5
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	21.6	19.1	-11.7
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	21.5	16.3	-24.0
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	25.4	19.2	-24.2
48	Broome - Perth	33.0	19.3	-41.5
49	Port Macquarie - Sydney	22.2	17.7	-19.9
50	Adelaide - Canberra	24.7	20.3	-17.9

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	23.7	19.9	-16.2
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	23.6	18.9	-20.2
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	15.7	14.8	-5.8
54	Sydney - Tamworth	23.1	18.9	-18.0
55	Darwin - Perth	21.4	18.5	-13.3
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	20.1	16.2	-19.5
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	19.5	15.8	-19.0
58	Cairns - Townsville	21.0	19.5	-7.3
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	16.3	15.5	-4.8
60	Sydney - Towns ville	14.4	10.0	-30.8
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.3	12.1	-20.8
62	Armidale - Sydney	15.2	12.3	-19.2
63	Hamilton Island - Melbourne		6.6	<u>NA</u> (a)
	Total domestic network	6 500.7	5 028.3	-22.7

⁽a) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from November 2019, prior data not shown.

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	85.6	64.1	-21.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	82.3	63.1	-19.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	81.2	61.6	-19.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	87.5	70.7	-16.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	82.1	63.1	-19.0
6	Melbourne - Perth	83.1	65.3	-17.8
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	89.2	72.2	-17.0
8	Adelaide - Sydney	84.7	65.3	-19.4
9	Perth - Sydney	83.2	64.8	-18.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	79.1	65.3	-13.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	83.6	66.2	-17.4
12	Canberra - Melbourne	70.6	48.7	-21.9
13	Brisbane - Perth	78.9	66.7	-12.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	81.0	64.9	-16.1
15	Launceston - Melbourne	78.2	67.4	-10.8
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	78.1	62.3	-15.8
17	Brisbane - Mackay	75.4	64.2	-11.2
18	Cairns - Sydney	80.0	61.8	-18.2
19	Canberra - Sydney	73.4	54.0	-19.4
20	Hobart - Sydney	83.1	68.6	-14.5
21	Adelaide - Perth	72.6	62.1	-10.5
22	Cairns - Melbourne	78.5	68.2	-10.3
23	Brisbane - Canberra	72.8	56.6	-16.2
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	83.6	68.1	-15.5
25	Brisbane - Rockhampton	76.4	57.8	-18.6
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	72.4	58.1	-14.3
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	84.3	75.6	-8.7
28	Perth - Port Hedland	61.6	53.0	-8.6
29	Karratha - Perth	63.5	47.4	-16.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	86.5	69.2	-17.3
31	Ballina - Sydney	86.6	67.7	-18.9
32	Newman - Perth	61.5	48.7	-12.8
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	53.4	46.2	-7.2
34	Darwin - Sydney	65.4	62.0	-3.4
35	Launceston - Sydney	84.6	72.9	-11.7
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	73.8	57.3	-16.5
37	Brisbane - Darwin	72.9	65.7	-7.2
38	Darwin - Melbourne	73.9	66.8	-7.2 -7.1
39	Brisbane - Hobart	73.9 78.4	72.2	-7.1 -6.2
40	Brisbane - Proserpine		65.1	-9.0
41	Brisbane - Floseipine Brisbane - Gladstone	74.1 65.1	47.3	
				-17.8
42	Brisbane - Emerald Melbourne - Mildura	64.8	57.1	-7.7
43		68.5	49.0	-19.5
44 45	Albury - Sydney	66.6	52.6	-14.0
45 46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	65.9 70.5	62.0	-3.9
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	79.5	71.2	-8.3
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	61.0	58.2	-2.8
48 49	Broome - Perth	66.9	57.5	-9.4
/ı U	Port Macquarie - Sydney	73.8	58.2	-15.6

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Point diff
51	Dubbo - Sydney	68.4	49.6	-18.8
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	65.2	49.5	-15.7
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	68.6	61.4	-7.2
54	Sydney - Tamworth	65.1	47.7	-17.4
55	Darwin - Perth	60.9	48.2	-12.7
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	82.0	50.8	-31.2
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	66.2	52.1	-14.1
58	Cairns - Townsville	57.5	40.9	-16.6
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	67.9	46.2	-21.7
60	Sydney - Towns ville	78.6	66.1	-12.5
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	64.1	54.5	-9.6
62	Armidale - Sydney	69.6	45.3	-24.3
63	Hamilton Island - Melbourne		55.6	<u>NA</u> (a)
	Total domestic network	78.7	62.7	-16.0

⁽a) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from November 2019, prior data not shown.

Table 5: Aircraft trips (a) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	5 296	3 726	-29.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	3 008	2 252	-25.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 133	1 663	-22.0
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 408	1 066	-24.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 678	1 291	-23.1
6	Melbourne - Perth	1 065	899	-15.6
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	941	754	-19.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 192	902	-24.3
9	Perth - Sydney	782	664	-15.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 024	772	-24.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	795	675	-15.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	952	764	-19.7
13	Brisbane - Perth	520	464	-10.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	697	599	-14.1
15	Launceston - Melbourne	821	618	-24.7
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	539	422	-21.7
17	Brisbane - Mackay	621	569	-8.4
18	Cairns - Sydney	517	362	-30.0
19	Canberra - Sydney	1 466	1 071	-26.9
20	Hobart - Sydney	448	356	-20.5
21	Adelaide - Perth	486	380	-21.8
22	Cairns - Melbourne	332	253	-23.8
23	Brisbane - Canberra	523	422	-19.3
24	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	369	297	-19.5
25	Brisbane - Rockhampton	677	557	-17.7
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	492	376	-23.6
27	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	269	212	-21.2
28	Perth - Port Hedland	345	394	14.2
29	Karratha - Perth	490	409	-16.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	258	184	-28.7
31	Ballina - Sydney	268	218	-18.7
32	Newman - Perth	338	266	-21.3
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	338	309	-8.6
34	Darwin - Sydney	174	146	-16.1
35	Launceston - Sydney	176	126	-28.4
36	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	399	357	-10.5
37	Brisbane - Darwin	201	151	-24.9
38	Darwin - Melbourne	163	126	-22.7
39	Brisbane - Hobart	142	110	-22.7 -22.5
40		142		
41	Brisbane - Proserpine Brisbane - Gladstone	418	118	-16.9
			372	-11.0
42	Brisbane - Emerald	375	349	-6.9
43	Melbourne - Mildura	416 537	342 435	-17.8
44 45	Albury - Sydney	537	435	-19.0
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	134	121	-9.7
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	121	91	-24.8
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	656	500	-23.8
48	Broome - Perth	283	172	-39.2
49	Port Macquarie - Sydney	332	317	-4.5
50	Adelaide - Canberra	150	123	-18.0

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
51	Dubbo - Sydney	515	449	-12.8
52	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	470	385	-18.1
53	Brisbane - Mount Isa	124	122	-1.6
54	Sydney - Tamworth	356	315	-11.5
55	Darwin - Perth	124	108	-12.9
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	114	91	-20.2
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	304	253	-16.8
58	Cairns - Townsville	314	320	1.9
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	118	114	-3.4
60	Sydney - Towns ville	82	58	-29.3
61	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	122	97	-20.5
62	Armidale - Sydney	373	296	-20.6
63	Hamilton Island - Melbourne		38	<u>NA</u> (b)
	Total domestic network	53 666	43 075	-19.7

⁽a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

⁽b) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from November 2019, prior data not shown.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

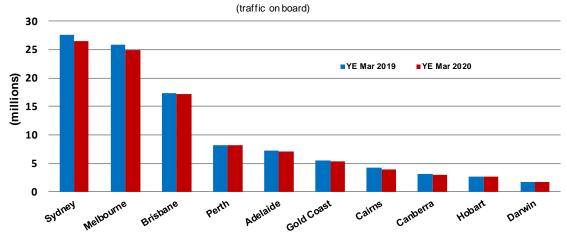
	Airport	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	2 336.1	1 323.8	-43.3	21.6
2	Melbourne	2 194.0	1 252.9	-42.9	20.4
3	Brisbane	1 425.0	885.4	-37.9	14.4
4	Perth	663.2	467.0	-29.6	7.6
5	Adelaide	632.7	386.7	-38.9	6.3
6	Gold Coast	427.9	265.9	-37.9	4.3
7	Cairns	300.7	181.8	-39.5	3.0
8	Hobart	244.0	153.0	-37.3	2.5
9	Canberra	270.7	151.8	-43.9	2.5
10	Townsville	130.4	87.4	-33.0	1.4
	Total top ten airports	8 624.7	5 155.6	-40.2	83.9
	Total domestic network	10 125.3	6 142.5	-39.3	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	27 569.1	26 455.7	-4.0	22.3
2	Melbourne	25 886.1	24 935.6	-3.7	21.0
3	Brisbane	17 303.3	17 092.8	-1.2	14.4
4	Perth	8 207.2	8 113.4	-1.1	6.8
5	Adelaide	7 306.7	7 132.6	-2.4	6.0
6	Gold Coast	5 451.1	5 402.0	-0.9	4.6
7	Cairns	4 242.7	3 984.6	-6.1	3.4
8	Canberra	3 148.8	3 040.1	-3.5	2.6
9	Hobart	2 692.7	2 693.9	0.0	2.3
10	Darwin	1 721.5	1 652.3	-4.0	1.4
	Total top ten airports	103 529.2	100 503.2	-2.9	84.8
	Total domestic network	121 751.0	118 512.7	-2.7	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

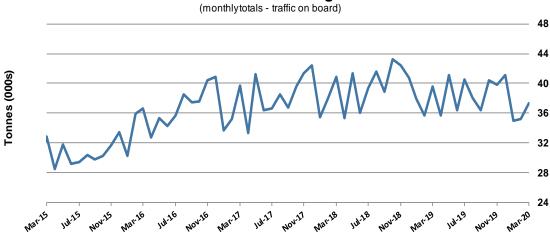
	Airport	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	10.5	9.9	-6.0	26.5
2	Sydney	8.4	8.1	-4.0	21.6
3	Brisbane	6.3	6.1	-2.4	16.3
4	Perth	5.2	4.6	-11.7	12.4
5	Adelaide	2.4	2.4	-0.1	6.3
	Total top five airports	32.8	31.1	-5.3	83.1
	Total domestic network	39.5	37.4	-5.4	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	130.4	120.0	-8.0	26.2
2	Sydney	105.6	99.1	-6.1	21.7
3	Brisbane	73.3	73.3	-0.1	16.0
4	Perth	66.1	60.2	-8.9	13.2
5	Adelaide	28.8	28.3	-1.6	6.2
	Total top five airports	404.1	380.8	-5.8	83.3
	Total domestic network	472.3	457.2	-3.2	100.0

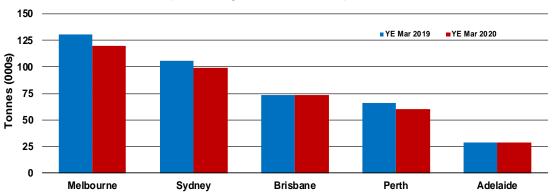
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

Total domestic network-cargo movement



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



TOP TEN ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

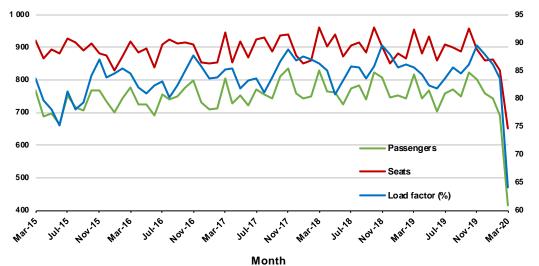
Monthly data

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	816.4	416.3	-49.0
Seats (000s)	954.0	650.2	-31.8
Load factor %	85.6	64.1	-21.5 *
Aircraft trips	5 296	3 726	-29.6

^{*} percentage point difference

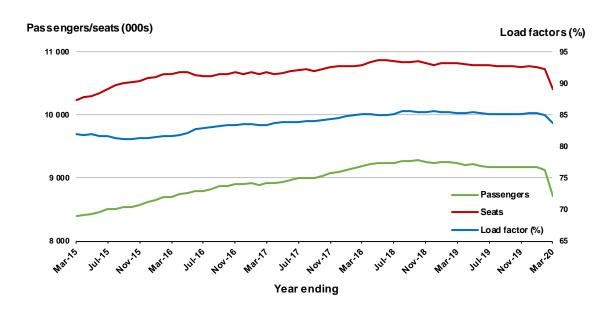
Passengers/seats (000s)





	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	9 235.9	8 719.1	-5.6
Seats (000s)	10 824.9	10 418.5	-3.8
Load factor %	85.3	83.7	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	60 103	58 658	-2.4

^{*} percentage point difference

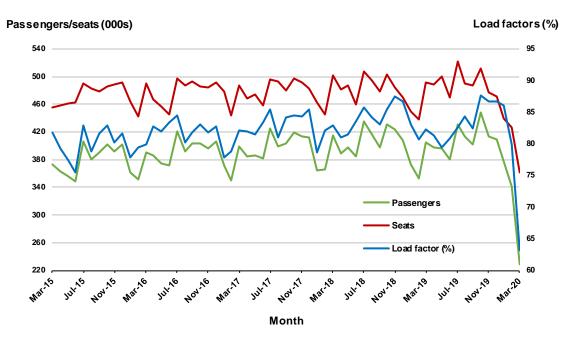


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

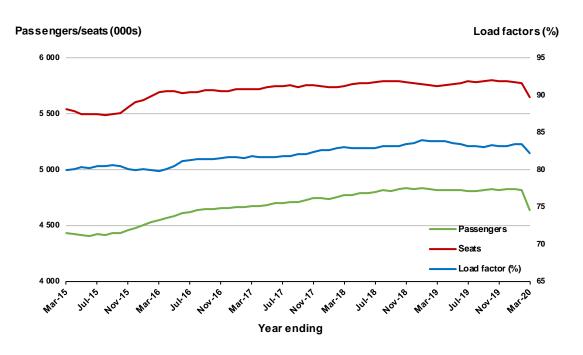
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	404.5	228.4	-43.5
Seats (000s)	491.6	362.0	-26.4
Load factor %	82.3	63.1	-19.2 *
Aircraft trips	3 008	2 252	-25.1

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 811.7	4 636.7	-3.6
Seats (000s)	5 744.5	5 643.9	-1.8
Load factor %	83.8	82.2	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	34 950	34 410	-1.5

^{*} percentage point difference

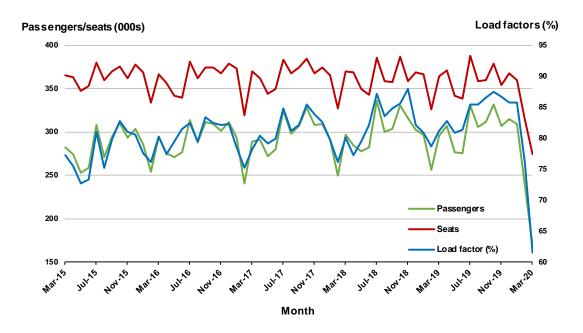


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

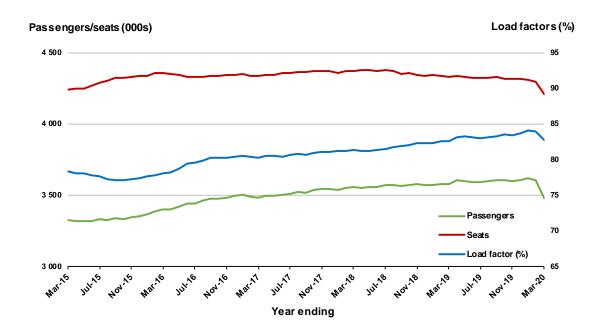
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	295.3	168.9	-42.8
Seats (000s)	363.9	274.1	-24.7
Load factor %	81.2	61.6	-19.6 *
Aircraft trips	2 133	1 663	-22.0

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 580.0	3 478.0	-2.8
Seats (000s)	4 332.4	4 206.6	-2.9
Load factor %	82.6	82.7	0.0 *
Aircraft trips	25 542	24 801	-2.9

^{*} percentage point difference

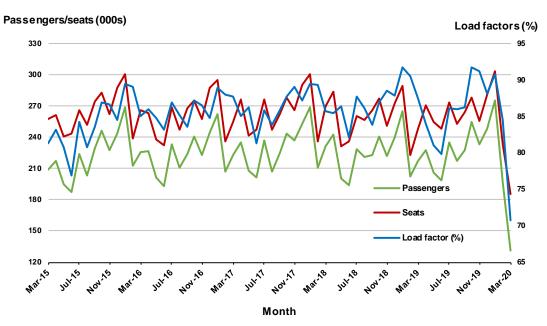


4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Monthly data

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	217.5	130.8	-39.9
Seats (000s)	248.6	185.2	-25.5
Load factor %	87.5	70.7	-16.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 408	1 066	-24.3

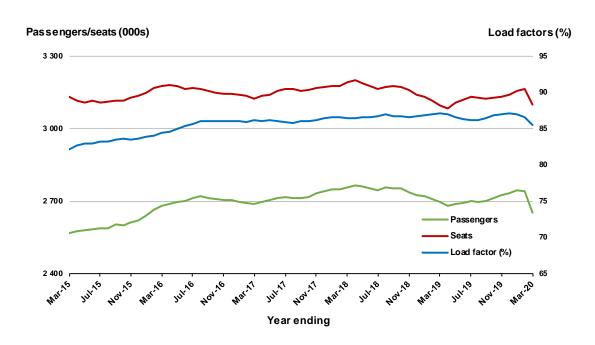
^{*} percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 696.2	2 652.4	-1.6
Seats (000s)	3 095.6	3 100.8	0.2
Load factor %	87.1	85.5	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	17 589	17 784	1.1

^{*} percentage point difference

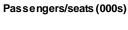


5. Adelaide - Melbourne

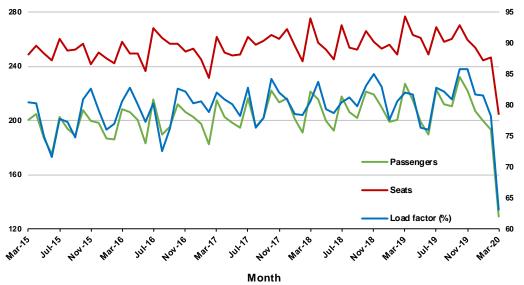
Monthly data

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	227.4	129.4	-43.1
Seats (000s)	277.0	205.1	-25.9
Load factor %	82.1	63.1	-19.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 678	1 291	-23.1

^{*} percentage point difference

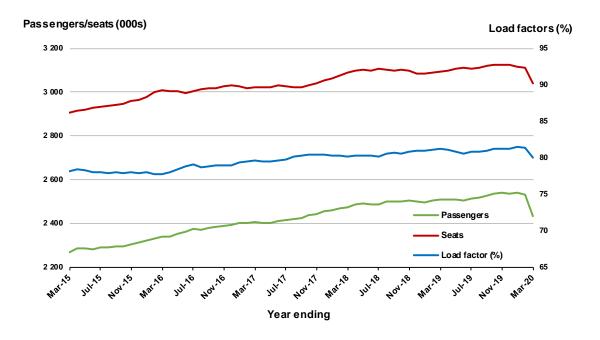






	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 511.4	2 433.2	-3.1
Seats (000s)	3 091.2	3 040.3	-1.6
Load factor %	81.2	80.0	-1.2 *
Aircraft trips	18 987	18 553	-2.3

^{*} percentage point difference

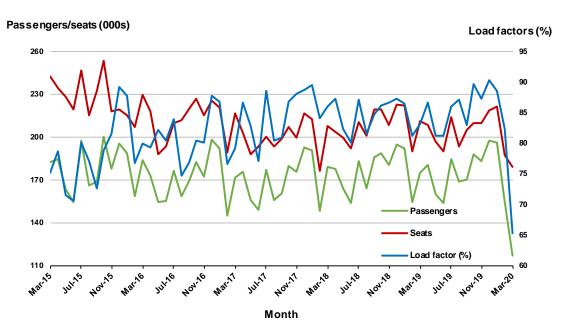


6. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	175.4	117.2	-33.2
Seats (000s)	211.2	179.5	-15.0
Load factor %	83.1	65.3	-17.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 065	899	-15.6

^{*} percentage point difference



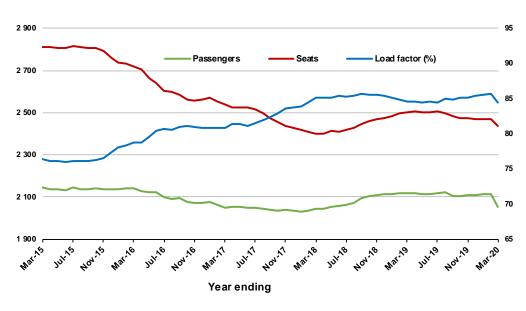
Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 116.9	2 055.5	-2.9
Seats (000s)	2 501.3	2 435.7	-2.6
Load factor %	84.6	84.4	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	12 077	12 044	-0.3

^{*} percentage point difference



Load factors (%)

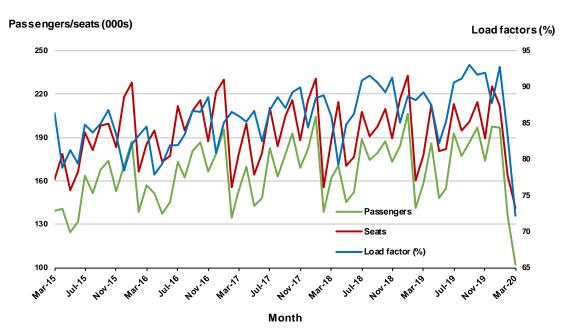


7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Monthly data

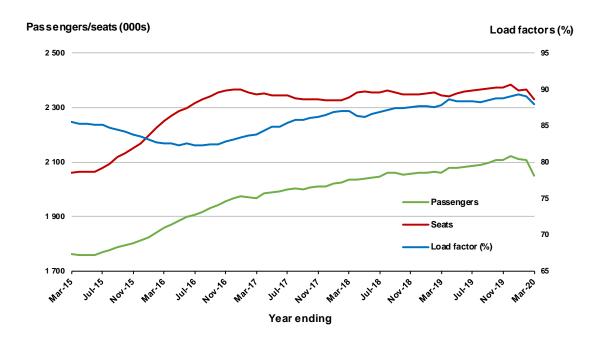
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	158.5	102.0	-35.6
Seats (000s)	177.7	141.2	-20.5
Load factor %	89.2	72.2	-17.0 *
Aircraft trips	941	754	-19.9

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 062.4	2 050.5	-0.6
Seats (000s)	2 345.1	2 329.6	-0.7
Load factor %	87.9	88.0	0.1 *
Aircraft trips	12 384	12 313	-0.6

^{*} percentage point difference

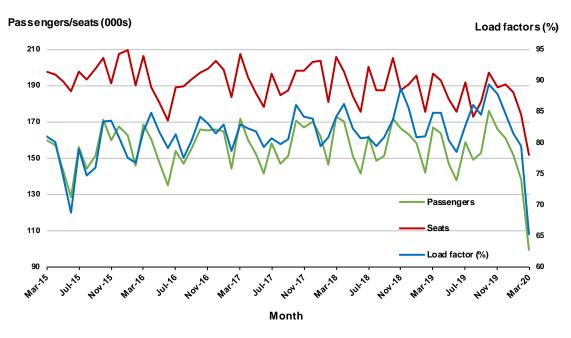


8. Adelaide - Sydney

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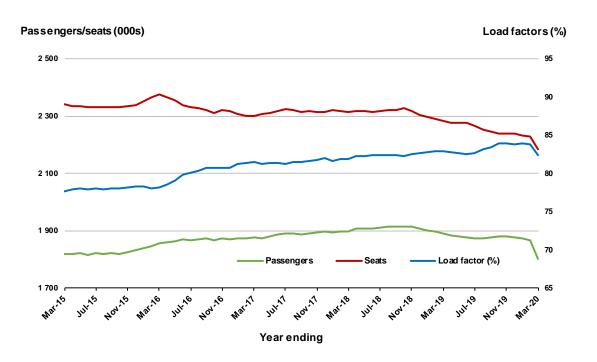
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	166.6	99.2	-40.5
Seats (000s)	196.7	152.0	-22.8
Load factor %	84.7	65.3	-19.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 192	902	-24.3

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 892.6	1 800.8	-4.9
Seats (000s)	2 282.5	2 185.1	-4.3
Load factor %	82.9	82.4	-0.5 *
Aircraft trips	13 767	12 825	-6.8

^{*} percentage point difference

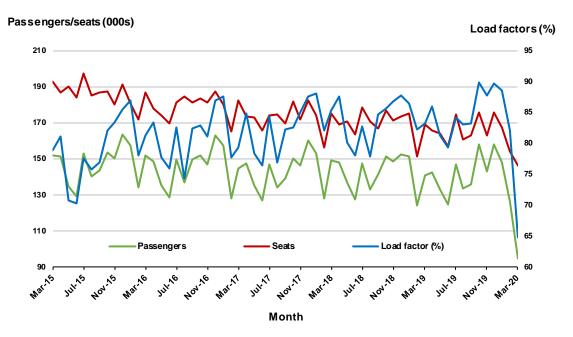


9. Perth - Sydney

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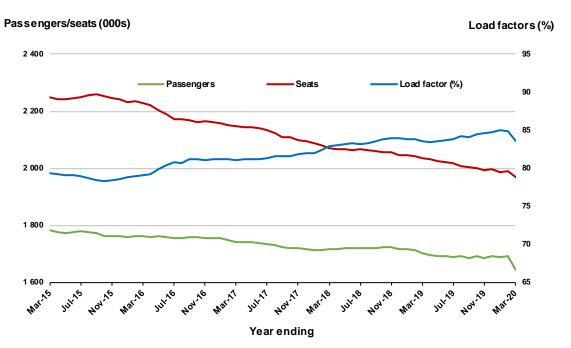
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	140.9	94.9	-32.7
Seats (000s)	169.3	146.4	-13.5
Load factor %	83.2	64.8	-18.4 *
Aircraft trips	782	664	-15.1

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 702.9	1 644.8	-3.4
Seats (000s)	2 036.6	1 967.8	-3.4
Load factor %	83.6	83.6	0.0 *
Aircraft trips	9 131	8 857	-3.0

^{*} percentage point difference

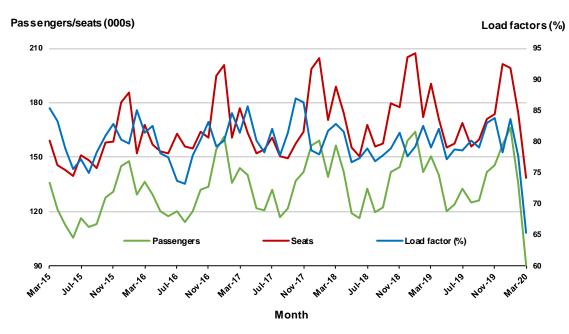


10. Hobart - Melbourne

Monthly data

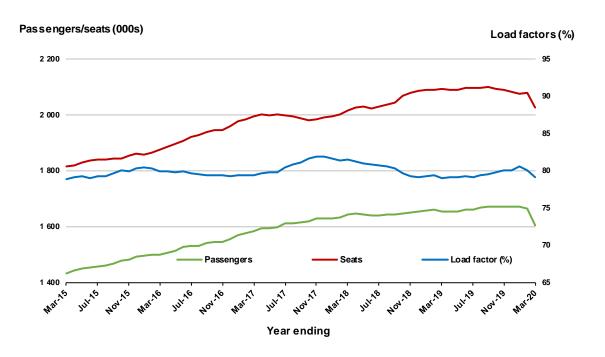
	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	150.7	90.5	-40.0
Seats (000s)	190.4	138.6	-27.2
Load factor %	79.1	65.3	-13.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 024	772	-24.6

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 654.7	1 605.6	-3.0
Seats (000s)	2 092.9	2 026.9	-3.2
Load factor %	79.1	79.2	0.1 *
Aircraft trips	11 491	11 137	-3.1

^{*} percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

	Airport	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
1	Cairns	300.7	181.8	-39.5
2	Hobart	244.0	153.0	-37.3
3	Townsville	130.4	87.4	-33.0
4	Darwin	117.5	81.7	-30.5
5	Launceston	126.1	75.9	-39.8
6	Newcastle	107.3	61.6	-42.5
7	Mackay	70.1	50.8	-27.6
8	Rockhampton	46.6	31.5	-32.4
9	Port Hedland	28.1	28.7	2.3
10	Ballina	45.2	28.4	-37.2
11	Karratha	35.5	27.7	-22.0
12	Alice Springs	48.5	24.1	-50.2
13	Hamilton Island	30.3	22.5	-25.6
14	Ayers Rock	38.0	21.2	-44.4
15	Proserpine	32.4	20.6	-36.4
16	Newman	27.2	19.5	-28.4
17	Coffs Harbour	33.6	19.4	-42.2
18	Kalgoorlie	23.9	17.5	-26.8
19	Mount Isa	17.9	15.2	-15.5
20	Paraburdoo	14.6	15.0	3.0
21	Albury	21.6	13.6	-36.8
22	Broome	25.7	13.6	-46.8
23	Mildura	22.6	13.5	-40.3
24	Gladstone	20.6	13.3	-35.6
25	Emerald	16.4	13.1	-20.2
26	Dubbo	18.9	11.7	-38.3
27	Port Macquarie	18.7	11.6	-37.8
28	Port Lincoln	15.5	11.3	-27.2
29	Wagga Wagga	18.0	10.7	-40.5
30	Tamworth	16.3	9.8	-40.3
31	Hervey Bay	12.8	8.8	-31.1
32	Bundaberg	12.9	8.2	-36.2
33	Devonport	12.6	8.1	-35.7
34	Moranbah	9.4	7.7	-18.2
35	Toowoomba Wellcamp	9.6	6.0	-37.8
36	Geraldton	9.3	6.0	-35.7
37	Armidale	11.3	5.9	-47.7
38	Roma	8.4	5.8	-30.8
39	Kununurra	8.1	5.5	-32.4
40	Griffith	7.7	5.1	-33.0
41	Gove	6.4	5.1	-20.6
42	Orange	7.2	4.9	-32.3
43	Weipa	5.9	4.8	-17.4
44	Mount Gambier	7.3	4.7	-35.7
45	Thursday Island	6.8	4.5	-34.2
46	Learmonth	6.1	4.4	-27.2
47	Whyalla	6.6	4.3	-34.9
48	Burnie	6.1	4.2	-30.6
49	Olympic Dam	6.6	4.0	-39.5
50	Merimbula	5.9	3.8	-34.7
	Total top 50 regional airports	1 879.0	1 217.5	-35.2
	Total regional airports	1 999.5	1 301.0	-34.9
	Total domestic network	10 125.3	6 142.5	-39.3

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 the Australian Bureau of Statistics

[&]quot;The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)", not based in Major Urban areas.

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

	Airport	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
1	Cairns	4 242.7	3 984.6	-6.1
2	Hobart	2 692.7	2 693.9	0.0
3	Darwin	1 721.5	1 652.3	-4.0
4	Townsville	1 633.2	1 631.8	-0.1
5	Launceston	1 381.5	1 336.4	-3.3
6	Newcastle	1 255.8	1 227.1	-2.3
7	Mackay	851.4	867.7	1.9
8	Rockhampton	553.0	559.1	1.1
9	Ballina	535.1	520.4	-2.7
10	Alice Springs	614.8	510.3	-17.0
11	Ayers Rock	423.4	468.3	10.6
12	Karratha	444.3	465.4	4.8
13	Hamilton Island	424.2	450.6	6.2
14	Proserpine	429.4	421.6	-1.8
15	Broome	411.3	391.6	-4.8
16	Port Hedland	374.8	391.2	4.4
17	Coffs Harbour	397.6	382.1	-3.9
18	Newman	313.0	345.2	10.3
19	Kalgoorlie	294.9	280.1	-5.0
20	Mildura	266.8	244.5	-8.4
21	Albury	256.2	244.4	-4.6
22	Gladstone	248.5	242.0	-2.6
23	Mount Isa	213.7	228.1	6.7
24	Port Macquarie	214.0	211.9	-1.0
25	Dubbo	215.8	204.2	-5.4
26	Wagga Wagga	210.6	202.3	-3.9
27	Emerald	196.2	200.3	2.1
28	Paraburdoo	179.9	193.9	7.8
29	Tamworth	188.0	184.3	-2.0
30	Port Lincoln	168.3	171.2	1.7
31	Hervey Bay	160.2	164.0	2.4
32	Bundaberg	158.6	149.3	-5.9
33	Devonport	146.0	145.0	-0.7
34	Armidale	129.3	126.4	-2.2
35	Toowoomba Wellcamp	128.8	117.7	-8.6
36	Kununurra	109.4	111.7	2.1
37	Moranbah	106.8	108.7	1.8
38	Geraldton	111.6	102.9	-7.8
39	Thursday Island	99.0	94.3	-4.7
40	Roma	90.0	94.2	4.7
41	Griffith	83.1	92.6	11.5
42	Mount Gambier	80.5	83.3	3.4
43	Learmonth	86.1	82.9	-3.7
44	Gove	82.8	81.2	-2.0
45	Orange	78.6	81.1	3.1
46	Whyalla	77.4	76.2	-1.5
47	Burnie	72.4	70.8	-2.3
48	Weipa	80.1	70.7	-11.7
49	Olympic Dam	76.5	69.3	-9.4
50	Merimbula	68.7	64.5	-6.1
	Total top 50 regional airports	23 378.4	22 894.0	-2.1
	Total regional airports	24 781.4	24 258.3	-2.1
	Total domestic network	121 751.0	118 512.7	-2.7
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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 the Australian Bureau of Statistics

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DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	210 779	241 476	14.6
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	3 639	4 545	24.9

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

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

	YE Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 512 189	2 850 202	13.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	43 964	49 346	12.2

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Mar 2019	Mar 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	421 558	482 952	14.6
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	7 278	9 090	24.9
Perth airport charter passenger movements	161 898	184 607	14.0
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 532	3 182	25.7

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 Mar 2019	YE Mar 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 024 378	5 700 404	13.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	87 928	98 692	12.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 908 033	2 190 848	14.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	30 125	34 585	14.8

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 passenger departure at Melbourne and as a passenger 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.
	Data not included
NA	Not applicable