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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of March 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 52 routes published for the month of March 2022 compared to 53 published in March 2021.

Information on the total network for the month of March 2022 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of March 2022 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended March 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 March 2022. Revenue passenger numbers were 28.4 per cent higher than March 2021 levels but still 29.0 per cent below pre-COVID March 2019.

There were 3.91 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in March 2022, compared to 3.11 million in March 2021 and 3.30 million in March 2020.

For the month of March 2022, there were 49.8 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 42.9 thousand in March 2021 and 47.5 thousand in March 2020.

3.60 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in March 2022, compared to 2.80 million reported in March 2021 and 3.07 million reported in March 2020.

For the year ending March 2022 there were 26.03 million RPT passengers, an increase of 100.5 per cent on the year ending March 2021 and a decrease of 56.1 per cent on the year ending March 2020.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 3.92 billion for the month, compared with 3.13 billion in March 2021.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 5.40 billion in March 2022 compared to 4.70 billion in March 2021.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 66.7 per cent in March 2021 to 72.7 per cent in March 2022. The highest load factor (86.5 per cent) was recorded on the Adelaide – Gold Coast route while the lowest load factor (48.0 per cent) was recorded on the Newman – Perth route.

For the month of March 2022, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 513.6 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 260.6 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 207.7 thousand passengers.

Melbourne was Australia's busiest domestic airports with 1.52 million passenger movements in March 2022, followed by Sydney with 1.51 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.03 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 34.7 thousand tonnes in March 2022, a decrease of 4.0 per cent compared with March 2021.

In March 2022, there were 1.58 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 1.40 million in March 2021 and 1.31 million in March 2020. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing recorded large increases in March 2022 compared to March 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 310.6 thousand passengers in March 2022, virtually the same as in March 2021. Perth Airport accounted for 36.7 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	3.11	3.91	25.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	42.9	49.8	15.9

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

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

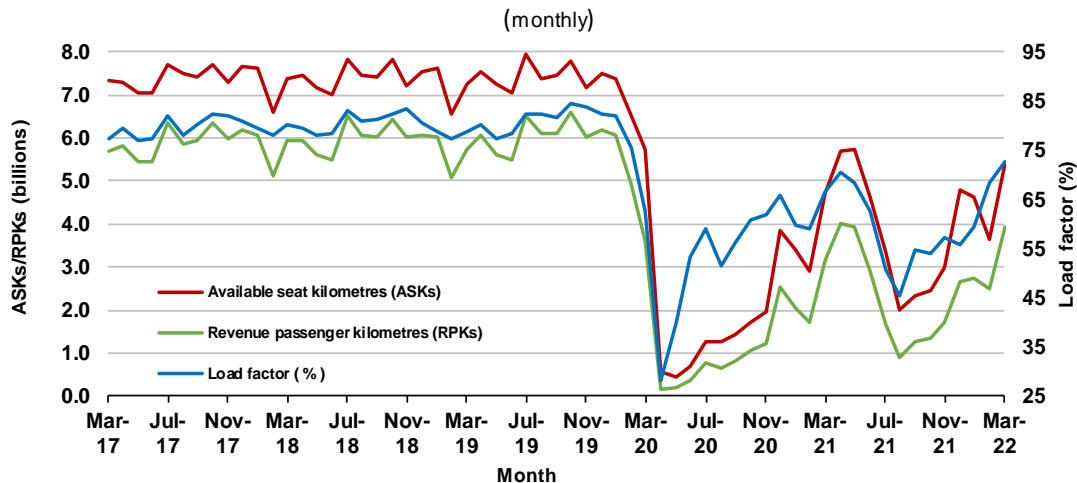
	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	2.80	3.60	28.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	3.13	3.92	25.1
Available seats (millions)	4.25	5.03	18.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	4.70	5.40	14.8
Load factor %	66.7	72.7	6.0 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	37.2	43.8	18.0

* percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	16.24	29.40	81.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	298.6	454.3	52.2

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

RPT NETWORK

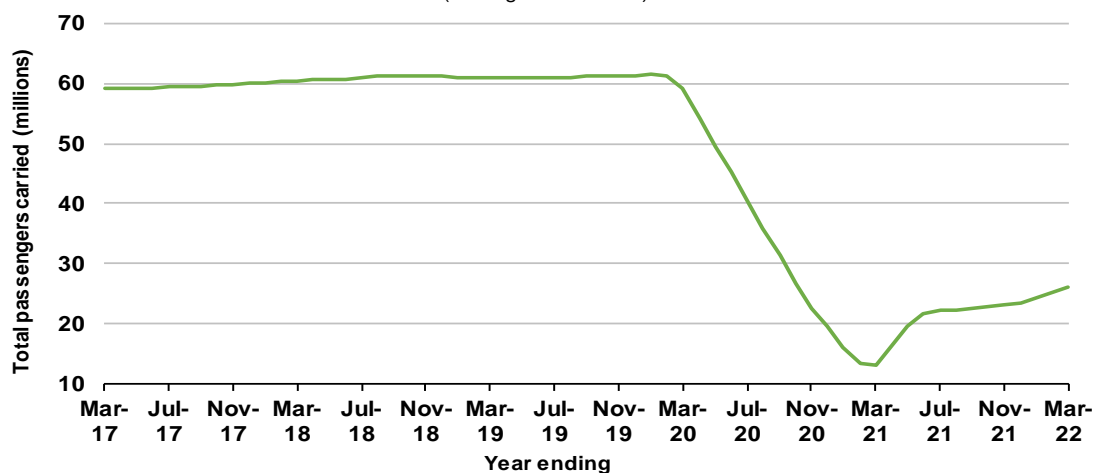
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	12.98	26.03	100.5
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	14.61	29.59	102.5
Available seats (millions)	21.72	42.35	94.9
Available seat kilometres (billions)	24.23	47.62	96.5
Load factor %	60.3	62.1	1.8 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	230.1	391.0	69.9

* percentage point difference

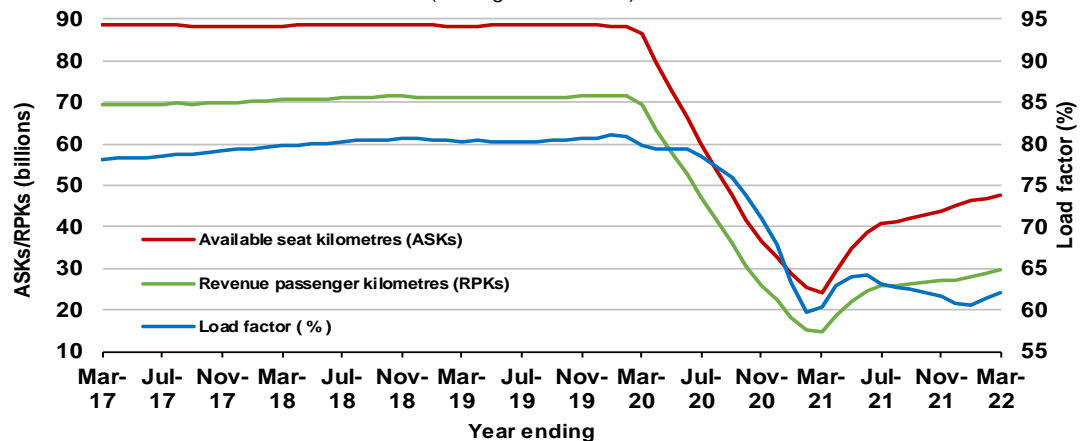
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	905.6	2 756.9	204.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	702.8	1 321.0	88.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	486.0	1 021.9	110.3
4	Brisbane - Cairns	682.8	1 005.0	47.2
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	303.3	999.0	229.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	362.7	975.3	168.9
7	Adelaide - Melbourne	280.6	877.4	212.7
8	Brisbane - Townsville	460.2	682.0	48.2
9	Adelaide - Sydney	336.3	626.8	86.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	251.7	558.4	121.9
11	Brisbane - Mackay	350.6	537.3	53.2
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	303.1	492.8	62.6
13	Karratha - Perth	252.8	437.1	72.9
14	Ballina - Sydney	392.4	426.7	8.7
15	Broome - Perth	228.1	401.5	76.0
16	Perth - Port Hedland	193.1	382.4	98.0
17	Cairns - Melbourne	107.2	368.3	243.6
18	Brisbane - Rockhampton	228.9	361.3	57.8
19	Cairns - Sydney	..	342.9	NA
20	Canberra - Melbourne	129.9	340.2	161.8
21	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	128.4	333.2	159.4
22	Launceston - Melbourne	159.1	323.1	103.1
23	Newman - Perth	165.3	321.0	94.2
24	Hobart - Sydney	133.0	312.4	134.9
25	Perth - Sydney	150.1	298.0	98.5
26	Brisbane - Canberra	217.7	296.0	35.9
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	89.3	288.2	222.6
28	Melbourne - Perth	150.0	287.8	91.8
29	Adelaide - Perth	99.8	273.7	174.4
30	Kalgoorlie - Perth	152.7	263.7	72.7
31	Brisbane - Hobart	109.3	261.2	139.1
32	Brisbane - Darwin	157.5	259.5	64.8
33	Brisbane - Perth	167.3	256.3	53.2
34	Brisbane - Proserpine	161.2	254.1	57.7
35	Brisbane - Newcastle	142.9	241.4	68.9
36	Canberra - Sydney	87.2	195.3	123.9
37	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	132.8	194.9	46.7
38	Melbourne - Newcastle	68.9	194.7	182.4
39	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	81.6	144.2	76.6
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	87.0	143.6	65.0
41	Brisbane - Launceston	63.9	142.6	123.0
42	Launceston - Sydney	75.4	140.6	86.4
43	Adelaide - Gold Coast	85.7	138.9	62.1
44	Brisbane - Emerald	84.6	135.3	59.9
45	Ballina - Melbourne	..	127.4	NA
46	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	73.8	125.1	69.5
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	30.8	109.7	255.9
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	83.4	NA
49	Adelaide - Canberra	62.7	81.0	29.2
50	Dubbo - Sydney	47.2	77.8	65.0

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
51	Melbourne - Mildura	..	73.9	NA
52	Albury - Sydney	36.4	73.2	101.1
53	Cairns - Gold Coast	94.6	..	NA (a)
54	Adelaide - Alice Springs	65.2	..	NA (a)
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	81.8	..	NA (a)
56	Darwin - Perth	36.8	..	NA (a)
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	38.6	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	12 983.5	26 034.1	100.5

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(a) City pairs published in March 2021, data not available for release in March 2022.

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	341.3	513.6	50.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	189.9	260.6	37.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	131.3	207.7	58.1
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	108.8	172.5	58.6
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	120.1	172.1	43.2
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	87.8	152.8	73.9
7	Adelaide - Sydney	85.8	109.1	27.2
8	Hobart - Melbourne	66.6	83.2	24.8
9	Brisbane - Cairns	72.0	75.4	4.7
10	Melbourne - Perth	36.5	69.5	90.3
11	Canberra - Melbourne	35.9	63.2	75.9
12	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	40.3	60.0	48.8
13	Brisbane - Townsville	59.0	59.5	0.8
14	Launceston - Melbourne	43.8	52.8	20.5
15	Perth - Sydney	58.2	52.1	-10.6
16	Brisbane - Mackay	48.4	50.9	5.3
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	46.6	50.6	8.5
18	Hobart - Sydney	42.4	48.2	13.7
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	37.8	47.2	25.0
20	Cairns - Melbourne	31.7	46.2	45.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	37.9	42.1	11.1
22	Cairns - Sydney	..	41.1	NA
23	Canberra - Sydney	22.8	39.8	74.9
24	Perth - Port Hedland	30.4	36.5	20.1
25	Karratha - Perth	34.3	36.2	5.3
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	34.1	34.7	1.7
27	Brisbane - Perth	37.9	33.4	-12.0
28	Ballina - Sydney	44.9	33.2	-26.0
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	29.8	32.6	9.6
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	21.9	31.7	45.0
31	Newman - Perth	30.8	28.4	-7.9
32	Kalgoorlie - Perth	22.6	23.8	5.0
33	Brisbane - Hobart	20.8	23.2	11.6
34	Adelaide - Perth	30.2	22.4	-25.9
35	Brisbane - Darwin	20.2	22.0	8.9
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	19.7	21.8	10.2
37	Launceston - Sydney	23.7	21.3	-10.1
38	Broome - Perth	22.5	20.7	-8.2
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	15.6	18.1	15.5
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	16.8	17.3	3.3
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	15.8	16.9	6.6
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	12.8	15.8	23.6
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.2	15.3	15.8
44	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	16.0	15.2	-4.7
45	Dubbo - Sydney	9.6	13.0	35.9
46	Melbourne - Mildura	..	12.3	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	12.5	12.2	-2.4
48	Brisbane - Emerald	12.8	12.0	-5.6
49	Albury - Sydney	9.9	11.8	20.0
50	Adelaide - Canberra	12.1	11.7	-3.8

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
51	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	10.9	NA
52	Ballina - Melbourne	..	9.9	NA
53	Cairns - Gold Coast	29.1	..	NA (a)
54	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.8	..	NA (a)
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	9.2	..	NA (a)
56	Darwin - Perth	8.6	..	NA (a)
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	8.5	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	2 800.5	3 597.0	28.4

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(a) Citypairs published in March 2021, data not available for release in March 2022.

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	540.1	655.8	21.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	298.1	357.4	19.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	180.2	281.3	56.2
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	131.6	220.2	67.3
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	154.3	219.1	42.0
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	106.5	196.1	84.2
7	Adelaide - Sydney	131.6	141.2	7.3
8	Hobart - Melbourne	94.0	105.8	12.6
9	Brisbane - Cairns	104.3	103.8	-0.5
10	Melbourne - Perth	48.6	83.1	70.9
11	Canberra - Melbourne	51.7	89.9	74.1
12	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	51.5	83.4	61.9
13	Brisbane - Townsville	88.8	86.2	-2.9
14	Launceston - Melbourne	66.2	68.9	4.1
15	Perth - Sydney	94.8	64.1	-32.3
16	Brisbane - Mackay	73.6	77.5	5.3
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	74.3	66.0	-11.1
18	Hobart - Sydney	68.8	69.6	1.1
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	50.8	67.2	32.2
20	Cairns - Melbourne	40.4	59.7	47.7
21	Brisbane - Canberra	70.2	64.9	-7.6
22	Cairns - Sydney	..	54.6	NA
23	Canberra - Sydney	34.0	62.9	84.9
24	Perth - Port Hedland	51.3	59.1	15.1
25	Karratha - Perth	64.2	66.1	3.0
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	51.2	47.4	-7.4
27	Brisbane - Perth	58.6	39.9	-31.9
28	Ballina - Sydney	63.2	49.9	-21.0
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	48.2	41.0	-15.0
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	36.5	38.3	5.0
31	Newman - Perth	62.9	59.2	-5.9
32	Kalgoorlie - Perth	36.0	43.1	19.9
33	Brisbane - Hobart	28.0	30.2	7.9
34	Adelaide - Perth	49.2	28.9	-41.2
35	Brisbane - Darwin	27.5	28.5	3.6
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.9	26.9	3.9
37	Launceston - Sydney	34.3	27.1	-21.0
38	Broome - Perth	34.9	35.3	1.3
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	26.5	28.6	8.0
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	24.7	25.8	4.7
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	20.4	19.5	-4.6
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	21.7	25.3	16.7
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	18.3	23.9	30.4
44	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	25.5	24.1	-5.5
45	Dubbo - Sydney	17.8	22.0	23.7
46	Melbourne - Mildura	..	16.9	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	16.3	17.7	8.3
48	Brisbane - Emerald	22.5	19.5	-13.3
49	Albury - Sydney	17.0	18.7	10.2
50	Adelaide - Canberra	18.5	17.3	-6.6

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
51	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	13.6	NA
52	Ballina - Melbourne	..	19.5	NA
53	Cairns - Gold Coast	38.4	..	NA (a)
54	Adelaide - Alice Springs	16.7	..	NA (a)
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	21.7	..	NA (a)
56	Darwin - Perth	17.2	..	NA (a)
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	15.9	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	4 249.9	5 030.8	18.4

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(a) Citypairs published in March 2021, data not available for release in March 2022.

Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	63.1	78.4	15.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	63.7	72.9	9.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	72.9	73.8	0.9
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	82.7	78.4	-4.3
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	77.9	78.5	0.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	82.5	77.9	-4.6
7	Adelaide - Sydney	65.2	77.3	12.1
8	Hobart - Melbourne	70.9	78.6	7.7
9	Brisbane - Cairns	69.0	72.6	3.6
10	Melbourne - Perth	75.1	83.6	8.5
11	Canberra - Melbourne	69.6	70.3	0.7
12	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	78.3	71.9	-6.4
13	Brisbane - Townsville	66.4	69.0	2.6
14	Launceston - Melbourne	66.2	76.6	10.4
15	Perth - Sydney	61.4	81.2	19.8
16	Brisbane - Mackay	65.7	65.7	0.0
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	62.8	76.7	13.9
18	Hobart - Sydney	61.6	69.3	7.7
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	74.4	70.3	-4.1
20	Cairns - Melbourne	78.5	77.4	-1.1
21	Brisbane - Canberra	54.0	64.9	10.9
22	Cairns - Sydney	..	75.3	NA
23	Canberra - Sydney	66.9	63.3	-3.6
24	Perth - Port Hedland	59.3	61.8	2.5
25	Karratha - Perth	53.5	54.7	1.2
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	66.6	73.2	6.6
27	Brisbane - Perth	64.8	83.7	18.9
28	Ballina - Sydney	71.1	66.6	-4.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	61.7	79.6	17.9
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	60.0	82.8	22.8
31	Newman - Perth	49.0	48.0	-1.0
32	Kalgoorlie - Perth	62.9	55.1	-7.8
33	Brisbane - Hobart	74.3	76.8	2.5
34	Adelaide - Perth	61.4	77.4	16.0
35	Brisbane - Darwin	73.3	77.0	3.7
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	76.2	80.8	4.6
37	Launceston - Sydney	69.0	78.5	9.5
38	Broome - Perth	64.6	58.6	-6.0
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	59.0	63.2	4.2
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	68.0	67.2	-0.8
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	77.4	86.5	9.1
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	58.9	62.4	3.5
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	71.9	63.8	-8.1
44	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	62.8	63.4	0.6
45	Dubbo - Sydney	53.8	59.1	5.3
46	Melbourne - Mildura	..	73.0	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	76.2	68.7	-7.5
48	Brisbane - Emerald	56.7	61.8	5.1
49	Albury - Sydney	58.2	63.3	5.1
50	Adelaide - Canberra	65.4	67.3	1.9

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Point diff
51	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	79.8	NA
52	Ballina - Melbourne	..	50.9	NA
53	Cairns - Gold Coast	75.9	..	NA (a)
54	Adelaide - Alice Springs	59.1	..	NA (a)
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	42.4	..	NA (a)
56	Darwin - Perth	49.8	..	NA (a)
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	53.7	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	66.7	72.7	6.0

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(a) City pairs published in March 2021, data not available for release in March 2022.

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	3 276	3 925	19.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 909	2 216	16.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	1 096	1 704	55.5
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	689	1 188	72.4
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	880	1 266	43.9
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	706	1 202	70.3
7	Adelaide - Sydney	798	852	6.8
8	Hobart - Melbourne	588	670	13.9
9	Brisbane - Cairns	675	709	5.0
10	Melbourne - Perth	343	484	41.1
11	Canberra - Melbourne	390	647	65.9
12	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	320	470	46.9
13	Brisbane - Townsville	536	565	5.4
14	Launceston - Melbourne	534	602	12.7
15	Perth - Sydney	483	308	-36.2
16	Brisbane - Mackay	517	522	1.0
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	456	405	-11.2
18	Hobart - Sydney	390	423	8.5
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	328	380	15.9
20	Cairns - Melbourne	218	317	45.4
21	Brisbane - Canberra	478	458	-4.2
22	Cairns - Sydney	..	302	NA
23	Canberra - Sydney	426	1 012	137.6
24	Perth - Port Hedland	371	385	3.8
25	Karratha - Perth	388	408	5.2
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	494	476	-3.6
27	Brisbane - Perth	291	217	-25.4
28	Ballina - Sydney	481	383	-20.4
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	333	390	17.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	215	236	9.8
31	Newman - Perth	377	369	-2.1
32	Kalgoorlie - Perth	272	283	4.0
33	Brisbane - Hobart	172	181	5.2
34	Adelaide - Perth	316	229	-27.5
35	Brisbane - Darwin	174	200	14.9
36	Brisbane - Proserpine	144	174	20.8
37	Launceston - Sydney	198	160	-19.2
38	Broome - Perth	240	216	-10.0
39	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	350	447	27.7
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	139	146	5.0
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	114	117	2.6
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	285	305	7.0
43	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	454	597	31.5
44	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	157	138	-12.1
45	Dubbo - Sydney	355	485	36.6
46	Melbourne - Mildura	..	395	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	90	104	15.6
48	Brisbane - Emerald	346	286	-17.3
49	Albury - Sydney	291	356	22.3
50	Adelaide - Canberra	112	153	36.6

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

	City-Pair	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
51	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	89	NA
52	Ballina - Melbourne	..	109	NA
53	Cairns - Gold Coast	220	..	NA (b)
54	Adelaide - Alice Springs	140	..	NA (b)
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	137	..	NA (b)
56	Darwin - Perth	108	..	NA (b)
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	268	..	NA (b)
	Total domestic network	37 151	43 828	18.0

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(a) Includes RPT cargo flights

(b) City pairs published in March 2021, data not available for release in March 2022.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	973.6	1 515.5	55.7	21.1
2 Sydney	1 121.2	1 508.5	34.5	21.0
3 Brisbane	853.6	1 028.7	20.5	14.3
4 Adelaide	343.8	447.9	30.2	6.2
5 Gold Coast	281.1	396.2	40.9	5.5
6 Perth	378.4	387.1	2.3	5.4
7 Cairns	185.5	222.1	19.8	3.1
8 Canberra	131.8	176.8	34.1	2.5
9 Hobart	153.4	176.0	14.7	2.4
10 Sunshine Coast	86.0	113.8	32.3	1.6
Total top ten airports	4 508.6	5 972.5	32.5	83.0
Total domestic network	5 600.9	7 193.9	28.4	100.0

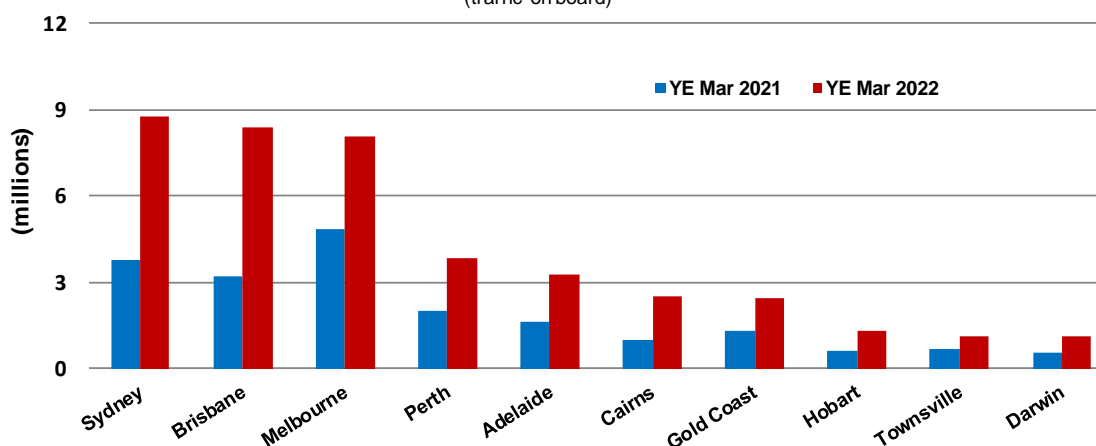
Table 7: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - annual activity

Airport	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	3 778.1	8 743.6	131.4	16.8
2 Brisbane	3 196.0	8 383.8	162.3	16.1
3 Melbourne	4 843.6	8 068.2	66.6	15.5
4 Perth	2 010.7	3 811.2	89.6	7.3
5 Adelaide	1 599.4	3 248.6	103.1	6.2
6 Cairns	970.2	2 489.5	156.6	4.8
7 Gold Coast	1 309.4	2 420.2	84.8	4.6
8 Hobart	595.4	1 342.1	125.4	2.6
9 Townsville	686.1	1 120.8	63.4	2.2
10 Darwin	573.3	1 119.3	95.2	2.1
Total top ten airports	19 562.2	40 747.4	108.3	78.3
Total domestic network	25 967.1	52 068.2	100.5	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	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	8.8	8.3	-6.1	23.8
2 Sydney	8.7	8.0	-7.9	23.1
3 Brisbane	6.3	5.6	-10.9	16.2
4 Perth	3.1	2.9	-7.0	8.4
5 Adelaide	2.2	2.6	15.7	7.5
Total top five airports	29.2	27.4	-6.1	78.9
Total domestic network	36.2	34.7	-4.0	100.0

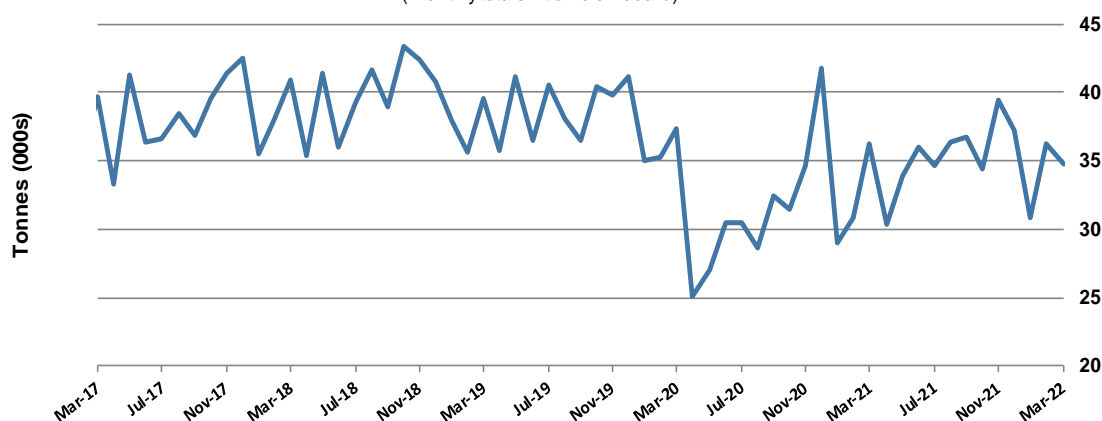
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	96.5	107.7	11.6	25.6
2 Sydney	83.6	98.4	17.8	23.4
3 Brisbane	67.2	68.0	1.3	16.2
4 Perth	32.2	38.7	20.1	9.2
5 Adelaide	22.9	26.8	16.7	6.4
Total top five airports	302.4	339.6	12.3	80.6
Total domestic network	377.6	421.2	11.5	100.0

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

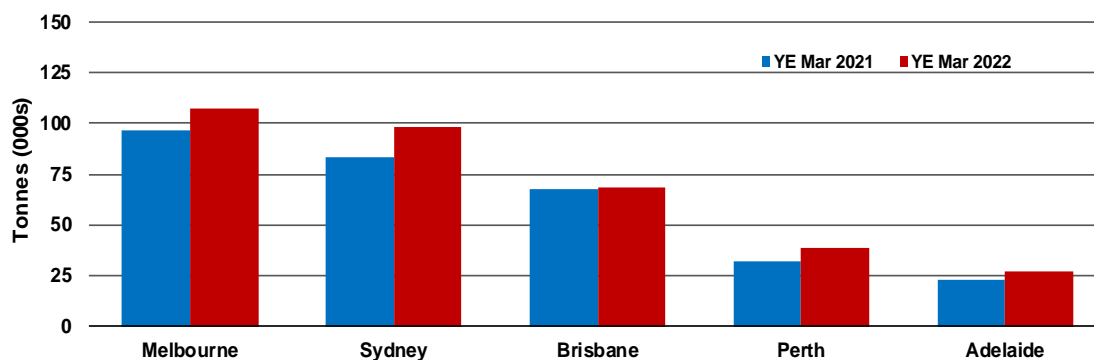
Total domestic network - cargo movement

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Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



TOP TEN ROUTES

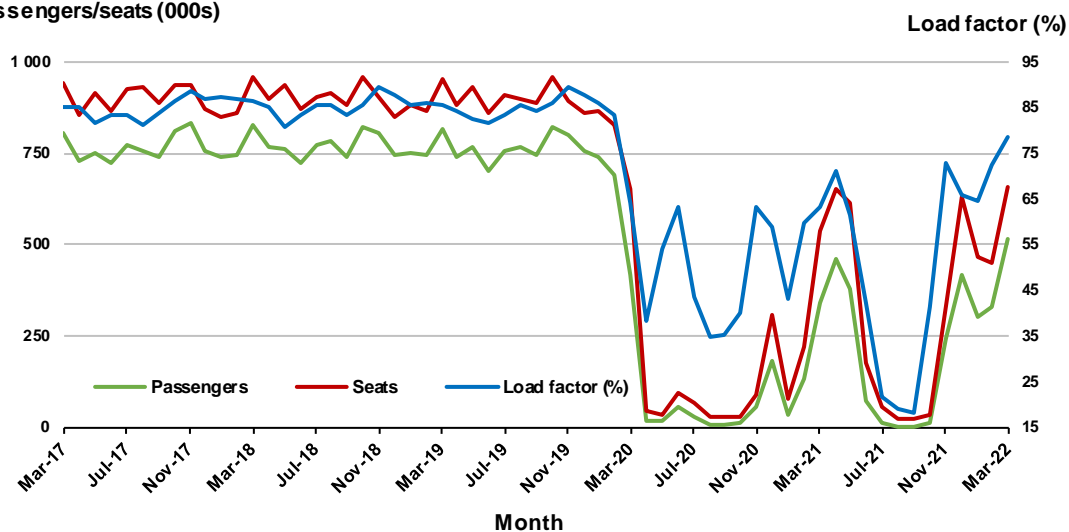
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	341.3	513.6	50.5
Seats (000s)	540.1	655.8	21.4
Load factor %	63.1	78.4	15.3 *
Aircraft trips	3 276	3 925	19.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

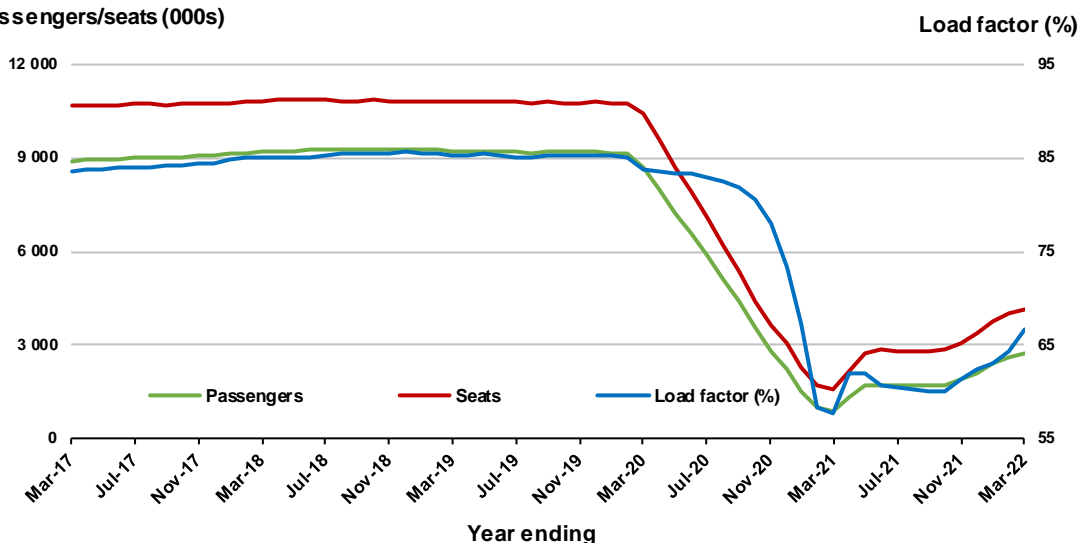


Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	905.6	2 756.9	204.4
Seats (000s)	1 569.3	4 130.2	163.2
Load factor %	57.7	66.8	9.1 *
Aircraft trips	11 125	25 771	131.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

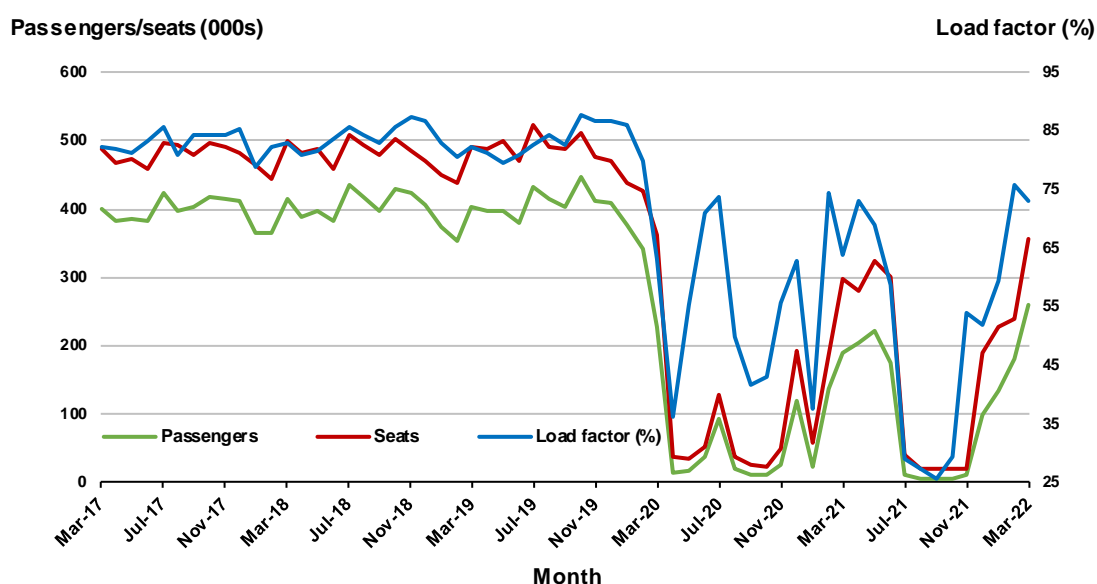


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	189.9	260.6	37.2
Seats (000s)	298.1	357.4	19.9
Load factor %	63.7	72.9	9.2 *
Aircraft trips	1 909	2 216	16.1

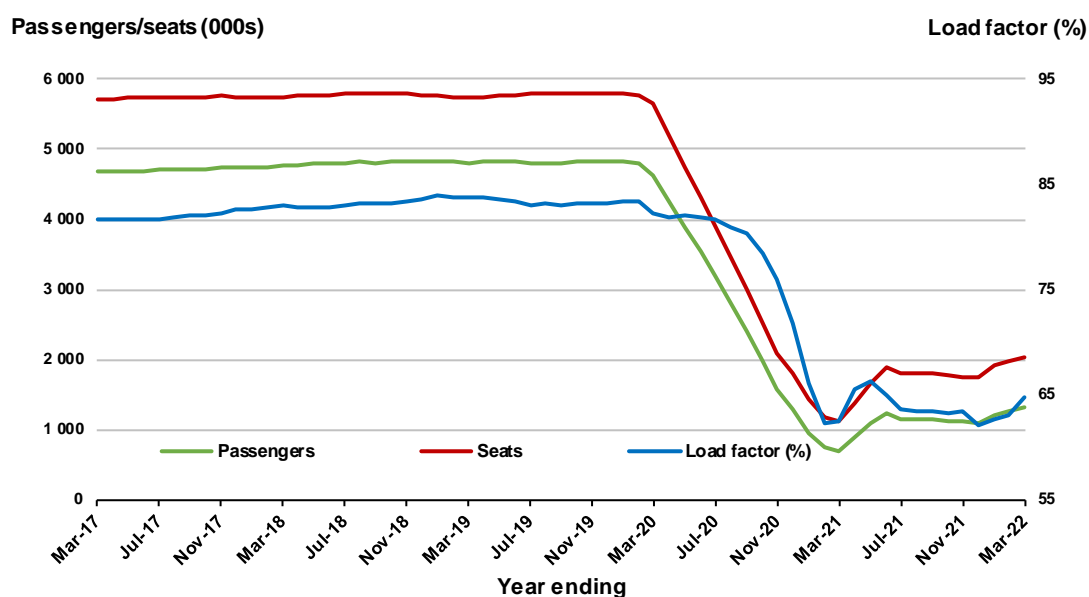
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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	702.8	1 321.0	88.0
Seats (000s)	1 124.5	2 041.2	81.5
Load factor %	62.5	64.7	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	8 706	13 839	59.0

* percentage point difference

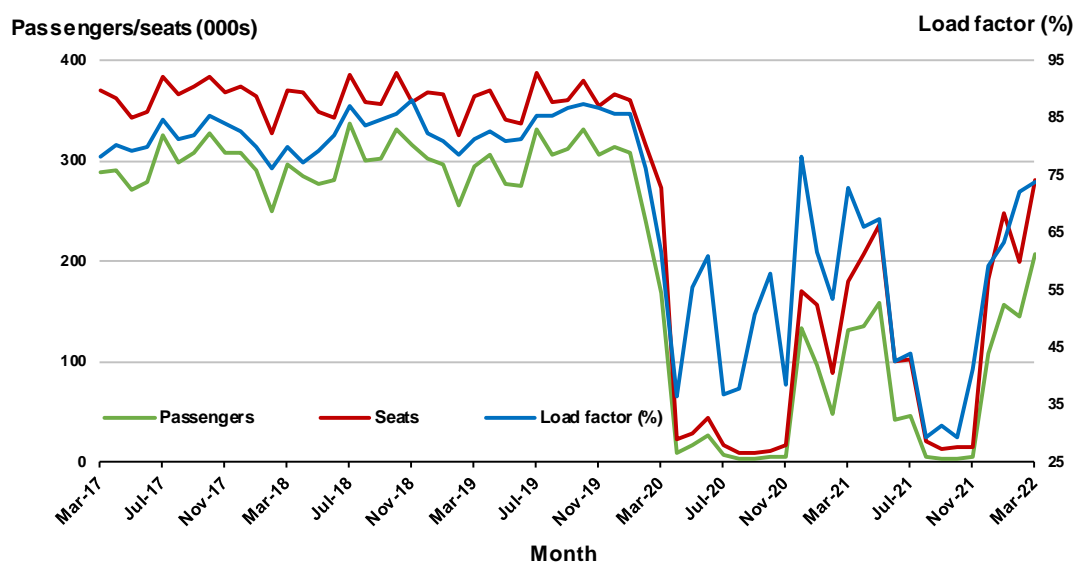


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	131.3	207.7	58.1
Seats (000s)	180.2	281.3	56.2
Load factor %	72.9	73.8	0.9 *
Aircraft trips	1 096	1 704	55.5

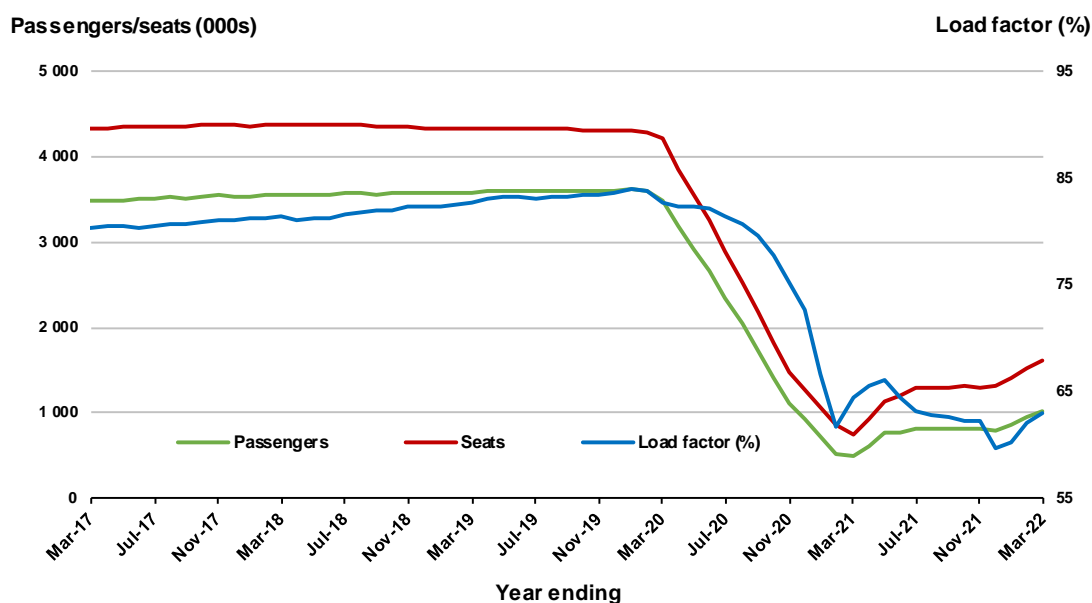
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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	486.0	1 021.9	110.3
Seats (000s)	754.5	1 622.7	115.1
Load factor %	64.4	63.0	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	5 653	10 712	89.5

* percentage point difference



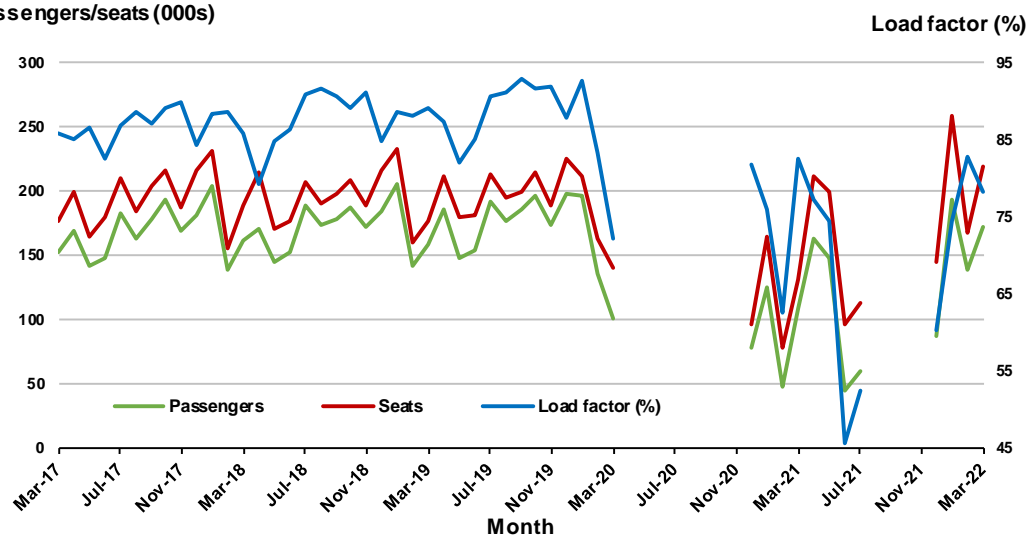
4. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	108.8	172.5	58.6
Seats (000s)	131.6	220.2	67.3
Load factor %	82.7	78.4	-4.3 *
Aircraft trips	689	1 188	72.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



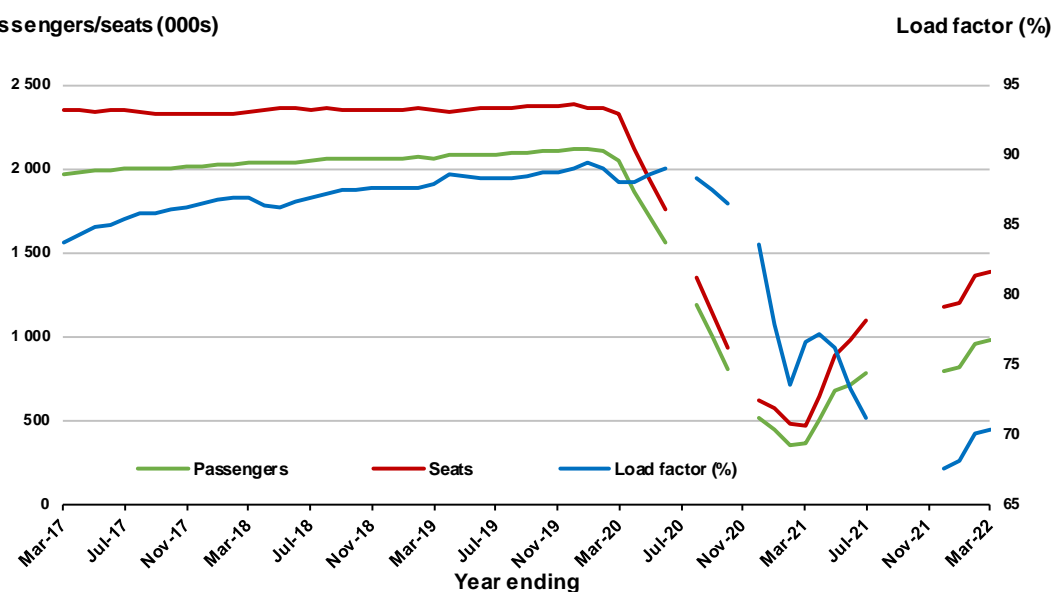
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Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	362.7	975.3	168.9
Seats (000s)	473.7	1 387.1	192.8
Load factor %	76.6	70.3	-6.2 *
Aircraft trips	2 486	7 396	197.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



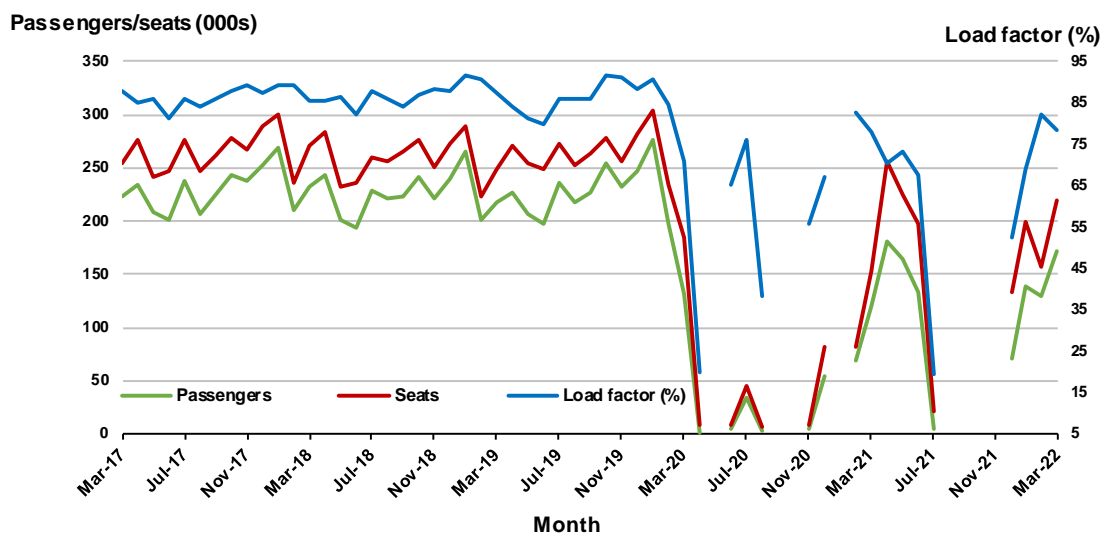
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5. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	120.1	172.1	43.2
Seats (000s)	154.3	219.1	42.0
Load factor %	77.9	78.5	0.6 *
Aircraft trips	880	1 266	43.9

* percentage point difference

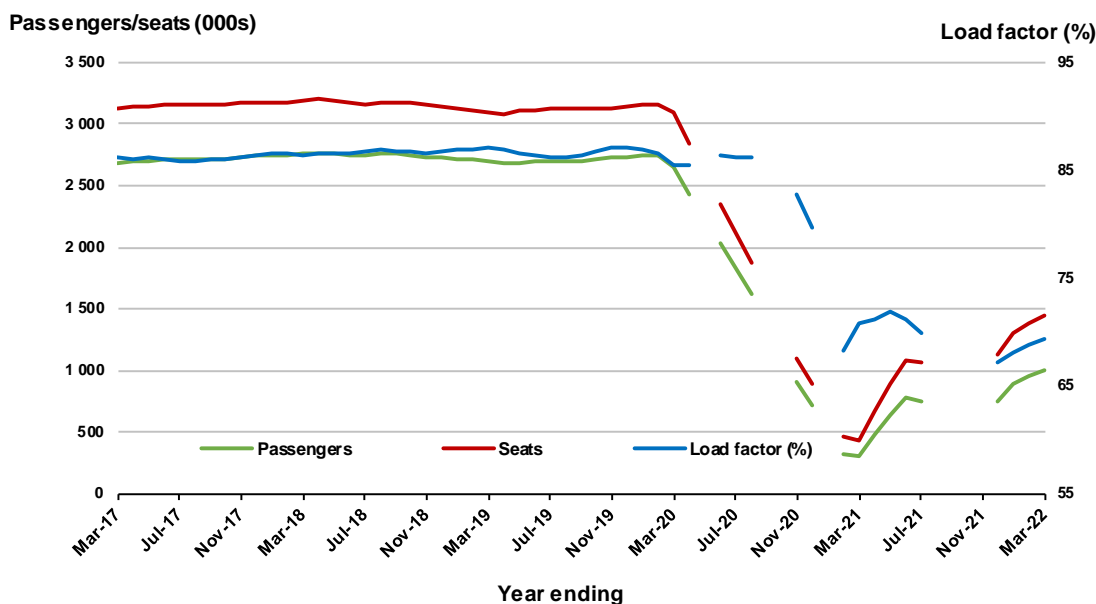


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Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	303.3	999.0	229.4
Seats (000s)	428.8	1 441.8	236.2
Load factor %	70.7	69.3	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 548	8 376	228.7

* percentage point difference



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6. Adelaide - Melbourne

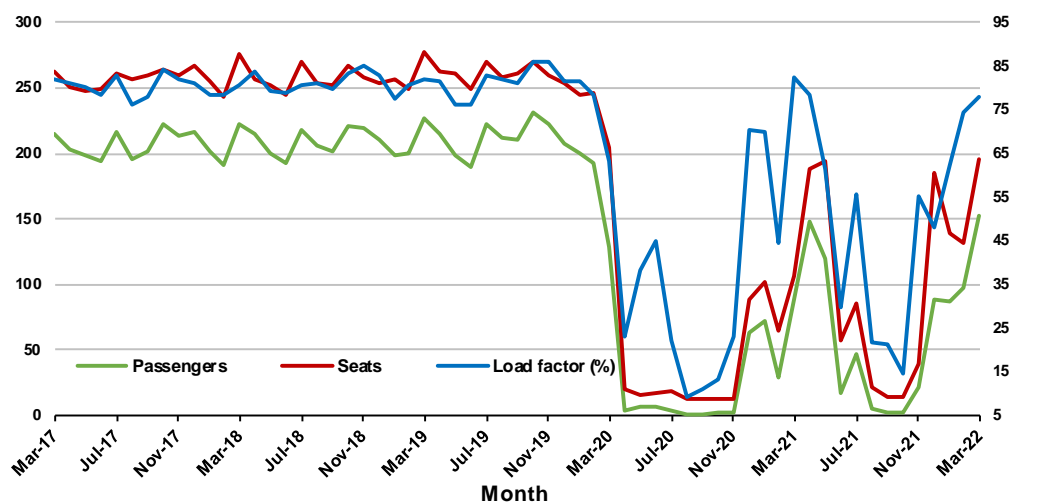
Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	87.8	152.8	73.9
Seats (000s)	106.5	196.1	84.2
Load factor %	82.5	77.9	-4.6 *
Aircraft trips	706	1 202	70.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)



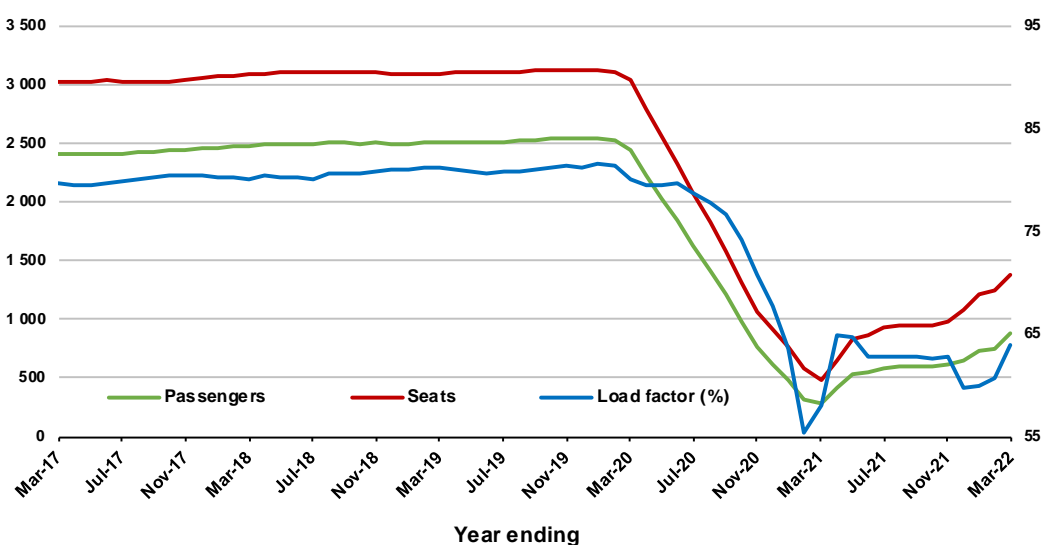
Moving annual data

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	280.6	877.4	212.7
Seats (000s)	483.7	1 373.6	184.0
Load factor %	58.0	63.9	5.9 *
Aircraft trips	3 920	8 964	128.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)

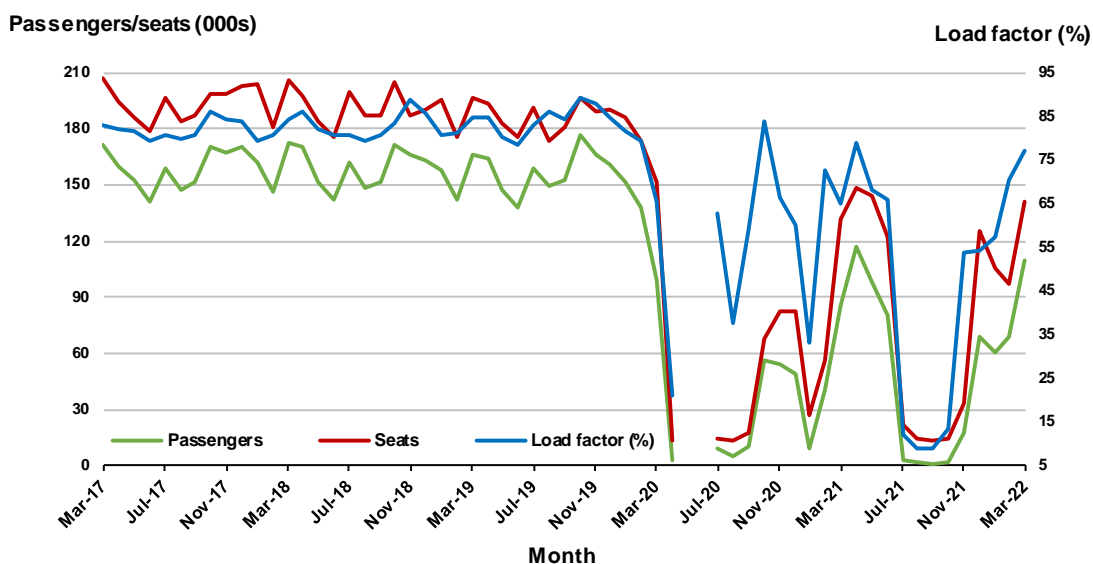


7. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	85.8	109.1	27.2
Seats (000s)	131.6	141.2	7.3
Load factor %	65.2	77.3	12.1 *
Aircraft trips	798	852	6.8

* percentage point difference

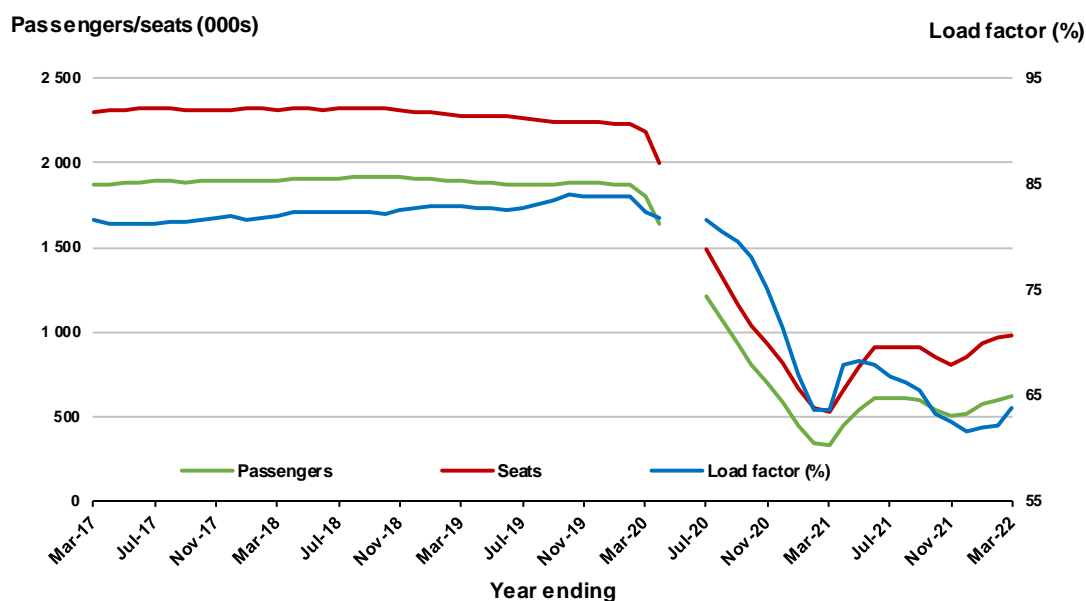


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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	336.3	626.8	86.4
Seats (000s)	528.4	980.6	85.6
Load factor %	63.6	63.9	0.3 *
Aircraft trips	3 583	6 058	69.1

* percentage point difference



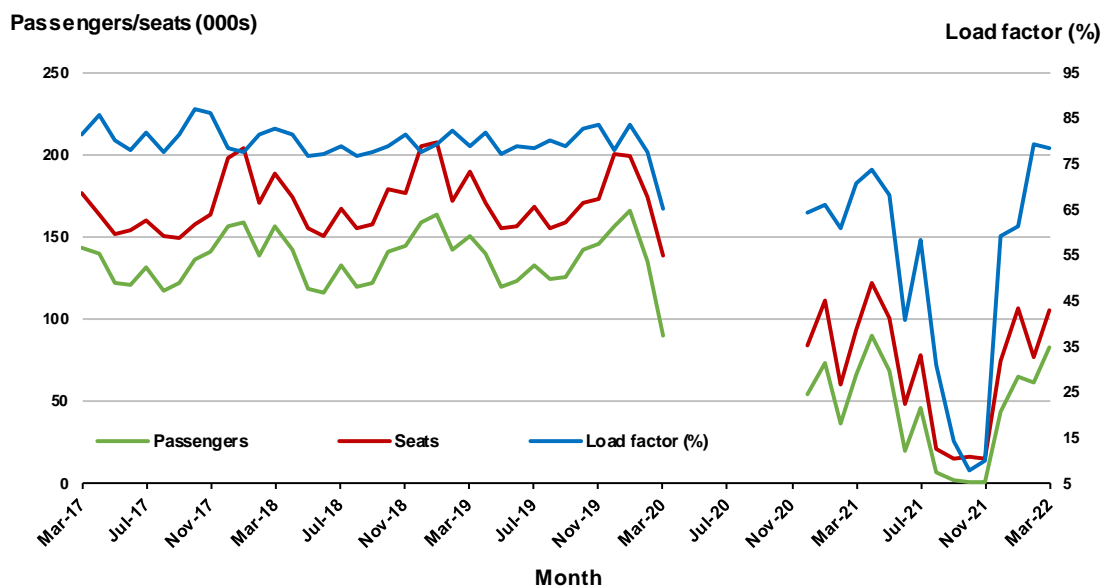
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8. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	66.6	83.2	24.8
Seats (000s)	94.0	105.8	12.6
Load factor %	70.9	78.6	7.7 *
Aircraft trips	588	670	13.9

* percentage point difference

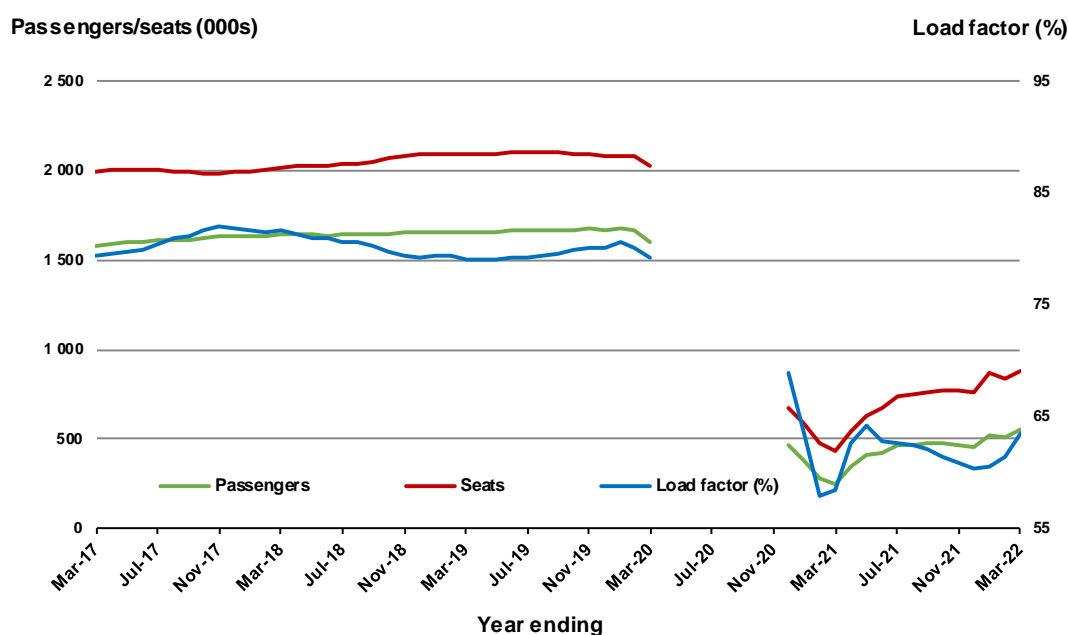


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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	251.7	558.4	121.9
Seats (000s)	430.9	878.4	103.9
Load factor %	58.4	63.6	5.2 *
Aircraft trips	2 739	5 500	100.8

* percentage point difference



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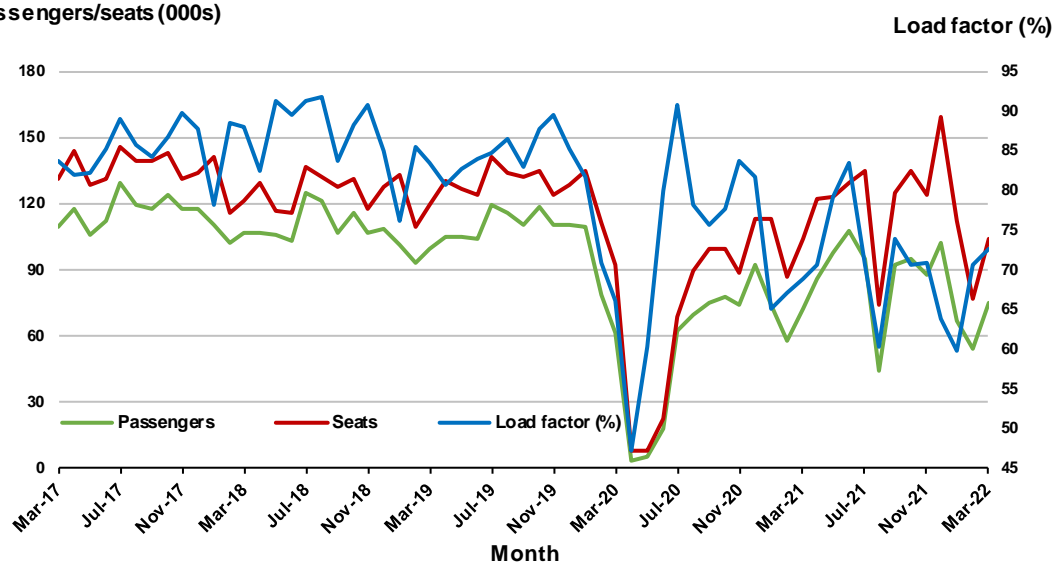
9. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	72.0	75.4	4.7
Seats (000s)	104.3	103.8	-0.5
Load factor %	69.0	72.6	3.6 *
Aircraft trips	675	709	5.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

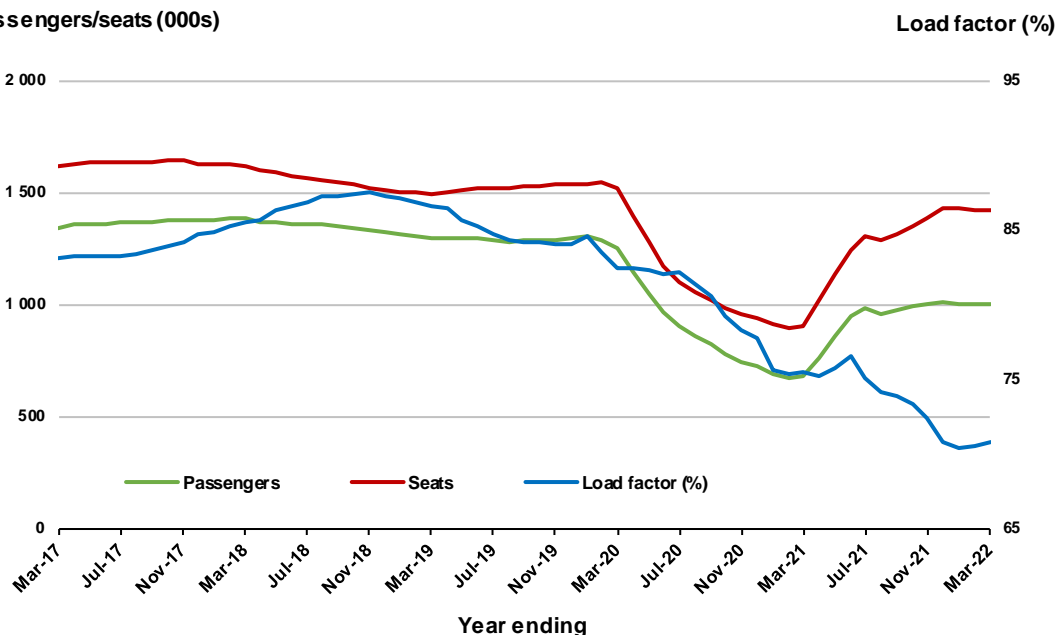


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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	682.8	1 005.0	47.2
Seats (000s)	904.5	1 419.4	56.9
Load factor %	75.5	70.8	-4.7 *
Aircraft trips	6 343	8 985	41.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

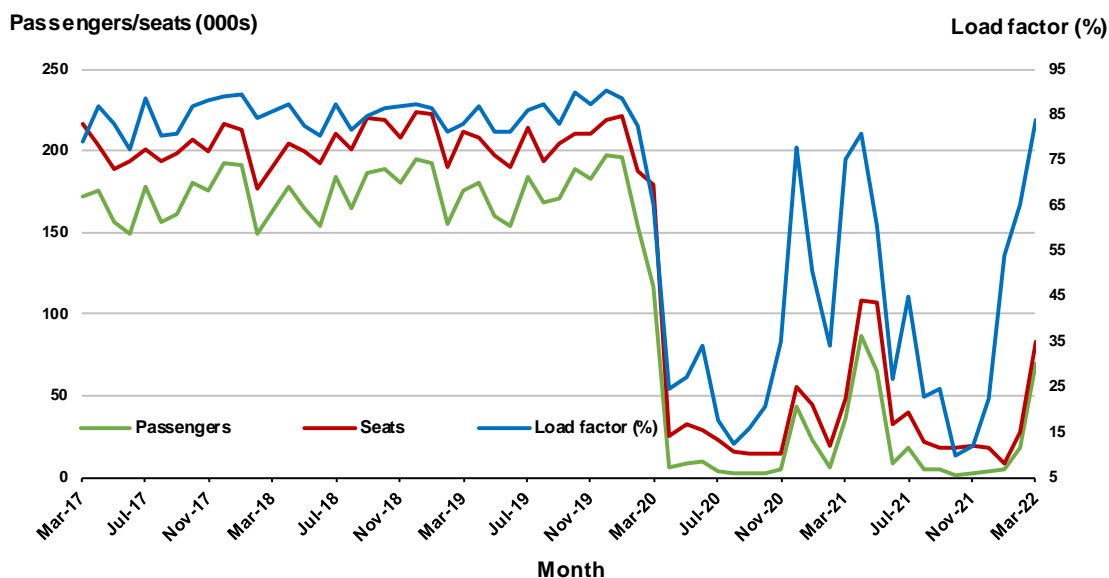


10. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	36.5	69.5	90.3
Seats (000s)	48.6	83.1	70.9
Load factor %	75.1	83.6	8.5 *
Aircraft trips	343	484	41.1

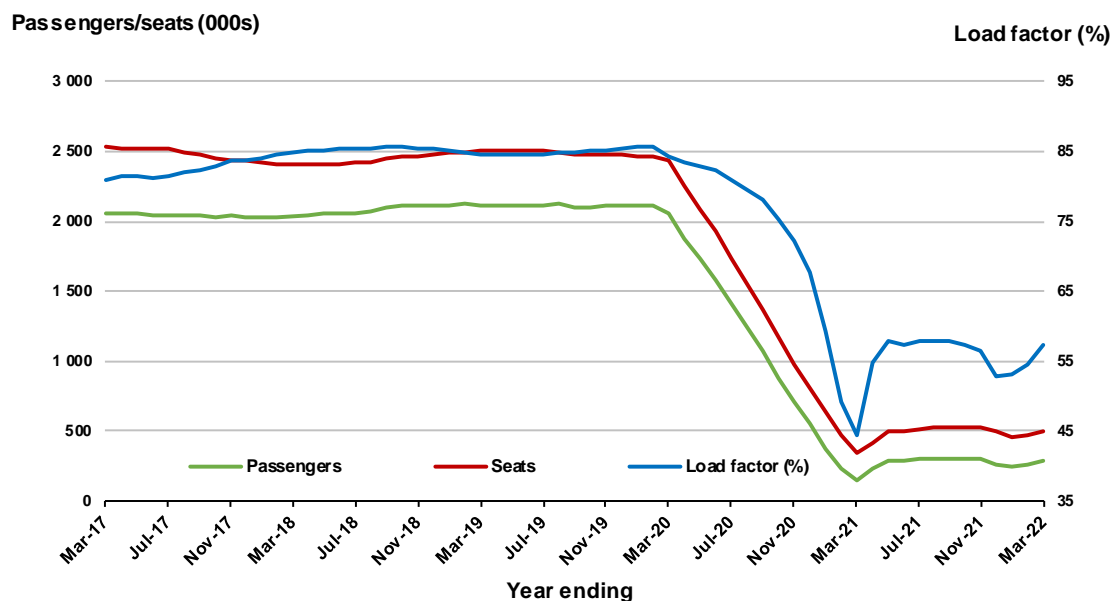
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	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	150.0	287.8	91.8
Seats (000s)	338.6	501.3	48.1
Load factor %	44.3	57.4	13.1 *
Aircraft trips	2 645	3 789	43.3

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	185.5	222.1	19.8
2 Hobart	153.4	176.0	14.7
3 Townsville	94.5	106.7	12.9
4 Darwin	82.5	104.1	26.2
5 Launceston	82.4	90.5	9.9
6 Newcastle	63.8	78.9	23.8
7 Mackay	57.1	60.1	5.2
8 Ballina	56.5	43.7	- 22.6
9 Hamilton Island	35.5	39.1	10.4
10 Rockhampton	37.1	37.6	1.2
11 Port Hedland	30.4	36.6	20.4
12 Karratha	34.4	36.3	5.7
13 Proserpine	28.5	33.8	18.8
14 Newman	31.0	28.4	- 8.3
15 Kalgoorlie	22.6	23.8	5.0
16 Broome	24.3	22.5	- 7.4
17 Coffs Harbour	16.5	22.3	35.1
18 Alice Springs	25.3	18.9	- 25.2
19 Mount Isa	16.1	17.9	11.0
20 Paraburdoo	17.2	17.3	0.1
21 Dubbo	12.9	16.9	30.4
22 Albury	10.8	16.3	51.4
23 Gladstone	12.8	15.8	23.6
24 Port Lincoln	13.2	15.3	15.8
25 Mildura	8.6	14.7	70.5
26 Emerald	13.7	12.9	- 5.8
27 Wagga Wagga	8.8	12.8	45.8
28 Port Macquarie	7.2	11.9	65.4
29 Ayers Rock	10.2	11.3	11.0
30 Tamworth	8.6	10.9	27.2
31 Hervey Bay	5.3	10.4	95.7
32 Bundaberg	6.9	9.0	30.7
33 Moranbah	6.6	8.5	29.5
34 Orange	5.6	7.9	41.3
35 Olympic Dam	5.6	7.9	41.2
36 Armidale	5.1	7.6	48.8
37 Thursday Island	6.4	7.0	8.9
38 Kununurra	6.2	6.9	10.9
39 Weipa	6.5	6.9	7.1
40 Devonport	6.3	6.8	8.1
41 Geraldton	6.5	6.7	1.9
42 Narrandera	2.9	6.6	126.5
43 Mount Gambier	2.8	6.1	119.7
44 Burnie	2.3	5.9	156.6
45 Learmonth	6.9	5.7	- 16.8
46 King Island	5.2	5.7	9.6
47 Gove	4.3	5.5	27.9
48 Cloncurry	4.1	5.4	31.5
49 Griffith	3.5	5.3	50.8
50 Roma	4.3	4.9	12.5
Total top 50 regional airports	1 304.9	1 492.4	14.4
Total regional airports	1 398.3	1 584.2	13.3
Total domestic network	5 600.9	7 193.9	28.4

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 Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	1 309.4	2 420.2	84.8
2 Hobart	595.4	1 342.1	125.4
3 Townsville	686.1	1 120.8	63.4
4 Darwin	571.5	1 119.3	95.8
5 Launceston	317.6	659.5	107.7
6 Mackay	414.1	648.2	56.5
7 Ballina	445.8	517.5	16.1
8 Newcastle	269.8	499.7	85.2
9 Karratha	254.0	439.5	73.0
10 Broome	241.7	415.5	71.9
11 Rockhampton	251.2	398.9	58.8
12 Port Hedland	194.6	384.0	97.4
13 Hamilton Island	169.8	349.2	105.6
14 Proserpine	190.1	333.1	75.2
15 Newman	165.8	321.9	94.1
16 Kalgoorlie	152.7	264.1	73.0
17 Alice Springs	190.2	239.8	26.1
18 Paraburdoo	107.5	195.8	82.2
19 Mount Isa	138.0	188.0	36.2
20 Coffs Harbour	77.5	162.7	110.0
21 Emerald	85.5	145.1	69.7
22 Gladstone	91.3	144.4	58.1
23 Port Lincoln	81.7	144.2	76.5
24 Dubbo	69.5	109.5	57.6
25 Kununurra	54.3	106.4	96.0
26 Learmonth	58.2	92.1	58.3
27 Olympic Dam	41.0	92.1	124.5
28 Albury	40.6	91.6	125.4
29 Thursday Island	61.3	91.4	49.1
30 Mildura	32.8	91.0	177.7
31 Moranbah	37.0	86.3	133.2
32 Geraldton	34.3	78.6	129.1
33 Port Macquarie	33.4	78.0	133.9
34 Wagga Wagga	40.2	76.9	91.1
35 Bundaberg	41.8	75.9	81.4
36 Weipa	42.1	75.7	79.6
37 Ayers Rock	32.4	71.6	121.0
38 Hervey Bay	19.4	64.8	233.5
39 Tamworth	32.1	64.8	101.7
40 Gove	45.5	56.1	23.2
41 Cloncurry	27.6	55.4	101.1
42 Albany	28.9	50.6	75.2
43 Armidale	22.9	48.8	113.0
44 Roma	30.7	48.7	58.9
45 Esperance	28.2	48.5	71.8
46 Whyalla	24.2	46.8	93.3
47 Orange	20.4	46.6	128.8
48 Mount Gambier	12.9	46.2	257.2
49 Groote Eylandt	18.2	45.5	150.0
50 King Island	29.6	44.7	50.9
Total top 50 regional airports	7 960.9	14 338.1	80.1
Total regional airports	8 613.6	15 283.1	77.4
Total domestic network	25 967.1	52 068.2	100.5

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

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	310 684	310 641	0.0
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5 780	5 937	2.7

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

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

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3 257 635	3 363 689	3.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	68 463	63 329	-7.5

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	621 368	621 282	0.0
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	11 560	11 874	2.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	235 403	228 135	-3.1
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 879	4 075	5.1

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

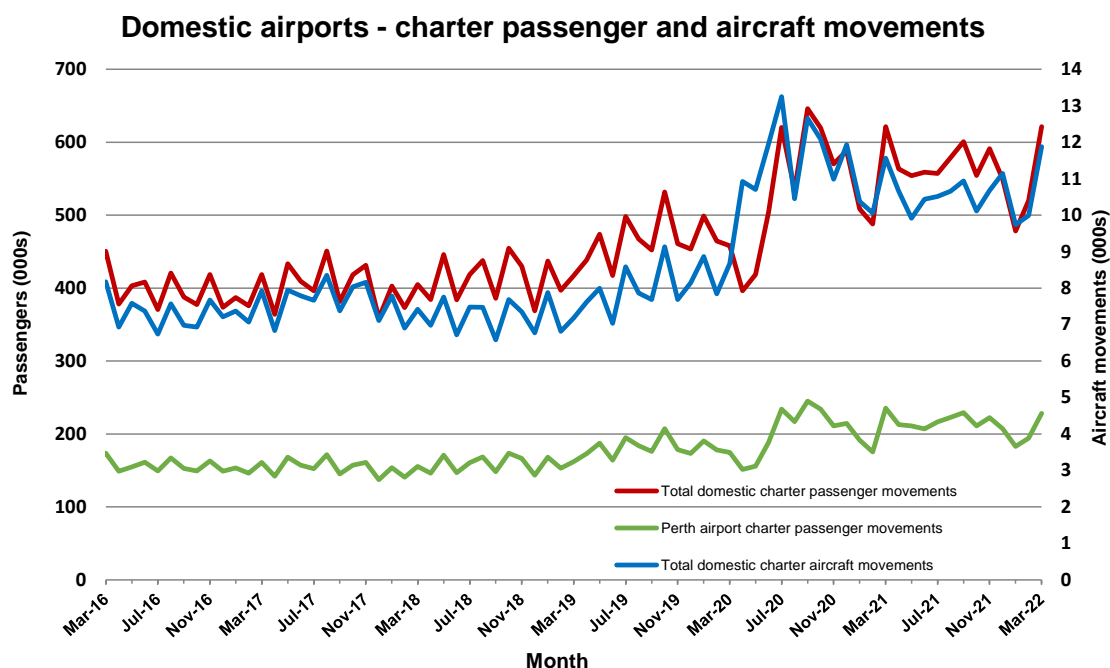
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Mar 2021	YE Mar 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6 515 270	6 727 378	3.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	136 926	126 658	-7.5
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 452 827	2 544 828	3.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	45 121	43 630	-3.3

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

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



DEFINITIONS

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