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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of November 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 exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the month of November 2020, there were 26 such routes.

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

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 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

Travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak have resulted in severe disruptions to domestic air travel since April 2020.

There were 1.4 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in November 2020, a decrease of 74.6 per cent on November 2019. For the month of November 2020, there were 26.1 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 53.8 per cent compared to November 2019.

1.1 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in November 2020, a decrease of 79.0 per cent on November 2019.

For the year ending November 2020 there were 22.5 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 63.2 per cent on the year ending November 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 1.23 billion for the month, down 79.6 per cent compared with November 2019. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 72.4 per cent compared with November 2019 to a total of 1.98 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 83.8 per cent in November 2019 to 62.0 per cent in November 2020. Load factors decreased on 25 individual RPT routes of the 26 RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years. Brisbane – Hobart was the only route to show an increased load factor in November 2020 (up 4.6 percentage points).

In November 2020, most published routes recorded significant decreases in the number of passengers carried compared with November 2019.

For the month of November 2020, Brisbane – Cairns was Australia's busiest RPT route with 74.5 thousand passengers, a decrease of 32.8 per cent compared with November 2019. It was followed by Melbourne – Sydney with 58.4 thousand passengers (down 92.7 per cent) and Adelaide – Sydney with 54.5 thousand passengers (down 67.1 per cent).

Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 442.0 thousand passenger movements in November 2020 (down 70.5 per cent), followed by Sydney with 306.7 thousand passenger movements (down 87.1 per cent) and Perth with 205.6 thousand passenger movements (down 70.8 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 34.6 thousand tonnes in November 2020, a decrease of 13.1 per cent compared with November 2019.

In November 2020, there were 899.3 thousand domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 57.4 per cent less than in November 2019. Most published regional airports recorded large decreases compared with November 2019.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 284.9 thousand passengers in November 2020, an increase of 23.6 per cent on November 2019. The largest increases were on major mining routes which also have RPT services. Perth Airport accounted for 37.1 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.49	1.39	-74.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	56.5	26.1	-53.8

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

RPT NETWORK

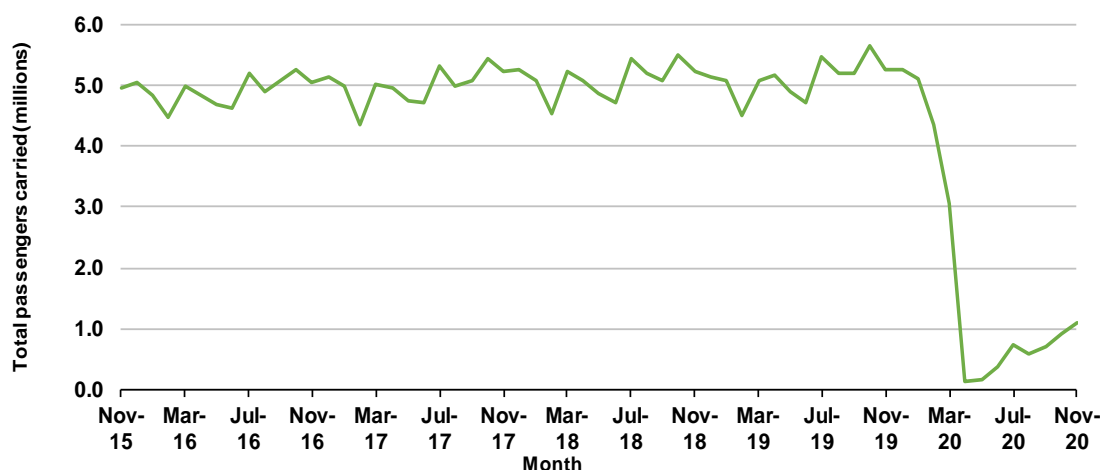
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.26	1.11	-79.0
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.02	1.23	-79.6
Available seats (millions)	6.38	1.80	-71.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.18	1.98	-72.4
Load factor %	83.8	62.0	-21.8 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	52.6	20.6	-60.8

* percentage point difference

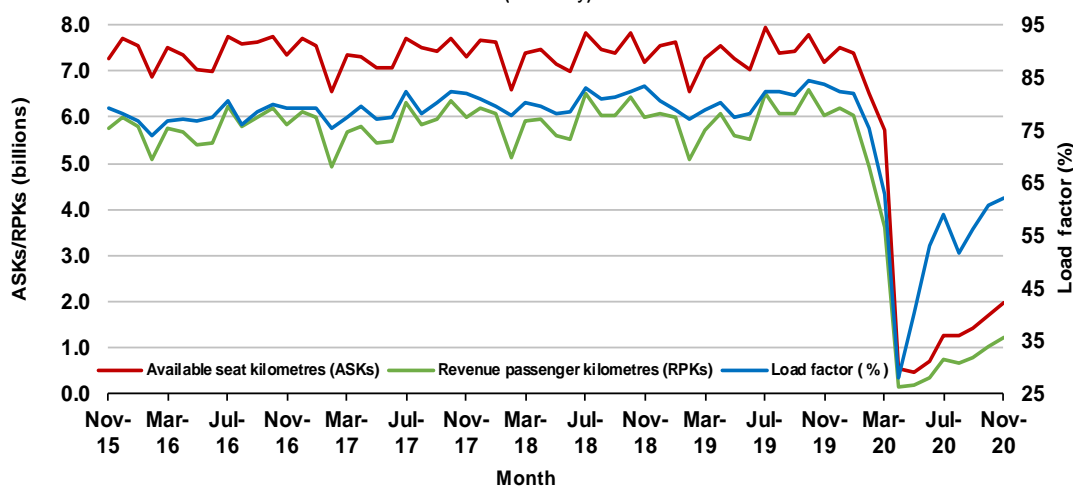
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.96	25.61	-60.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	682.4	367.5	-46.2

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

RPT NETWORK

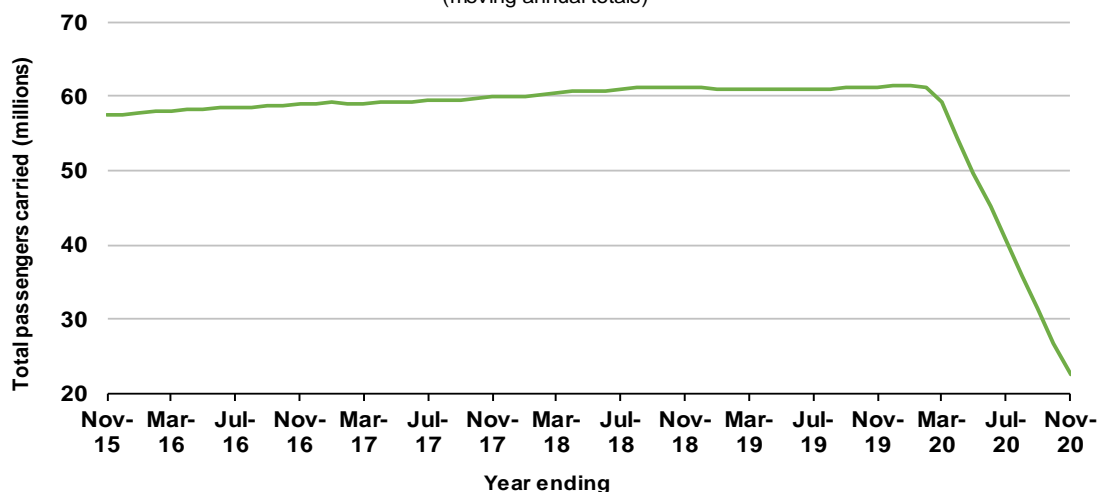
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.28	22.52	-63.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.38	25.96	-63.6
Available seats (millions)	77.71	32.26	-58.5
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.56	36.51	-58.8
Load factor %	80.6	71.1	-9.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	636.3	304.2	-52.2

* percentage point difference

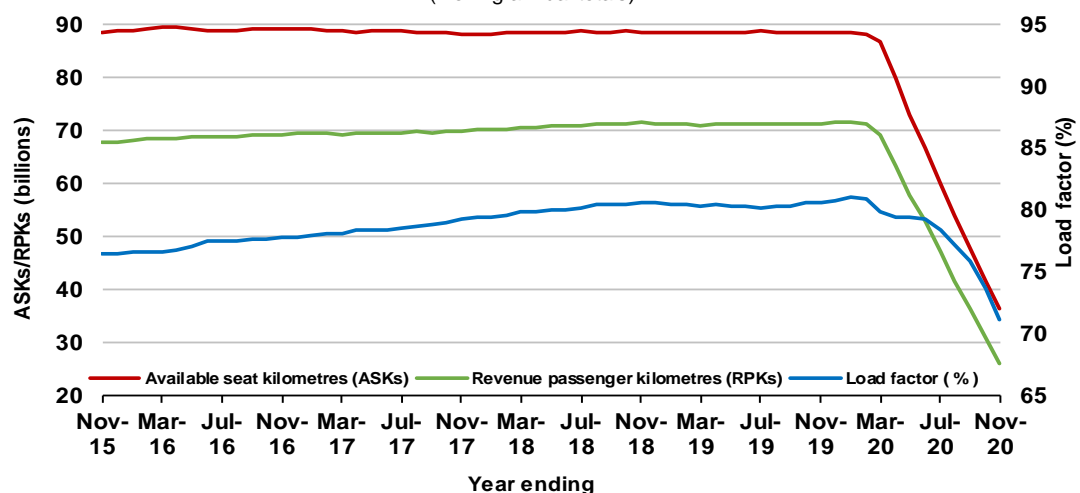
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 172.0	2 823.6	-69.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 819.4	1 587.6	-67.1
3	Brisbane - Cairns	1 291.2	746.3	-42.2
4	Adelaide - Sydney	1 880.7	688.6	-63.4
5	Brisbane - Townsville	1 011.9	535.7	-47.1
6	Brisbane - Mackay	770.7	417.4	-45.8
7	Adelaide - Brisbane	871.2	406.3	-53.4
8	Brisbane - Perth	954.2	347.9	-63.5
9	Ballina - Sydney	433.8	342.4	-21.1
10	Karratha - Perth	460.8	280.8	-39.1
11	Hobart - Sydney	724.5	274.1	-62.2
12	Brisbane - Rockhampton	537.0	269.6	-49.8
13	Brisbane - Canberra	655.1	265.0	-59.5
14	Broome - Perth	330.1	223.1	-32.4
15	Perth - Port Hedland	375.3	215.1	-42.7
16	Brisbane - Newcastle	602.8	207.6	-65.6
17	Newman - Perth	342.4	169.8	-50.4
18	Brisbane - Proserpine	255.3	167.3	-34.5
19	Brisbane - Darwin	356.2	163.2	-54.2
20	Kalgoorlie - Perth	279.1	160.5	-42.5
21	Launceston - Sydney	293.4	114.3	-61.0
22	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	326.5	103.7	-68.2
23	Brisbane - Hobart	241.2	98.3	-59.3
24	Brisbane - Gladstone	247.5	94.1	-62.0
25	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	132.0	76.0	-42.4
26	Brisbane - Mount Isa	139.6	53.2	-61.9
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 596.5	..	NA
28	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 725.1	..	NA
29	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 540.7	..	NA
30	Melbourne - Perth	2 107.4	..	NA
31	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 108.6	..	NA
32	Hobart - Melbourne	1 672.1	..	NA
33	Perth - Sydney	1 686.6	..	NA
34	Canberra - Melbourne	1 183.3	..	NA
35	Cairns - Sydney	1 080.2	..	NA
36	Canberra - Sydney	928.5	..	NA
37	Launceston - Melbourne	958.7	..	NA
38	Cairns - Melbourne	861.1	..	NA
39	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	666.8	..	NA
40	Adelaide - Perth	654.9	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	554.3	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	483.3	..	NA
43	Darwin - Melbourne	310.2	..	NA
44	Albury - Sydney	230.2	..	NA
45	Melbourne - Mildura	230.4	..	NA
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	210.7	..	NA
47	Darwin - Sydney	310.1	..	NA
48	Adelaide - Canberra	194.0	..	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	200.4	..	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	182.2	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	%Change
51	Adelaide - Gold Coast	215.0	..	NA
52	Sydney - Tamworth	174.1	..	NA
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	180.1	..	NA
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	171.4	..	NA
55	Port Macquarie - Sydney	190.4	..	NA
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	197.7	..	NA
57	Sydney - Townsville	173.8	..	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	153.8	..	NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	142.5	..	NA
60	Darwin - Perth	174.3	..	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	124.7	..	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	145.6	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	113.2	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	110.3	..	NA
	Total domestic network	61 278.2	22 522.7	-63.2

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	110.8	74.5	-32.8
2	Melbourne - Sydney	800.1	58.4	-92.7
3	Adelaide - Sydney	165.8	54.5	-67.1
4	Ballina - Sydney	34.8	52.5	51.0
5	Brisbane - Townsville	82.4	47.0	-43.0
6	Brisbane - Mackay	66.1	37.1	-44.0
7	Brisbane - Canberra	55.7	30.6	-45.1
8	Karratha - Perth	40.6	30.2	-25.5
9	Broome - Perth	25.0	27.9	11.5
10	Adelaide - Brisbane	75.5	27.5	-63.5
11	Brisbane - Sydney	413.2	26.8	-93.5
12	Brisbane - Rockhampton	45.7	25.7	-43.8
13	Perth - Port Hedland	32.9	24.5	-25.6
14	Hobart - Sydney	67.2	21.4	-68.1
15	Newman - Perth	30.5	20.0	-34.5
16	Brisbane - Proserpine	22.2	19.7	-10.9
17	Brisbane - Newcastle	55.4	19.7	-64.5
18	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	11.7	18.9	61.7
19	Brisbane - Perth	82.6	18.8	-77.3
20	Kalgoorlie - Perth	23.8	18.4	-22.5
21	Brisbane - Darwin	25.7	17.4	-32.4
22	Brisbane - Hobart	21.1	12.2	-42.1
23	Launceston - Sydney	24.4	10.2	-58.0
24	Brisbane - Gladstone	21.6	9.9	-54.2
25	Brisbane - Mount Isa	13.0	8.7	-32.9
26	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	27.8	8.7	-68.6
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	306.7	..	NA
28	Gold Coast - Sydney	233.2	..	NA
29	Adelaide - Melbourne	222.4	..	NA
30	Melbourne - Perth	183.2	..	NA
31	Gold Coast - Melbourne	174.0	..	NA
32	Hobart - Melbourne	145.6	..	NA
33	Perth - Sydney	143.1	..	NA
34	Canberra - Melbourne	109.2	..	NA
35	Cairns - Sydney	89.8	..	NA
36	Canberra - Sydney	88.9	..	NA
37	Launceston - Melbourne	83.1	..	NA
38	Cairns - Melbourne	68.3	..	NA
39	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	58.4	..	NA
40	Adelaide - Perth	57.8	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	48.4	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	40.9	..	NA
43	Darwin - Melbourne	22.1	..	NA
44	Albury - Sydney	20.7	..	NA
45	Melbourne - Mildura	20.0	..	NA
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	19.7	..	NA
47	Darwin - Sydney	19.6	..	NA
48	Adelaide - Canberra	17.9	..	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	17.4	..	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	16.7	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
51	Adelaide - Gold Coast	16.6	..	NA
52	Sydney - Tamworth	16.4	..	NA
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	16.2	..	NA
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	16.1	..	NA
55	Port Macquarie - Sydney	16.0	..	NA
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	14.3	..	NA
57	Sydney - Townsville	13.7	..	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	12.9	..	NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	12.4	..	NA
60	Darwin - Perth	12.4	..	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	11.7	..	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	11.1	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	9.8	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	8.5	..	NA
	Total domestic network	5 257.5	1 106.4	-79.0

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	124.0	89.0	-28.2
2	Melbourne - Sydney	894.4	92.1	-89.7
3	Adelaide - Sydney	189.1	82.2	-56.6
4	Ballina - Sydney	39.3	60.2	53.4
5	Brisbane - Townsville	103.6	61.9	-40.3
6	Brisbane - Mackay	81.7	57.3	-29.8
7	Brisbane - Canberra	72.3	42.0	-42.0
8	Karratha - Perth	66.4	61.5	-7.4
9	Broome - Perth	33.4	40.8	22.1
10	Adelaide - Brisbane	92.6	40.0	-56.8
11	Brisbane - Sydney	476.6	48.1	-89.9
12	Brisbane - Rockhampton	55.8	40.4	-27.7
13	Perth - Port Hedland	49.4	43.6	-11.8
14	Hobart - Sydney	80.4	32.7	-59.3
15	Newman - Perth	47.5	44.1	-7.2
16	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.5	23.9	-6.4
17	Brisbane - Newcastle	70.0	25.3	-63.9
18	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.1	25.0	65.5
19	Brisbane - Perth	93.2	28.9	-69.0
20	Kalgoorlie - Perth	34.0	33.9	-0.4
21	Brisbane - Darwin	32.1	24.2	-24.6
22	Brisbane - Hobart	24.7	13.6	-45.0
23	Launceston - Sydney	27.8	15.7	-43.6
24	Brisbane - Gladstone	31.6	19.9	-37.0
25	Brisbane - Mount Isa	16.5	19.3	17.1
26	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	34.9	15.2	-56.4
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	353.9	..	NA
28	Gold Coast - Sydney	255.7	..	NA
29	Adelaide - Melbourne	259.3	..	NA
30	Melbourne - Perth	209.9	..	NA
31	Gold Coast - Melbourne	189.4	..	NA
32	Hobart - Melbourne	173.7	..	NA
33	Perth - Sydney	163.2	..	NA
34	Canberra - Melbourne	150.1	..	NA
35	Cairns - Sydney	98.3	..	NA
36	Canberra - Sydney	109.8	..	NA
37	Launceston - Melbourne	99.3	..	NA
38	Cairns - Melbourne	75.7	..	NA
39	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	67.7	..	NA
40	Adelaide - Perth	70.8	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	53.7	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	46.1	..	NA
43	Darwin - Melbourne	27.4	..	NA
44	Albury - Sydney	28.2	..	NA
45	Melbourne - Mildura	28.7	..	NA
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	24.9	..	NA
47	Darwin - Sydney	27.6	..	NA
48	Adelaide - Canberra	23.6	..	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	25.0	..	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	23.9	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
51	Adelaide - Gold Coast	19.4	..	NA
52	Sydney - Tamworth	23.3	..	NA
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	23.4	..	NA
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	23.7	..	NA
55	Port Macquarie - Sydney	20.4	..	NA
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	19.6	..	NA
57	Sydney - Townsville	17.1	..	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.8	..	NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	20.4	..	NA
60	Darwin - Perth	20.7	..	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	15.4	..	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.4	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	10.9	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	13.5	..	NA
	Total domestic network	6 377.5	1 803.7	-71.7

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Point diff
1	Brisbane - Cairns	89.4	83.7	-5.7
2	Melbourne - Sydney	89.5	63.4	-26.1
3	Adelaide - Sydney	87.7	66.4	-21.3
4	Ballina - Sydney	88.5	87.2	-1.3
5	Brisbane - Townsville	79.6	75.9	-3.7
6	Brisbane - Mackay	81.0	64.6	-16.4
7	Brisbane - Canberra	77.1	72.9	-4.2
8	Karratha - Perth	61.1	49.2	-11.9
9	Broome - Perth	75.0	68.5	-6.5
10	Adelaide - Brisbane	81.5	68.9	-12.6
11	Brisbane - Sydney	86.7	55.7	-31.0
12	Brisbane - Rockhampton	81.9	63.7	-18.2
13	Perth - Port Hedland	66.5	56.0	-10.5
14	Hobart - Sydney	83.6	65.5	-18.1
15	Newman - Perth	64.3	45.4	-18.9
16	Brisbane - Proserpine	86.9	82.8	-4.1
17	Brisbane - Newcastle	79.1	77.7	-1.4
18	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	77.3	75.5	-1.8
19	Brisbane - Perth	88.6	65.0	-23.6
20	Kalgoorlie - Perth	69.9	54.4	-15.5
21	Brisbane - Darwin	80.1	71.8	-8.3
22	Brisbane - Hobart	85.4	90.0	4.6
23	Launceston - Sydney	87.8	65.4	-22.4
24	Brisbane - Gladstone	68.2	49.6	-18.6
25	Brisbane - Mount Isa	78.9	45.2	-33.7
26	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	79.6	57.3	-22.3
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	86.7	..	NA
28	Gold Coast - Sydney	91.2	..	NA
29	Adelaide - Melbourne	85.8	..	NA
30	Melbourne - Perth	87.3	..	NA
31	Gold Coast - Melbourne	91.9	..	NA
32	Hobart - Melbourne	83.8	..	NA
33	Perth - Sydney	87.7	..	NA
34	Canberra - Melbourne	72.7	..	NA
35	Cairns - Sydney	91.4	..	NA
36	Canberra - Sydney	81.0	..	NA
37	Launceston - Melbourne	83.7	..	NA
38	Cairns - Melbourne	90.2	..	NA
39	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	86.2	..	NA
40	Adelaide - Perth	81.6	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	90.3	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	88.7	..	NA
43	Darwin - Melbourne	80.9	..	NA
44	Albury - Sydney	73.3	..	NA
45	Melbourne - Mildura	69.5	..	NA
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	79.0	..	NA
47	Darwin - Sydney	70.9	..	NA
48	Adelaide - Canberra	75.5	..	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	69.7	..	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	69.8	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Point diff
51	Adelaide - Gold Coast	85.4	..	NA
52	Sydney - Tamworth	70.4	..	NA
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	69.2	..	NA
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	68.0	..	NA
55	Port Macquarie - Sydney	78.0	..	NA
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	73.0	..	NA
57	Sydney - Townsville	80.1	..	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	68.8	..	NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	60.7	..	NA
60	Darwin - Perth	59.6	..	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	76.3	..	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	76.9	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	89.9	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	62.7	..	NA
	Total domestic network	83.8	62.0	-21.8

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	855	623	-27.1
2	Melbourne - Sydney	5 005	729	-85.4
3	Adelaide - Sydney	1 105	517	-53.2
4	Ballina - Sydney	257	432	68.1
5	Brisbane - Townsville	714	400	-44.0
6	Brisbane - Mackay	637	395	-38.0
7	Brisbane - Canberra	529	303	-42.7
8	Karratha - Perth	488	363	-25.6
9	Broome - Perth	277	278	0.4
10	Adelaide - Brisbane	537	247	-54.0
11	Brisbane - Sydney	2 894	471	-83.7
12	Brisbane - Rockhampton	649	422	-35.0
13	Perth - Port Hedland	374	287	-23.3
14	Hobart - Sydney	492	197	-60.0
15	Newman - Perth	336	276	-17.9
16	Brisbane - Proserpine	144	146	1.4
17	Brisbane - Newcastle	501	193	-61.5
18	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	120	144	20.0
19	Brisbane - Perth	502	166	-66.9
20	Kalgoorlie - Perth	285	249	-12.6
21	Brisbane - Darwin	201	153	-23.9
22	Brisbane - Hobart	139	74	-46.8
23	Launceston - Sydney	154	86	-44.2
24	Brisbane - Gladstone	418	259	-38.0
25	Brisbane - Mount Isa	139	124	-10.8
26	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	384	213	-44.5
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 077	..	NA
28	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 456	..	NA
29	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 574	..	NA
30	Melbourne - Perth	996	..	NA
31	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 005	..	NA
32	Hobart - Melbourne	946	..	NA
33	Perth - Sydney	731	..	NA
34	Canberra - Melbourne	936	..	NA
35	Cairns - Sydney	504	..	NA
36	Canberra - Sydney	1 427	..	NA
37	Launceston - Melbourne	746	..	NA
38	Cairns - Melbourne	390	..	NA
39	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	419	..	NA
40	Adelaide - Perth	455	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	300	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	254	..	NA
43	Darwin - Melbourne	155	..	NA
44	Albury - Sydney	525	..	NA
45	Melbourne - Mildura	404	..	NA
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney	155	..	NA
47	Darwin - Sydney	160	..	NA
48	Adelaide - Canberra	143	..	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	366	..	NA
50	Dubbo - Sydney	508	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
51	Adelaide - Gold Coast	108	..	NA
52	Sydney - Tamworth	386	..	NA
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	468	..	NA
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	616	..	NA
55	Port Macquarie - Sydney	315	..	NA
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	110	..	NA
57	Sydney - Townsville	100	..	NA
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	300	..	NA
59	Cairns - Townsville	324	..	NA
60	Darwin - Perth	120	..	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	369	..	NA
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	118	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	60	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	137	..	NA
	Total domestic network	52 615	20 607	-60.8

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

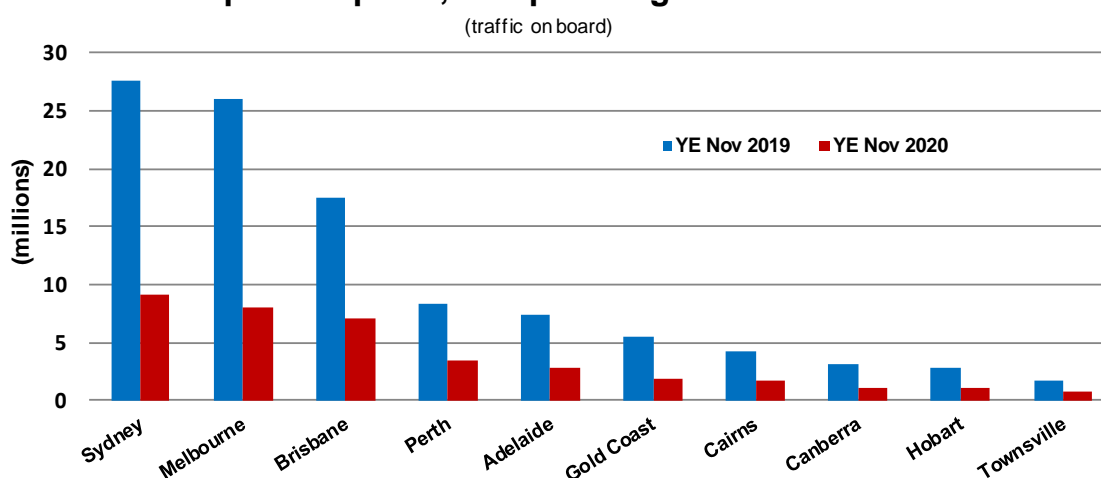
Airport	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	1 499.5	442.0	-70.5	20.0
2 Sydney	2 384.4	306.7	-87.1	13.9
3 Perth	703.0	205.6	-70.8	9.3
4 Adelaide	642.7	144.0	-77.6	6.5
5 Cairns	342.4	124.9	-63.5	5.6
6 Melbourne	2 238.0	98.9	-95.6	4.5
7 Townsville	135.0	69.5	-48.5	3.1
8 Canberra	288.0	67.3	-76.6	3.0
9 Darwin	124.5	64.3	-48.3	2.9
10 Ballina	44.9	55.1	22.6	2.5
Total top ten airports	8 402.4	1 578.3	-81.2	71.3
Total domestic network	10 515.1	2 212.8	-79.0	100.0

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

Airport	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	27 543.6	9 156.7	-66.8	20.3
2 Melbourne	25 955.9	7 998.6	-69.2	17.8
3 Brisbane	17 531.5	7 103.1	-59.5	15.8
4 Perth	8 260.9	3 401.0	-58.8	7.6
5 Adelaide	7 384.7	2 750.3	-62.8	6.1
6 Gold Coast	5 547.9	1 854.2	-66.6	4.1
7 Cairns	4 164.7	1 742.3	-58.2	3.9
8 Canberra	3 141.9	1 033.4	-67.1	2.3
9 Hobart	2 777.1	1 019.7	-63.3	2.3
10 Townsville	1 658.2	814.6	-50.9	1.8
Total top ten airports	103 966.5	36 874.1	-64.5	81.9
Total domestic network	122 556.5	45 045.5	-63.2	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	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	10.4	8.5	-18.7	24.5
2 Sydney	8.8	7.9	-9.8	22.9
3 Brisbane	6.4	5.9	-8.2	17.1
4 Perth	5.2	2.7	-47.5	7.9
5 Adelaide	2.4	2.1	-12.9	6.0
Total top five airports	33.2	27.1	-18.4	78.4
Total domestic network	39.8	34.6	-13.1	100.0

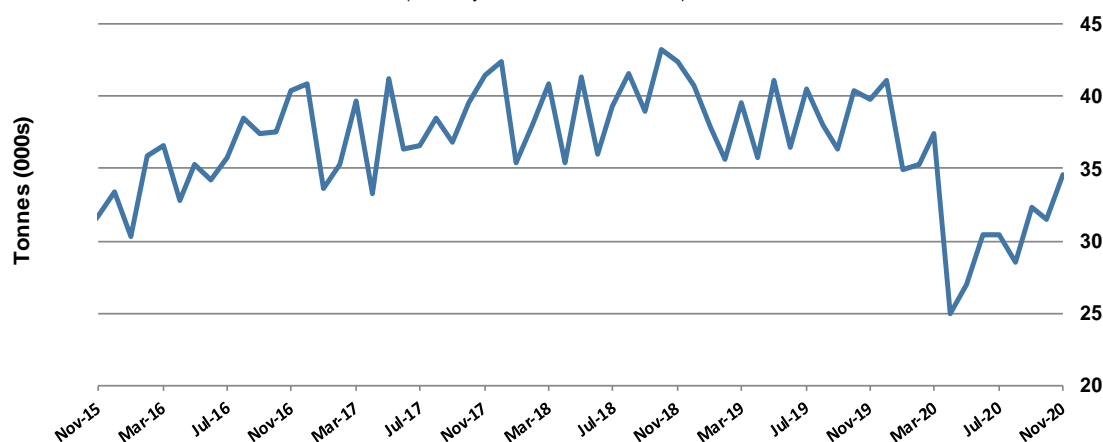
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	122.3	100.6	-17.8	25.9
2 Sydney	99.8	84.3	-15.6	21.7
3 Brisbane	72.7	67.5	-7.2	17.4
4 Perth	61.8	39.7	-35.8	10.2
5 Adelaide	28.5	23.9	-16.0	6.2
Total top five airports	385.2	316.0	-18.0	81.3
Total domestic network	462.4	388.6	-16.0	100.0

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

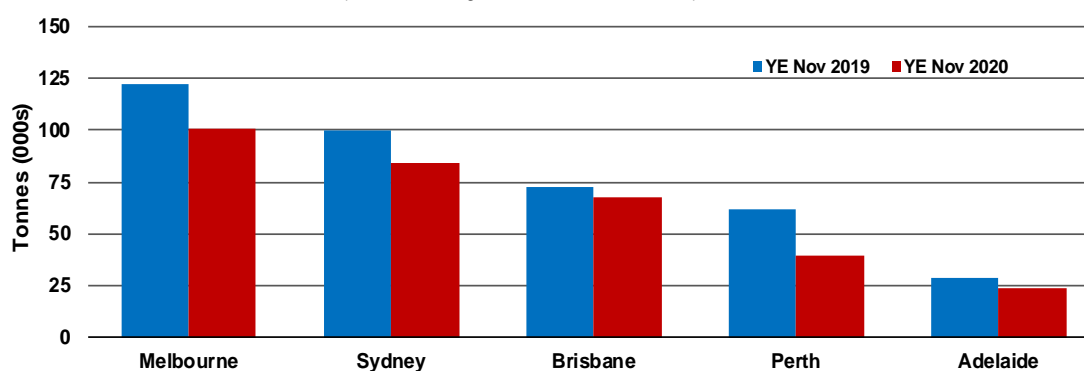
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



TOP TEN ROUTES

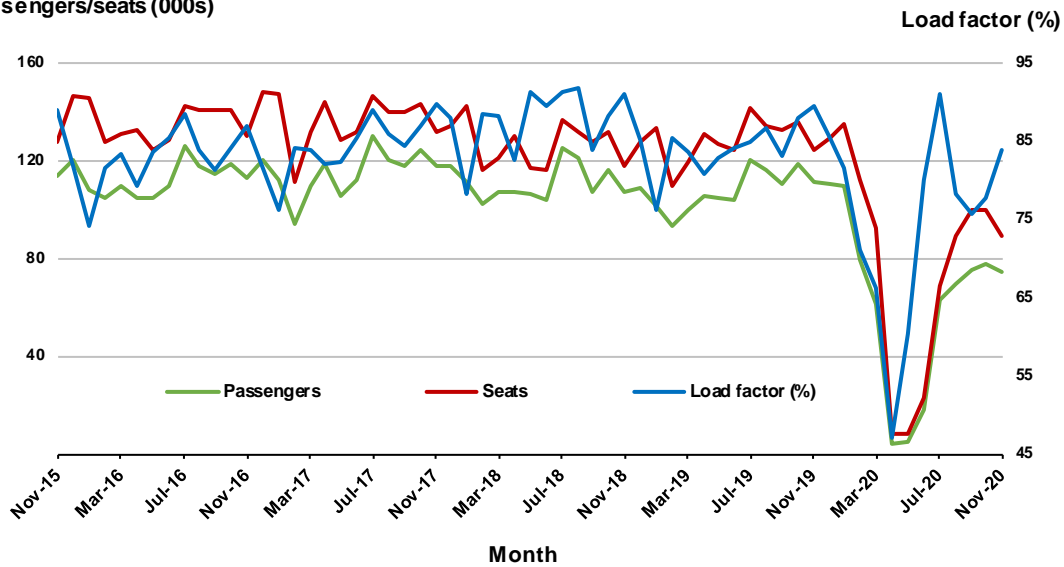
1. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	110.8	74.5	-32.8
Seats (000s)	124.0	89.0	-28.2
Load factor %	89.4	83.7	-5.7 *
Aircraft trips	855	623	-27.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

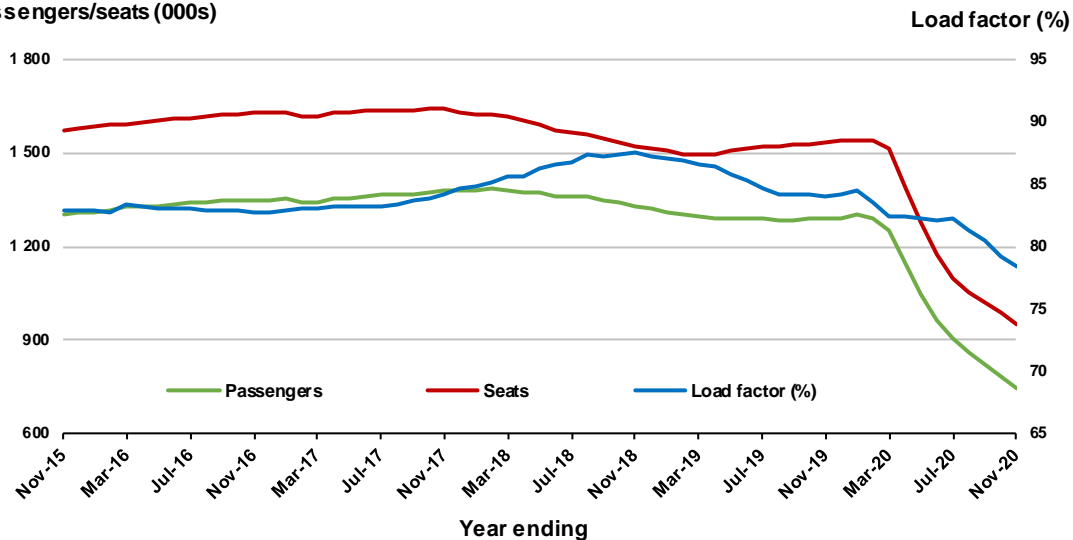


Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 291.2	746.3	-42.2
Seats (000s)	1 535.9	952.6	-38.0
Load factor %	84.1	78.3	-5.7 *
Aircraft trips	10 535	6 948	-34.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

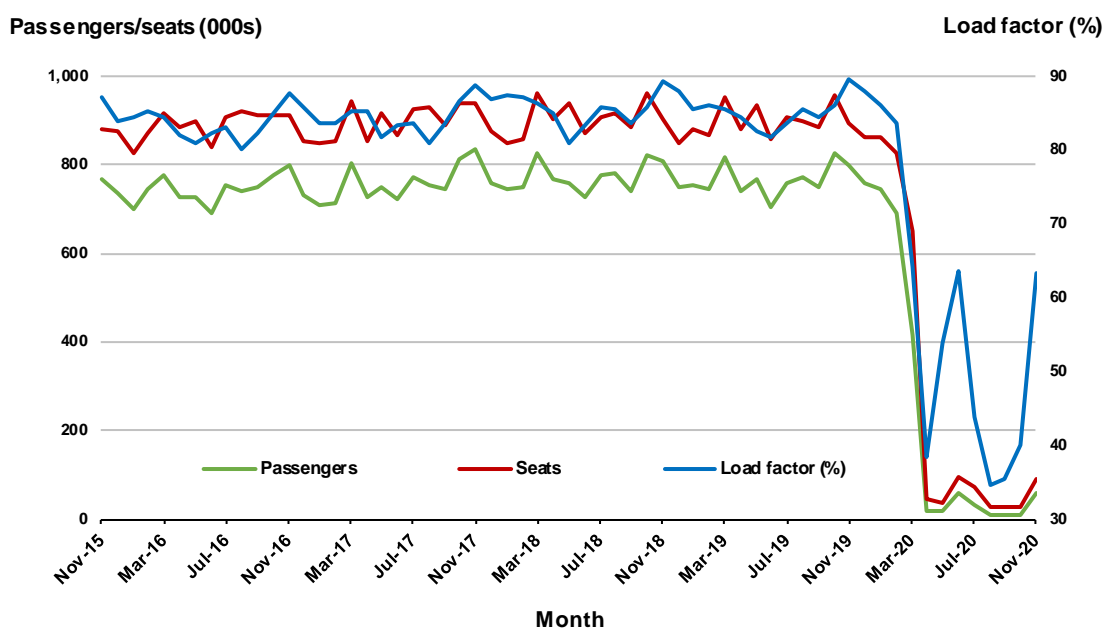


2. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	800.1	58.4	-92.7
Seats (000s)	894.4	92.1	-89.7
Load factor %	89.5	63.4	-26.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 005	729	-85.4

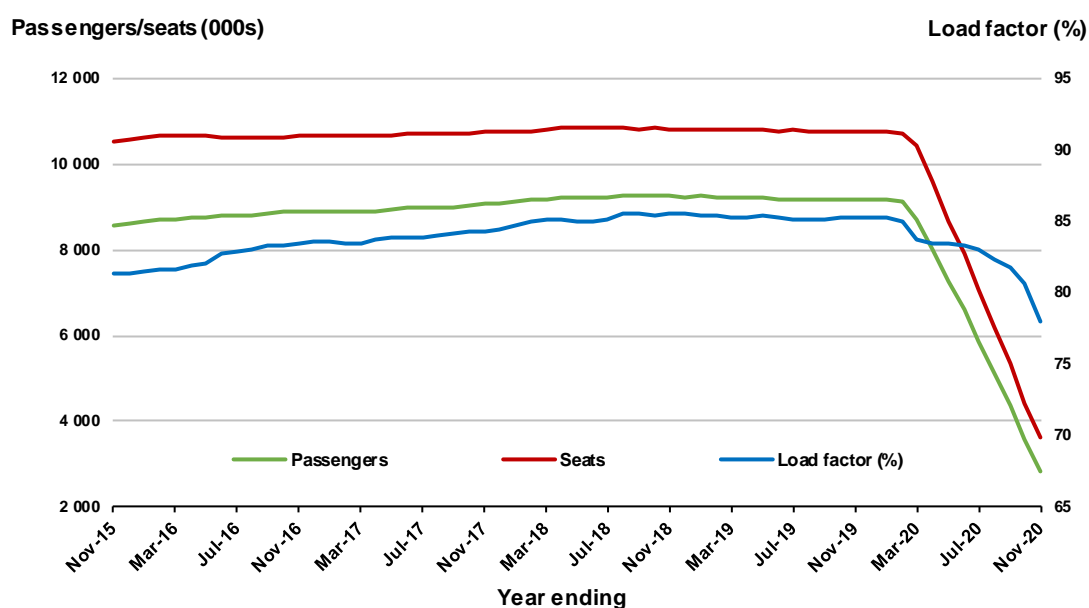
* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	9 172.0	2 823.6	-69.2
Seats (000s)	10 764.8	3 622.7	-66.3
Load factor %	85.2	78.0	-7.2 *
Aircraft trips	60 297	21 997	-63.5

* percentage point difference

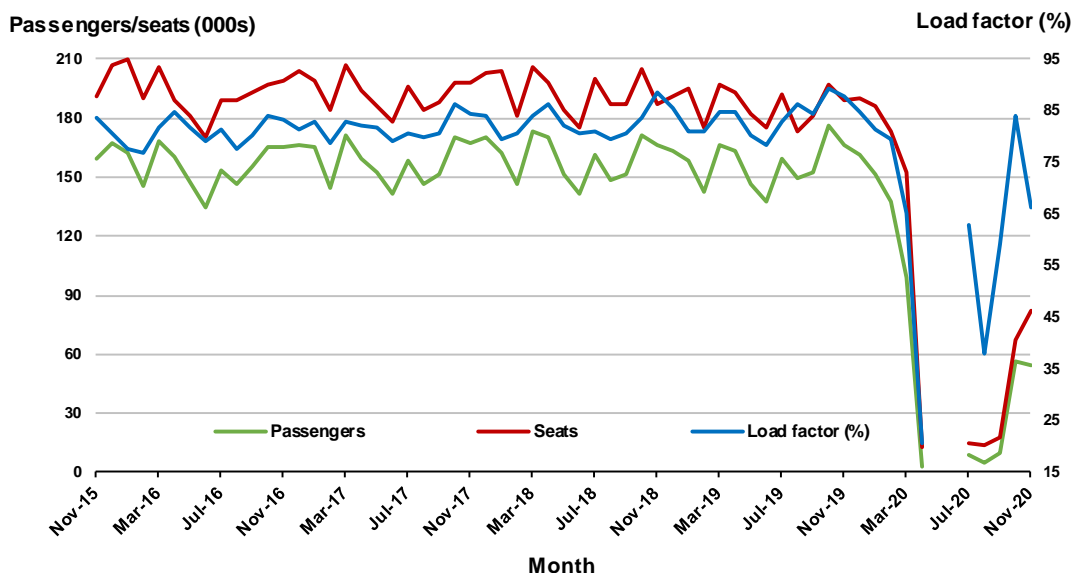


3. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	165.8	54.5	-67.1
Seats (000s)	189.1	82.2	-56.6
Load factor %	87.7	66.4	-21.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 105	517	-53.2

* percentage point difference

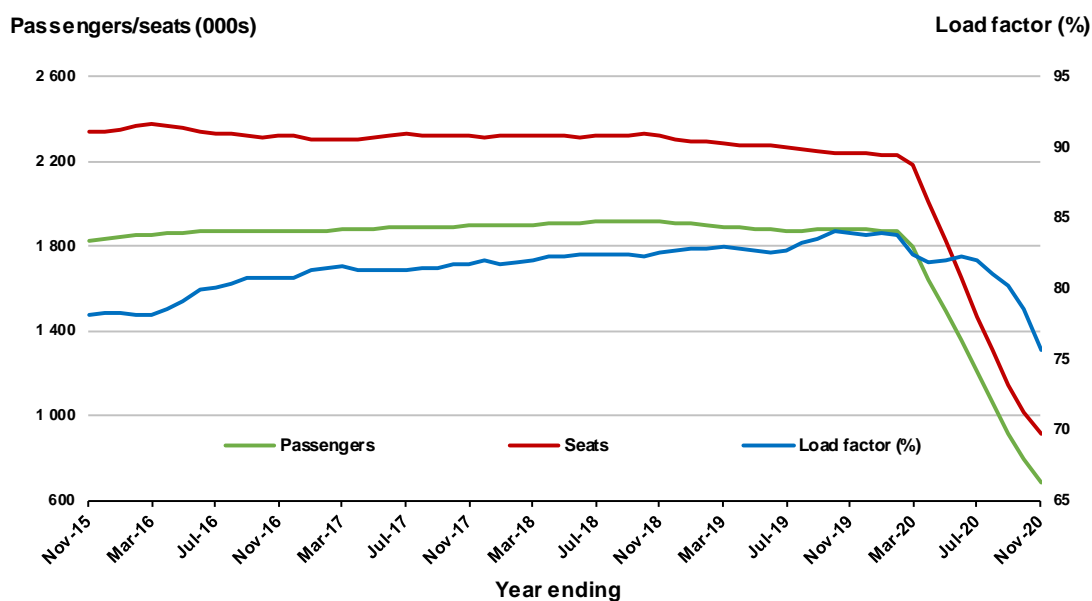


(a) May and June 2020 data not available for release

Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 880.7	688.6	-63.4
Seats (000s)	2 241.2	910.7	-59.4
Load factor %	83.9	75.6	-8.3 *
Aircraft trips	13 251	5 595	-57.8

* percentage point difference

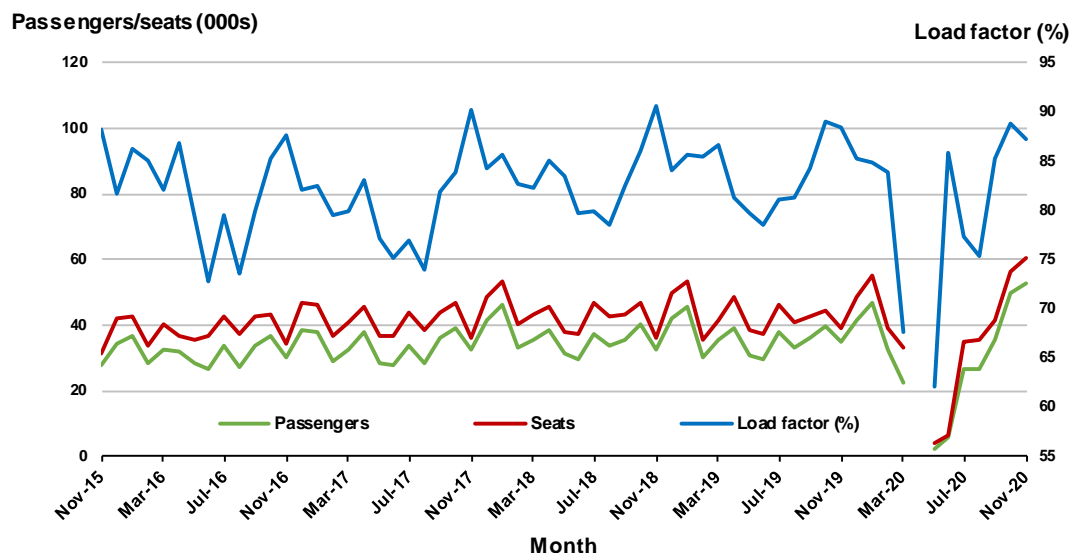


4. Ballina - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	34.8	52.5	51.0
Seats (000s)	39.3	60.2	53.4
Load factor %	88.5	87.2	-1.3 *
Aircraft trips	257	432	68.1

* percentage point difference

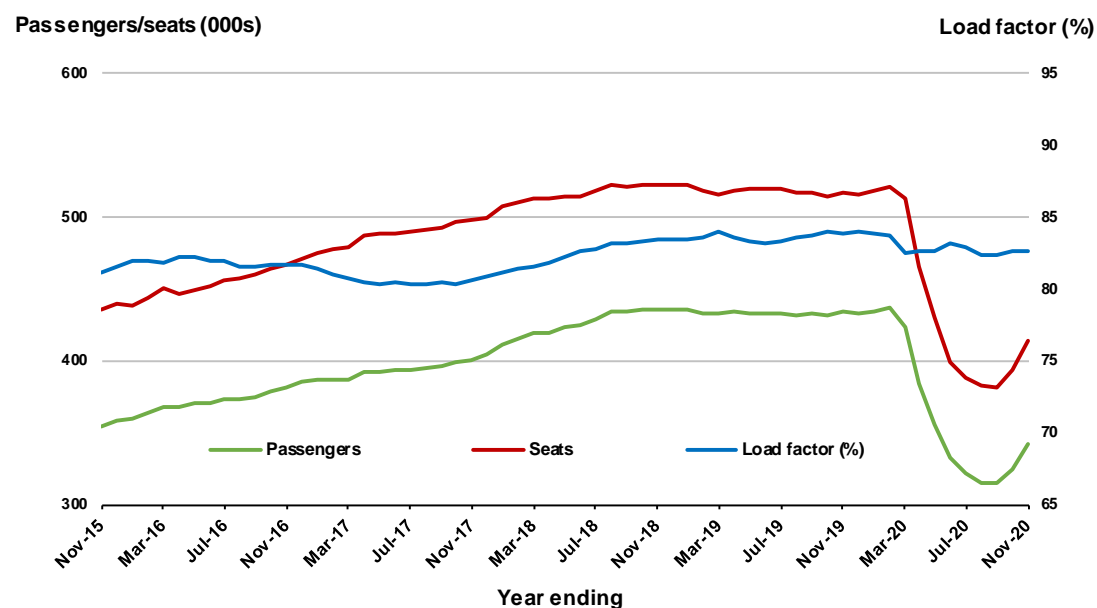


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	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	433.8	342.4	-21.1
Seats (000s)	517.4	414.1	-20.0
Load factor %	83.8	82.7	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	3 303	2 876	-12.9

* percentage point difference



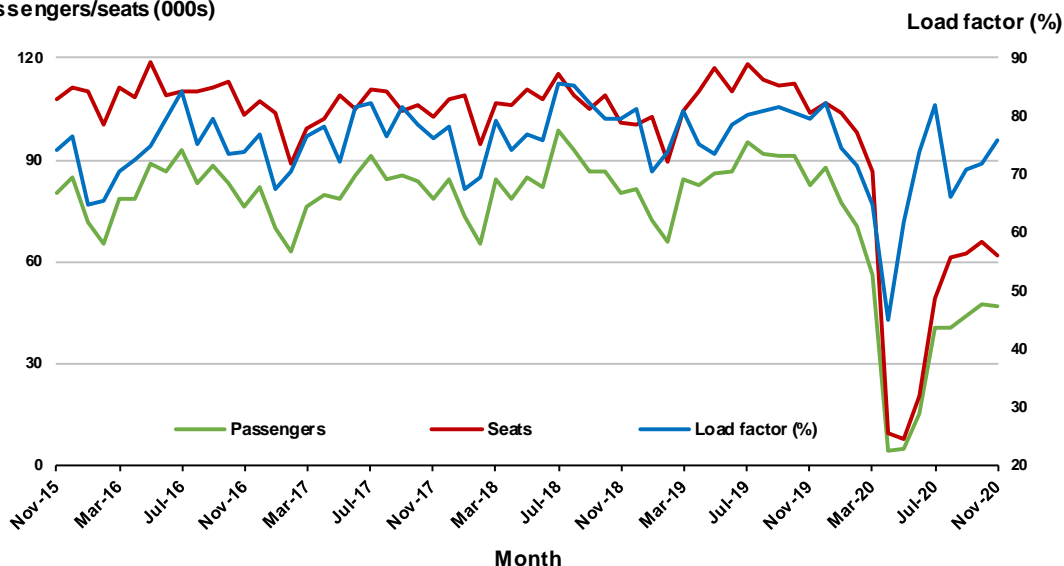
5. Brisbane - Townsville

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	82.4	47.0	-43.0
Seats (000s)	103.6	61.9	-40.3
Load factor %	79.6	75.9	-3.7 *
Aircraft trips	714	400	-44.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



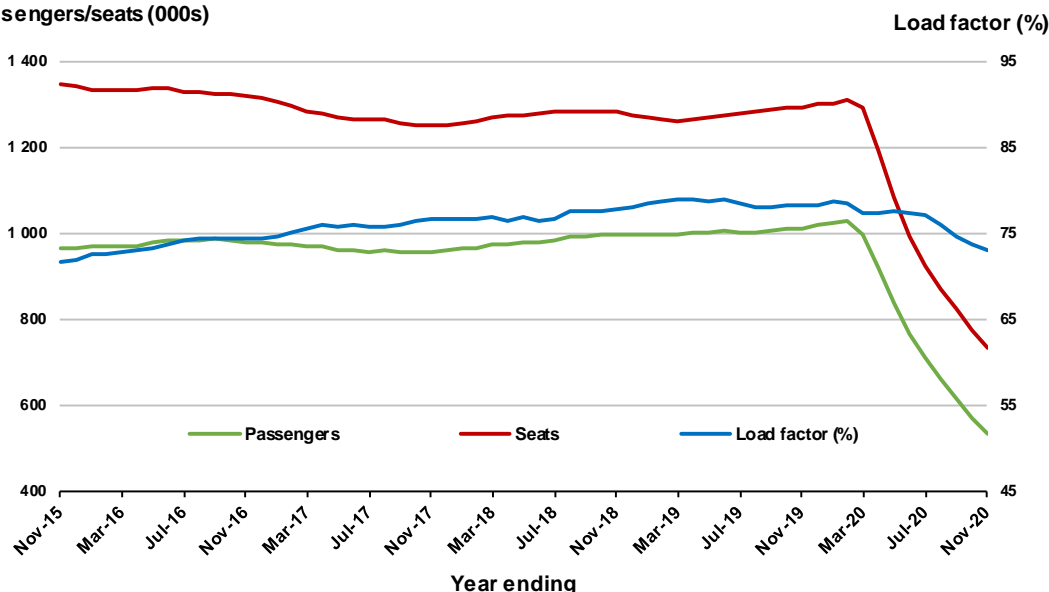
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	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 011.9	535.7	-47.1
Seats (000s)	1 293.9	734.2	-43.3
Load factor %	78.2	73.0	-5.2 *
Aircraft trips	8 669	4 963	-42.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



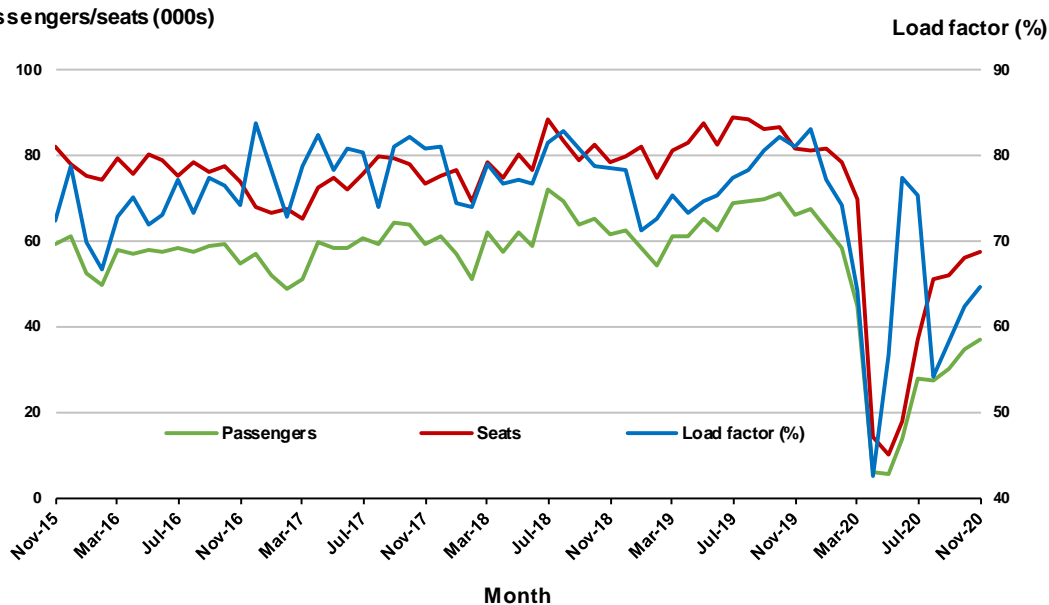
6. Brisbane - Mackay

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	66.1	37.1	-44.0
Seats (000s)	81.7	57.3	-29.8
Load factor %	81.0	64.6	-16.4 *
Aircraft trips	637	395	-38.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

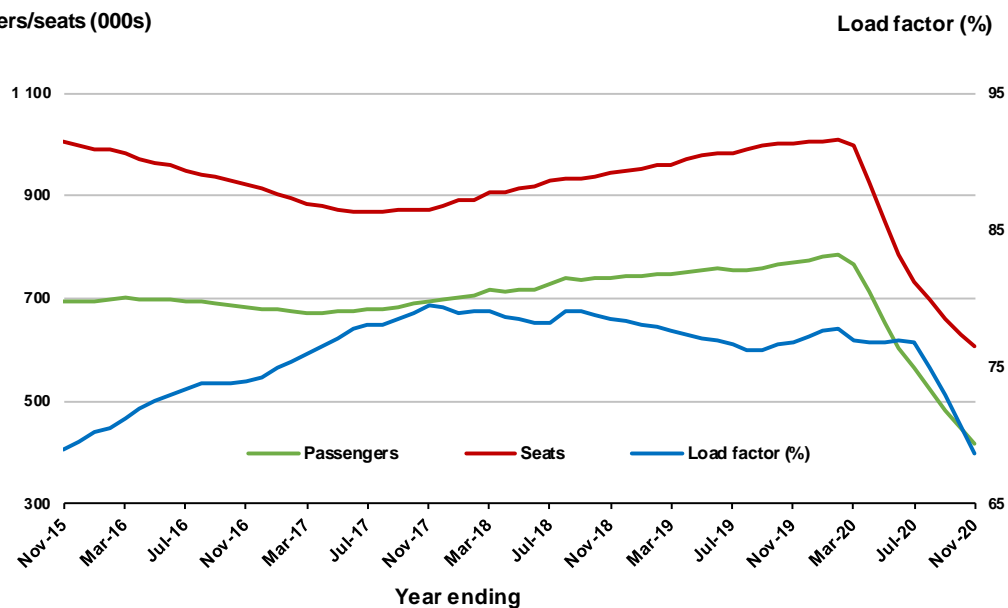


Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	770.7	417.4	-45.8
Seats (000s)	1 003.5	607.2	-39.5
Load factor %	76.8	68.7	-8.1 *
Aircraft trips	7 743	4 720	-39.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

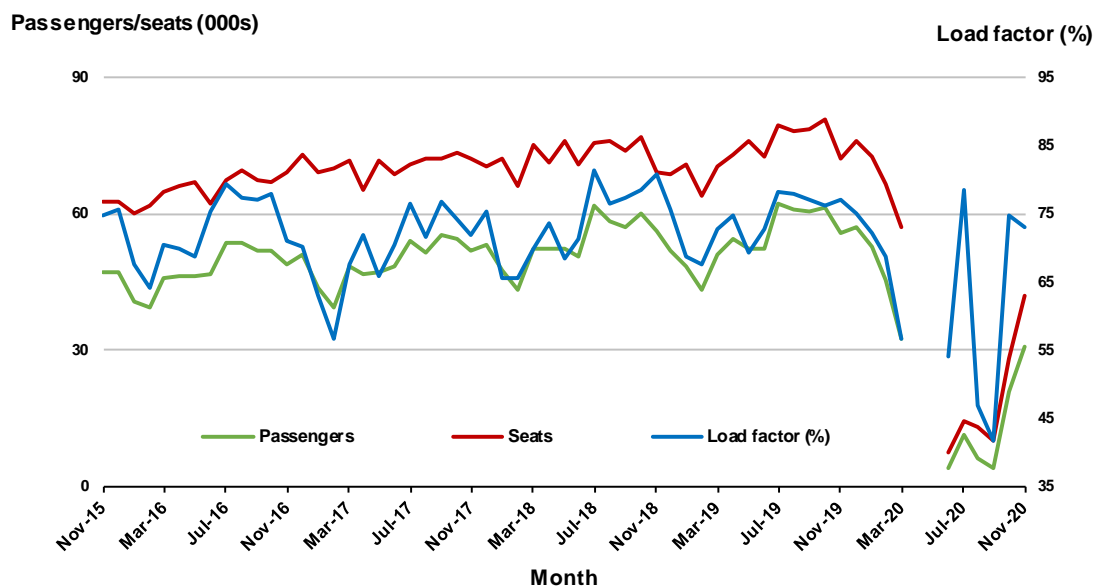


7. Brisbane - Canberra ^(a)

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	55.7	30.6	-45.1
Seats (000s)	72.3	42.0	-42.0
Load factor %	77.1	72.9	-4.2 *
Aircraft trips	529	303	-42.7

* percentage point difference

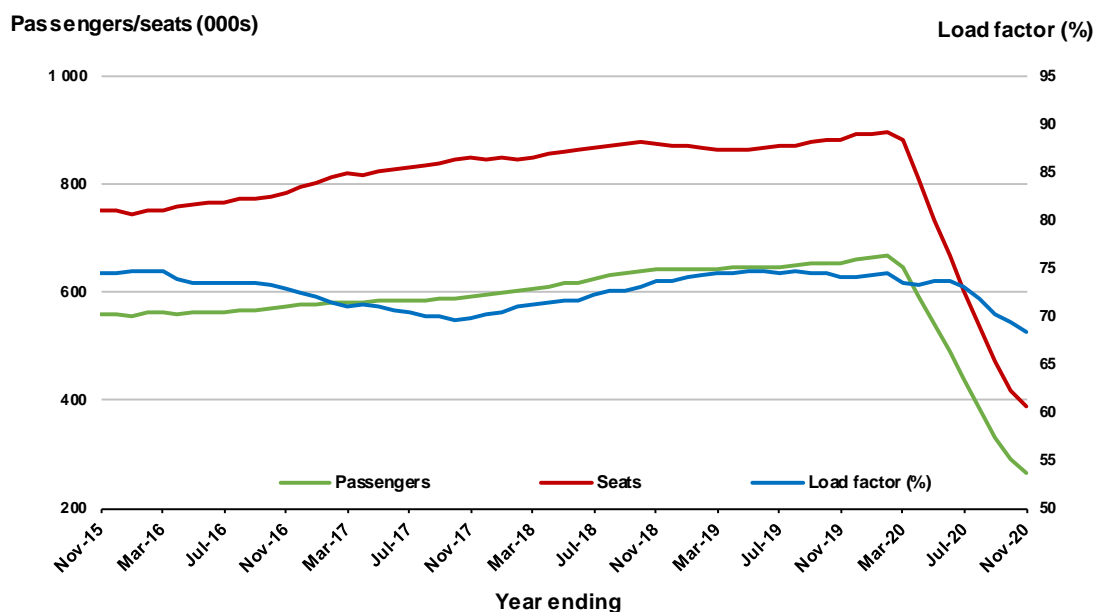


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Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	655.1	265.0	-59.5
Seats (000s)	883.8	387.8	-56.1
Load factor %	74.1	68.3	-5.8 *
Aircraft trips	6 453	2 921	-54.7

* percentage point difference



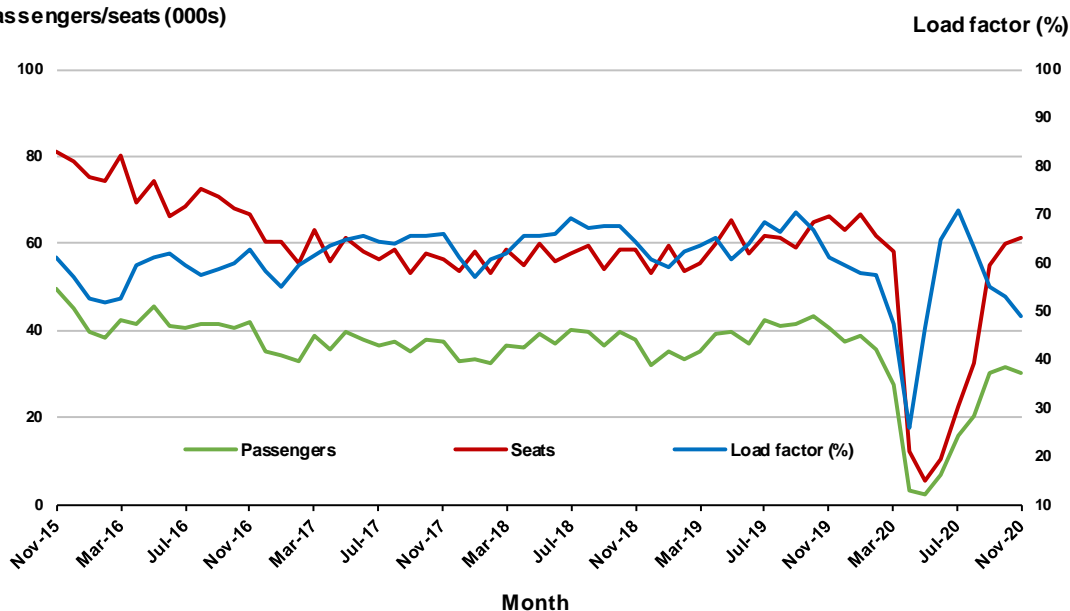
8. Karratha - Perth

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	40.6	30.2	-25.5
Seats (000s)	66.4	61.5	-7.4
Load factor %	61.1	49.2	-11.9 *
Aircraft trips	488	363	-25.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

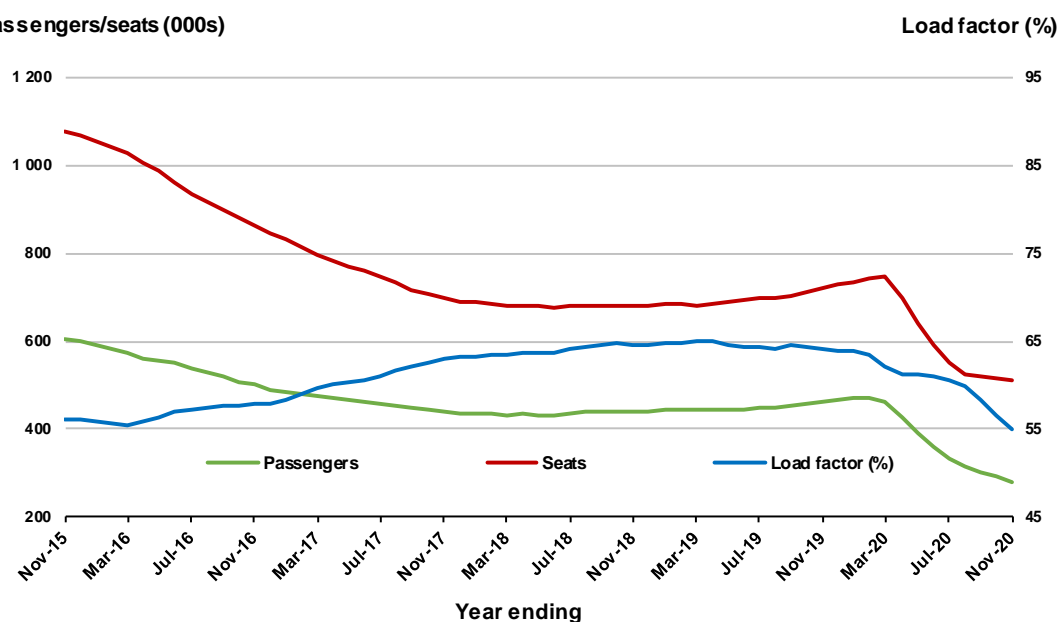


Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	460.8	280.8	-39.1
Seats (000s)	719.0	510.0	-29.1
Load factor %	64.1	55.1	-9.0 *
Aircraft trips	5 940	3 511	-40.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



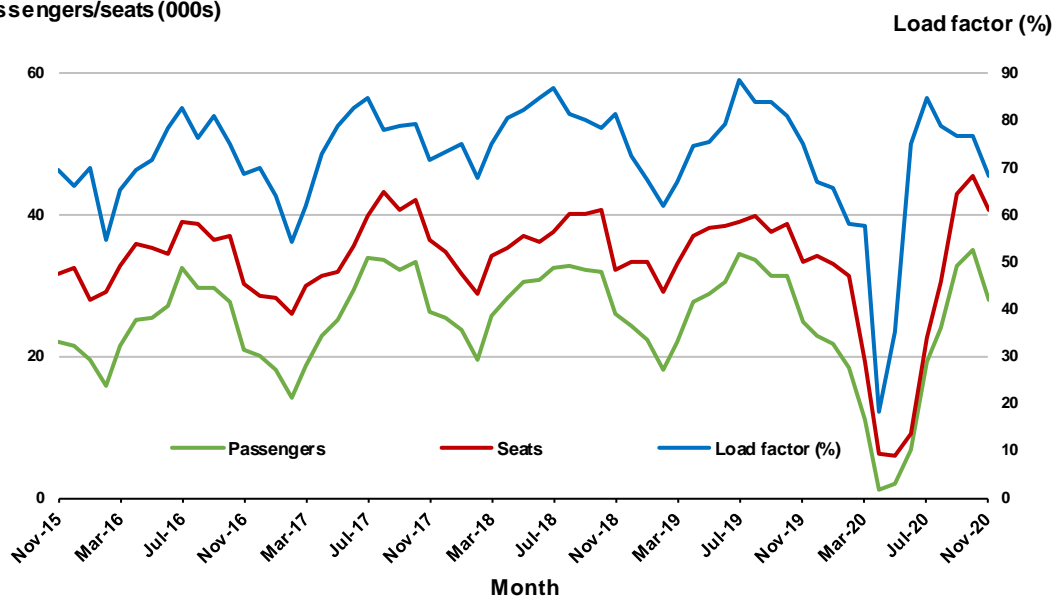
9. Broome - Perth

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	25.0	27.9	11.5
Seats (000s)	33.4	40.8	22.1
Load factor %	75.0	68.5	-6.5 *
Aircraft trips	277	278	0.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



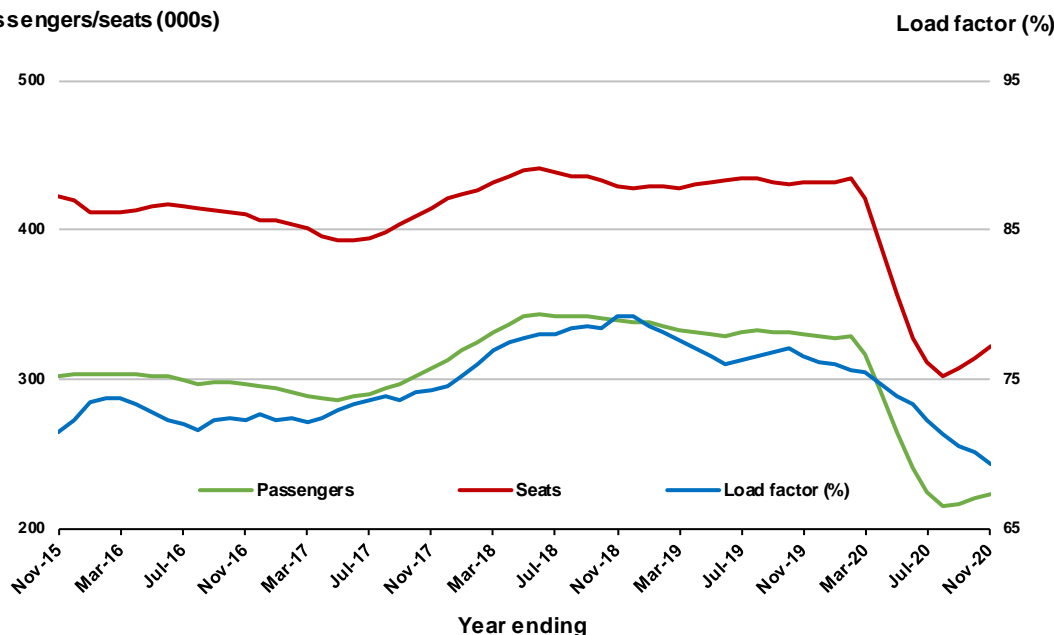
* no flights in April and May due to the COVID 19

Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	330.1	223.1	-32.4
Seats (000s)	431.2	321.6	-25.4
Load factor %	76.6	69.4	-7.2 *
Aircraft trips	3 716	2 375	-36.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

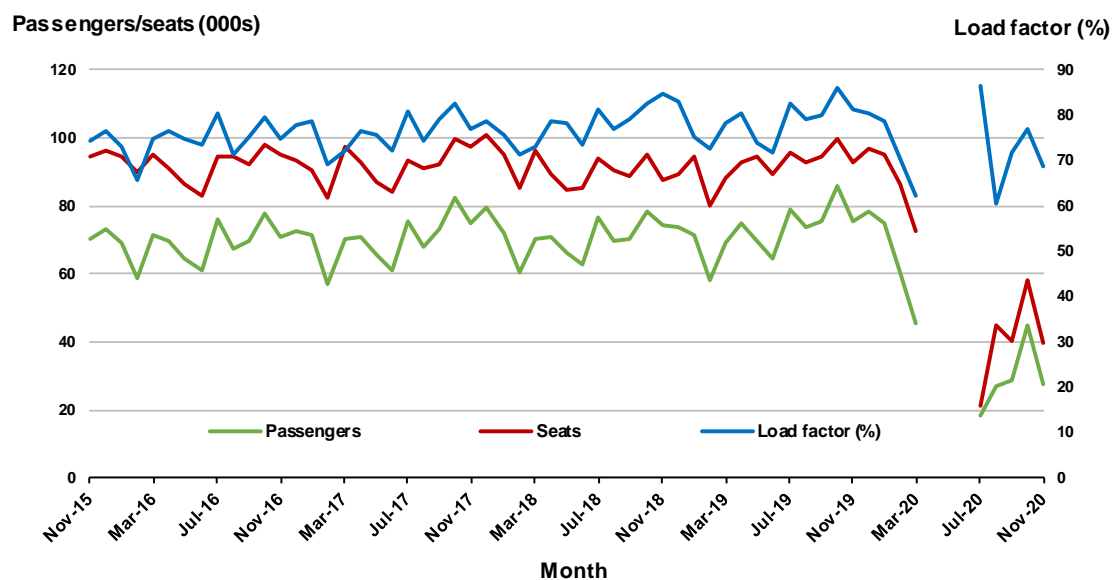


10. Adelaide - Brisbane^(a)

Monthly data

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	75.5	27.5	-63.5
Seats (000s)	92.6	40.0	-56.8
Load factor %	81.5	68.9	-12.6 *
Aircraft trips	537	247	-54.0

* percentage point difference

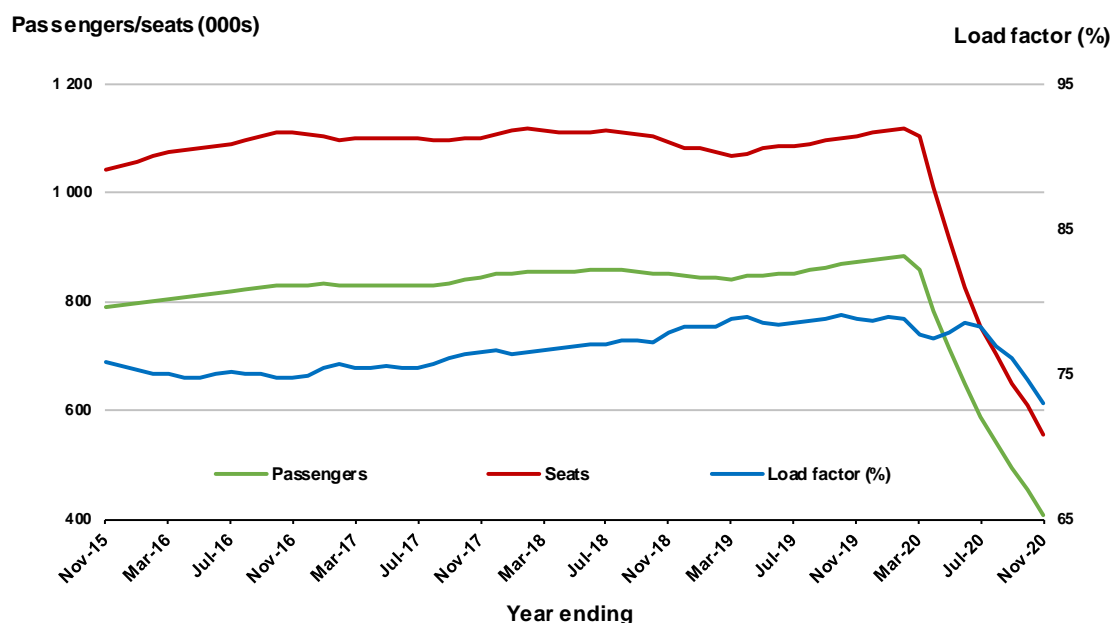


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Moving annual data

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	871.2	406.3	-53.4
Seats (000s)	1 105.0	556.4	-49.6
Load factor %	78.8	73.0	-5.8 *
Aircraft trips	6 483	3 268	-49.6

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
1 Cairns	342.4	124.9	-63.5
2 Townsville	135.0	69.5	-48.5
3 Darwin	124.5	64.3	-48.3
4 Ballina	44.9	55.1	22.6
5 Hobart	247.1	45.3	-81.7
6 Mackay	75.1	45.2	-39.8
7 Karratha	40.7	30.3	-25.5
8 Broome	28.7	29.4	2.3
9 Newcastle	112.0	29.0	-74.1
10 Rockhampton	48.6	28.5	-41.3
11 Port Hedland	33.6	24.5	-27.1
12 Launceston	119.4	23.0	-80.7
13 Newman	30.7	20.0	-34.8
14 Alice Springs	41.5	19.9	-52.1
15 Proserpine	37.7	19.7	-47.6
16 Hamilton Island	41.6	18.9	-54.6
17 Kalgoorlie	24.8	18.4	-25.7
18 Paraburdoo	17.0	15.9	-6.7
19 Mount Isa	20.5	14.7	-28.3
20 Gladstone	21.6	9.9	-53.9
21 Emerald	17.4	9.2	-47.4
22 Coffs Harbour	34.0	9.2	-73.1
23 Dubbo	19.3	8.3	-56.8
24 Port Lincoln	16.1	7.3	-54.8
25 Thursday Island	8.1	7.1	-12.4
26 Learmonth	5.4	5.9	8.0
27 Ayers Rock	37.3	5.4	-85.4
28 Kununurra	7.6	5.1	-33.3
29 Gove	7.4	4.7	-36.2
30 Wagga Wagga	18.7	4.6	-75.5
31 Albury	22.9	4.5	-80.2
32 Weipa	6.0	4.5	-24.9
33 Geraldton	9.2	4.5	-51.6
34 Port Macquarie	18.2	3.8	-79.1
35 Tamworth	17.8	3.8	-78.8
36 Olympic Dam	6.0	3.7	-38.0
37 Albany	5.7	3.6	-37.1
38 Norfolk Island	5.9	3.6	-40.1
39 Roma	8.5	3.6	-58.3
40 Bundaberg	12.9	3.6	-72.5
41 Esperance	4.4	3.4	-22.8
42 Moranbah	9.7	3.3	-65.5
43 Armidale	12.4	3.0	-75.5
44 King Island	4.5	2.9	-36.1
45 Lord Howe Island	3.2	2.7	-16.0
46 Mildura	21.7	2.6	-87.8
47 Longreach	3.2	2.4	-24.6
48 Palm Island	2.6	2.3	-11.5
49 Orange	7.9	2.2	-72.1
50 Whyalla	7.4	2.1	-71.6
Total top 50 regional airports	1 948.7	839.2	-56.9
Total regional airports	2 111.2	899.3	-57.4
Total domestic network	10 515.1	2 212.8	-79.0

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 Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
1 Cairns	4 164.7	1 742.3	-58.2
2 Hobart	2 777.1	1 019.7	-63.3
3 Townsville	1 658.2	814.6	-50.9
4 Darwin	1 729.0	701.4	-59.4
5 Launceston	1 394.1	520.2	-62.7
6 Mackay	873.8	477.0	-45.4
7 Newcastle	1 274.1	422.5	-66.8
8 Ballina	533.3	390.0	-26.9
9 Rockhampton	569.0	289.7	-49.1
10 Karratha	462.9	281.8	-39.1
11 Broome	404.5	242.8	-40.0
12 Alice Springs	565.2	219.7	-61.1
13 Port Hedland	384.4	219.5	-42.9
14 Proserpine	431.6	216.5	-49.8
15 Hamilton Island	449.1	204.5	-54.5
16 Newman	343.5	170.1	-50.5
17 Kalgoorlie	290.4	164.2	-43.5
18 Mount Isa	224.4	149.7	-33.3
19 Coffs Harbour	395.7	146.4	-63.0
20 Gladstone	247.6	118.9	-52.0
21 Ayers Rock	490.4	115.0	-76.5
22 Paraburdoo	189.5	110.0	-42.0
23 Emerald	200.4	105.0	-47.6
24 Port Lincoln	171.5	95.6	-44.2
25 Dubbo	211.6	88.4	-58.2
26 Albury	255.5	79.7	-68.8
27 Mildura	253.8	79.2	-68.8
28 Port Macquarie	217.8	74.3	-65.9
29 Wagga Wagga	207.4	71.6	-65.5
30 Tamworth	189.1	64.7	-65.8
31 Bundaberg	153.9	62.6	-59.3
32 Thursday Island	97.2	60.5	-37.8
33 Kununurra	113.6	58.0	-49.0
34 Learmonth	85.6	57.5	-32.8
35 Hervey Bay	166.1	53.5	-67.8
36 Moranbah	109.4	52.5	-52.0
37 Gove	81.3	51.8	-36.2
38 Devonport	147.8	46.1	-68.8
39 Toowoomba Wellcamp	118.8	46.1	-61.2
40 Geraldton	107.1	45.6	-57.4
41 Weipa	72.2	43.3	-40.0
42 Roma	96.3	43.0	-55.4
43 Armidale	132.4	42.8	-67.7
44 Olympic Dam	76.1	39.4	-48.2
45 Albany	62.3	34.8	-44.2
46 Esperance	51.0	33.1	-35.2
47 Griffith	93.4	32.7	-65.0
48 Whyalla	79.1	31.4	-60.3
49 Cloncurry	44.8	31.2	-30.3
50 Burnie	72.5	29.8	-58.9
Total top 50 regional airports	23 520.6	10 290.7	-56.2
Total regional airports	25 027.8	11 082.0	-55.7
Total domestic network	122 556.5	45 045.5	-63.2

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

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	230 422	284 902	23.6
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	3 842	5 493	43.0

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

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

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 679 558	3 091 914	15.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	46 121	63 262	37.2

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Nov 2019	Nov 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	460 844	569 804	23.6
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	7 684	10 986	43.0
Perth airport charter passenger movements	178 241	211 150	18.5
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	2 737	3 497	27.8

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

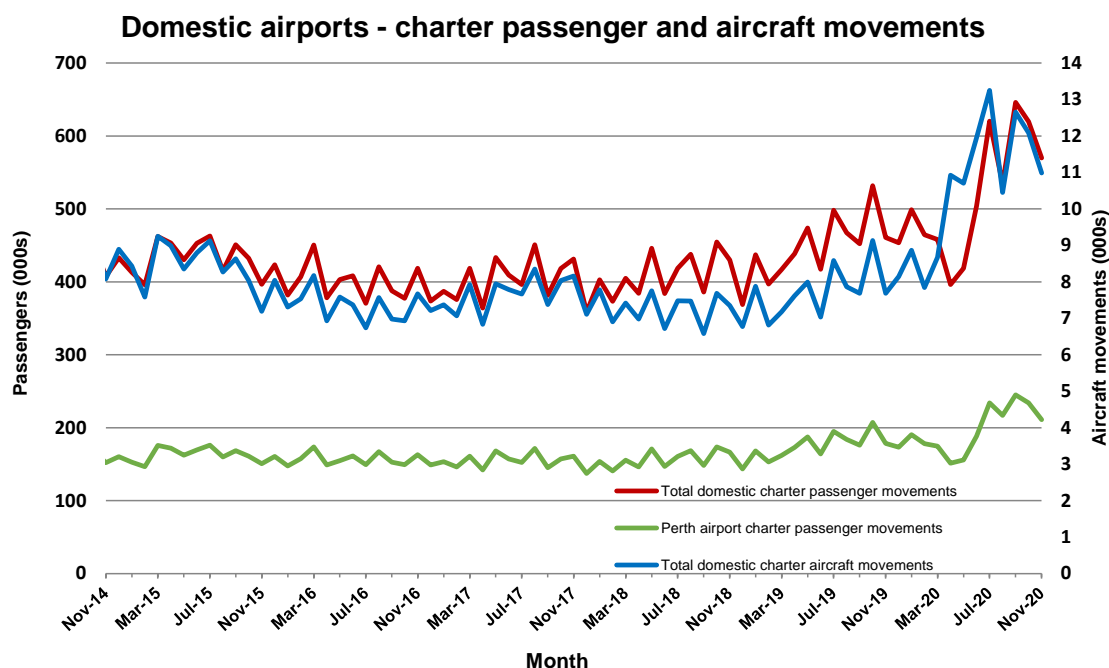
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Nov 2019	YE Nov 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 359 116	6 183 828	15.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	92 242	126 524	37.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 090 909	2 352 561	12.5
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	32 710	42 480	29.9

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.