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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of October 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 October 2020, there were 23 such routes.

Information on the total network for the month of October 2020 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of October 2020 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended October 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 1.2 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in October 2020, a decrease of 79.4 per cent on October 2019. For the month of October 2020, there were 24.1 thousand aircraft trips, a decrease of 60.2 per cent compared to October 2019.

908.5 thousand passengers were carried on RPT flights in October 2020, a decrease of 83.9 per cent on October 2019.

For the year ending October 2020 there were 26.7 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 56.5 per cent on the year ending October 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 1.04 billion for the month, down 84.2 per cent compared with October 2019. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 78.0 per cent compared with October 2019 to a total of 1.71 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 84.5 per cent in October 2019 to 60.9 per cent in October 2020. Load factors decreased on 22 individual RPT routes of the 23 RPT routes for which data is available for publishing in both years. The Adelaide – Port Lincoln was the only route to show an increased load factor in October 2020 (up 17.8 percentage points).

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

For the month of October 2020, Brisbane – Cairns was Australia's busiest RPT route with 77.6 thousand passengers, a decrease of 34.6 per cent compared with October 2019. It was followed by Adelaide – Sydney with 56.7 thousand passengers (down 67.8 per cent) and Ballina – Sydney with 49.9 thousand passengers (up 25.7 per cent).

Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 377.9 thousand passenger movements in October 2020 (down 76.7 per cent), followed by Sydney with 185.5 thousand passenger movements (down 92.7 per cent) and Adelaide with 181.9 thousand passenger movements (down 73.6 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 31.5 thousand tonnes in October 2020, a decrease of 22.1 per cent compared with October 2019.

In October 2020, there were 781.3 thousand domestic passenger movements through regional airports, 65.9 per cent less than in October 2019. Most published regional airports recorded large decreases compared with October 2019.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 309.7 thousand passengers in October 2020, an increase of 16.5 per cent on October 2019. This was a continuation of strong growth in recent months. The largest increases were on major mining routes which also have RPT services. Perth Airport accounted for 37.7 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.91	1.22	-79.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	60.7	24.1	-60.2

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

RPT NETWORK

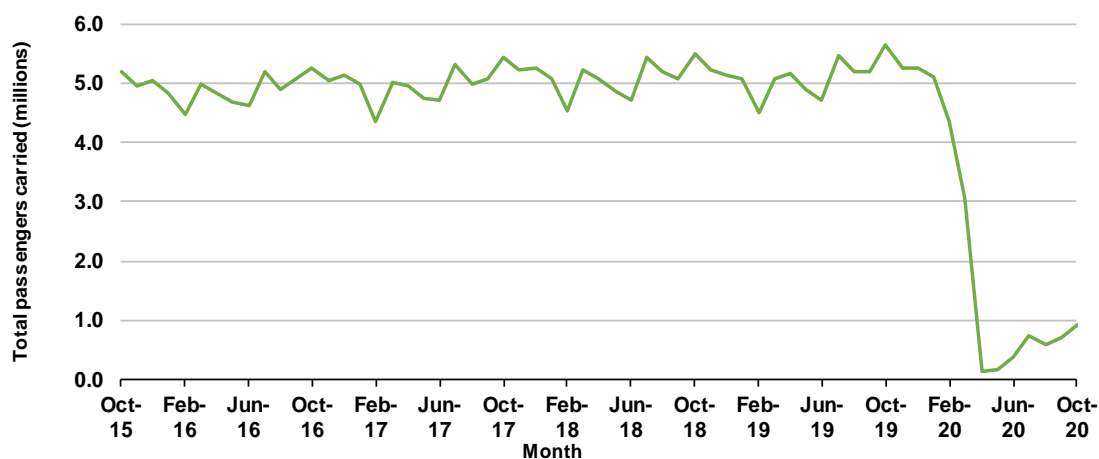
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.64	0.91	-83.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.59	1.04	-84.2
Available seats (millions)	6.84	1.50	-78.0
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.80	1.71	-78.0
Load factor %	84.5	60.9	-23.6 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	56.1	18.1	-67.8

* percentage point difference

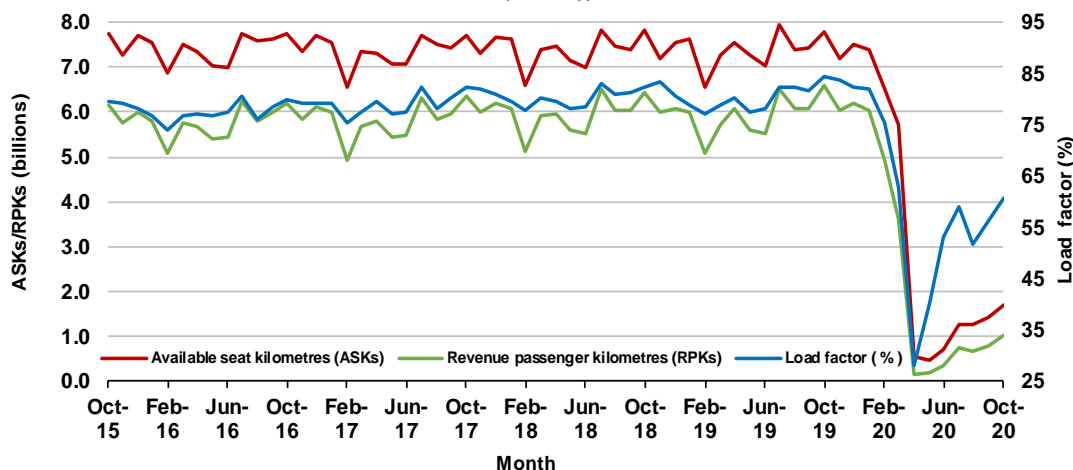
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.92	29.71	-53.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	683.0	397.8	-41.8

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

RPT NETWORK

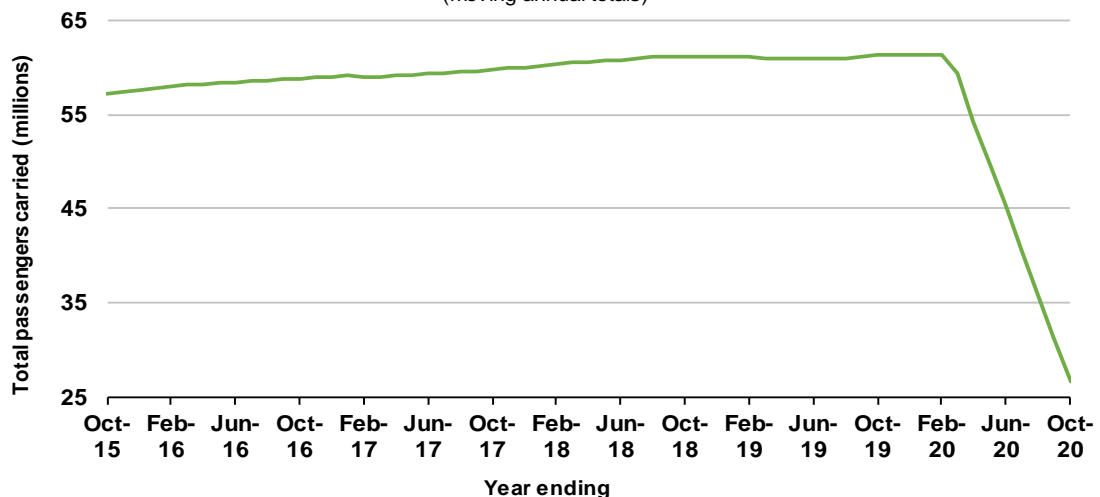
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.26	26.67	-56.5
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	71.36	30.75	-56.9
Available seats (millions)	77.72	36.83	-52.6
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.59	41.71	-52.9
Load factor %	80.5	73.7	-6.8 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	637.0	336.2	-47.2

* percentage point difference

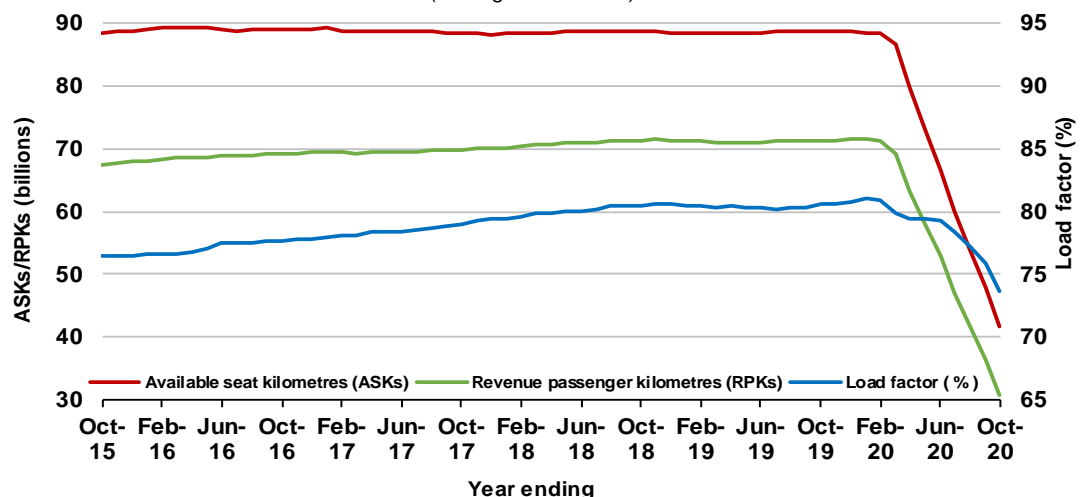
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	%Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 177.7	3 565.3	-61.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 829.5	1 974.1	-59.1
3	Adelaide - Sydney	1 881.1	799.9	-57.5
4	Brisbane - Cairns	1 287.6	782.7	-39.2
5	Brisbane - Townsville	1 009.6	571.1	-43.4
6	Adelaide - Brisbane	869.9	454.3	-47.8
7	Brisbane - Mackay	766.4	446.4	-41.7
8	Ballina - Sydney	431.7	324.7	-24.8
9	Karratha - Perth	458.0	291.2	-36.4
10	Brisbane - Canberra	655.3	290.1	-55.7
11	Brisbane - Rockhampton	534.6	289.6	-45.8
12	Perth - Port Hedland	373.6	223.5	-40.2
13	Broome - Perth	331.1	220.3	-33.5
14	Newman - Perth	338.7	180.3	-46.8
15	Brisbane - Darwin	355.0	171.6	-51.7
16	Brisbane - Proserpine	253.6	169.8	-33.1
17	Kalgoorlie - Perth	281.2	165.9	-41.0
18	Brisbane - Gladstone	247.5	105.8	-57.3
19	Adelaide - Gold Coast	215.2	93.3	-56.6
20	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	170.0	83.0	-51.2
21	Adelaide - Canberra	193.7	80.9	-58.2
22	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	131.6	68.8	-47.7
23	Adelaide - Alice Springs	145.6	54.2	-62.8
24	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 605.2	..	NA
25	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 714.0	..	NA
26	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 537.6	..	NA
27	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 107.7	..	NA
28	Melbourne - Perth	2 104.9	..	NA
29	Perth - Sydney	1 691.8	..	NA
30	Hobart - Melbourne	1 671.1	..	NA
31	Canberra - Melbourne	1 184.6	..	NA
32	Cairns - Sydney	1 083.1	..	NA
33	Canberra - Sydney	926.0	..	NA
34	Brisbane - Perth	952.0	..	NA
35	Cairns - Melbourne	859.3	..	NA
36	Launceston - Melbourne	958.0	..	NA
37	Hobart - Sydney	719.1	..	NA
38	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	663.6	..	NA
39	Adelaide - Perth	651.4	..	NA
40	Brisbane - Newcastle	601.4	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	553.4	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	483.4	..	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	330.2	..	NA
44	Darwin - Sydney	312.0	..	NA
45	Darwin - Melbourne	309.6	..	NA
46	Launceston - Sydney	292.5	..	NA
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	209.3	..	NA
48	Albury - Sydney	229.3	..	NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	230.4	..	NA
50	Brisbane - Hobart	240.2	..	NA

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
51	Brisbane - Emerald	199.5	..	NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	198.8	..	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	190.6	..	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	180.0	..	NA
55	Dubbo - Sydney	181.9	..	NA
56	Sydney - Townsville	174.3	..	NA
57	Sydney - Tamworth	172.5	..	NA
58	Darwin - Perth	175.6	..	NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	154.4	..	NA
60	Cairns - Townsville	143.0	..	NA
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	137.5	..	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	123.9	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	113.2	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	111.0	..	NA
	Total domestic network	61 255.9	26 673.9	-56.5

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	118.7	77.6	-34.6
2	Adelaide - Sydney	176.1	56.7	-67.8
3	Ballina - Sydney	39.7	49.9	25.7
4	Brisbane - Townsville	91.0	47.4	-47.9
5	Adelaide - Brisbane	86.0	44.8	-47.9
6	Broome - Perth	31.5	35.0	11.2
7	Brisbane - Mackay	71.2	34.9	-51.0
8	Karratha - Perth	43.2	31.8	-26.5
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	49.6	23.7	-52.2
10	Brisbane - Canberra	61.4	21.0	-65.9
11	Brisbane - Proserpine	24.8	20.8	-15.9
12	Brisbane - Darwin	29.6	19.2	-35.1
13	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	12.5	18.0	43.5
14	Kalgoorlie - Perth	26.5	18.0	-32.3
15	Perth - Port Hedland	35.2	17.0	-51.7
16	Newman - Perth	32.7	12.7	-61.0
17	Melbourne - Sydney	824.0	11.1	-98.7
18	Brisbane - Sydney	447.6	10.4	-97.7
19	Adelaide - Gold Coast	20.8	9.7	-53.1
20	Adelaide - Canberra	18.8	9.6	-48.9
21	Adelaide - Alice Springs	13.4	9.4	-29.7
22	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	15.9	9.1	-42.7
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	22.7	8.6	-62.2
24	Brisbane - Melbourne	331.5	..	NA
25	Gold Coast - Sydney	255.2	..	NA
26	Adelaide - Melbourne	232.0	..	NA
27	Gold Coast - Melbourne	196.9	..	NA
28	Melbourne - Perth	188.4	..	NA
29	Perth - Sydney	158.0	..	NA
30	Hobart - Melbourne	142.1	..	NA
31	Canberra - Melbourne	111.1	..	NA
32	Cairns - Sydney	100.4	..	NA
33	Canberra - Sydney	89.7	..	NA
34	Brisbane - Perth	89.7	..	NA
35	Cairns - Melbourne	80.6	..	NA
36	Launceston - Melbourne	80.3	..	NA
37	Hobart - Sydney	64.4	..	NA
38	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	64.0	..	NA
39	Adelaide - Perth	62.1	..	NA
40	Brisbane - Newcastle	56.9	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	53.7	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	44.5	..	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	31.2	..	NA
44	Darwin - Sydney	28.7	..	NA
45	Darwin - Melbourne	27.1	..	NA
46	Launceston - Sydney	24.5	..	NA
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	23.9	..	NA
48	Albury - Sydney	21.5	..	NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	21.1	..	NA
50	Brisbane - Hobart	21.0	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
51	Brisbane - Emerald	18.9	..	NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	18.6	..	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	17.7	..	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	17.1	..	NA
55	Dubbo - Sydney	17.0	..	NA
56	Sydney - Townsville	16.5	..	NA
57	Sydney - Tamworth	15.8	..	NA
58	Darwin - Perth	15.7	..	NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	14.2	..	NA
60	Cairns - Townsville	13.2	..	NA
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	13.1	..	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	11.9	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	11.4	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	10.7	..	NA
	Total domestic network	5 644.8	908.5	-83.9

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	135.1	99.9	-26.1
2	Adelaide - Sydney	196.9	67.5	-65.7
3	Ballina - Sydney	44.6	56.2	26.1
4	Brisbane - Townsville	112.7	65.9	-41.5
5	Adelaide - Brisbane	99.8	58.3	-41.6
6	Broome - Perth	38.8	45.6	17.6
7	Brisbane - Mackay	86.5	56.0	-35.3
8	Karratha - Perth	64.8	60.1	-7.2
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	58.3	37.9	-34.9
10	Brisbane - Canberra	80.6	28.0	-65.2
11	Brisbane - Proserpine	27.5	26.8	-2.6
12	Brisbane - Darwin	38.3	25.1	-34.5
13	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.6	24.9	59.9
14	Kalgoorlie - Perth	42.5	34.5	-19.0
15	Perth - Port Hedland	54.1	36.3	-32.8
16	Newman - Perth	54.0	26.9	-50.2
17	Melbourne - Sydney	957.0	27.7	-97.1
18	Brisbane - Sydney	511.1	24.2	-95.3
19	Adelaide - Gold Coast	22.7	11.3	-50.4
20	Adelaide - Canberra	26.8	15.0	-44.1
21	Adelaide - Alice Springs	16.9	15.1	-10.6
22	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	24.4	11.0	-55.0
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	33.1	18.7	-43.5
24	Brisbane - Melbourne	379.1	..	NA
25	Gold Coast - Sydney	278.1	..	NA
26	Adelaide - Melbourne	270.3	..	NA
27	Gold Coast - Melbourne	214.8	..	NA
28	Melbourne - Perth	209.9	..	NA
29	Perth - Sydney	175.9	..	NA
30	Hobart - Melbourne	171.3	..	NA
31	Canberra - Melbourne	155.1	..	NA
32	Cairns - Sydney	115.5	..	NA
33	Canberra - Sydney	115.7	..	NA
34	Brisbane - Perth	98.2	..	NA
35	Cairns - Melbourne	94.1	..	NA
36	Launceston - Melbourne	98.4	..	NA
37	Hobart - Sydney	75.8	..	NA
38	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	72.2	..	NA
39	Adelaide - Perth	76.4	..	NA
40	Brisbane - Newcastle	69.0	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	58.4	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	51.3	..	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	39.0	..	NA
44	Darwin - Sydney	37.8	..	NA
45	Darwin - Melbourne	33.8	..	NA
46	Launceston - Sydney	27.0	..	NA
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	28.4	..	NA
48	Albury - Sydney	29.0	..	NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	30.8	..	NA
50	Brisbane - Hobart	23.4	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
51	Brisbane - Emerald	26.3	..	NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	22.1	..	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	23.5	..	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	25.0	..	NA
55	Dubbo - Sydney	24.7	..	NA
56	Sydney - Townsville	19.3	..	NA
57	Sydney - Tamworth	23.4	..	NA
58	Darwin - Perth	21.2	..	NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	19.4	..	NA
60	Cairns - Townsville	21.2	..	NA
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	16.9	..	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	16.6	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	12.7	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	26.1	..	NA
	Total domestic network	6 844.3	1 502.3	-78.0

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Point diff
1	Brisbane - Cairns	87.8	77.7	-10.1
2	Adelaide - Sydney	89.4	83.9	-5.5
3	Ballina - Sydney	89.0	88.8	-0.2
4	Brisbane - Townsville	80.7	71.9	-8.8
5	Adelaide - Brisbane	86.2	77.0	-9.2
6	Broome - Perth	81.2	76.7	-4.5
7	Brisbane - Mackay	82.3	62.4	-19.9
8	Karratha - Perth	66.8	52.9	-13.9
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	85.1	62.5	-22.6
10	Brisbane - Canberra	76.2	74.8	-1.4
11	Brisbane - Proserpine	90.0	77.7	-12.3
12	Brisbane - Darwin	77.2	76.5	-0.7
13	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	80.5	72.2	-8.3
14	Kalgoorlie - Perth	62.4	52.1	-10.3
15	Perth - Port Hedland	65.0	46.8	-18.2
16	Newman - Perth	60.5	47.4	-13.1
17	Melbourne - Sydney	86.1	40.1	-46.0
18	Brisbane - Sydney	87.6	43.1	-44.5
19	Adelaide - Gold Coast	91.6	86.6	-5.0
20	Adelaide - Canberra	70.1	64.1	-6.0
21	Adelaide - Alice Springs	78.9	62.0	-16.9
22	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	65.3	83.1	17.8
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	68.6	45.9	-22.7
24	Brisbane - Melbourne	87.4	..	NA
25	Gold Coast - Sydney	91.8	..	NA
26	Adelaide - Melbourne	85.8	..	NA
27	Gold Coast - Melbourne	91.7	..	NA
28	Melbourne - Perth	89.7	..	NA
29	Perth - Sydney	89.8	..	NA
30	Hobart - Melbourne	83.0	..	NA
31	Canberra - Melbourne	71.6	..	NA
32	Cairns - Sydney	86.9	..	NA
33	Canberra - Sydney	77.6	..	NA
34	Brisbane - Perth	91.3	..	NA
35	Cairns - Melbourne	85.7	..	NA
36	Launceston - Melbourne	81.6	..	NA
37	Hobart - Sydney	84.9	..	NA
38	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	88.6	..	NA
39	Adelaide - Perth	81.4	..	NA
40	Brisbane - Newcastle	82.5	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	92.0	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	86.8	..	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	80.0	..	NA
44	Darwin - Sydney	76.0	..	NA
45	Darwin - Melbourne	80.0	..	NA
46	Launceston - Sydney	90.7	..	NA
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	84.3	..	NA
48	Albury - Sydney	74.0	..	NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	68.5	..	NA
50	Brisbane - Hobart	89.5	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Point diff
51	Brisbane - Emerald	71.8	..	NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	84.1	..	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	75.5	..	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	68.5	..	NA
55	Dubbo - Sydney	68.8	..	NA
56	Sydney - Townsville	85.7	..	NA
57	Sydney - Tamworth	67.2	..	NA
58	Darwin - Perth	74.2	..	NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	73.2	..	NA
60	Cairns - Townsville	62.1	..	NA
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	77.8	..	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	71.7	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	89.4	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	41.0	..	NA
	Total domestic network	84.5	60.9	-23.6

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	938	737	-21.4
2	Adelaide - Sydney	1 156	414	-64.2
3	Ballina - Sydney	288	434	50.7
4	Brisbane - Townsville	749	427	-43.0
5	Adelaide - Brisbane	575	345	-40.0
6	Broome - Perth	337	294	-12.8
7	Brisbane - Mackay	684	392	-42.7
8	Karratha - Perth	518	376	-27.4
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	696	385	-44.7
10	Brisbane - Canberra	575	215	-62.6
11	Brisbane - Proserpine	154	162	5.2
12	Brisbane - Darwin	237	160	-32.5
13	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	124	160	29.0
14	Kalgoorlie - Perth	331	238	-28.1
15	Perth - Port Hedland	414	240	-42.0
16	Newman - Perth	386	173	-55.2
17	Melbourne - Sydney	5 397	366	-93.2
18	Brisbane - Sydney	3 107	311	-90.0
19	Adelaide - Gold Coast	127	62	-51.2
20	Adelaide - Canberra	160	96	-40.0
21	Adelaide - Alice Springs	123	129	4.9
22	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	635	293	-53.9
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	438	243	-44.5
24	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 211	..	NA
25	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 591	..	NA
26	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 659	..	NA
27	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 131	..	NA
28	Melbourne - Perth	1 027	..	NA
29	Perth - Sydney	770	..	NA
30	Hobart - Melbourne	939	..	NA
31	Canberra - Melbourne	977	..	NA
32	Cairns - Sydney	590	..	NA
33	Canberra - Sydney	1 493	..	NA
34	Brisbane - Perth	527	..	NA
35	Cairns - Melbourne	479	..	NA
36	Launceston - Melbourne	756	..	NA
37	Hobart - Sydney	479	..	NA
38	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	444	..	NA
39	Adelaide - Perth	500	..	NA
40	Brisbane - Newcastle	504	..	NA
41	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	324	..	NA
42	Melbourne - Newcastle	283	..	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	426	..	NA
44	Darwin - Sydney	215	..	NA
45	Darwin - Melbourne	182	..	NA
46	Launceston - Sydney	150	..	NA
47	Hamilton Island - Sydney	172	..	NA
48	Albury - Sydney	534	..	NA
49	Melbourne - Mildura	429	..	NA
50	Brisbane - Hobart	132	..	NA

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

	City-Pair	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
51	Brisbane - Emerald	392	..	NA
52	Ayers Rock - Sydney	123	..	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	365	..	NA
54	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	503	..	NA
55	Dubbo - Sydney	531	..	NA
56	Sydney - Townsville	108	..	NA
57	Sydney - Tamworth	370	..	NA
58	Darwin - Perth	123	..	NA
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	308	..	NA
60	Cairns - Townsville	338	..	NA
61	Brisbane - Mount Isa	147	..	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	392	..	NA
63	Proserpine - Sydney	70	..	NA
64	Alice Springs - Darwin	168	..	NA
	Total domestic network	56 113	18 096	-67.8

(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

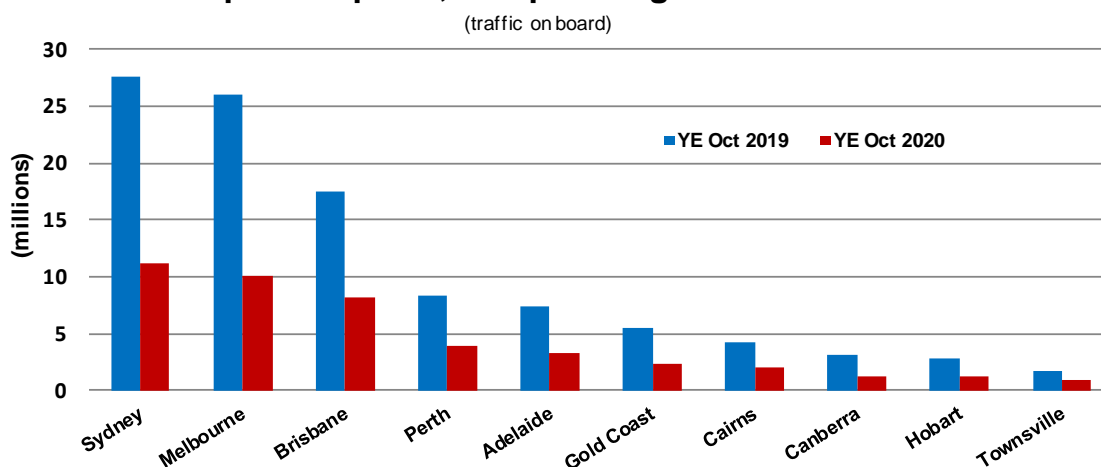
Airport	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	1 624.6	377.9	-76.7	20.8
2 Sydney	2 543.9	185.5	-92.7	10.2
3 Adelaide	689.0	181.9	-73.6	10.0
4 Perth	766.1	174.3	-77.2	9.6
5 Cairns	384.8	133.4	-65.3	7.3
6 Townsville	151.3	67.8	-55.2	3.7
7 Darwin	154.2	62.5	-59.5	3.4
8 Ballina	48.4	51.2	5.8	2.8
9 Canberra	298.1	45.2	-84.8	2.5
10 Mackay	80.7	41.3	-48.9	2.3
Total top ten airports	6 741.1	1 320.9	-80.4	72.7
Total domestic network	11 289.6	1 816.9	-83.9	100.0

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

Airport	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	27 543.8	11 234.4	-59.2	21.1
2 Melbourne	25 960.2	10 137.7	-60.9	19.0
3 Brisbane	17 523.0	8 160.6	-53.4	15.3
4 Perth	8 257.6	3 898.4	-52.8	7.3
5 Adelaide	7 375.9	3 249.1	-55.9	6.1
6 Gold Coast	5 539.4	2 278.8	-58.9	4.3
7 Cairns	4 169.3	1 959.8	-53.0	3.7
8 Canberra	3 140.7	1 254.1	-60.1	2.4
9 Hobart	2 767.6	1 221.5	-55.9	2.3
10 Townsville	1 657.1	880.1	-46.9	1.6
Total top ten airports	103 934.5	44 274.5	-57.4	83.0
Total domestic network	122 511.8	53 347.7	-56.5	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

Airport	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	10.7	7.4	-30.1	23.7
2 Sydney	8.7	7.3	-16.3	23.1
3 Brisbane	6.4	5.2	-18.8	16.6
4 Perth	5.2	2.5	-51.9	8.0
5 Adelaide	2.5	1.9	-23.7	6.1
Total top five airports	33.6	24.4	-27.3	77.6
Total domestic network	40.4	31.5	-22.1	100.0

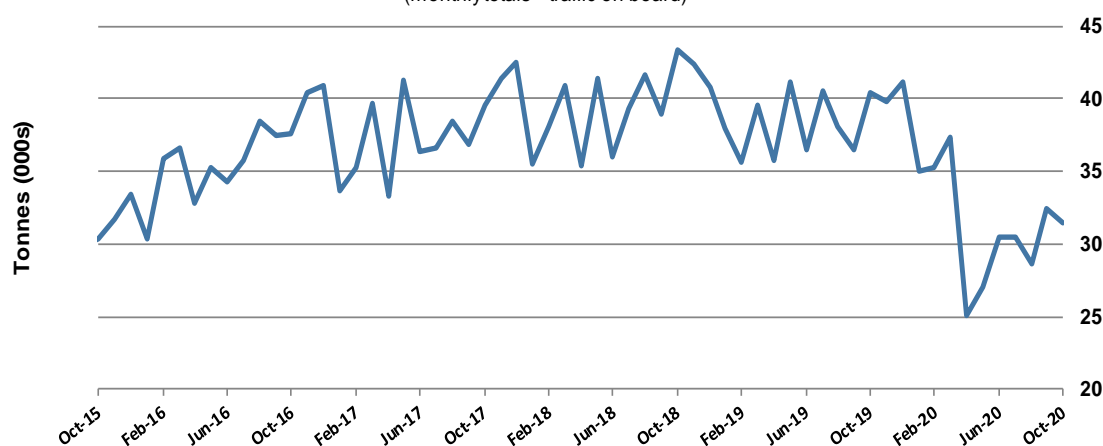
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	123.3	102.2	-17.1	26.0
2 Sydney	100.3	85.2	-15.1	21.6
3 Brisbane	72.9	68.0	-6.7	17.3
4 Perth	62.4	42.1	-32.5	10.7
5 Adelaide	28.7	24.2	-15.4	6.2
Total top five airports	387.6	321.7	-17.0	81.7
Total domestic network	465.1	393.8	-15.3	100.0

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

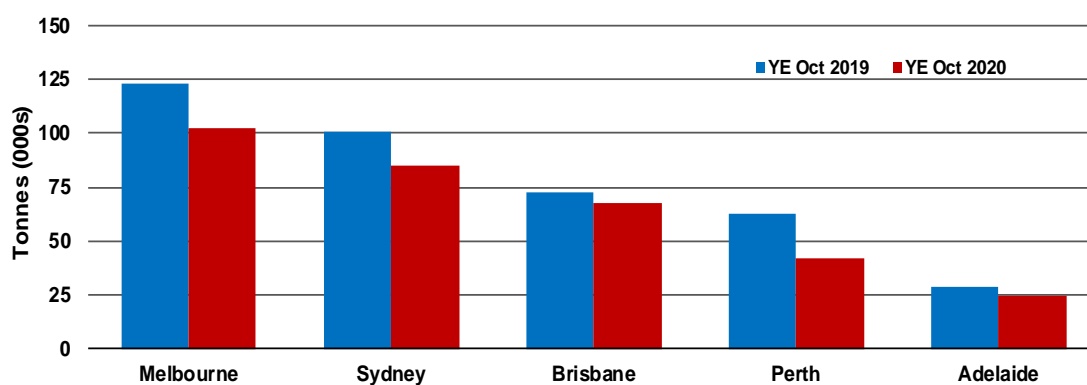
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



TOP TEN ROUTES

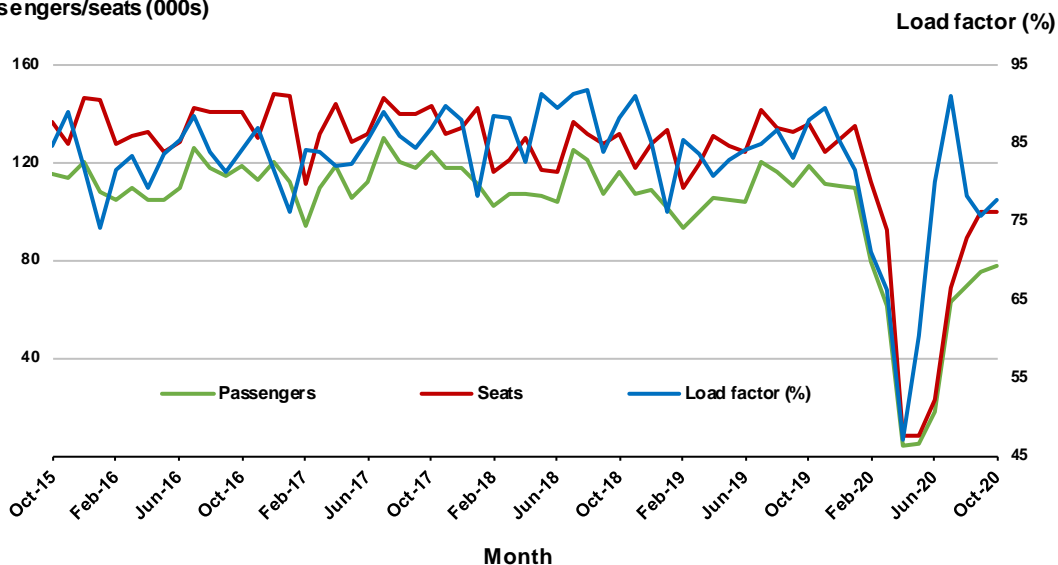
1. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	118.7	77.6	-34.6
Seats (000s)	135.1	99.9	-26.1
Load factor %	87.8	77.7	-10.1 *
Aircraft trips	938	737	-21.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

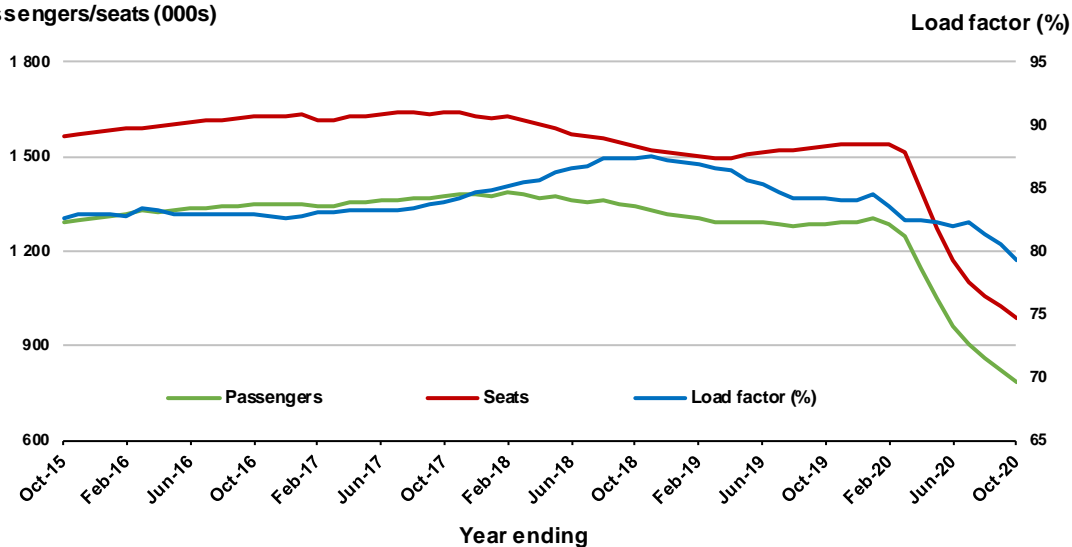


Moving annual data

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 287.6	782.7	-39.2
Seats (000s)	1 529.8	987.6	-35.4
Load factor %	84.2	79.3	-4.9 *
Aircraft trips	10 479	7 180	-31.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

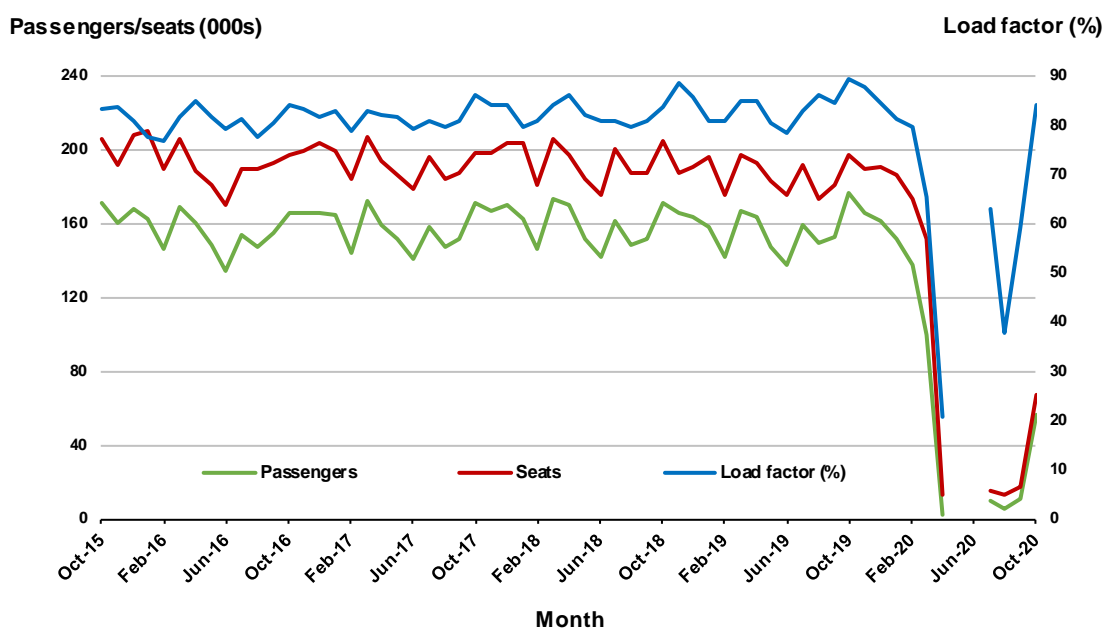


2. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	176.1	56.7	-67.8
Seats (000s)	196.9	67.5	-65.7
Load factor %	89.4	83.9	-5.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 156	414	-64.2

* percentage point difference

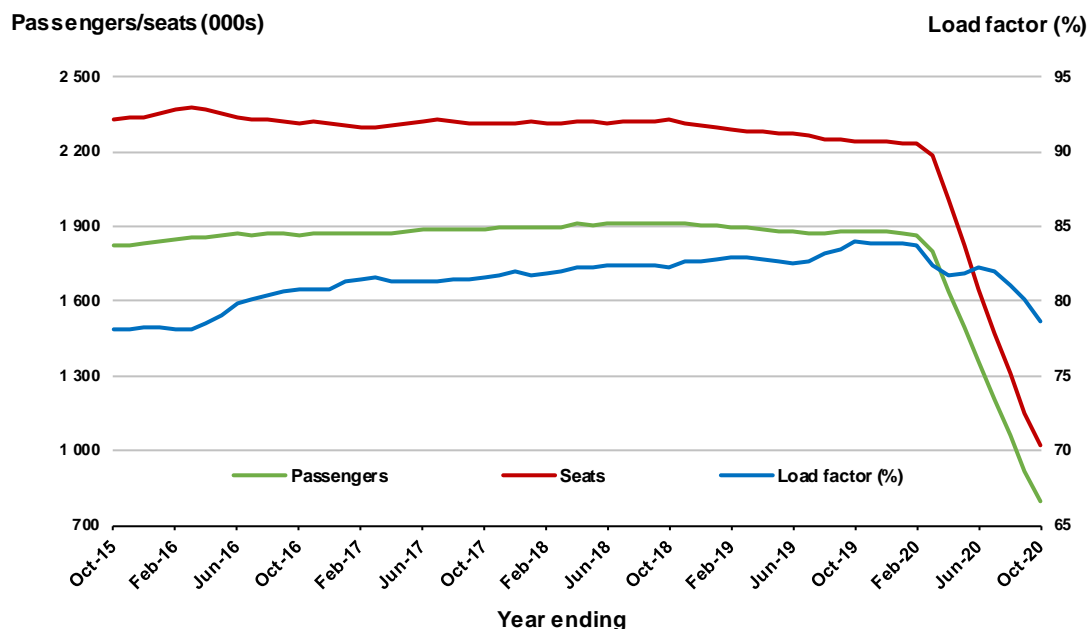


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	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 881.1	799.9	-57.5
Seats (000s)	2 239.3	1 017.6	-54.6
Load factor %	84.0	78.6	-5.4 *
Aircraft trips	13 295	6 183	-53.5

* percentage point difference

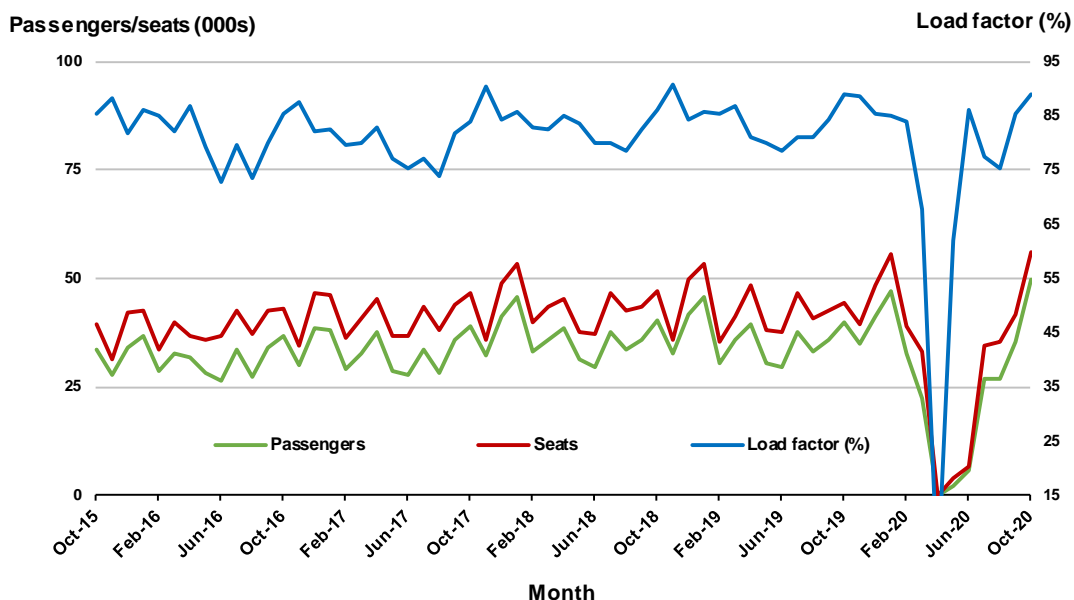


3. Ballina - Sydney

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	39.7	49.9	25.7
Seats (000s)	44.6	56.2	26.1
Load factor %	89.0	88.8	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	288	434	50.7

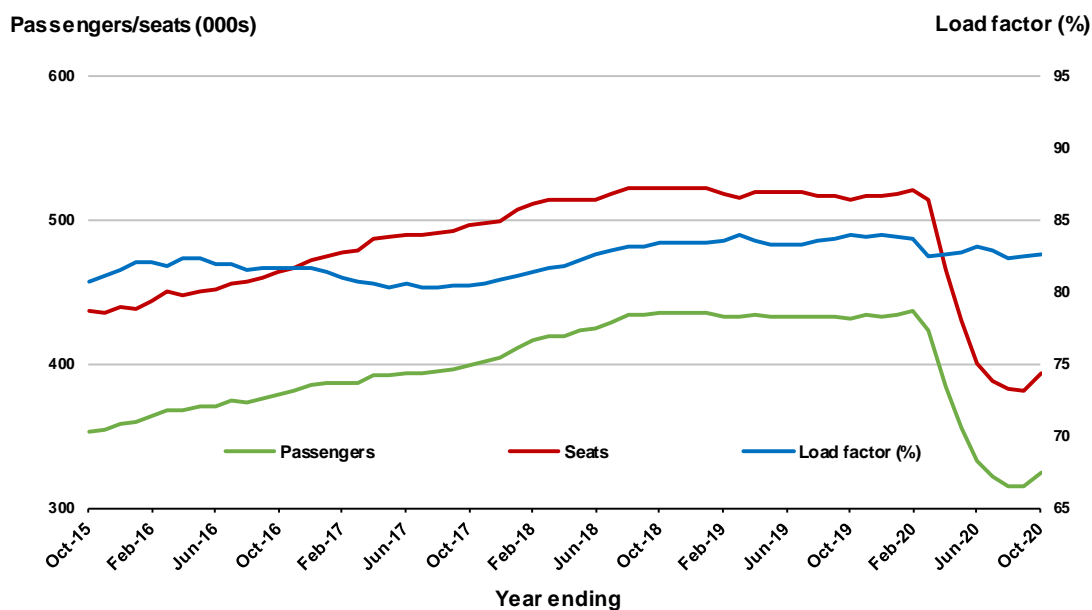
* percentage point difference



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	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	431.7	324.7	-24.8
Seats (000s)	514.2	393.2	-23.5
Load factor %	84.0	82.6	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	3 289	2 701	-17.9

* percentage point difference



4. Brisbane - Townsville

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	91.0	47.4	-47.9
Seats (000s)	112.7	65.9	-41.5
Load factor %	80.7	71.9	-8.8 *
Aircraft trips	749	427	-43.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

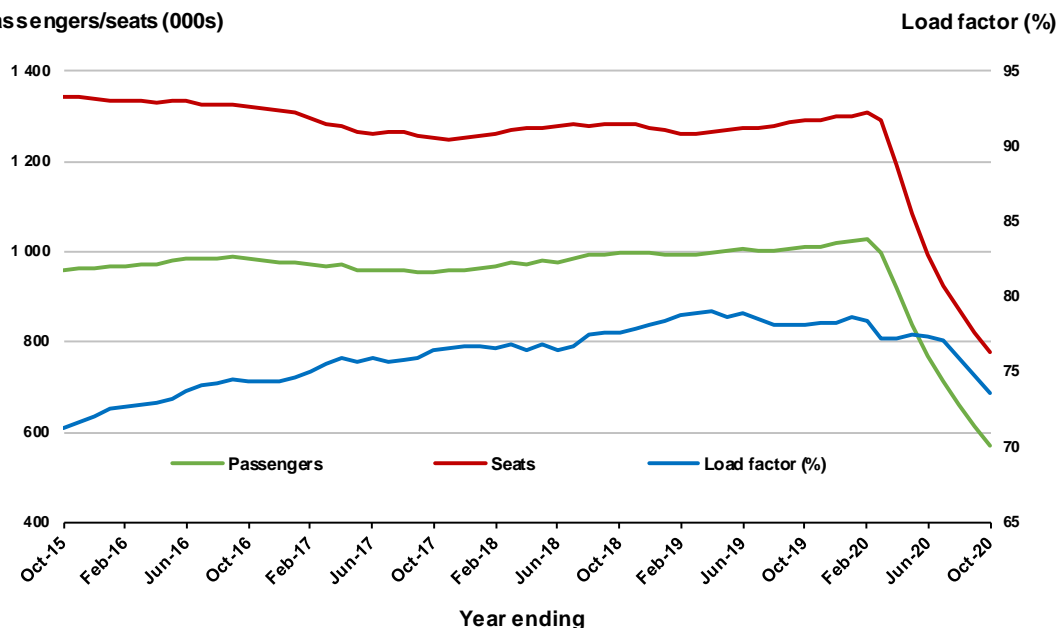


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	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 009.6	571.1	-43.4
Seats (000s)	1 291.0	776.0	-39.9
Load factor %	78.2	73.6	-4.6 *
Aircraft trips	8 674	5 277	-39.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



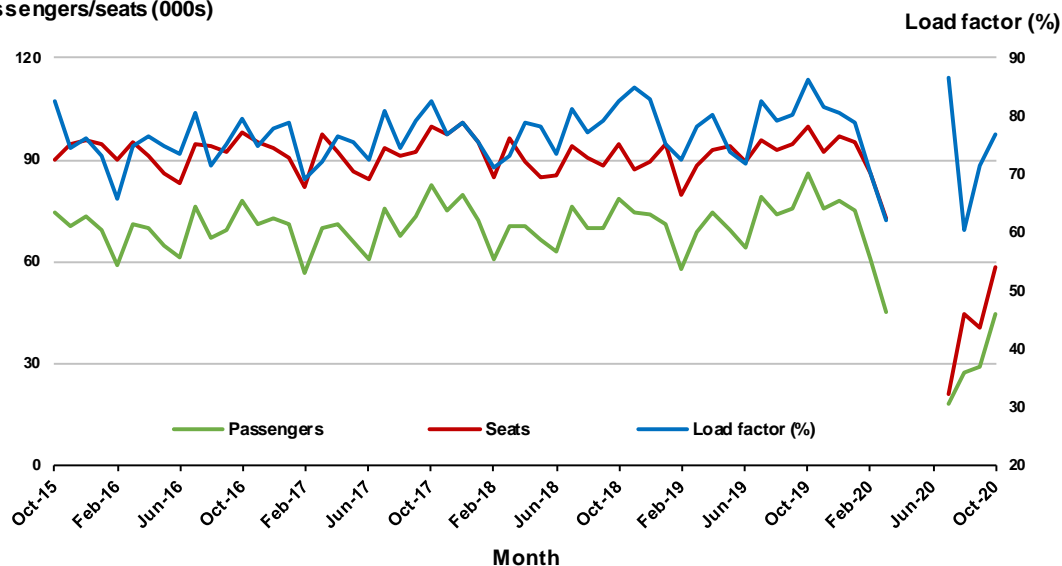
5. Adelaide - Brisbane ^(a)

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	86.0	44.8	-47.9
Seats (000s)	99.8	58.3	-41.6
Load factor %	86.2	77.0	-9.2 *
Aircraft trips	575	345	-40.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



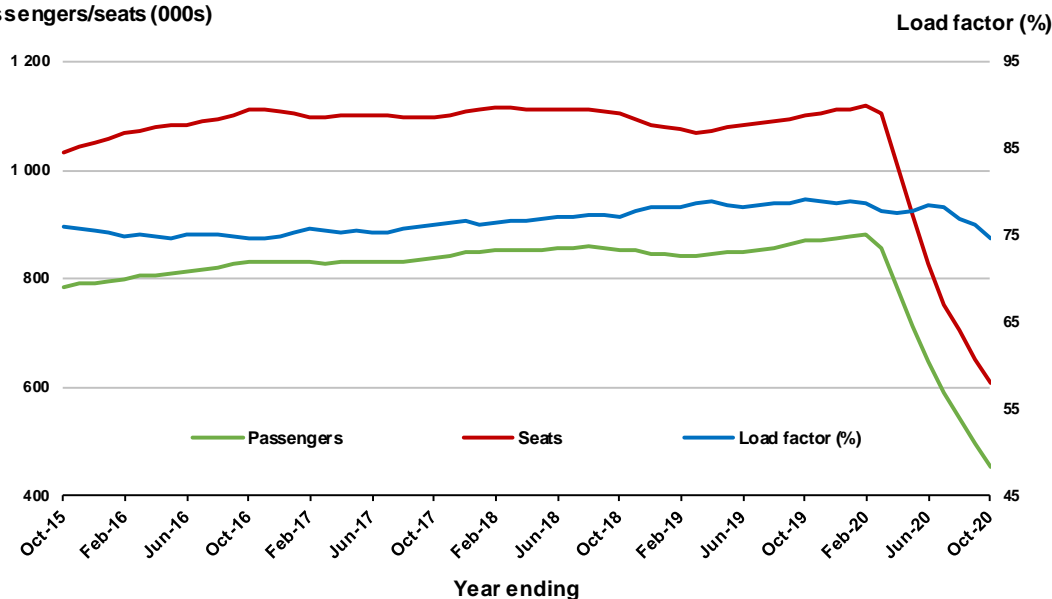
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Moving annual data

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	869.9	454.3	-47.8
Seats (000s)	1 099.7	609.1	-44.6
Load factor %	79.1	74.6	-4.5 *
Aircraft trips	6 500	3 558	-45.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



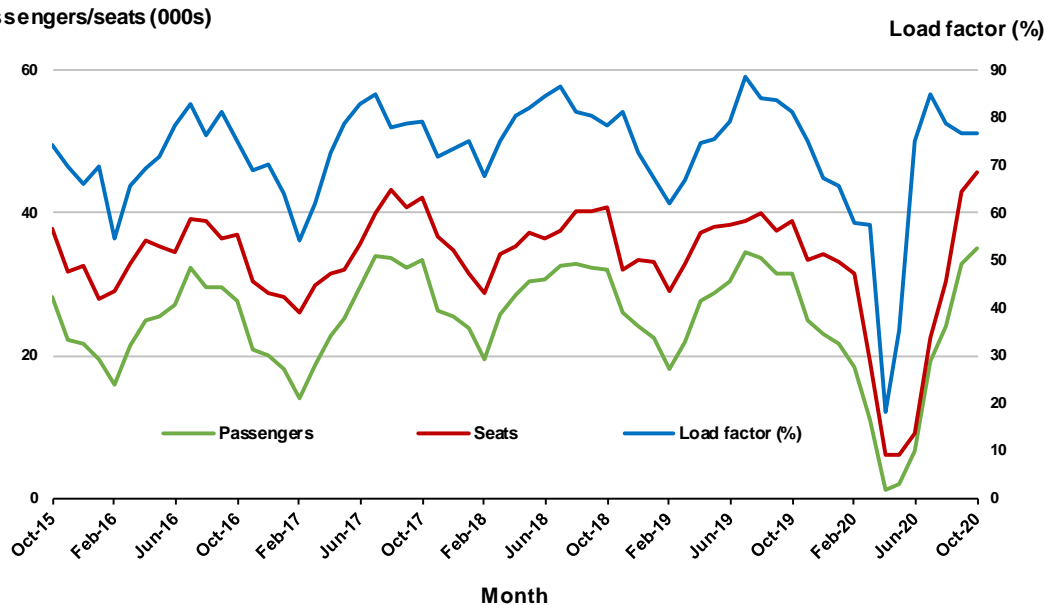
6. Broome - Perth

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	31.5	35.0	11.2
Seats (000s)	38.8	45.6	17.6
Load factor %	81.2	76.7	-4.5 *
Aircraft trips	337	294	-12.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

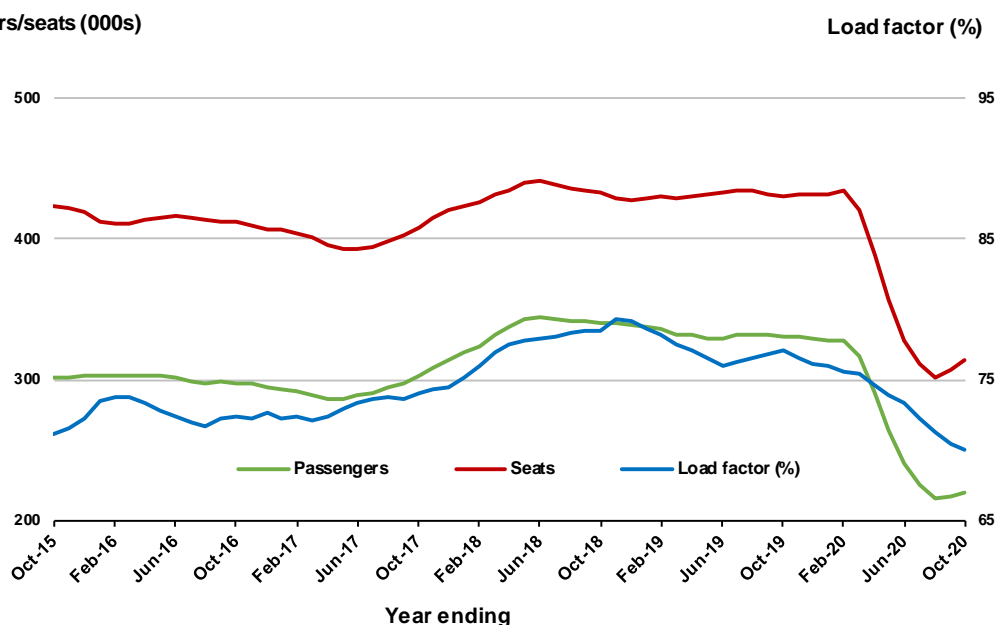


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	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	331.1	220.3	-33.5
Seats (000s)	429.9	314.2	-26.9
Load factor %	77.0	70.1	-6.9 *
Aircraft trips	3 722	2 374	-36.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

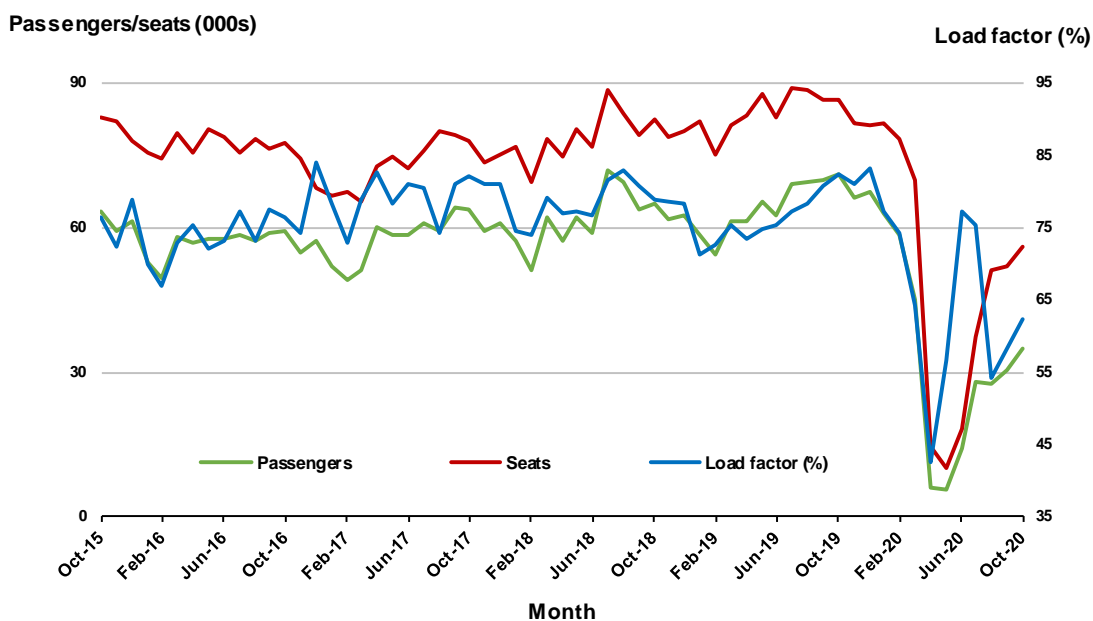


7. Brisbane - Mackay

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	71.2	34.9	-51.0
Seats (000s)	86.5	56.0	-35.3
Load factor %	82.3	62.4	-19.9 *
Aircraft trips	684	392	-42.7

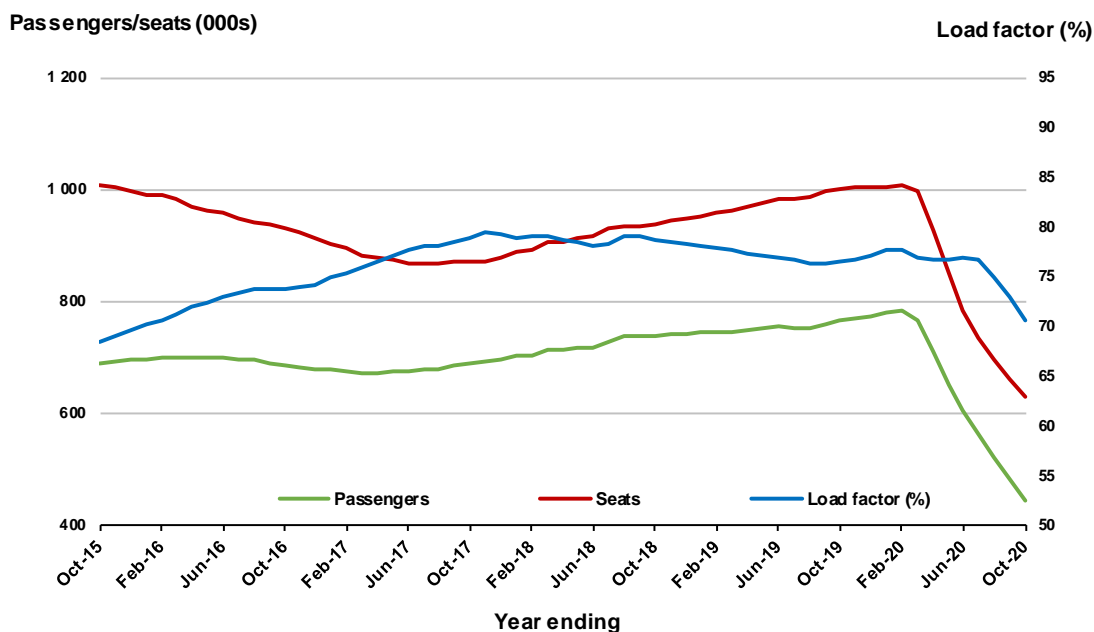
* percentage point difference



Moving annual data

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	766.4	446.4	-41.7
Seats (000s)	1 000.4	631.6	-36.9
Load factor %	76.6	70.7	-5.9 *
Aircraft trips	7 697	4 962	-35.5

* percentage point difference



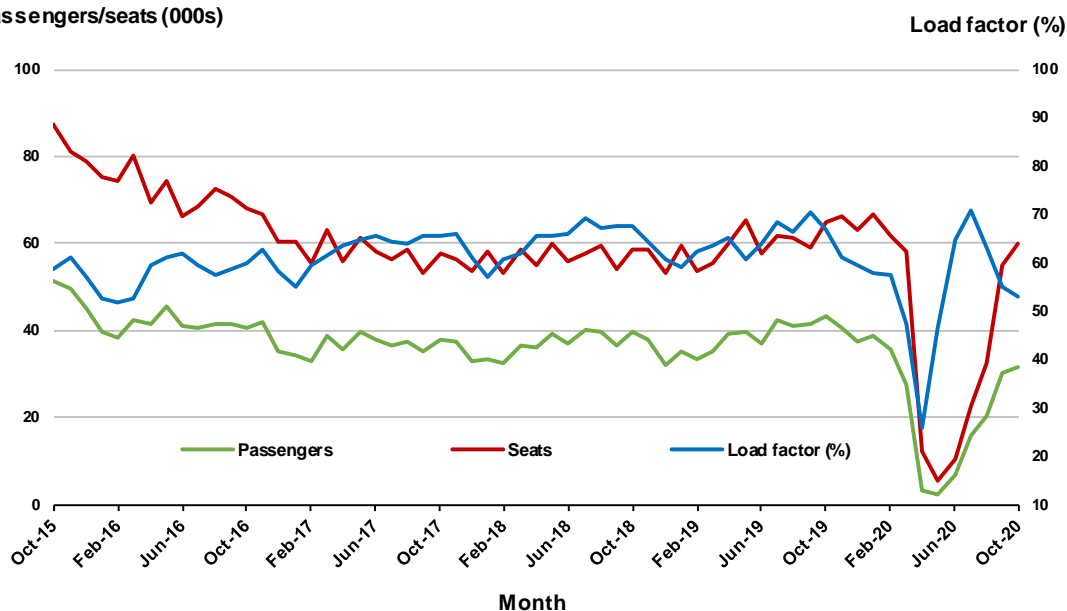
8. Karratha - Perth

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	43.2	31.8	-26.5
Seats (000s)	64.8	60.1	-7.2
Load factor %	66.8	52.9	-13.9 *
Aircraft trips	518	376	-27.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

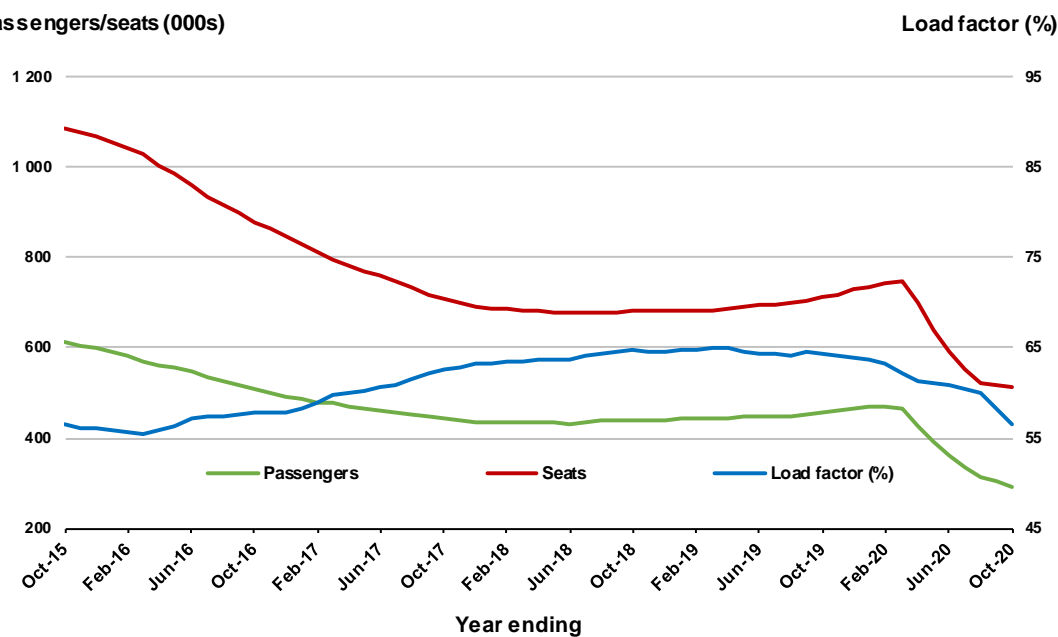


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	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	458.0	291.2	-36.4
Seats (000s)	711.0	514.9	-27.6
Load factor %	64.4	56.5	-7.9 *
Aircraft trips	5 962	3 636	-39.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



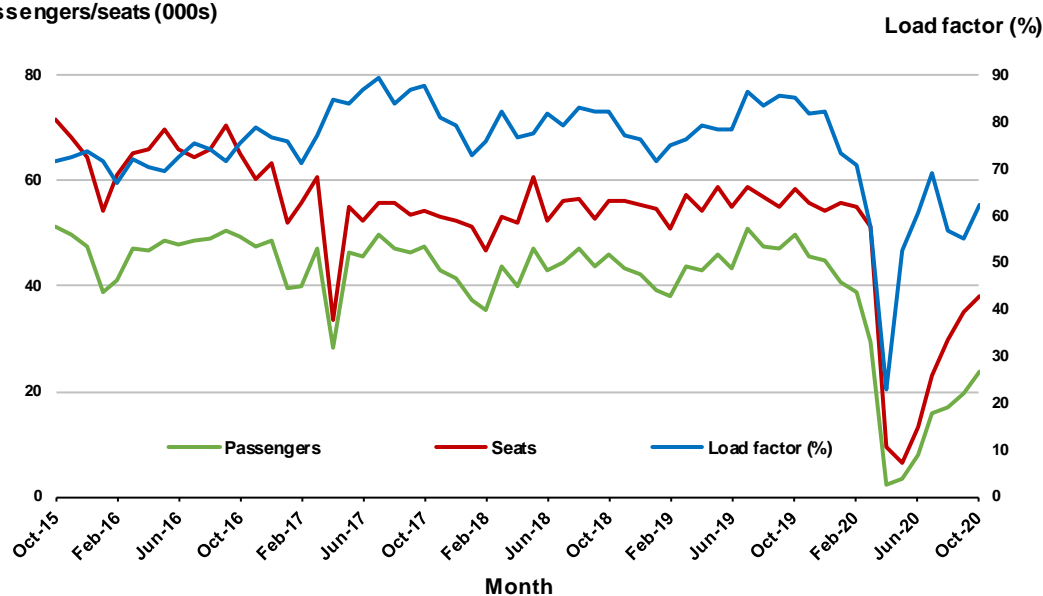
9. Brisbane - Rockhampton

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	49.6	23.7	-52.2
Seats (000s)	58.3	37.9	-34.9
Load factor %	85.1	62.5	-22.6 *
Aircraft trips	696	385	-44.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



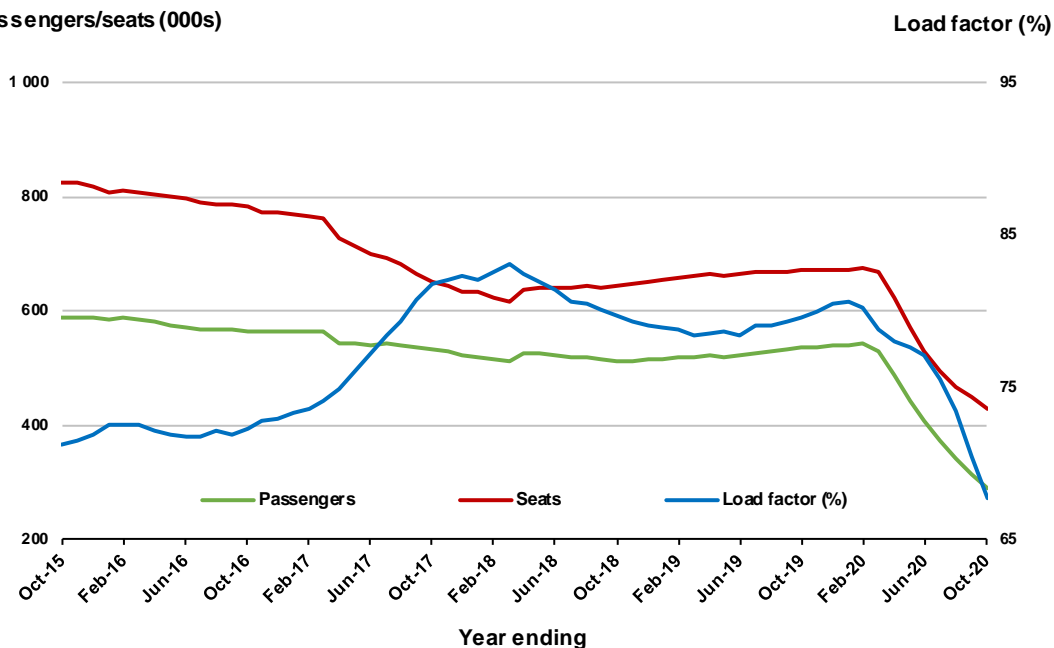
* no flights in April and May due to the COVID 19

Moving annual data

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	534.6	289.6	-45.8
Seats (000s)	671.8	427.4	-36.4
Load factor %	79.6	67.8	-11.8 *
Aircraft trips	8 015	4 794	-40.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

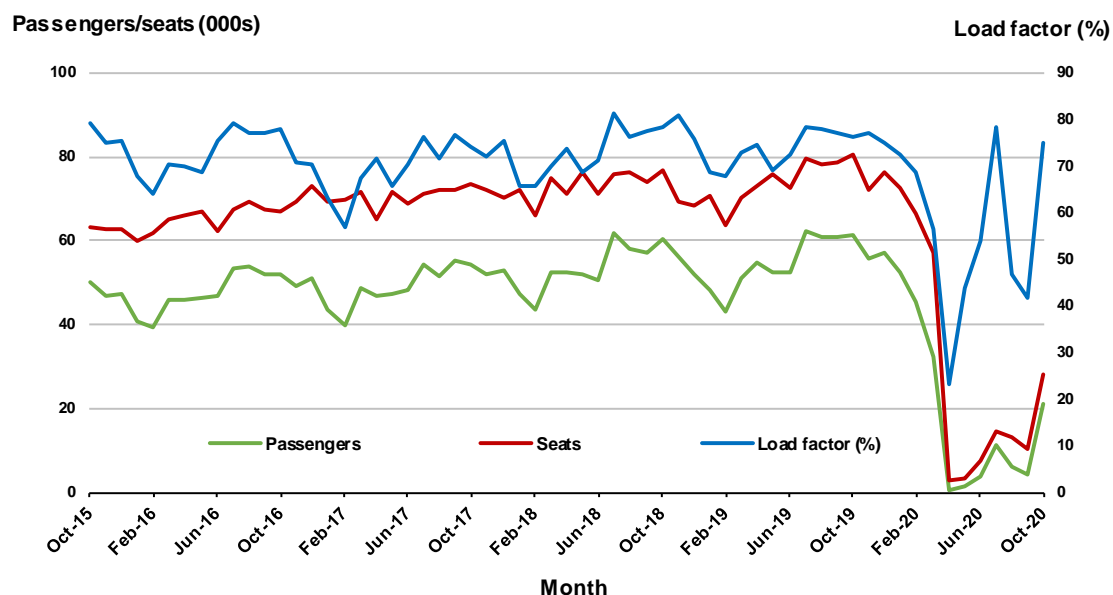


10. Brisbane - Canberra

Monthly data

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	61.4	21.0	-65.9
Seats (000s)	80.6	28.0	-65.2
Load factor %	76.2	74.8	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	575	215	-62.6

* percentage point difference

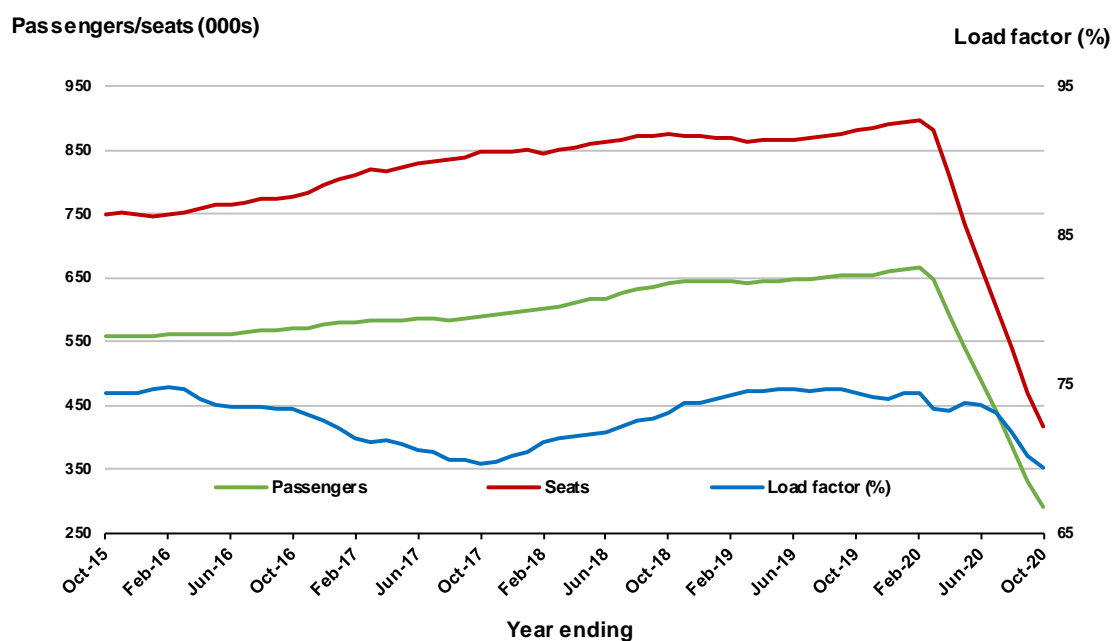


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Moving annual data

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	655.3	290.1	-55.7
Seats (000s)	880.7	418.2	-52.5
Load factor %	74.4	69.4	-5.0 *
Aircraft trips	6 439	3 147	-51.1

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
1 Cairns	384.8	133.4	-65.3
2 Townsville	151.3	67.8	-55.2
3 Darwin	154.2	62.5	-59.5
4 Ballina	48.4	51.2	5.8
5 Mackay	80.7	41.3	-48.9
6 Broome	36.7	36.1	-1.7
7 Karratha	43.4	31.8	-26.7
8 Rockhampton	52.6	26.0	-50.7
9 Alice Springs	51.4	22.2	-56.7
10 Proserpine	41.9	20.8	-50.3
11 Hamilton Island	47.1	18.0	-61.8
12 Kalgoorlie	27.6	18.0	-34.9
13 Port Hedland	36.1	17.0	-52.9
14 Mount Isa	21.0	14.2	-32.3
15 Paraburdoo	18.3	13.8	-24.6
16 Newman	32.8	12.7	-61.1
17 Port Lincoln	15.9	9.1	-42.7
18 Hobart	241.7	8.9	-96.3
19 Gladstone	22.7	8.6	-62.2
20 Emerald	18.9	8.1	-57.1
21 Learmonth	7.2	7.1	-1.6
22 Thursday Island	8.8	7.0	-20.3
23 Launceston	116.5	6.3	-94.6
24 Coffs Harbour	37.4	6.0	-83.9
25 Dubbo	19.6	5.9	-69.7
26 Kununurra	10.3	5.7	-44.8
27 Gove	7.1	5.3	-25.1
28 Weipa	5.9	4.4	-25.9
29 Olympic Dam	6.5	4.4	-33.1
30 Geraldton	9.7	3.5	-64.1
31 Albany	5.8	3.4	-41.4
32 Esperance	4.5	3.4	-24.9
33 Roma	8.9	3.2	-63.7
34 Moranbah	10.1	3.2	-68.4
35 Wagga Wagga	19.8	2.8	-85.7
36 Longreach	3.7	2.5	-30.3
37 Whyalla	7.0	2.5	-64.8
38 Palm Island	2.7	2.4	-10.1
39 Ayers Rock	48.3	2.4	-95.0
40 Norfolk Island	5.7	2.4	-58.2
41 Bundaberg	14.2	2.3	-83.7
42 Cloncurry	4.4	2.3	-48.8
43 Albury	23.8	2.2	-90.7
44 Port Macquarie	20.1	2.2	-89.1
45 King Island	4.2	2.1	-49.9
46 Newcastle	118.7	2.1	-98.2
47 Carnarvon	2.3	2.1	-8.8
48 Christmas Island	1.7	2.1	20.6
49 Toowoomba Wellcamp	11.5	2.0	-82.5
50 Normanton	2.1	2.0	-7.1
Total top 50 regional airports	2 075.9	726.7	-65.0
Total regional airports	2 289.8	781.3	-65.9
Total domestic network	11 289.6	1 816.9	-83.9

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 Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
1 Cairns	4 169.3	1 959.8	-53.0
2 Hobart	2 767.6	1 221.5	-55.9
3 Townsville	1 657.1	880.1	-46.9
4 Darwin	1 731.6	759.1	-56.2
5 Launceston	1 391.9	616.6	-55.7
6 Mackay	869.5	506.9	-41.7
7 Newcastle	1 274.4	505.5	-60.3
8 Ballina	531.4	379.9	-28.5
9 Rockhampton	566.4	309.8	-45.3
10 Karratha	460.3	292.2	-36.5
11 Broome	405.5	242.2	-40.3
12 Alice Springs	577.0	241.3	-58.2
13 Proserpine	429.8	234.4	-45.5
14 Port Hedland	382.6	228.6	-40.3
15 Hamilton Island	446.1	227.2	-49.1
16 Newman	339.9	180.7	-46.8
17 Coffs Harbour	399.0	171.2	-57.1
18 Kalgoorlie	292.4	170.6	-41.7
19 Mount Isa	221.9	155.6	-29.9
20 Ayers Rock	489.7	146.9	-70.0
21 Gladstone	247.6	130.5	-47.3
22 Emerald	199.5	113.2	-43.3
23 Paraburdoo	187.6	111.1	-40.8
24 Port Lincoln	170.1	104.4	-38.6
25 Dubbo	211.4	99.4	-53.0
26 Mildura	254.3	98.2	-61.4
27 Albury	254.7	98.1	-61.5
28 Port Macquarie	218.3	88.7	-59.4
29 Wagga Wagga	207.4	85.7	-58.7
30 Tamworth	187.2	78.8	-57.9
31 Bundaberg	154.5	71.9	-53.4
32 Hervey Bay	165.4	66.2	-60.0
33 Thursday Island	97.6	61.5	-37.0
34 Kununurra	114.2	60.5	-47.0
35 Moranbah	109.3	58.9	-46.2
36 Devonport	147.7	58.4	-60.5
37 Learmonth	86.8	57.1	-34.2
38 Gove	81.2	54.5	-32.9
39 Toowoomba Wellcamp	119.0	54.4	-54.3
40 Armidale	131.6	52.1	-60.4
41 Geraldton	107.9	50.4	-53.3
42 Roma	96.3	47.9	-50.2
43 Weipa	72.7	44.8	-38.4
44 Olympic Dam	76.8	41.7	-45.8
45 Griffith	93.2	40.3	-56.8
46 Albany	62.2	36.9	-40.7
47 Whyalla	78.9	36.7	-53.5
48 Mount Gambier	84.6	36.0	-57.4
49 Burnie	72.2	34.9	-51.7
50 Orange	81.4	34.7	-57.4
Total top 50 regional airports	23 575.0	11 437.9	-51.5
Total regional airports	25 015.8	12 287.4	-50.9
Total domestic network	122 511.8	53 347.7	-56.5

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

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	265 966	309 723	16.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	4 566	6 043	32.3

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

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

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 664 069	3 037 434	14.0
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	45 955	61 611	34.1

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Oct 2019	Oct 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	531 932	619 446	16.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	9 132	12 086	32.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	207 301	233 827	12.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 232	3 932	21.7

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

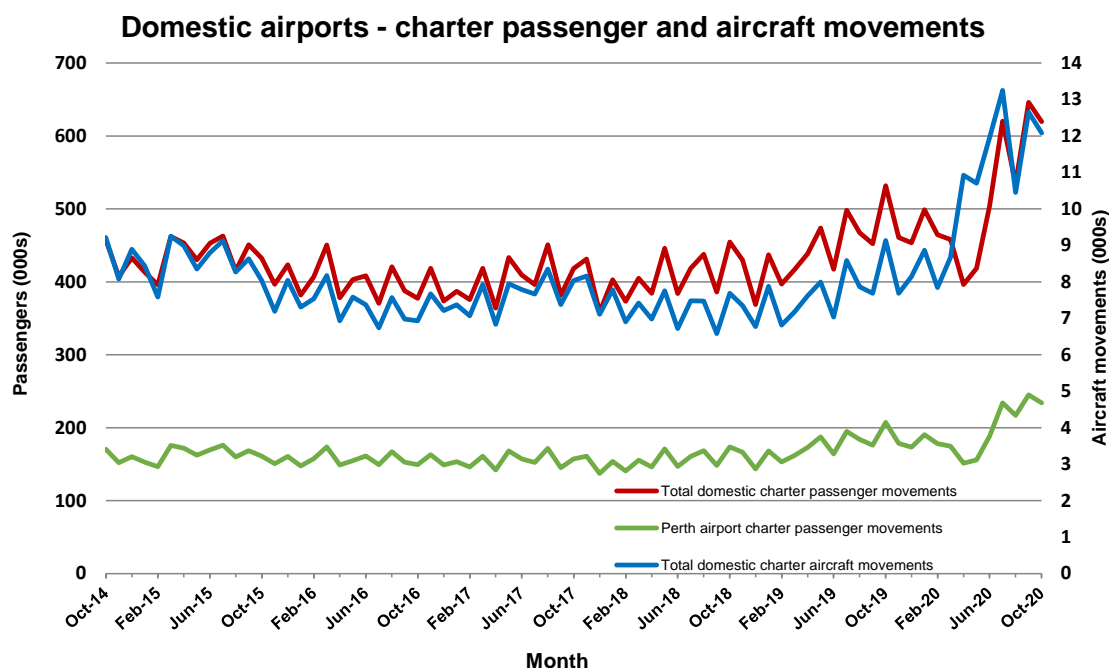
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Oct 2019	YE Oct 2020	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 328 138	6 074 868	14.0
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	91 910	123 222	34.1
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 078 978	2 319 652	11.6
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	32 534	41 720	28.2

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.