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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of September 2021.

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.

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 September 2021, there were 24 such routes compared to 22 published in September 2020.

Information on the total network for the month of September 2021 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of September 2021 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended September 2021 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-8 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 10.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 11. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North, Rex Airlines 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 12-21.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are presented on pages 22-23.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 24. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed estimates for individual Australian airports, with the exception of Perth Airport. For the month of September Alliance Airlines charter and RPT data have been estimated and included in this publication.

A list of definitions can be found on page 25.

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 impact of COVID-19 and additional domestic travel restrictions continued to defer recovery of the domestic aviation industry in September 2021. The number of revenue passenger was 80.8 per cent below the pre-COVID-19 level in September 2019.

There were 1.29 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in September 2021, compared to 1.02 million in September 2020 and 5.42 million in September 2019.

For the month of September 2021, there were 26.1 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 22.4 thousand in September 2020 and 57.3 thousand in September 2019.

994.4 thousand passengers were carried on RPT flights in September 2021, compared to 699.7 thousand reported in September 2020 and 5.19 million reported in September 2019.

For the year ending September 2021 there were 22.60 million RPT passengers, a decrease of 28.0 per cent on the year ending September 2020 and a decrease of 63.0 per cent on the year ending September 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 1.27 billion for the month, compared with 0.80 billion in September 2020.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 1.83 billion in September 2021 compared to 1.25 billion in September 2020.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 56.1 per cent in September 2020 to 54.9 per cent in September 2021. The highest load factor (82.6 per cent) was recorded on the Adelaide – Port Lincoln route while the lowest load factor (48.3 per cent) was recorded on the Newman – Perth route.

In September 2021, most published routes recorded large increases in the number of passengers carried compared to September 2020.

For the month of September 2021, Brisbane – Cairns was Australia's busiest RPT route with 92.0 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Townsville with 58.8 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Mackay with 45.4 thousand passengers.

Brisbane was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 439.7 thousand passenger movements in September 2021, followed by Perth with 310.4 thousand passenger movements and Adelaide with 160.5 thousand passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 36.8 thousand tonnes in September 2021, an increase of 13.6 per cent compared with September 2020.

In September 2021, there were 988.4 thousand domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 675.9 thousand in September 2020 and 2.15 million in September 2019. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing recorded increases in September 2021 compared to September 2020.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 300.5 thousand passengers in September 2021, a decrease of 6.9 per cent on September 2020. Perth Airport accounted for 38.1 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.02	1.29	26.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	22.4	26.1	16.8

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

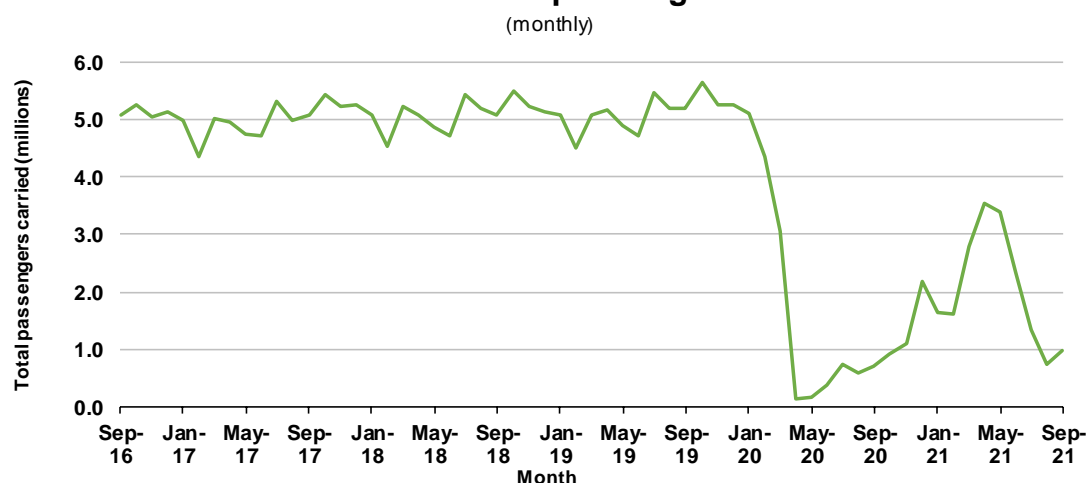
RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

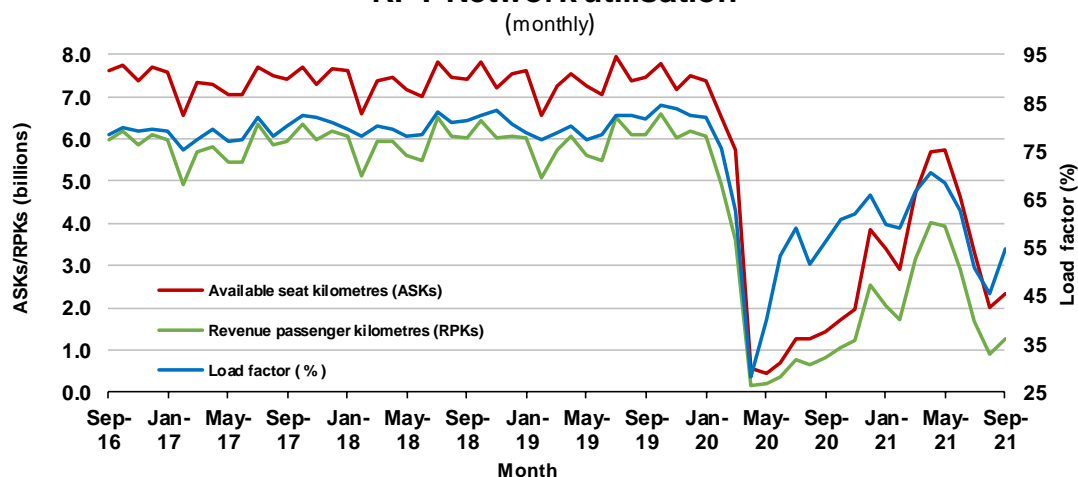
	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	0.70	0.99	42.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	0.80	1.27	59.6
Available seats (millions)	1.25	1.83	47.0
Available seat kilometres (billions)	1.42	2.32	63.1
Load factor %	56.1	54.9	- 1.2 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	16.0	20.7	28.7

* percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	34.40	26.01	-24.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	434.4	413.5	-4.8

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

RPT NETWORK

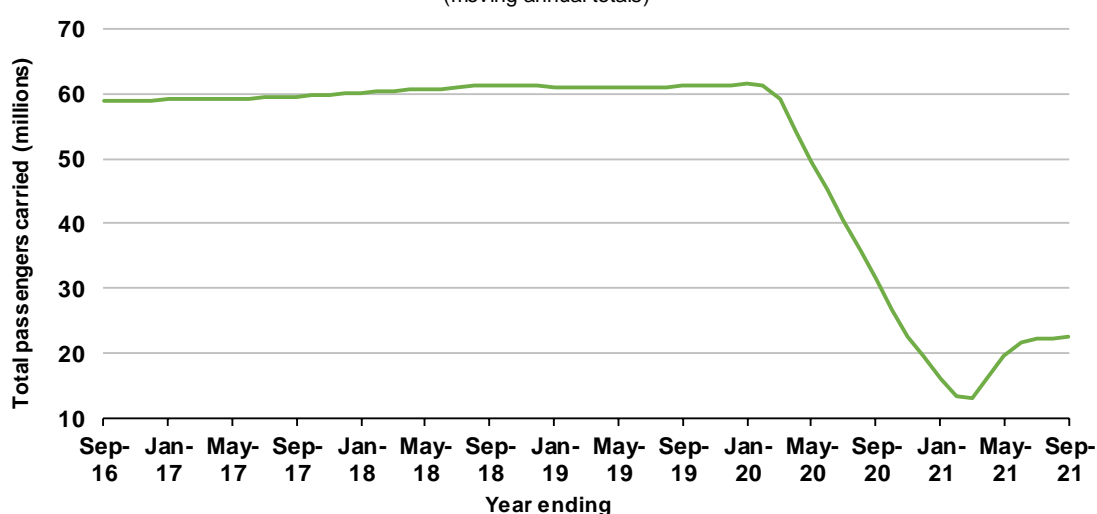
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	31.41	22.60	-28.0
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	36.29	26.41	-27.2
Available seats (millions)	42.17	36.79	-12.8
Available seat kilometres (billions)	47.80	42.26	-11.6
Load factor %	75.9	62.5	-13.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	374.2	348.4	-6.9

* percentage point difference

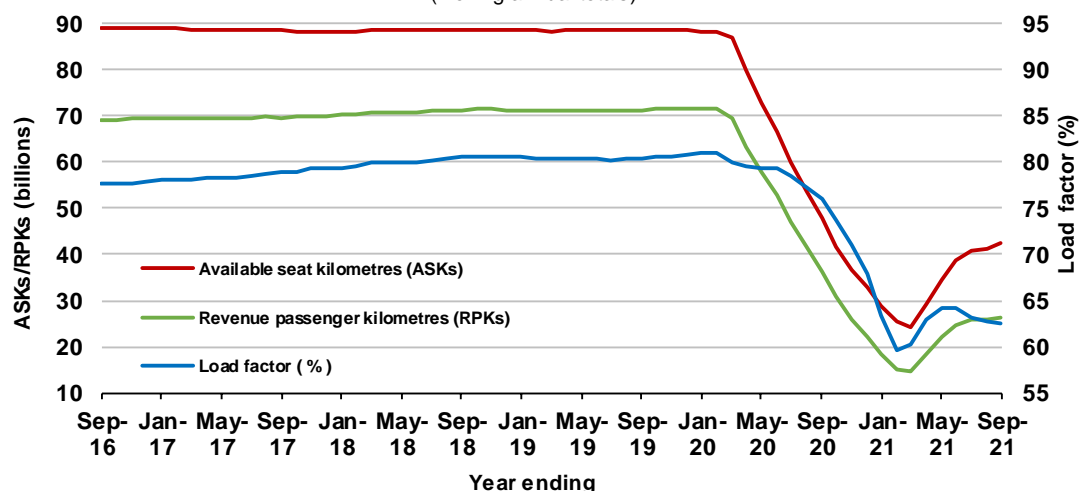
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	823.7	972.0	18.0
2	Brisbane - Townsville	614.7	668.2	8.7
3	Brisbane - Mackay	482.7	514.3	6.5
4	Adelaide - Brisbane	497.6	432.8	-13.0
5	Karratha - Perth	302.6	395.9	30.8
6	Broome - Perth	216.7	361.9	67.0
7	Brisbane - Rockhampton	315.5	346.9	10.0
8	Perth - Port Hedland	241.7	322.0	33.2
9	Newman - Perth	200.3	292.7	46.1
10	Brisbane - Darwin	187.1	259.6	38.8
11	Adelaide - Perth	..	253.2	NA (a)
12	Kalgoorlie - Perth	174.5	238.6	36.7
13	Brisbane - Proserpine	173.7	227.3	30.9
14	Brisbane - Hobart	..	213.3	NA (a)
15	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	196.4	NA (a)
16	Adelaide - Darwin	..	135.2	NA (a)
17	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	134.5	NA (a)
18	Brisbane - Emerald	..	129.4	NA (a)
19	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	129.3	NA (a)
20	Darwin - Perth	..	125.3	NA (a)
21	Brisbane - Launceston	..	115.6	NA (a)
22	Cairns - Townsville	..	111.4	NA (a)
23	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	106.2	NA (a)
24	Adelaide - Cairns	..	90.9	NA (a)
25	Melbourne - Sydney	4 378.1	..	NA (a)
26	Brisbane - Sydney	2 411.3	..	NA (a)
27	Brisbane - Melbourne	1 736.9	..	NA (a)
28	Melbourne - Perth	1 069.9	..	NA (a)
29	Adelaide - Sydney	931.9	..	NA (a)
30	Perth - Sydney	866.4	..	NA (a)
31	Brisbane - Canberra	332.7	..	NA (a)
32	Ballina - Sydney	314.8	..	NA (a)
Total domestic network		31 411.1	22 602.6	-28.0

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(a) City pairs published in September 2020, data not available for release in September 2021.

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	75.0	92.0	22.7
2	Brisbane - Townsville	44.3	58.8	32.7
3	Brisbane - Mackay	30.3	45.4	50.0
4	Broome - Perth	32.9	41.9	27.5
5	Karratha - Perth	30.3	41.1	35.5
6	Adelaide - Perth	..	34.8	NA (a)
7	Perth - Port Hedland	15.3	34.6	126.4
8	Adelaide - Brisbane	29.0	30.2	3.9
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	19.5	28.6	46.6
10	Newman - Perth	10.8	28.1	159.9
11	Kalgoorlie - Perth	14.5	24.2	66.4
12	Brisbane - Darwin	15.8	24.1	52.8
13	Brisbane - Hobart	..	23.3	NA (a)
14	Brisbane - Proserpine	16.8	22.8	35.2
15	Darwin - Perth	..	21.1	NA (a)
16	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	19.7	NA (a)
17	Adelaide - Darwin	..	19.0	NA (a)
18	Brisbane - Launceston	..	12.8	NA (a)
19	Brisbane - Emerald	..	11.9	NA (a)
20	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	11.6	NA (a)
21	Adelaide - Cairns	..	11.4	NA (a)
22	Cairns - Townsville	..	11.0	NA (a)
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	10.6	NA (a)
24	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	9.2	NA (a)
25	Ballina - Sydney	35.3	..	NA (a)
26	Brisbane - Sydney	10.9	..	NA (a)
27	Adelaide - Sydney	10.3	..	NA (a)
28	Melbourne - Sydney	10.2	..	NA (a)
29	Brisbane - Melbourne	4.4	..	NA (a)
30	Brisbane - Canberra	4.3	..	NA (a)
31	Perth - Sydney	4.2	..	NA (a)
32	Melbourne - Perth	2.4	..	NA (a)
Total domestic network		699.7	994.4	42.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	99.2	124.7	25.7
2	Brisbane - Townsville	62.7	88.8	41.6
3	Brisbane - Mackay	51.9	71.1	37.1
4	Broome - Perth	42.9	59.1	37.7
5	Karratha - Perth	55.0	62.0	12.6
6	Adelaide - Perth	..	53.2	NA (a)
7	Perth - Port Hedland	28.3	54.9	93.8
8	Adelaide - Brisbane	40.6	51.0	25.7
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	35.2	40.4	14.7
10	Newman - Perth	21.8	58.2	166.3
11	Kalgoorlie - Perth	27.5	37.3	35.5
12	Brisbane - Darwin	21.5	39.8	85.1
13	Brisbane - Hobart	..	35.1	NA (a)
14	Brisbane - Proserpine	22.9	30.5	33.0
15	Darwin - Perth	..	34.3	NA (a)
16	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	25.7	NA (a)
17	Adelaide - Darwin	..	28.2	NA (a)
18	Brisbane - Launceston	..	17.3	NA (a)
19	Brisbane - Emerald	..	19.1	NA (a)
20	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	14.0	NA (a)
21	Adelaide - Cairns	..	17.9	NA (a)
22	Cairns - Townsville	..	18.7	NA (a)
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	19.4	NA (a)
24	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	17.2	NA (a)
25	Ballina - Sydney	41.5	..	NA (a)
26	Brisbane - Sydney	26.1	..	NA (a)
27	Adelaide - Sydney	17.5	..	NA (a)
28	Melbourne - Sydney	28.7	..	NA (a)
29	Brisbane - Melbourne	8.6	..	NA (a)
30	Brisbane - Canberra	10.4	..	NA (a)
31	Perth - Sydney	17.7	..	NA (a)
32	Melbourne - Perth	14.9	..	NA (a)
Total domestic network		1 246.6	1 832.7	47.0

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Point diff
1	Brisbane - Cairns	75.6	73.8	-1.8
2	Brisbane - Townsville	70.7	66.3	-4.4
3	Brisbane - Mackay	58.3	63.8	5.5
4	Broome - Perth	76.6	70.9	-5.7
5	Karratha - Perth	55.1	66.3	11.2
6	Adelaide - Perth	..	65.5	NA (a)
7	Perth - Port Hedland	53.9	63.0	9.1
8	Adelaide - Brisbane	71.6	59.2	-12.4
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	55.3	70.7	15.4
10	Newman - Perth	49.4	48.3	-1.1
11	Kalgoorlie - Perth	52.8	64.9	12.1
12	Brisbane - Darwin	73.4	60.5	-12.9
13	Brisbane - Hobart	..	66.2	NA (a)
14	Brisbane - Proserpine	73.4	74.6	1.2
15	Darwin - Perth	..	61.5	NA (a)
16	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	76.5	NA (a)
17	Adelaide - Darwin	..	67.3	NA (a)
18	Brisbane - Launceston	..	74.1	NA (a)
19	Brisbane - Emerald	..	62.4	NA (a)
20	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	82.6	NA (a)
21	Adelaide - Cairns	..	63.8	NA (a)
22	Cairns - Townsville	..	59.0	NA (a)
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	54.8	NA (a)
24	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	53.5	NA (a)
25	Ballina - Sydney	85.2	..	NA (a)
26	Brisbane - Sydney	41.6	..	NA (a)
27	Adelaide - Sydney	59.1	..	NA (a)
28	Melbourne - Sydney	35.4	..	NA (a)
29	Brisbane - Melbourne	50.9	..	NA (a)
30	Brisbane - Canberra	41.8	..	NA (a)
31	Perth - Sydney	23.8	..	NA (a)
32	Melbourne - Perth	15.9	..	NA (a)
Total domestic network		56.1	54.9	-1.2

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(a) City pairs published in September 2020, data not available for release in September 2021.

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
1	Brisbane - Cairns	755	798	5.7
2	Brisbane - Townsville	421	542	28.7
3	Brisbane - Mackay	364	482	32.4
4	Broome - Perth	278	350	25.9
5	Karratha - Perth	347	380	9.5
6	Adelaide - Perth	..	338	NA (b)
7	Perth - Port Hedland	193	380	96.9
8	Adelaide - Brisbane	244	314	28.7
9	Brisbane - Rockhampton	350	406	16.0
10	Newman - Perth	138	355	157.2
11	Kalgoorlie - Perth	187	272	45.5
12	Brisbane - Darwin	140	229	63.6
13	Brisbane - Hobart	..	198	NA (b)
14	Brisbane - Proserpine	138	188	36.2
15	Darwin - Perth	..	210	NA (b)
16	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	..	147	NA (b)
17	Adelaide - Darwin	..	158	NA (b)
18	Brisbane - Launceston	..	96	NA (b)
19	Brisbane - Emerald	..	286	NA (b)
20	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	..	394	NA (b)
21	Adelaide - Cairns	..	102	NA (b)
22	Cairns - Townsville	..	295	NA (b)
23	Brisbane - Gladstone	..	254	NA (b)
24	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	161	NA (b)
25	Ballina - Sydney	311	..	NA (b)
26	Brisbane - Sydney	362	..	NA (b)
27	Adelaide - Sydney	150	..	NA (b)
28	Melbourne - Sydney	362	..	NA (b)
29	Brisbane - Melbourne	182	..	NA (b)
30	Brisbane - Canberra	79	..	NA (b)
31	Perth - Sydney	95	..	NA (b)
32	Melbourne - Perth	151	..	NA (b)
Total domestic network		16 047	20 658	28.7

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights

(b) City pairs published in September 2020, data not available for release in September 2021.

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

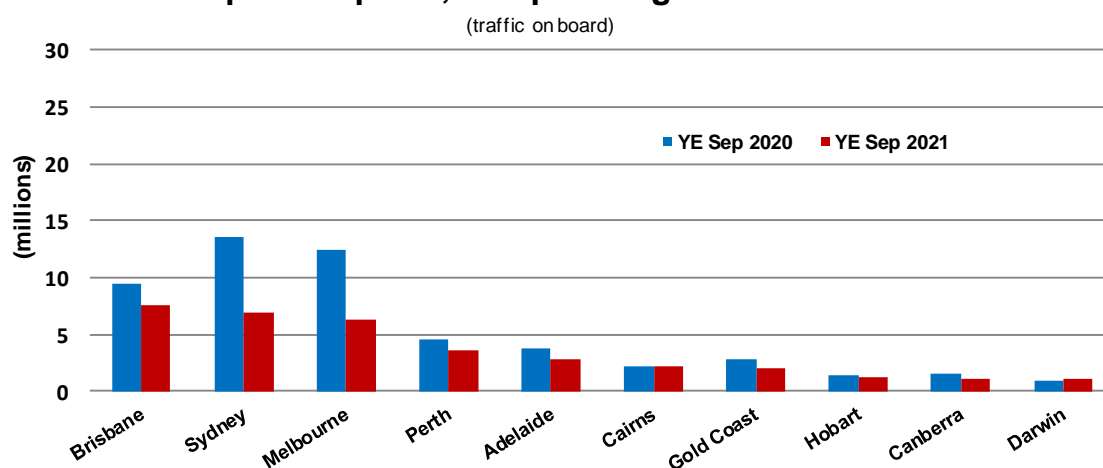
Airport	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	311.6	439.7	41.1	22.1
2 Perth	153.7	310.4	102.0	15.6
3 Adelaide	99.5	160.5	61.3	8.1
4 Cairns	124.8	159.7	28.0	8.0
5 Darwin	50.0	97.1	94.5	4.9
6 Townsville	61.8	90.2	46.1	4.5
7 Mackay	35.4	55.7	57.5	2.8
8 Hobart	5.1	49.6	875.9	2.5
9 Broome	34.0	45.4	33.4	2.3
10 Karratha	30.4	41.2	35.5	2.1
Total top ten airports	906.1	1 449.6	60.0	72.9
Total domestic network	1 399.4	1 988.8	42.1	100.0

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

Airport	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Brisbane	9 407.4	7 539.1	-19.9	16.7
2 Sydney	13 592.8	6 917.5	-49.1	15.3
3 Melbourne	12 469.2	6 284.1	-49.6	13.9
4 Perth	4 490.2	3 646.1	-18.8	8.1
5 Adelaide	3 756.3	2 866.9	-23.7	6.3
6 Cairns	2 211.1	2 228.7	0.8	4.9
7 Gold Coast	2 768.2	2 028.5	-26.7	4.5
8 Hobart	1 454.2	1 187.9	-18.3	2.6
9 Canberra	1 507.0	1 079.2	-28.4	2.4
10 Darwin	851.3	1 067.3	25.4	2.4
Total top ten airports	52 507.8	34 845.3	-33.6	77.1
Total domestic network	62 822.2	45 205.2	-28.0	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

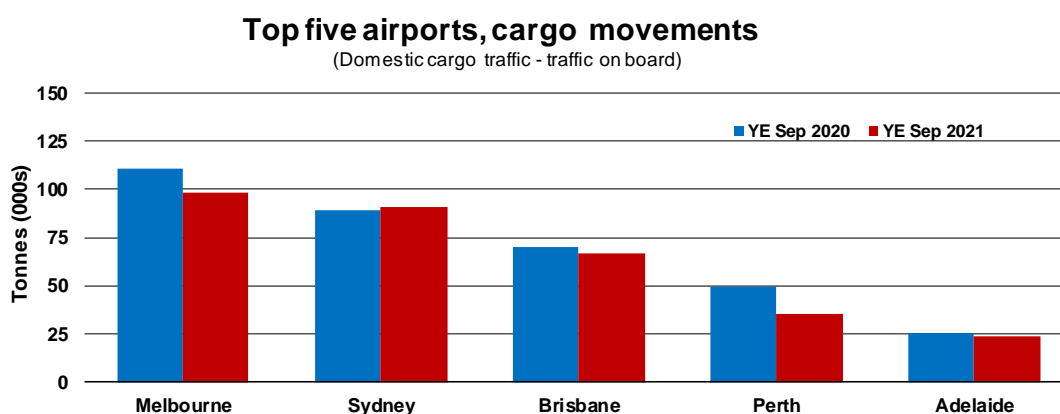
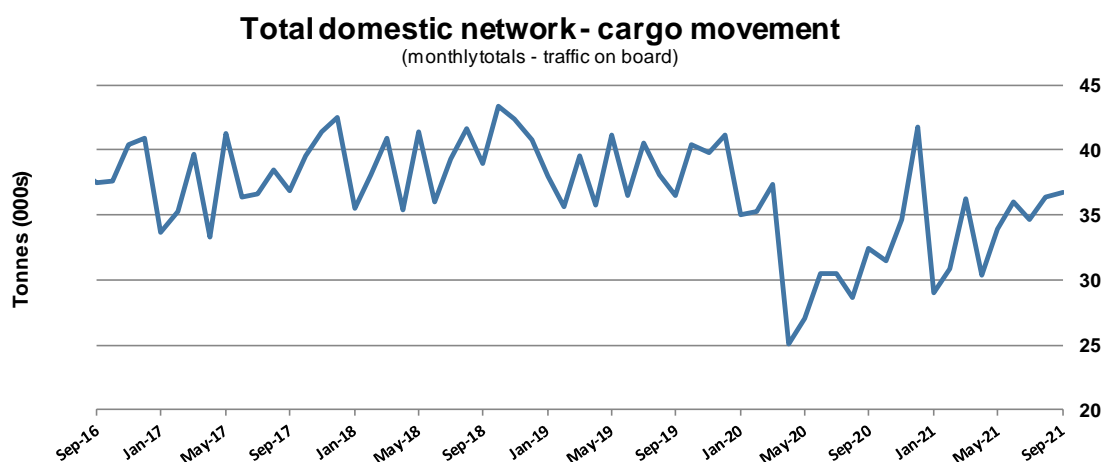
Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

Airport	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	8.1	9.6	19.0	26.2
2 Sydney	7.2	8.7	19.9	23.5
3 Brisbane	5.9	5.8	-1.3	15.8
4 Perth	2.6	3.6	37.4	9.7
5 Adelaide	1.9	2.3	20.6	6.3
Total top five airports	25.7	30.0	16.6	81.6
Total domestic network	32.4	36.8	13.6	100.0

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

Airport	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	110.8	98.0	-11.6	26.1
2 Sydney	88.9	90.4	1.7	24.1
3 Brisbane	69.8	67.1	-3.8	17.9
4 Perth	49.6	35.3	-28.8	9.4
5 Adelaide	25.6	24.1	-6.2	6.4
Total top five airports	344.9	315.0	-8.7	83.9
Total domestic network	402.7	375.3	-6.8	100.0

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



TOP TEN ROUTES

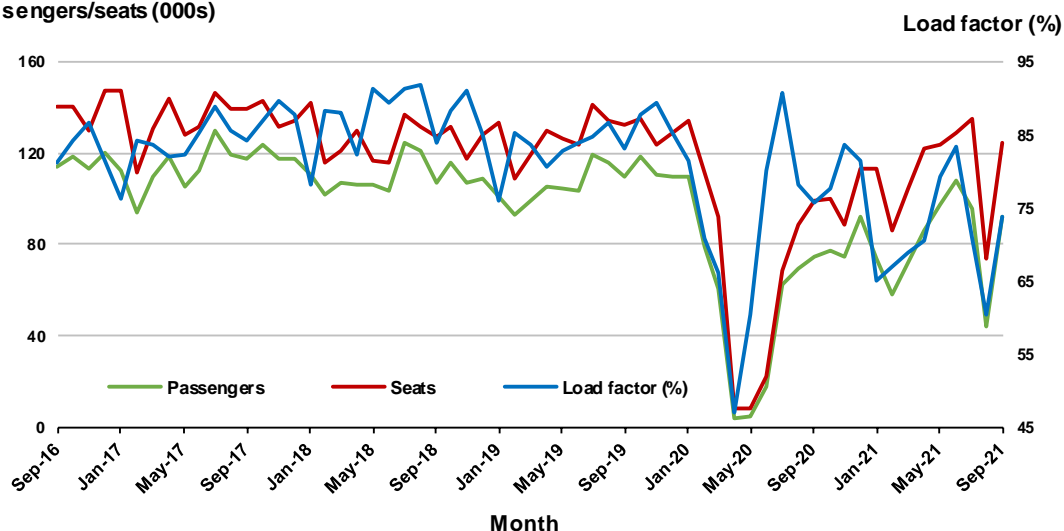
1. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	75.0	92.0	22.7
Seats (000s)	99.2	124.7	25.7
Load factor %	75.6	73.8	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	755	798	5.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

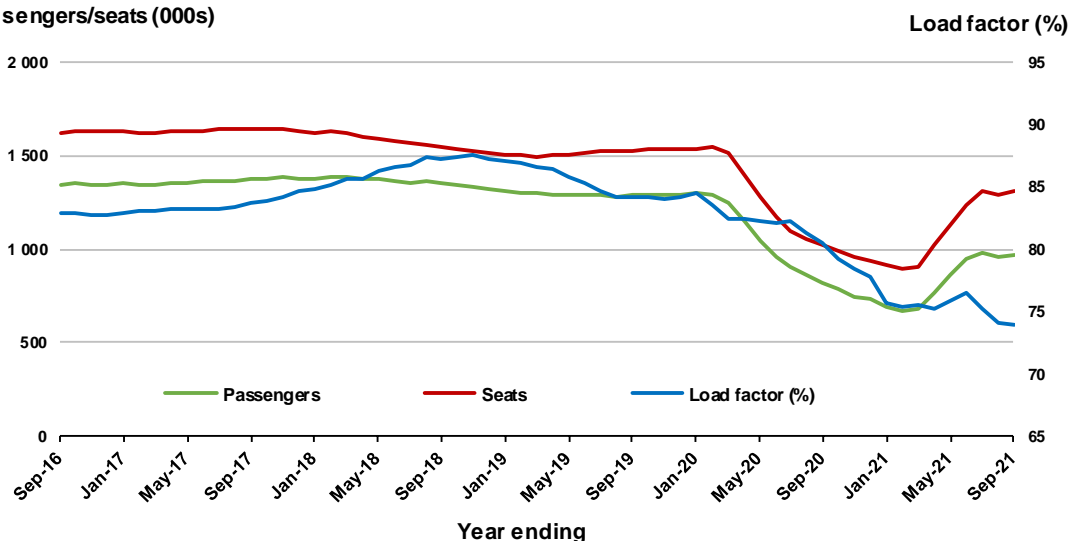


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	823.7	972.0	18.0
Seats (000s)	1 022.8	1 314.8	28.5
Load factor %	80.5	73.9	-6.6 *
Aircraft trips	7 381	8 455	14.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

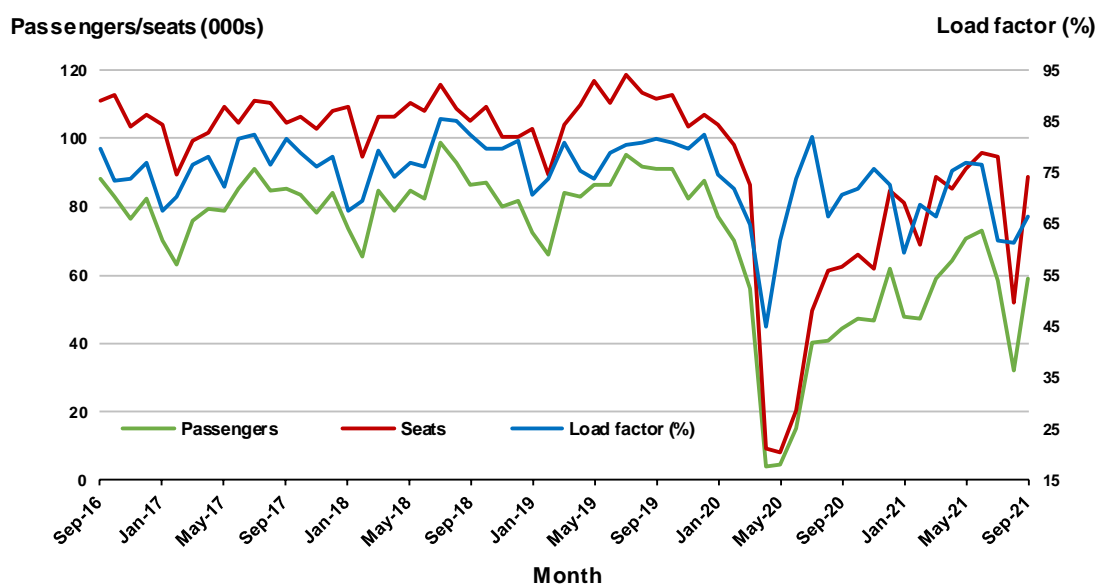


2. Brisbane - Townsville

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	44.3	58.8	32.7
Seats (000s)	62.7	88.8	41.6
Load factor %	70.7	66.3	-4.4 *
Aircraft trips	421	542	NA

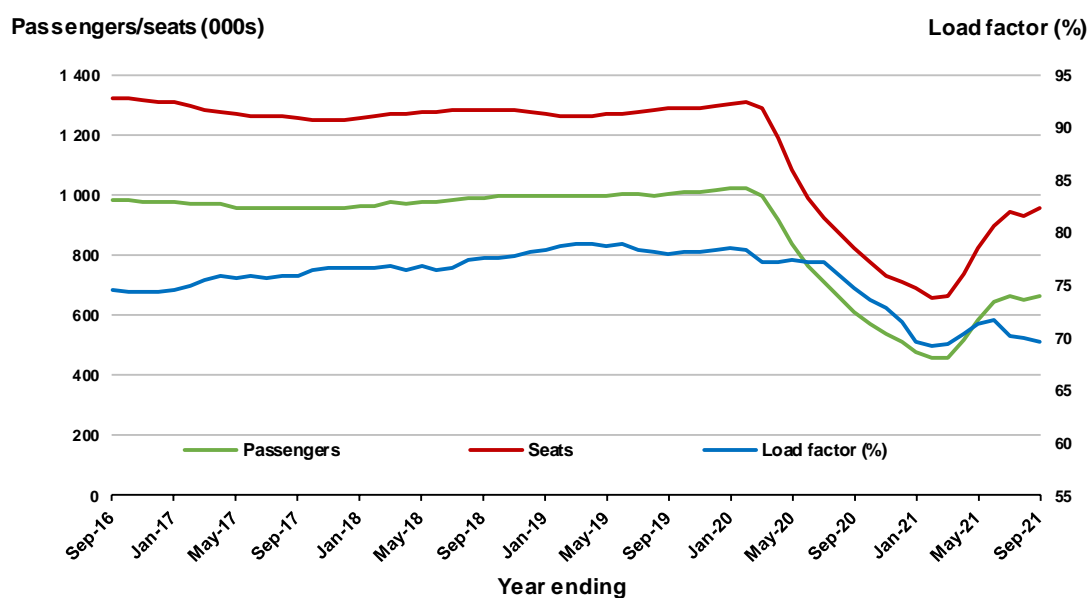
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	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	614.7	668.2	8.7
Seats (000s)	822.7	959.8	16.7
Load factor %	74.7	69.6	-5.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 599	5 848	4.4

* percentage point difference

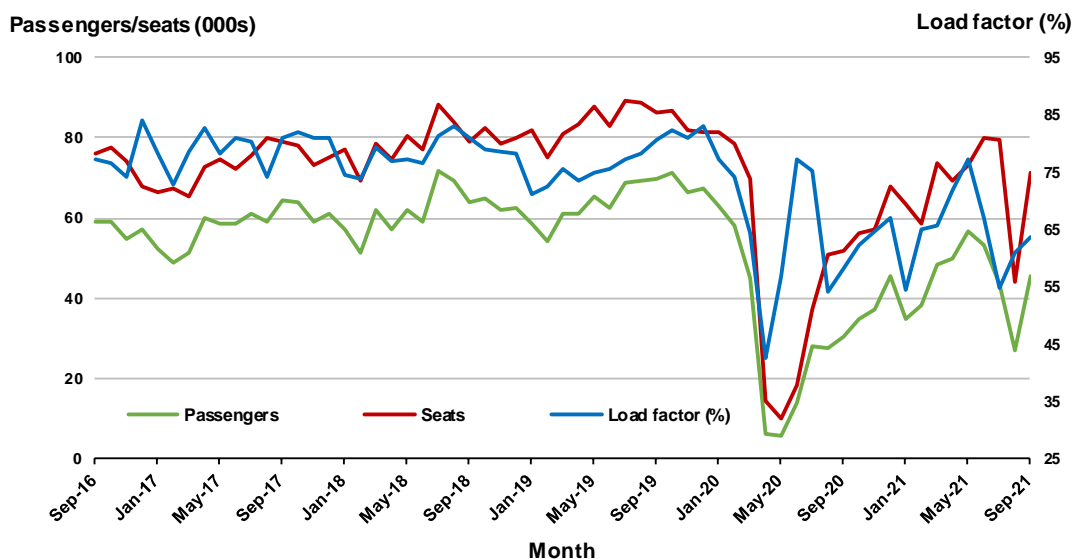


3. Brisbane - Mackay

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	30.3	45.4	50.0
Seats (000s)	51.9	71.1	37.1
Load factor %	58.3	63.8	5.5 *
Aircraft trips	364	482	32.4

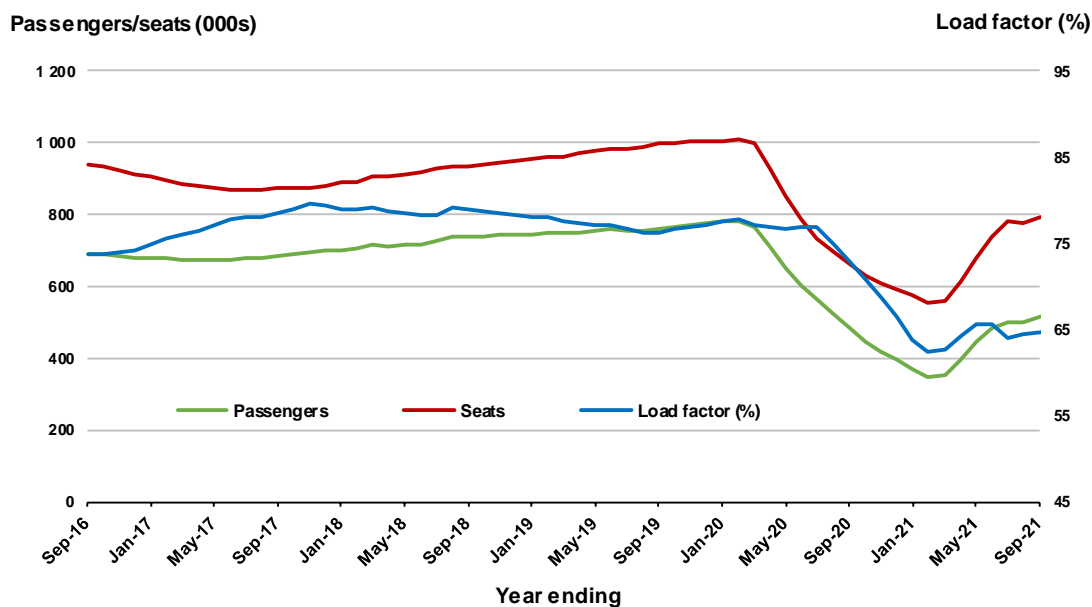
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	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	482.7	514.3	6.5
Seats (000s)	662.1	794.0	19.9
Load factor %	72.9	64.8	-8.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 254	5 401	2.8

* percentage point difference



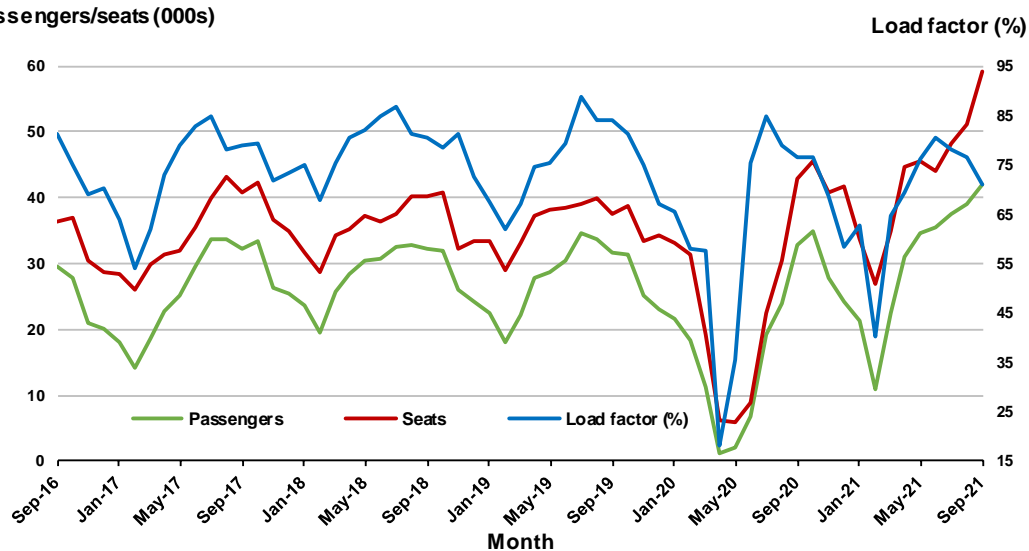
4. Broome - Perth

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	32.9	41.9	27.5
Seats (000s)	42.9	59.1	37.7
Load factor %	76.6	70.9	-5.7 *
Aircraft trips	278	350	25.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

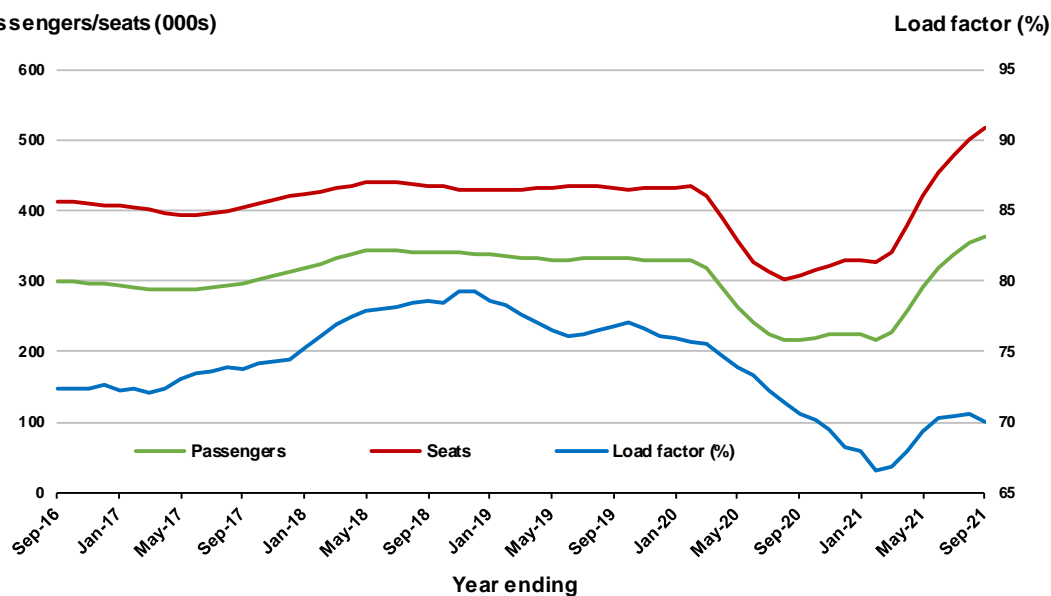


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	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	216.7	361.9	67.0
Seats (000s)	307.4	516.7	68.1
Load factor %	70.5	70.0	-0.5 *
Aircraft trips	2 417	3 298	36.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



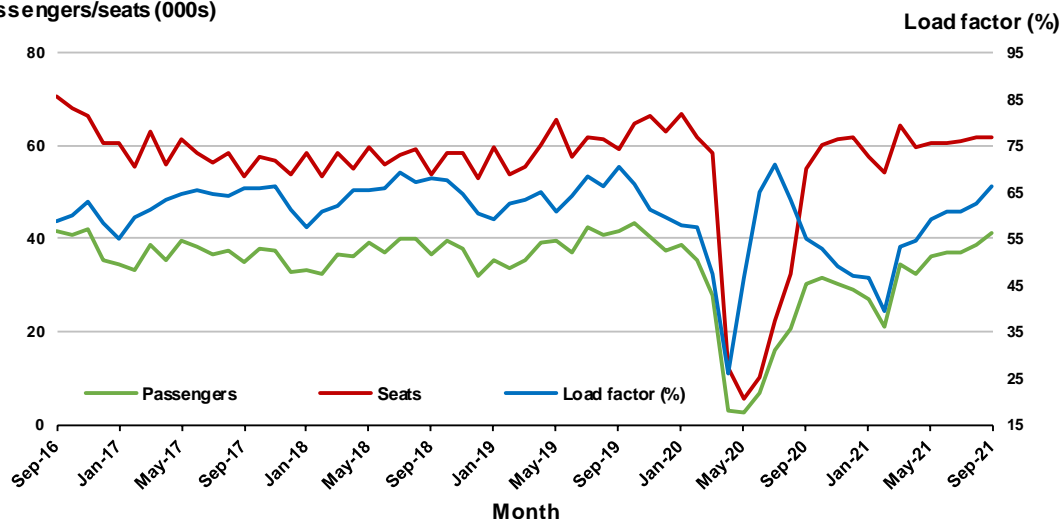
5. Karratha - Perth

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	30.3	41.1	35.5
Seats (000s)	55.0	62.0	12.6
Load factor %	55.1	66.3	11.2 *
Aircraft trips	347	380	9.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

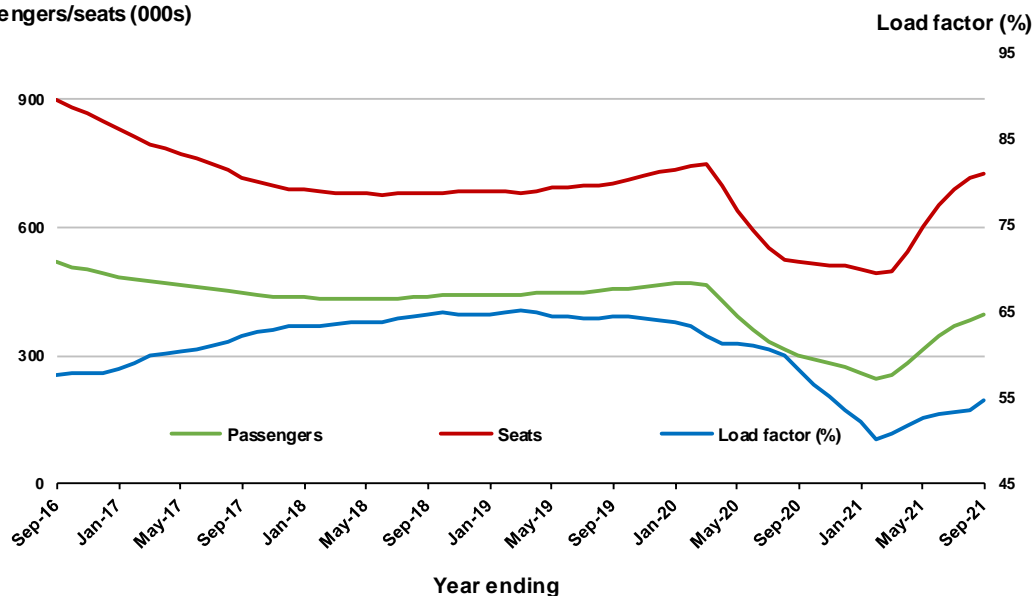


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	302.6	395.9	30.8
Seats (000s)	519.6	725.4	39.6
Load factor %	58.2	54.6	-3.7 *
Aircraft trips	3 778	4 467	18.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



6. Adelaide - Perth

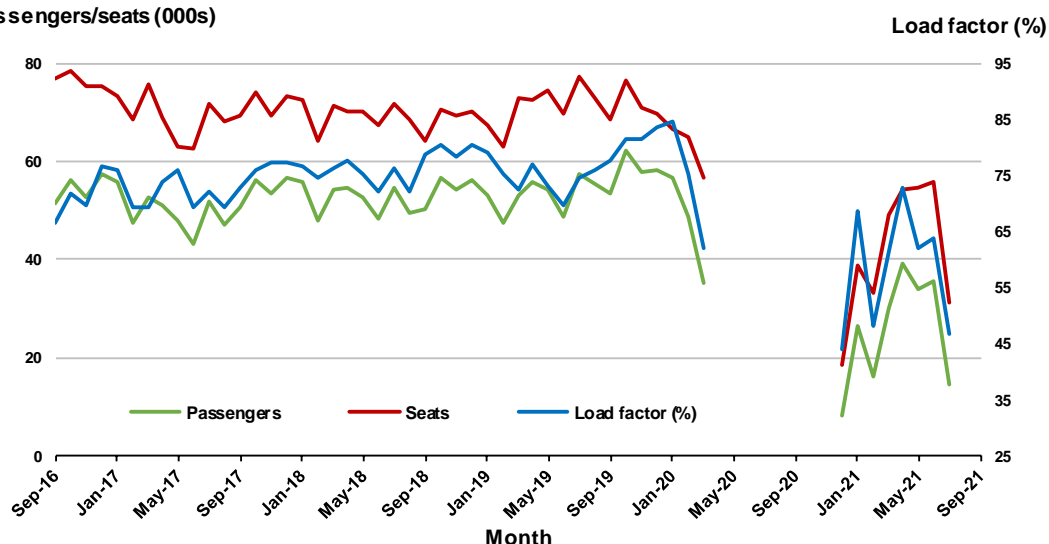
Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	34.8	NA
Seats (000s)	..	53.2	NA
Load factor %	..	65.5	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	338	NA

* percentage point difference

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Passengers/seats (000s)



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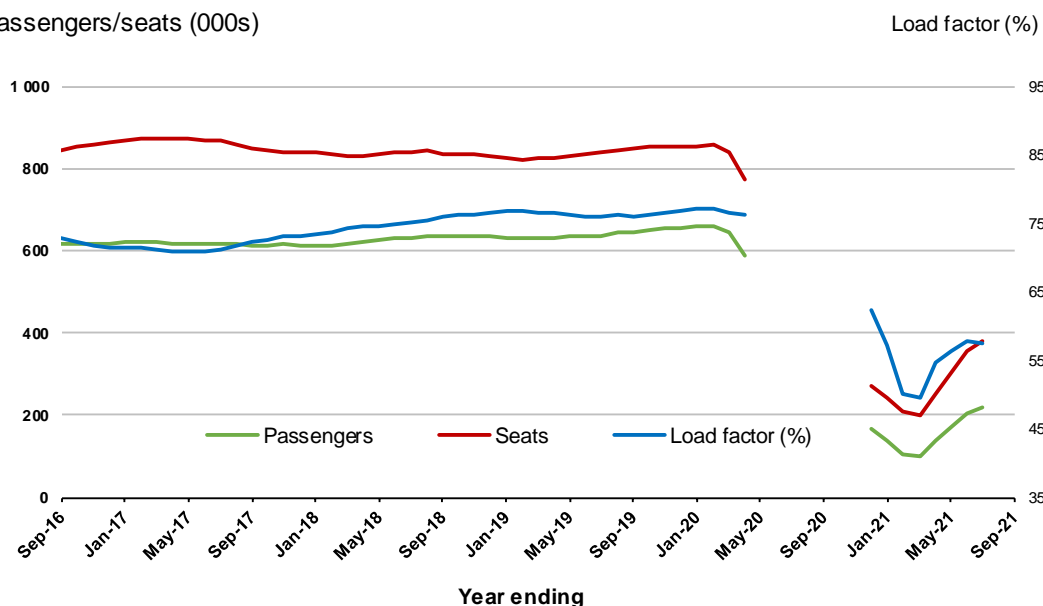
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	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	..	253.2	NA
Seats (000s)	..	428.9	NA
Load factor %	..	59.0	NA *
Aircraft trips	..	2 866	NA

* percentage point difference

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Passengers/seats (000s)



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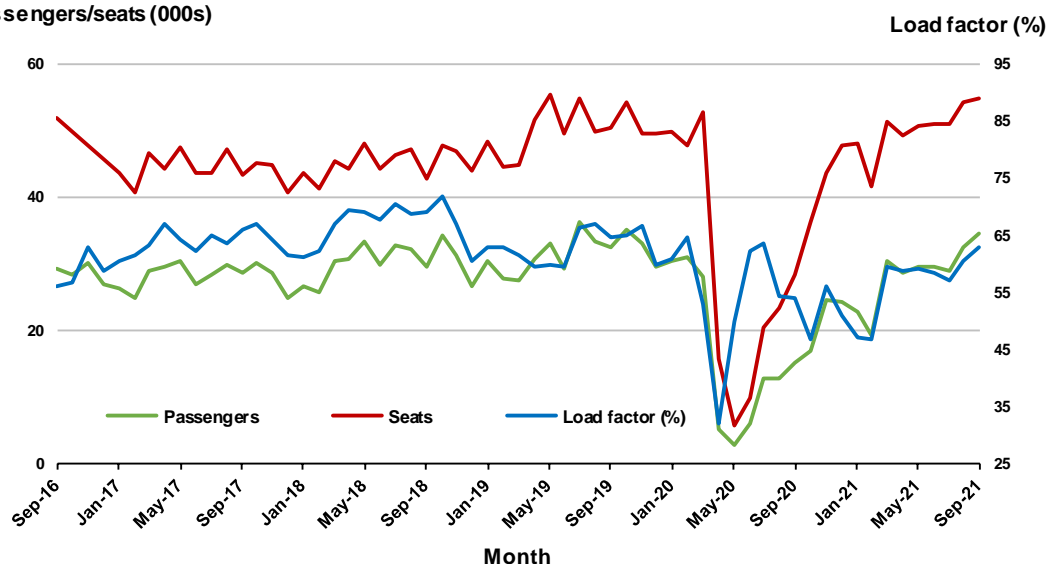
7. Perth - Port Hedland

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	15.3	34.6	126.4
Seats (000s)	28.3	54.9	93.8
Load factor %	53.9	63.0	9.1 *
Aircraft trips	193	380	96.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

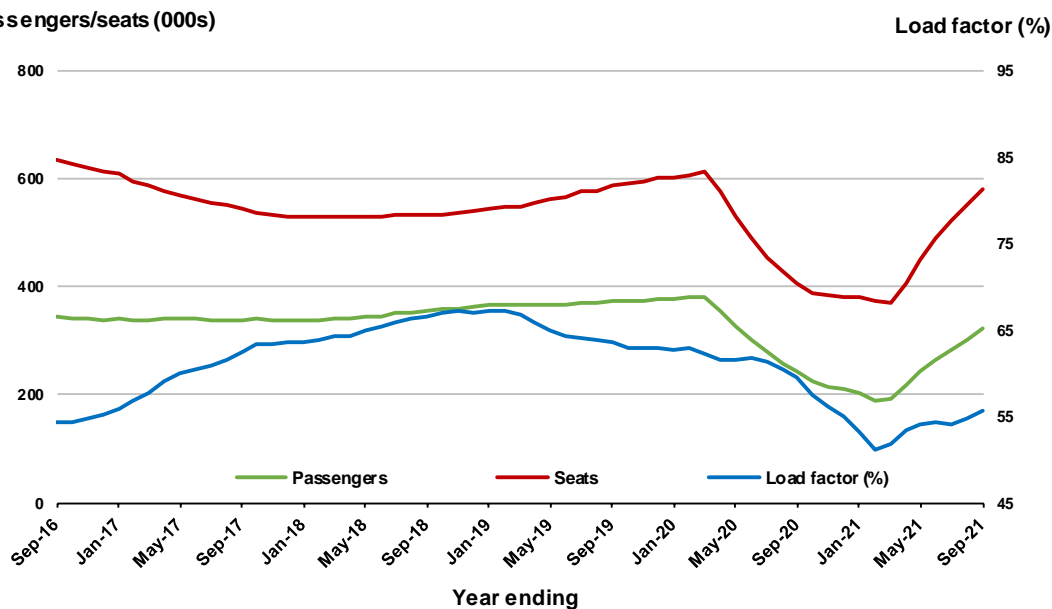


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	241.7	322.0	33.2
Seats (000s)	406.8	578.9	42.3
Load factor %	59.4	55.6	-3.8 *
Aircraft trips	3 017	4 111	36.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



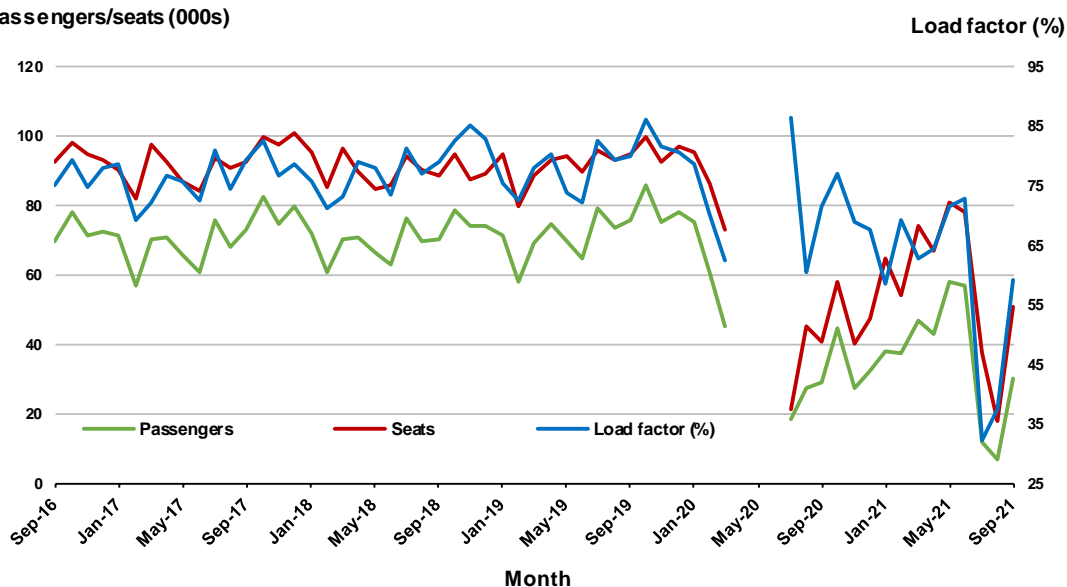
8. Adelaide - Brisbane

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	29.0	30.2	3.9
Seats (000s)	40.6	51.0	25.7
Load factor %	71.6	59.2	-12.4 *
Aircraft trips	244	314	28.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



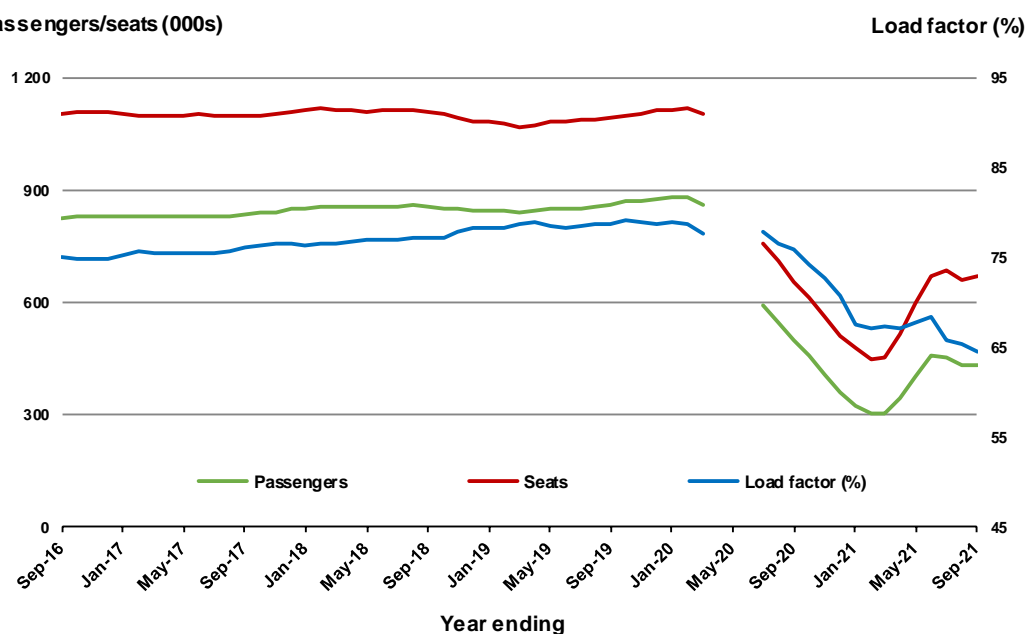
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	497.6	432.8	-13.0
Seats (000s)	655.9	670.7	2.3
Load factor %	75.9	64.5	-11.3 *
Aircraft trips	3 861	4 083	5.7

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



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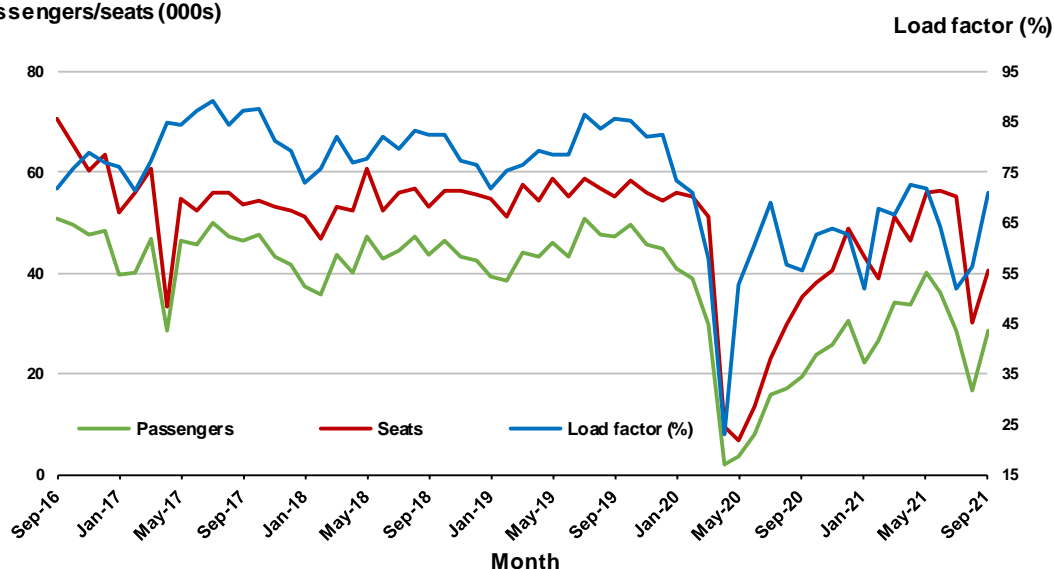
9. Brisbane - Rockhampton

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	19.5	28.6	NA
Seats (000s)	35.2	40.4	NA
Load factor %	55.3	70.7	NA *
Aircraft trips	350	406	NA

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

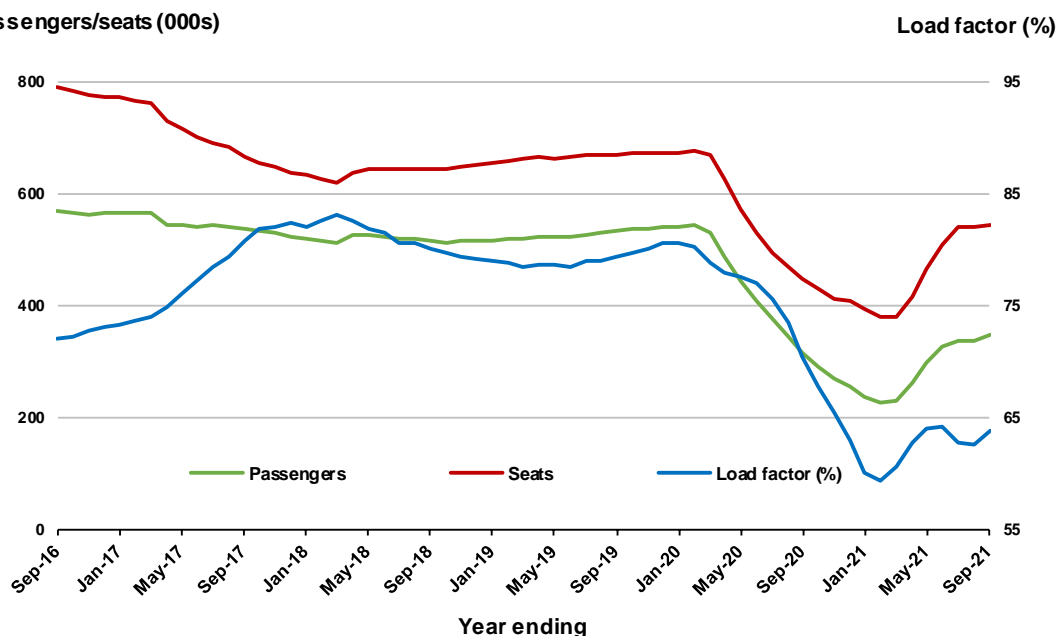


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	315.5	346.9	NA
Seats (000s)	447.8	544.5	NA
Load factor %	70.5	63.7	NA *
Aircraft trips	5 105	5 430	NA

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



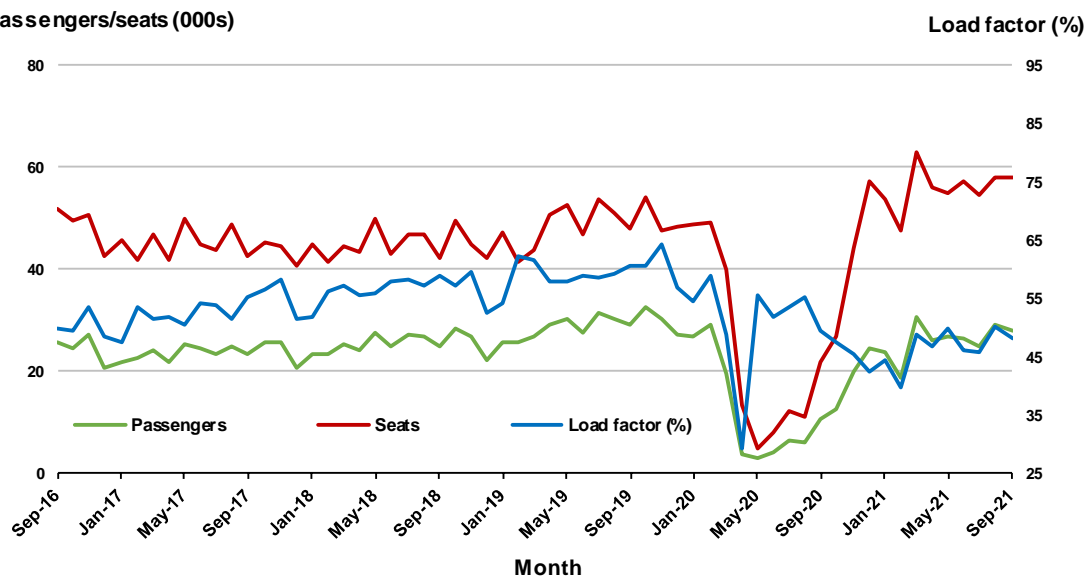
10. Newman - Perth

Monthly data

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	10.8	28.1	159.9
Seats (000s)	21.8	58.2	166.3
Load factor %	49.4	48.3	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	138	355	157.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

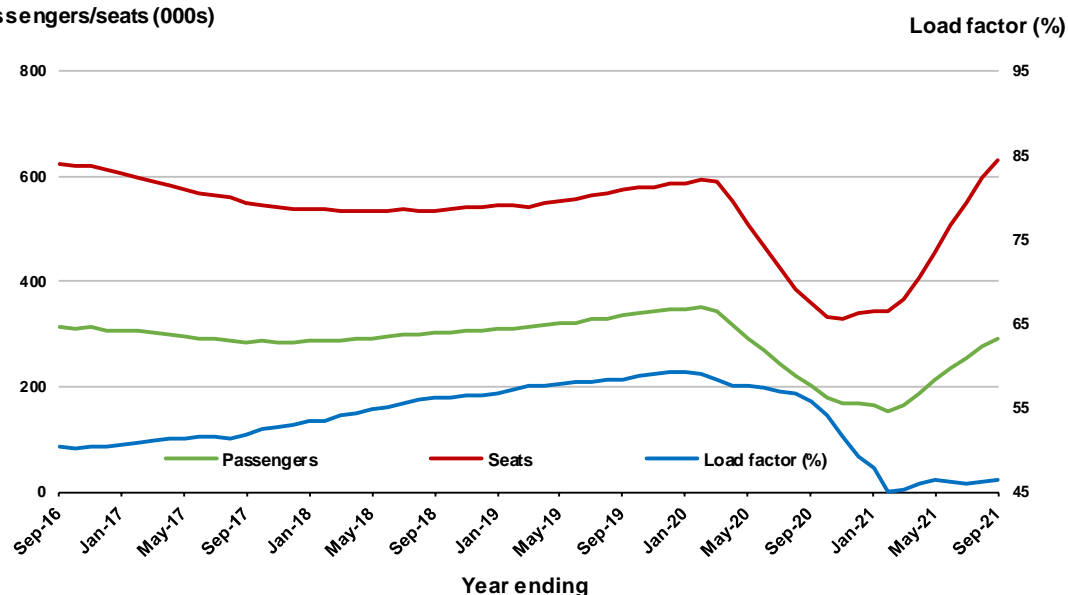


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	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	200.3	292.7	46.1
Seats (000s)	359.8	631.8	75.6
Load factor %	55.7	46.3	-9.3 *
Aircraft trips	2 482	3 855	55.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
1 Cairns	124.8	159.7	28.0
2 Darwin	50.0	97.1	94.5
3 Townsville	61.8	90.2	46.1
4 Mackay	35.4	55.7	57.5
5 Hobart	5.1	49.6	875.9
6 Broome	34.0	45.4	33.4
7 Karratha	30.4	41.2	35.5
8 Port Hedland	15.3	34.7	127.5
9 Rockhampton	21.2	31.9	50.5
10 Newman	10.8	28.1	159.9
11 Kalgoorlie	14.5	24.2	66.4
12 Proserpine	16.8	22.8	35.4
13 Hamilton Island	15.5	19.8	27.6
14 Launceston	4.5	19.5	336.4
15 Alice Springs	18.6	19.2	3.4
16 Paraburdoo	8.2	18.2	121.6
17 Mount Isa	13.2	16.4	24.0
18 Emerald	7.7	12.7	64.1
19 Kununurra	6.1	11.8	92.7
20 Port Lincoln	7.1	11.6	62.7
21 Gladstone	7.9	10.6	33.6
22 Learmonth	7.2	9.1	25.6
23 Thursday Island	7.5	8.6	15.2
24 Olympic Dam	4.4	8.6	97.1
25 Moranbah	3.1	7.5	142.5
26 Geraldton	2.3	7.2	204.9
27 Weipa	4.3	7.0	62.6
28 Gove	4.9	4.9	0.9
29 Cloncurry	2.8	4.9	71.9
30 Bundaberg	2.2	4.5	106.4
31 Esperance	3.1	4.4	40.2
32 Albany	3.1	4.3	41.0
33 Roma	2.7	4.3	61.5
34 Whyalla	2.1	4.2	100.9
35 Groote Eylandt	1.7	4.1	140.5
36 Longreach	2.3	3.8	60.9
37 Ayers Rock	..	3.5	NA
38 Ballina	36.1	3.2	- 91.1
39 Mount Gambier	1.0	2.9	198.9
40 Toowoomba Wellcamp	2.2	2.6	22.6
41 Carnarvon	2.0	2.6	32.7
42 King Island	1.9	2.3	26.5
43 Hervey Bay	0.6	2.2	287.5
44 Christmas Island	1.7	2.1	24.4
45 Palm Island	2.4	2.1	- 13.3
46 Onslow	..	2.1	NA
47 Newcastle	1.6	1.9	14.8
48 Doomadgee	1.9	1.8	- 1.1
49 Normanton	1.8	1.8	2.6
50 Mornington Island	1.7	1.7	- 1.8
Total top 50 regional airports	617.5	940.8	52.4
Total regional airports	675.9	988.4	46.2
Total domestic network	1 399.4	1 988.8	42.1

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.

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

Airport		YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
1	Cairns	2 211.1	2 228.7	0.8
2	Hobart	1 454.2	1 187.9	-18.3
3	Darwin	851.3	1 067.3	25.4
4	Townsville	963.5	1 050.5	9.0
5	Mackay	546.4	617.5	13.0
6	Launceston	726.8	594.9	-18.1
7	Ballina	377.1	508.1	34.7
8	Newcastle	622.1	484.9	-22.1
9	Karratha	303.8	397.6	30.9
10	Broome	242.8	396.3	63.2
11	Rockhampton	336.5	382.6	13.7
12	Port Hedland	247.7	323.2	30.5
13	Hamilton Island	256.3	315.0	22.9
14	Newman	200.8	293.7	46.3
15	Proserpine	255.5	284.3	11.3
16	Alice Springs	270.4	278.7	3.1
17	Kalgoorlie	180.2	239.0	32.6
18	Paraburdoo	115.6	188.8	63.2
19	Mount Isa	162.3	182.0	12.1
20	Emerald	124.0	135.1	9.0
21	Gladstone	144.6	134.8	-6.8
22	Port Lincoln	111.2	129.3	16.3
23	Coffs Harbour	202.6	124.9	-38.3
24	Dubbo	113.0	103.1	-8.7
25	Kununurra	65.1	99.8	53.3
26	Learmonth	57.2	90.5	58.2
27	Thursday Island	63.2	88.2	39.5
28	Ayers Rock	192.7	78.8	-59.1
29	Olympic Dam	43.8	74.5	70.2
30	Albury	119.7	73.4	-38.6
31	Weipa	46.3	70.3	51.7
32	Mildura	120.3	68.9	-42.8
33	Wagga Wagga	102.7	67.8	-34.0
34	Moranbah	65.8	67.0	1.9
35	Geraldton	56.6	66.5	17.5
36	Bundaberg	83.8	65.9	-21.4
37	Port Macquarie	106.7	63.8	-40.2
38	Gove	56.3	57.0	1.2
39	Tamworth	94.6	56.4	-40.4
40	Hervey Bay	81.7	45.8	-43.9
41	Roma	53.6	45.8	-14.5
42	Albany	39.3	45.2	15.0
43	King Island	32.7	43.5	33.1
44	Esperance	35.2	42.8	21.5
45	Whyalla	41.2	42.5	3.2
46	Cloncurry	35.4	41.5	17.2
47	Devonport	72.1	40.9	-43.3
48	Armidale	63.0	39.9	-36.7
49	Orange	41.7	38.8	-6.8
50	Groote Eylandt	18.7	34.6	85.3
Total top 50 regional airports		12 809.4	13 198.4	3.0
Total regional airports		13 797.7	14 098.7	2.2
Total domestic network		62 822.2	45 205.2	-28.0

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.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	322 930	300 522	-6.9
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	6 328	5 484	-13.3

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

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

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 993 677	3 404 499	13.7
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	60 134	65 069	8.2

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	645 860	601 044	-6.9
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	12 656	10 968	-13.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	244 963	229 230	-6.4
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 984	3 816	-4.2

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

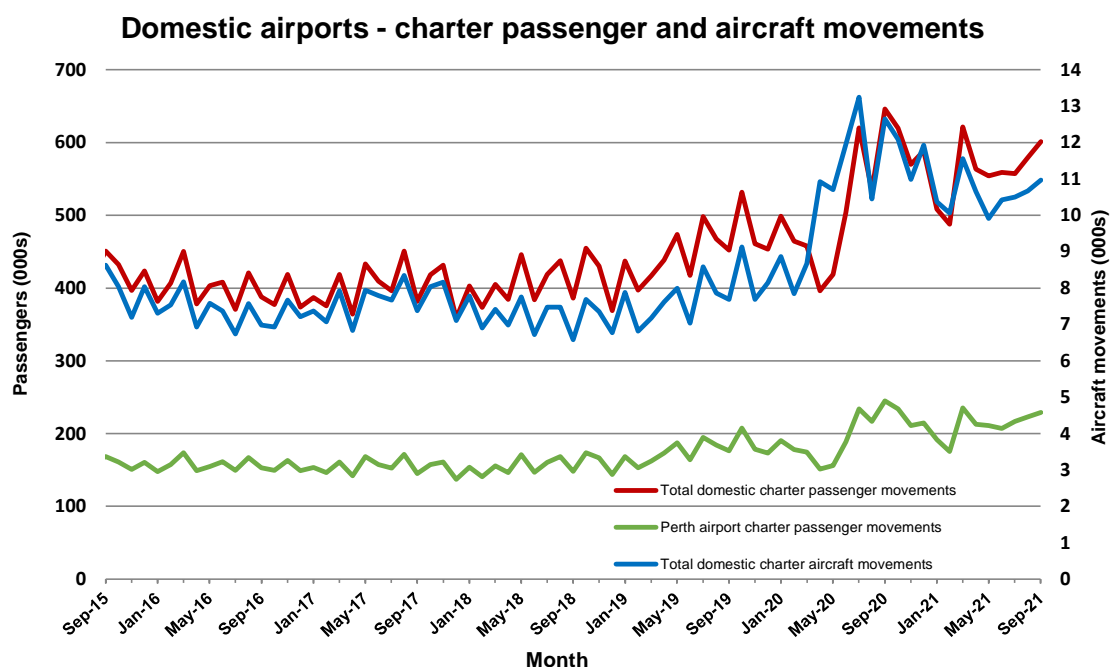
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Sep 2020	YE Sep 2021	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 987 354	6 808 998	13.7
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	120 268	130 138	8.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 293 126	2 560 841	11.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	41 020	43 616	6.3

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.
..	Not available for confidentiality or other reasons.
NA	Not applicable.