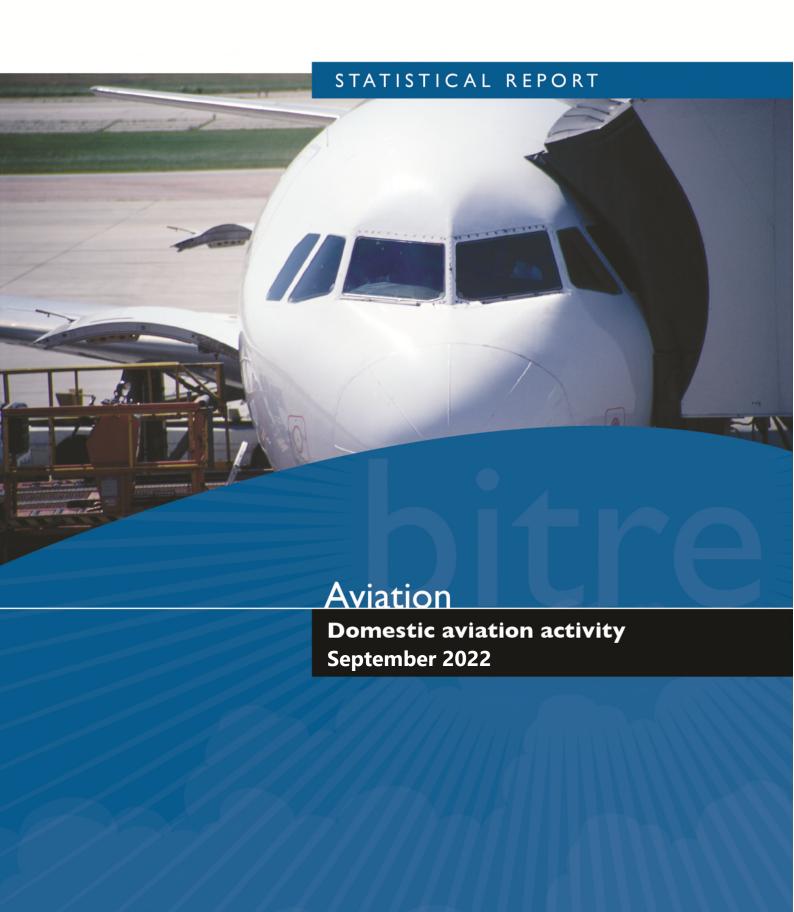


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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of September 2022.

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

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

Individual routes shown are restricted to those exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. However, from November 2021 the major airlines (Qantas Group, Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines) have agreed to publication of the top 35 routes based on pre-COVID activity (December 2019) whether or not they currently meet the above criteria. With these approvals, there were 60 routes published for the month of September 2022 compared to 29 published in September 2021.

Information on the total network for the month of September 2022 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of September 2022 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended September 2022 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 14.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 15. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Toll.

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

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are shown on pages 26-27.

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

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

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

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

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

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HIGHLIGHTS

The domestic aviation industry continued to recover in September 2022. Revenue passenger numbers were 368.1 per cent higher than September 2021 levels but still 10.1 per cent below pre-COVID September 2019.

There were 4.99 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in September 2022, compared to 1.30 million in September 2021 and 5.42 million in pre-COVID September 2019.

For the month of September 2022, there were 48,033 aircraft trips, compared to 20,699 in September 2021 and 53,416 in pre-COVID September 2019.

4.67 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in September 2022, compared to 997,837 reported in September 2021 and 5.19 million reported in pre-COVID September 2019.

For the year ending September 2022 there were 41.2 million RPT passengers, an increase of 82.2 per cent on the year ending September 2021 and a decrease of 32.6 per cent on the year ending September 2019.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 5.67 billion for the month, compared with 1.28 billion in September 2021.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 6.61 billion in September 2022 compared to 2.32 billion in September 2021.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 54.9 per cent in September 2021 to 85.7 per cent in September 2022. The highest load factor (93.6 per cent) was recorded on the Gold Coast - Melbourne route while the lowest load factor (54.0 per cent) was recorded on the Armidale - Sydney route.

For the month of September 2022, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 618,298 passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 339,791 passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 256,263 passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.95 million passenger movements in September 2022, followed by Melbourne with 1.89 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.34 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 27,613 tonnes in September 2022, a decrease of 25.0 per cent compared with September 2021.

In September 2022, there were 2.04 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 0.99 million in September 2021 and 2.14 million in pre-COVID September 2019. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing recorded large increases in September 2022 compared to September 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 319,837 passengers in September 2022, compared to 300,298 in September 2021 and 226,095 in pre-COVID September 2019. Perth Airport accounted for 36.1 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.30	4.99	284.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	26.2	53.7	105.2

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

Summary of monthly RPT activity

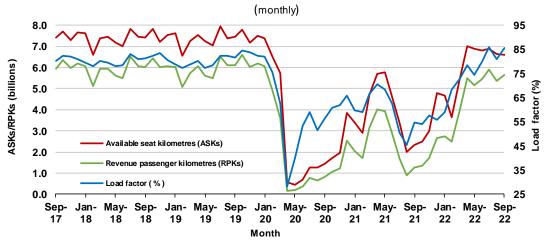
	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.00	4.67	368.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	1.28	5.67	344.3
Available seats (millions)	1.83	5.61	205.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	2.32	6.61	184.4
Load factor %	54.9	85.7	30.8 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	20.7	48.0	132.1

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	26.03	44.70	71.7
Aircraft trips (000s)	413.9	563.5	36.2

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

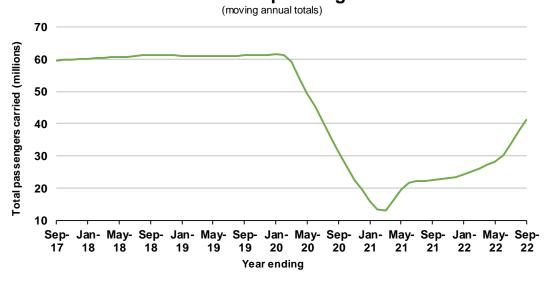
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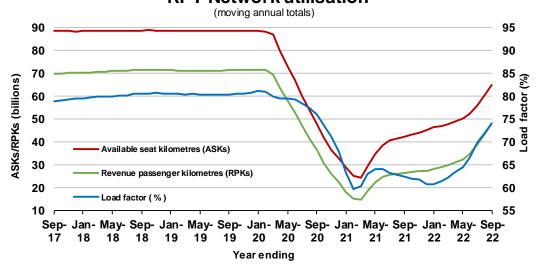
	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	22.62	41.21	82.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	26.43	47.97	81.5
Available seats (millions)	36.80	57.20	55.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	42.31	64.86	53.3
Load factor %	62.5	74.0	11.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	348.8	498.2	42.8

^{*} percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic



RPT Network utilisation



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	1 698.6	5 409.9	218.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 135.5	2 686.1	136.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	813.6	2 140.5	163.1
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne		1 787.1	NA
5	Gold Coast - Sydney		1 732.4	NA
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	595.8	1 516.7	154.6
7	Brisbane - Cairns	972.0	1 109.3	14.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	597.2	1 079.4	80.8
9	Melbourne - Perth	304.9	886.7	190.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	471.4	815.1	72.9
11	Brisbane - Townsville	668.2	782.0	17.0
12	Perth - Sydney	335.3	734.3	119.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	236.4	676.5	186.2
14	Cairns - Melbourne	308.3	645.3	109.3
15	Brisbane - Mackay	514.3	644.8	25.4
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	432.8	623.0	43.9
17	Cairns - Sydney	308.3	604.3	96.0
18	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast		577.6	NA
19	Brisbane - Perth	276.5	555.8	101.0
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney		512.7	NA
21	Launceston - Melbourne	313.8	508.4	62.0
22	Ballina - Sydney	427.8	499.5	16.7
23	Hobart - Sydney	280.9	490.0	74.5
24	Karratha - Perth	395.9	476.4	20.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	355.2	456.0	28.4
26	Perth - Port Hedland	322.0	433.9	34.8
27	Canberra - Sydney		420.3	NA
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	346.9	418.8	20.7
29	Adelaide - Perth	253.2	401.4	58.5
30	Broome - Perth	361.9	379.8	5.0
31	Brisbane - Newcastle	249.8	338.1	35.3
32	Newman - Perth	292.7	335.0	14.4
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	137.5	325.2	136.5
34	Brisbane - Darwin	259.6	314.9	21.3
35	Brisbane - Proserpine	227.3	299.1	31.6
36	Brisbane - Hobart	213.3	298.3	39.9
37	Darwin - Sydney		294.1	NA
38	Kalgoorlie - Perth	238.6	292.2	22.5
39	Darwin - Melbourne		254.5	NA
40	Launceston - Sydney		211.6	NA
41	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	196.4	197.0	0.3
42	Adelaide - Gold Coast	134.8	192.2	42.6
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney		185.1	NA
44	Brisbane - Gladstone	134.1	179.2	33.6
45	Brisbane - Launceston	115.6	176.5	52.8
46	Hamilton Island - Sydney		170.7	NA
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	129.3	162.4	25.6
48	Cairns - Gold Coast		160.9	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	129.4	149.8	15.8
50	Darwin - Perth	125.3	141.7	13.1

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	%Change
51	Brisbane - Mount Isa	106.2	128.7	21.2
52	Albury - Sydney		123.9	NA
53	Dubbo - Sydney		121.9	NA
54	Adelaide - Canberra		118.0	NA
55	Melbourne - Mildura		115.5	NA
56	Port Macquarie - Sydney		114.6	NA
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga		110.8	NA
58	Canberra - Gold Coast		107.0	NA
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs		91.0	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney		77.1	NA
	Total domestic network	22 622.6	41 213.3	82.2

^{..} Data not available for release.

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4.8	618.3	12653.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5.1	339.8	6528.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	4.3	256.3	5904.3
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne		197.0	NA
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	••	195.8	NA
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	2.9	175.4	5921.6
7	Melbourne - Perth	4.5	153.0	3294.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1.2	124.3	10034.1
9	Perth - Sydney	1.1	118.5	10941.0
10	Brisbane - Cairns	92.0	109.2	18.7
11	Hobart - Melbourne	2.2	88.0	3907.2
12	Cairns - Melbourne	0.7	84.6	11230.3
13	Brisbane - Perth	7.8	82.4	962.0
14	Canberra - Melbourne	0.6	80.5	12402.5
15	Cairns - Sydney	0.4	77.9	21004.6
16	Brisbane - Townsville	58.8	77.1	31.0
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	30.2	67.2	122.8
18	Brisbane - Mackay	45.4	65.2	43.6
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast		65.0	NA
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney		64.6	NA
21	Brisbane - Canberra	1.2	57.5	4785.6
22	Hobart - Sydney	0.5	56.3	12188.2
23	Launceston - Melbourne	1.0	55.7	5257.4
24	Adelaide - Perth	34.8	52.8	51.7
25	Canberra - Sydney		51.1	NA
26	Karratha - Perth	 41.1	45.8	11.5
27	Ballina - Sydney	2.3	41.1	1711.4
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	0.7	40.9	5836.3
29	Perth - Port Hedland	34.6	40.6	17.4
30	Broome - Perth	41.9	38.9	-7.2
31	Brisbane - Rockhampton	28.6	37.8	32.3
32	Darwin - Sydney		34.5	NA
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	0.4	32.1	7622.1
34	Newman - Perth	28.1	31.7	12.9
35	Brisbane - Darwin	24.1	29.4	22.0
36	Kalgoorlie - Perth	24.2	27.7	14.5
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	22.8	26.2	15.0
38	Darwin - Melbourne	22.0	25.0	NA
39	Brisbane - Hobart	23.3		
		23.3	23.1	-0.7
40	Launceston - Sydney		21.9	NA
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney		21.1	NA
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	••	19.4	NA
43	Cairns - Gold Coast	04.4	17.9	NA 10.0
44 45	Darwin - Perth	21.1	17.6	-16.6
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	10.6	17.3	63.5
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	7.5	16.7	122.3
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	19.7	16.1	-18.3
48	Adelaide - Canberra		15.5	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	11.9	15.3	28.6
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	11.6	15.2	31.5

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney		15.2	NA
52	Dubbo - Sydney		14.3	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney		13.8	NA
54	Canberra - Gold Coast		13.8	NA
55	Brisbane - Launceston	12.8	13.6	5.9
56	Melbourne - Mildura		12.9	NA
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga		12.9	NA
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	9.2	12.9	40.1
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs		9.9	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney		8.7	NA
	Total domestic network	997.8	4 670.4	368.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	26.7	710.6	2563.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	19.9	388.9	1856.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	13.6	282.8	1976.3
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne		210.4	NA
5	Gold Coast - Sydney		212.4	NA
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	13.7	215.6	1477.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	18.2	173.0	850.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	13.6	136.5	906.9
9	Perth - Sydney	17.5	131.7	652.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	124.7	119.0	-4.6
11	Hobart - Melbourne	15.5	102.1	560.4
12	Cairns - Melbourne	9.9	91.9	831.1
13	Brisbane - Perth	16.6	92.2	455.9
14	Canberra - Melbourne	10.2	104.6	928.2
15	Cairns - Sydney	10.1	85.0	745.4
16	Brisbane - Townsville	88.8	90.2	1.6
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	51.0	77.1	51.3
18	Brisbane - Mackay	71.1	81.3	14.2
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast		72.1	NA
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney		78.3	NA
21	Brisbane - Canberra	8.6	71.9	737.5
22	Hobart - Sydney	10.4	66.0	536.9
23	Launceston - Melbourne	10.1	70.1	595.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	53.2	61.8	16.2
25	Canberra - Sydney		71.2	NA
26	Karratha - Perth	62.0	58.3	-5.9
27	Ballina - Sydney	7.7	47.0	513.7
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	7.5	54.8	629.5
29	Perth - Port Hedland	54.9	52.3	-4.6
30	Broome - Perth	59.1	49.1	-16.9
31	Brisbane - Rockhampton	40.4	42.4	5.0
32	Darwin - Sydney		42.0	NA
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	11.7	37.5	221.5
34	Newman - Perth	58.2	51.4	-11.7
35	Brisbane - Darwin	39.8	33.8	-15.1
36	Kalgoorlie - Perth	37.3	38.0	1.9
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	30.5	30.4	-0.3
38	Darwin - Melbourne	30.5	28.7	NA
39	Brisbane - Hobart	35.1	26.4	-24.8
40	Launceston - Sydney	33.1	24.6	-24.0 NA
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	••	27.6	NA NA
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	••	24.4	NA NA
43	Cairns - Gold Coast	••	20.0	NA NA
44	Darwin - Perth	34.3	21.1	-38.5
45 46	Brisbane - Gladstone	19.4 15.6	24.6	26.9
46 47	Adelaide - Gold Coast	15.6	18.5	18.8
4 <i>1</i> 48	Brisbane - Hamilton Island Adelaide - Canberra	25.7	20.2 19.1	-21.5 NA
		 10.1		
49 50	Brisbane - Emerald	19.1	22.6	18.4
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	14.0	22.9	63.4

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney		21.0	NA
52	Dubbo - Sydney		23.9	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney		20.8	NA
54	Canberra - Gold Coast		15.6	NA
55	Brisbane - Launceston	17.3	16.1	-6.6
56	Melbourne - Mildura		18.1	NA
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga		19.3	NA
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	17.2	18.3	6.6
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs		12.8	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney		16.1	NA
	Total domestic network	1 833.8	5 605.4	205.7

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	18.2	87.0	68.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	25.8	87.4	61.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	31.3	90.6	59.3
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	••	93.6	NA
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	••	92.2	NA
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	21.3	81.3	60.0
7	Melbourne - Perth	24.7	88.4	63.7
8	Adelaide - Sydney	9.1	91.1	82.0
9	Perth - Sydney	6.1	90.0	83.9
10	Brisbane - Cairns	73.8	91.8	18.0
11	Hobart - Melbourne	14.2	86.3	72.1
12	Cairns - Melbourne	7.6	92.1	84.5
13	Brisbane - Perth	46.8	89.3	42.5
14	Canberra - Melbourne	6.3	77.0	70.7
15	Cairns - Sydney	3.7	91.6	87.9
16	Brisbane - Townsville	66.3	85.5	19.2
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	59.2	87.1	27.9
18	Brisbane - Mackay	63.8	80.2	16.4
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast		90.1	NA
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	••	82.5	NA
21	Brisbane - Canberra	13.7	80.0	66.3
22	Hobart - Sydney	4.4	85.2	80.8
23	Launceston - Melbourne	10.3	79.4	69.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	65.5	85.5	20.0
25	Canberra - Sydney	00.0	71.8	NA
26	Karratha - Perth	66.3	78.5	12.2
27	Ballina - Sydney	29.7	87.5	57.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	9.2	74.6	65.4
29	Perth - Port Hedland	63.0	77.5	14.5
30	Broome - Perth	70.9	77.3 79.2	8.3
31	Brisbane - Rockhampton	70.7	89.1	18.4
32	Darwin - Sydney	10.1	82.2	NA
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	3.6	85.7	82.1
34	Newman - Perth	48.3	61.7	13.4
35	Brisbane - Darwin	60.5	87.0	26.5
36	Kalgoorlie - Perth	64.9	73.0	8.1
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	74.6	86.1	11.5
38	Darwin - Melbourne		87.2	NA
39	Brisbane - Hobart	66.2	87.5	21.3
40	Launceston - Sydney	••	89.0	NA
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	••	76.4	NA
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	••	79.5	NA
43	Cairns - Gold Coast		89.5	NA
44	Darwin - Perth	61.5	83.4	21.9
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	54.8	70.6	15.8
46	Adelaide - Gold Coast	48.2	90.2	42.0
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	76.5	79.7	3.2
48	Adelaide - Canberra		80.9	NA
49	Brisbane - Emerald	62.4	67.7	5.3
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	82.6	66.5	-16.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Point diff
51	Albury - Sydney		72.4	NA
52	Dubbo - Sydney		60.0	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney		66.6	NA
54	Canberra - Gold Coast		88.5	NA
55	Brisbane - Launceston	74.1	84.0	9.9
56	Melbourne - Mildura		71.3	NA
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga		66.7	NA
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	53.5	70.3	16.8
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs		77.0	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney		54.0	NA
	Total domestic network	54.9	85.7	30.8

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Table 5: Aircraft trips (a) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	426	4 052	851.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	367	2 387	550.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	216	1 748	709.3
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne		1 195	NA
5	Gold Coast - Sydney		1 241	NA
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	186	1 326	612.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	198	949	379.3
8	Adelaide - Sydney	132	843	538.6
9	Perth - Sydney	117	689	488.9
10	Brisbane - Cairns	798	752	-5.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	89	631	609.0
12	Cairns - Melbourne	55	486	783.6
13	Brisbane - Perth	96	530	452.1
14	Canberra - Melbourne	78	745	855.1
15	Cairns - Sydney	57	434	661.4
16	Brisbane - Townsville	542	611	12.7
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	314	458	45.9
18	Brisbane - Mackay	482	566	17.4
19	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast		424	NA
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney		429	NA
21	Brisbane - Canberra	68	522	667.6
22	Hobart - Sydney	58	407	601.7
23	Launceston - Melbourne	190	580	205.3
24	Adelaide - Perth	338	358	5.9
25	Canberra - Sydney		1 191	NA
26	Karratha - Perth	380	388	2.1
27	Ballina - Sydney	66	351	431.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	46	503	993.5
29	Perth - Port Hedland	380	346	-8.9
30	Broome - Perth	350	328	-6.3
31	Brisbane - Rockhampton	406	470	15.8
32	Darwin - Sydney		207	NA
33	Melbourne - Newcastle	65	243	273.8
34	Newman - Perth	355	328	-7.6
35	Brisbane - Darwin	229	237	3.5
36	Kalgoorlie - Perth	272	276	1.5
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	188	188	0.0
38	Darwin - Melbourne		162	NA
39	Brisbane - Hobart	 198	158	-20.2
40	Launceston - Sydney	100	148	NA
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	•	157	NA NA
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	••	466	NA NA
43	Cairns - Gold Coast	••	107	NA NA
43 44	Darwin - Perth	 210	120	-42.9
44 45	Brisbane - Gladstone	254	307	20.9
45 46	Adelaide - Gold Coast			
		90	104	15.6
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	147	116	-21.1
48	Adelaide - Canberra		172	NA 15.0
49	Brisbane - Emerald	286	329	15.0
50	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	394	569	44.4

Table 5: (continued) Aircraft trips — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney		425	NA
52	Dubbo - Sydney		465	NA
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney		390	NA
54	Canberra - Gold Coast		94	NA
55	Brisbane - Launceston	96	92	-4.2
56	Melbourne - Mildura		432	NA
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga		404	NA
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	161	172	6.8
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs		154	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney		324	NA
	Total domestic network	20 699	48 033	132.1

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS - PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

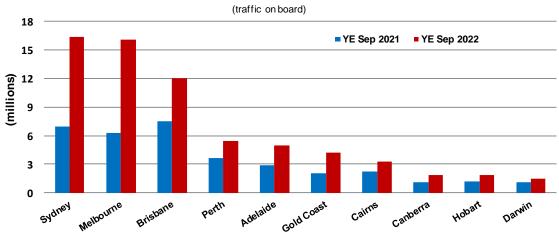
	Airport	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	22.7	1 952.7	8516.8	20.9
2	Melbourne	30.9	1 893.4	6017.7	20.3
3	Brisbane	442.4	1 342.7	203.5	14.4
4	Perth	310.4	687.7	121.5	7.4
5	Adelaide	160.5	549.1	242.1	5.9
6	Gold Coast	25.0	459.9	1739.6	4.9
7	Cairns	160.4	363.1	126.3	3.9
8	Canberra	3.5	233.8	6588.2	2.5
9	Hobart	49.6	185.9	274.8	2.0
10	Darwin	97.1	157.6	62.2	1.7
	Total top ten airports	1 302.6	7 825.8	500.8	83.8
	Total domestic network	1 995.7	9 340.9	368.1	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	6 922.6	16 386.0	136.7	19.9
2	Melbourne	6 284.1	16 079.2	155.9	19.5
3	Brisbane	7 551.1	12 071.0	59.9	14.6
4	Perth	3 646.1	5 460.8	49.8	6.6
5	Adelaide	2 866.9	4 991.2	74.1	6.1
6	Gold Coast	2 028.5	4 166.3	105.4	5.1
7	Cairns	2 193.8	3 229.7	47.2	3.9
8	Canberra	1 080.2	1 897.7	75.7	2.3
9	Hobart	1 187.9	1 894.8	59.5	2.3
10	Darwin	1 067.3	1 485.4	39.2	1.8
	Total top ten airports	34 828.5	67 662.2	94.3	82.1
	Total domestic network	45 245.1	82 426.6	82.2	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	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	9.6	7.6	-21.6	27.4
2	Sydney	8.7	6.4	-25.6	23.3
3	Brisbane	5.8	4.5	-22.6	16.3
4	Perth	3.6	2.9	-18.5	10.5
5	Adelaide	2.3	1.5	-33.9	5.6
	Total top five airports	30.0	22.9	-23.5	83.1
	Total domestic network	36.8	27.6	-25.0	100.0

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

	Airport	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	104.3	99.9	-4.2	25.8
2	Sydney	94.6	89.3	-5.6	23.0
3	Brisbane	67.7	64.9	-4.1	16.8
4	Perth	38.4	35.1	-8.7	9.1
5	Adelaide	24.8	24.5	-1.4	6.3
	Total top five airports	329.8	313.7	-4.9	81.0
	Total domestic network	412.3	387.2	-6.1	100.0

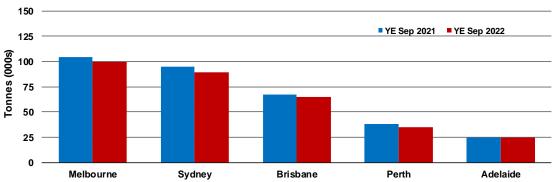
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

Total domestic network - cargo movement



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



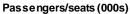
TOP TEN ROUTES

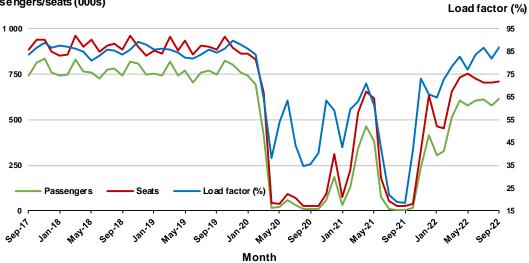
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4.8	618.3	12 653.7
Seats (000s)	26.7	710.6	2 563.3
Load factor %	18.2	87.0	68.8 *
Aircraft trips	426	4 052	851.2

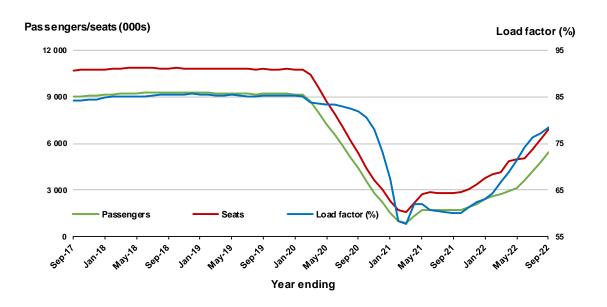
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	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 698.6	5 409.9	218.5
Seats (000s)	2 823.6	6 929.7	145.4
Load factor %	60.2	78.4	18.2 *
Aircraft trips	18 297	40 841	123.2

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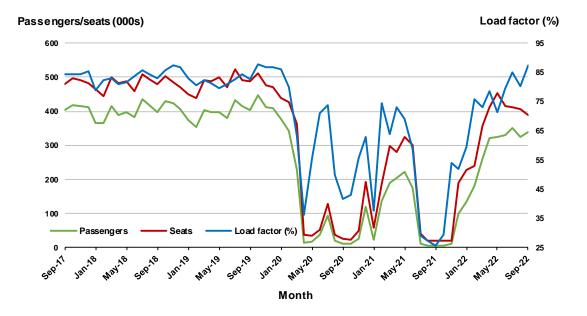


2. Brisbane - Sydney

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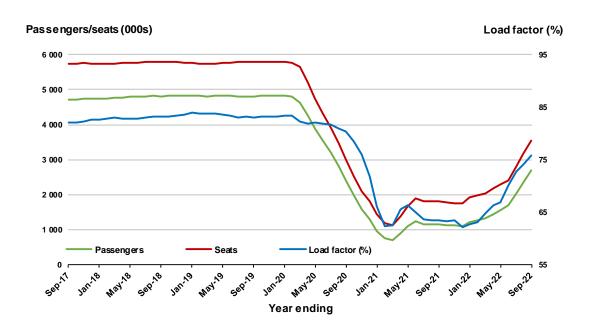
	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	5.1	339.8	6 528.8
Seats (000s)	19.9	388.9	1 856.1
Load factor %	25.8	87.4	61.6 *
Aircraft trips	367	2 387	550.4

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 135.5	2 686.1	136.6
Seats (000s)	1 791.4	3 546.7	98.0
Load factor %	63.4	75.7	12.4 *
Aircraft trips	12 392	22 402	80.8

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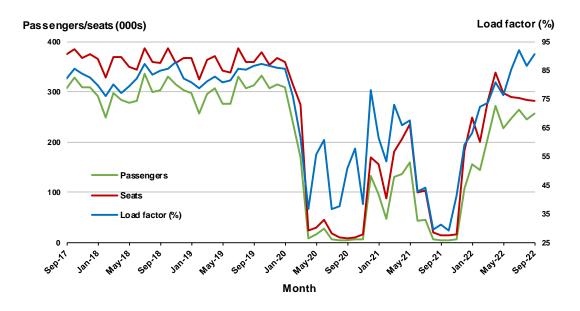


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

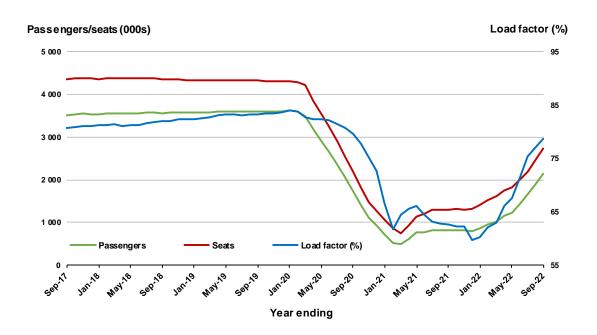
	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4.3	256.3	5 904.3
Seats (000s)	13.6	282.8	1 976.3
Load factor %	31.3	90.6	59.3 *
Aircraft trips	216	1 748	709.3

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	813.6	2 140.5	163.1
Seats (000s)	1 301.3	2 722.1	109.2
Load factor %	62.5	78.6	16.1 *
Aircraft trips	8 823	16 971	92.3

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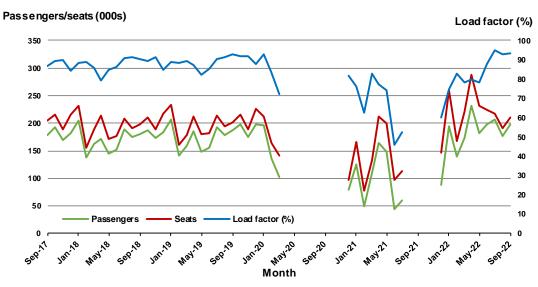


4. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	••	197.0	NA
Seats (000s)	••	210.4	NA
Load factor %		93.6	NA
Aircraft trips	**	1 195	NA

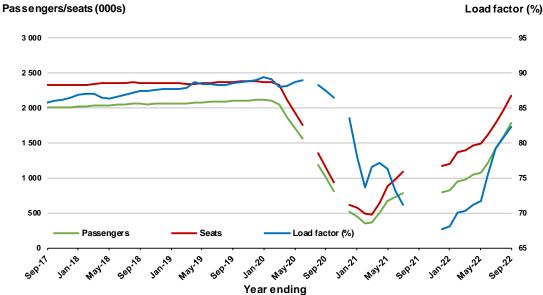
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(a) April to November 2020 and August to November 2021 data not available for release

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	••	1 787.1	NA
Seats (000s)	**	2 172.4	NA
Load factor %		82.3	NA
Aircraft trips		11 897	NA

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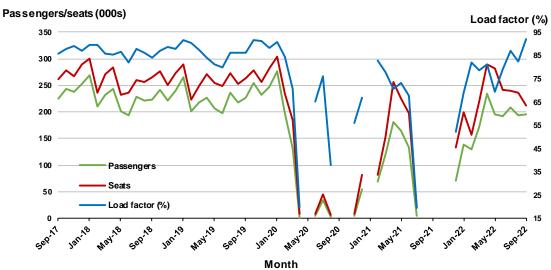
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5. Gold Coast - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	••	195.8	NA
Seats (000s)		212.4	NA
Load factor %		92.2	NA
Aircraft trips		1 241	NA

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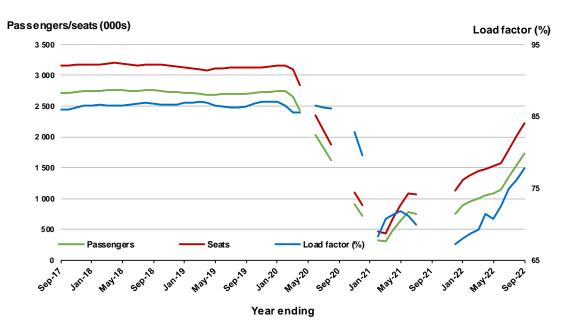


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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)		1 732.4	NA
Seats (000s)		2 225.3	NA
Load factor %		77.9	NA
Aircraft trips		12 927	NA

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6. Adelaide - Melbourne

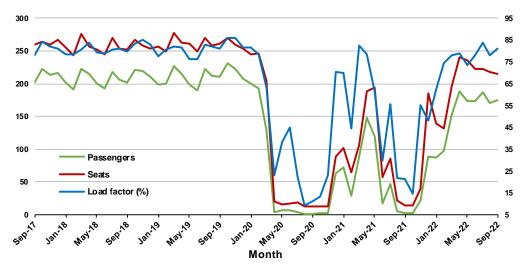
Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2.9	175.4	5921.6
Seats (000s)	13.7	215.6	1477.7
Load factor %	21.3	81.3	60.0 *
Aircraft trips	186	1 326	612.9

^{*} percentage point difference

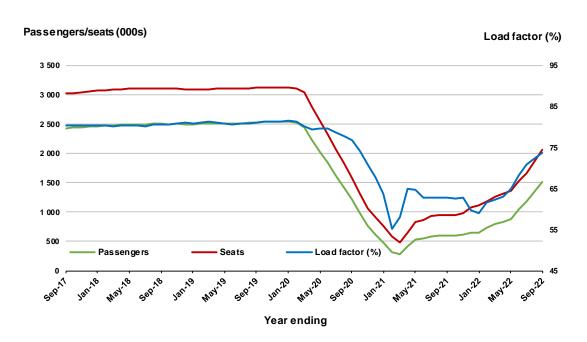






	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	595.8	1 516.7	154.6
Seats (000s)	949.1	2 060.6	117.1
Load factor %	62.8	73.6	10.8 *
Aircraft trips	6 496	12 779	96.7

^{*} percentage point difference

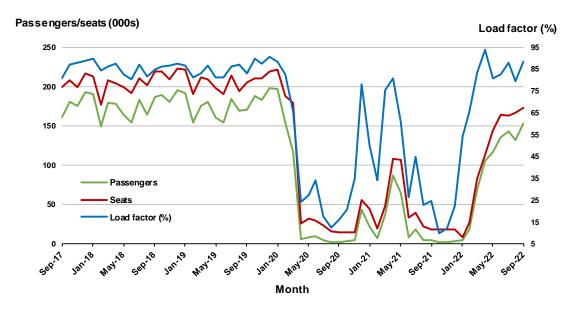


7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

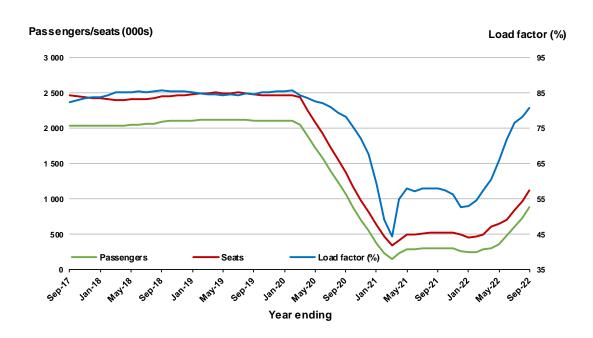
	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4.5	153.0	3294.5
Seats (000s)	18.2	173.0	850.1
Load factor %	24.7	88.4	63.7 *
Aircraft trips	198	949	379.3

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	304.9	886.7	190.8
Seats (000s)	525.5	1 116.7	112.5
Load factor %	58.0	80.7	22.7 *
Aircraft trips	3 848	6 668	73.3

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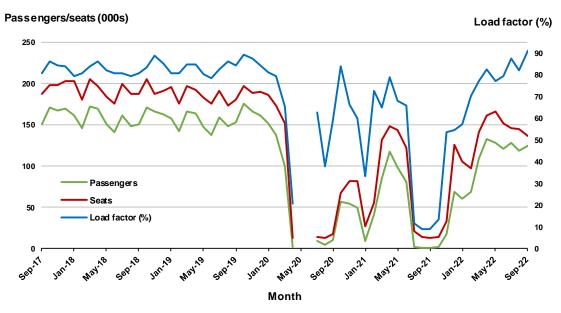


8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1.2	124.3	10034.1
Seats (000s)	13.6	136.5	906.9
Load factor %	9.1	91.1	82.0 *
Aircraft trips	132	843	538.6

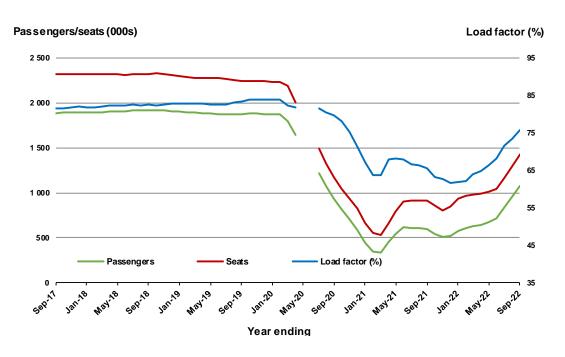
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(a) May and June 2020 data not available for release.

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	597.2	1 079.4	80.8
Seats (000s)	910.9	1 423.3	56.3
Load factor %	65.6	75.8	10.3 *
Aircraft trips	5 685	8 796	54.7

^{*} percentage point difference

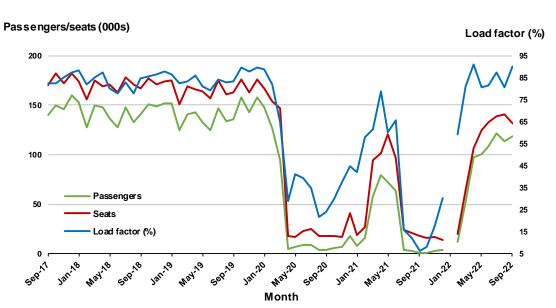


9. Perth - Sydney (a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1.1	118.5	10941.0
Seats (000s)	17.5	131.7	652.2
Load factor %	6.1	90.0	83.9 *
Aircraft trips	117	689	488.9

^{*} percentage point difference

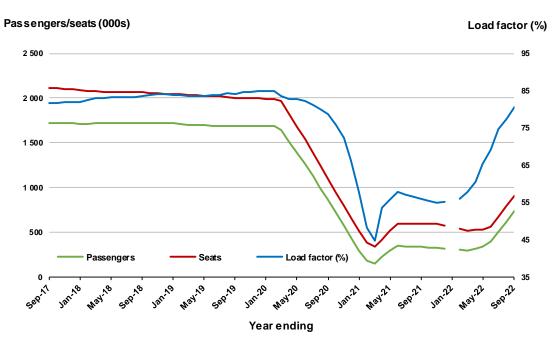


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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	335.3	734.3	119.0
Seats (000s)	598.5	910.5	52.1
Load factor %	56.0	80.7	24.6 *
Aircraft trips	3 173	4 833	52.3

^{*} percentage point difference



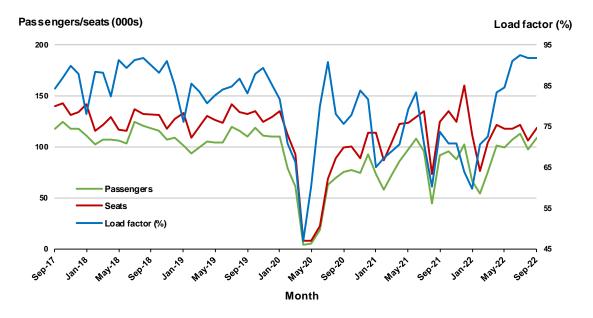
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10. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

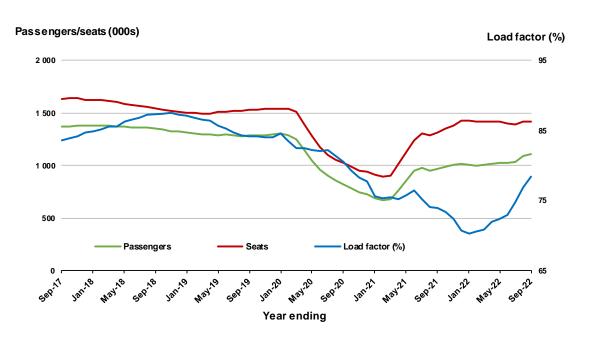
	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	92.0	109.2	18.7
Seats (000s)	124.7	119.0	-4.6
Load factor %	73.8	91.8	18.0 *
Aircraft trips	798	752	-5.8

^{*} percentage point difference



	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	972.0	1 109.3	14.1
Seats (000s)	1 314.7	1 415.8	7.7
Load factor %	73.9	78.4	4.4 *
Aircraft trips	8 451	9 137	8.1

^{*} percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	160.4	363.1	126.3
2 Hobart	49.6	185.9	274.8
3 Darwin	97.1	157.6	62.2
4 Townsville	90.2	146.0	61.8
5 Newcastle	1.4	93.1	6 392.7
6 Launceston	19.5	92.5	375.5
7 Mackay	55.7	77.2	38.5
8 Ballina	2.9	50.0	1 648.9
9 Broome	45.4	47.0	3.5
10 Karratha	41.2	46.0	11.5
11 Hamilton Island	19.8	45.4	129.1
12 Proserpine	23.2	42.7	84.2
13 Rockhampton	32.1	42.0	31.1
14 Port Hedland	34.7	40.6	16.9
15 Alice Springs	19.2	36.0	87.0
16 Newman	28.1	31.8	13.5
17 Kalgoorlie	24.2	27.7	14.5
18 Ayers Rock	3.5	24.3	597.5
19 Coffs Harbour	0.6	24.1	3 880.8
20 Mount Isa	16.4	20.6	25.4
21 Albury	0.3	20.5	6 745.2
22 Paraburdoo	18.2	20.2	10.9
23 Dubbo	1.4	17.7	1 125.8
24 Gladstone	10.6	17.3	63.5
25 Mildura	1.5	17.2	1 045.2
26 Wagga Wagga	0.5	16.9	3 573.8
27 Emerald	12.7	16.1	26.6
28 Port Macquarie	0.2	15.4	7 805.1
29 Port Lincoln	11.6	15.3	32.0
30 Tamworth	0.3	12.9	4 441.8
31 Kununurra	11.8	12.5	6.2
32 Hervey Bay	2.2	12.0	434.9
33 Devonport	0.2	10.5	5 000.5
34 Thursday Island	9.2	10.2	10.7
35 Learmonth	9.1	9.8	7.9
36 Armidale	0.5	9.2	1 773.5
37 Moranbah	7.5	9.1	20.2
38 Orange	0.3	8.9	2 538.9
39 Bundaberg	4.5	8.2	82.2
40 Gove	4.9	8.0	61.9
41 Olympic Dam	8.6	7.8	- 9.6
42 Weipa	7.0	7.4	6.5
43 Mount Gambier	2.9	7.0	139.6
44 Burnie	1.1	6.7	505.6
45 Geraldton	7.2	6.7	- 6.1
46 Merimbula	0.2	6.5	3 149.3
47 Griffith	0.3	6.4	2 026.8
48 Broken Hill	0.5	5.7	1 041.0
49 Whyalla	4.2	5.7	36.0
50 Albany	4.3	5.1	17.2
Total top 50 regional airports	909.1	1 926.4	111.9
Total regional airports	993.1	2 039.5	105.4
Total domestic network	1 995.7	9 340.9	368.1

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.

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

	Airport	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
1	Cairns	2 229.4	3 229.7	44.9
2	Hobart	1 187.9	1 894.8	59.5
3	Darwin	1 067.3	1 485.4	39.2
4	Townsville	1 050.5	1 402.1	33.5
5	Launceston	594.9	954.7	60.5
6	Newcastle	486.3	816.9	68.0
7	Mackay	617.5	768.9	24.5
8	Ballina	507.8	661.1	30.2
9	Karratha	397.6	479.0	20.5
10	Rockhampton	382.7	460.1	20.2
11	Broome	396.3	447.6	12.9
12	Hamilton Island	315.0	440.2	39.8
13	Proserpine	284.8	437.8	53.7
14	Port Hedland	323.2	435.3	34.7
15	Newman	293.7	337.0	14.7
16	Alice Springs	278.7	308.2	10.6
17	Kalgoorlie	239.0	292.6	22.4
18	Coffs Harbour	124.9	246.8	97.6
19	Mount Isa	182.0	212.7	16.9
20	Paraburdoo	188.8	205.3	8.7
21	Gladstone	134.8	179.6	33.2
22	Albury	73.4	168.1	128.9
23	Port Lincoln	129.3	162.6	25.7
24	Emerald	135.1	159.8	18.3
25	Dubbo	103.3	155.6	50.7
26	Ayers Rock	78.8	153.1	94.4
27	Mildura	68.9	145.9	111.9
28	Wagga Wagga	67.8	136.9	102.0
29	Port Macquarie	64.1	131.7	105.6
30	Kununurra	99.8	119.8	20.1
31	Tamworth	56.4	108.0	91.5
32	Hervey Bay	45.8	103.7	126.2
33	Learmonth	90.5	97.2	7.4
34	Thursday Island	88.8	97.0	9.3
35		65.9	95.6	45.1
36	Moranbah	67.0	94.5	41.0
37	Olympic Dam	74.5	89.5	20.0
38		70.3	82.5	17.3
39	Armidale	39.9	82.2	106.0
40	Geraldton	66.5	81.9	23.0
41	Gove	57.0	74.3	30.4
	Orange	38.8	73.9	90.3
	Devonport	40.9	69.9	71.1
44	• .	32.7	64.6	97.4
	Cloncurry	41.5	58.9	41.8
	Burnie	24.0	57.2	138.1
	Griffith	24.7	57.2	131.7
	Albany	45.2	53.4	18.2
49	Whyalla	42.5	53.3	25.3
	Roma	45.8	52.5	14.5
	Total top 50 regional airports	13 162.2	18 576.3	41.1
	Total regional airports	14 122.5	19 782.1	40.1
	Total domestic network	45 245.1	82 426.6	82.2
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Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport. Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	300 298	319 837	6.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5 470	5 657	3.4

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

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

	YE Sep 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3 404 282	3 486 001	2.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	65 057	65 285	0.4

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Sep 2021	Sep 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	600 596	639 674	6.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	10 940	11 314	3.4
Perth airport charter passenger movements	229 230	230 950	0.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 816	3 681	-3.5

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 2021	YE Sep 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6 808 564	6 972 002	2.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	130 114	130 570	0.4
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 576 574	2 594 871	0.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	43 784	44 347	1.3

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.

Domestic airports - charter passenger and aircraft movements 14 700 13 600 500 Aircraft movements (000s) Passengers (000s) 400 300 200 Total domestic charter passenger movements 100 Perth airport charter passenger movements Total domestic charter aircraft movements Month

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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 a 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.