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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of September 2025.

The data covers revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled Regular Public Transport (RPT) 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 with an average exceeding 8,000 passengers per month over the previous six months where two or more airlines operate in competition.

Information on the total network for the month of September 2025 and on the RPT network for the month of September 2025 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended September 2025 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-13 of this publication. For the month of September 2025, there are 62 individual routes published.

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 Team Global Express (formerly 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

There were 5.50 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in September 2025, compared with 5.36 million in September 2024 (up 2.6%). This is also an increase of 1.4% on pre-COVID September 2019 passenger numbers (5.43 million).

5.13 million passengers were carried on Regular Public Transport (RPT) flights in September 2025 (excluding charter operations), an increase of 2.2% compared to September 2024.

For the month of September 2025, there were 52.0 thousand RPT aircraft trips, an increase of 2.2% on September 2024.

For the year ending September 2025, there were 59.93 million RPT passengers, an increase of 1.8% on the year ending September 2024.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.27 billion for the month, compared with 6.10 billion in September 2024 (up 2.7%).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 7.69 billion in September 2025 compared to 7.29 billion in September 2024 (up 5.6%).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 83.8% in September 2024 to 81.4% in September 2025. The highest load factor (93.8%) was recorded on the Melbourne – Sunshine Coast route while the lowest load factor (49.6%) was recorded on the Brisbane – Moranbah route.

For the month of September 2025, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 655.1 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 360.0 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 317.9 thousand passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.10 million passenger movements in September 2025, followed by Melbourne with 2.06 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.51 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 27.2 thousand tonnes in September 2025, an increase of 4.9% compared with September 2024.

In September 2025, there were 2.22 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, an increase of 3.0% from September 2024. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Orange Airport (up 19.1% on September 2024), while the largest decrease was recorded at Gove Airport (down 16.1% on September 2024).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 377.2 thousand passengers in September 2025, an increase of 9.3% compared with September 2024. Perth Airport accounted for 35.7% of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.36	5.50	2.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	56.8	58.3	2.5

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joy flights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK

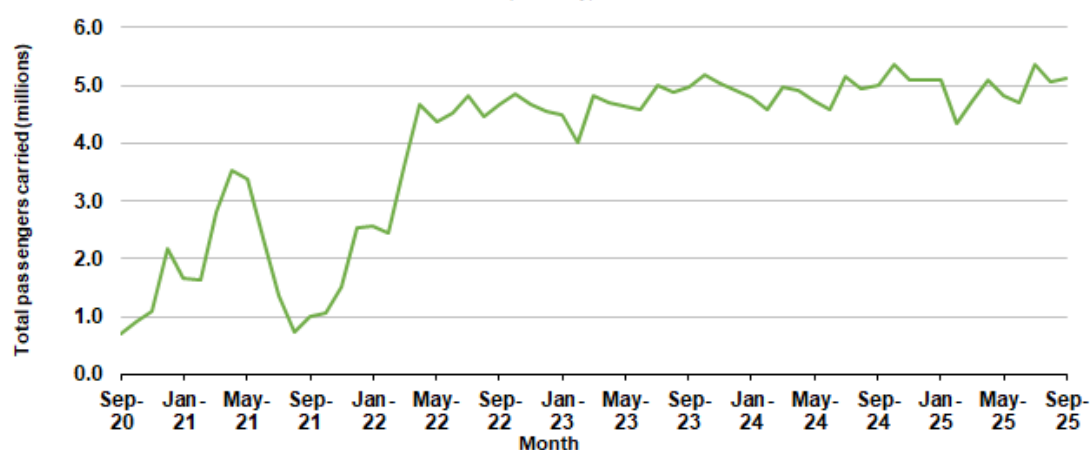
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	5.02	5.13	2.2
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	6.10	6.27	2.7
Available seats (millions)	6.16	6.44	4.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.29	7.69	5.6
Load factor %	83.8	81.4	-2.3 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	50.9	52.0	2.2

* percentage point difference

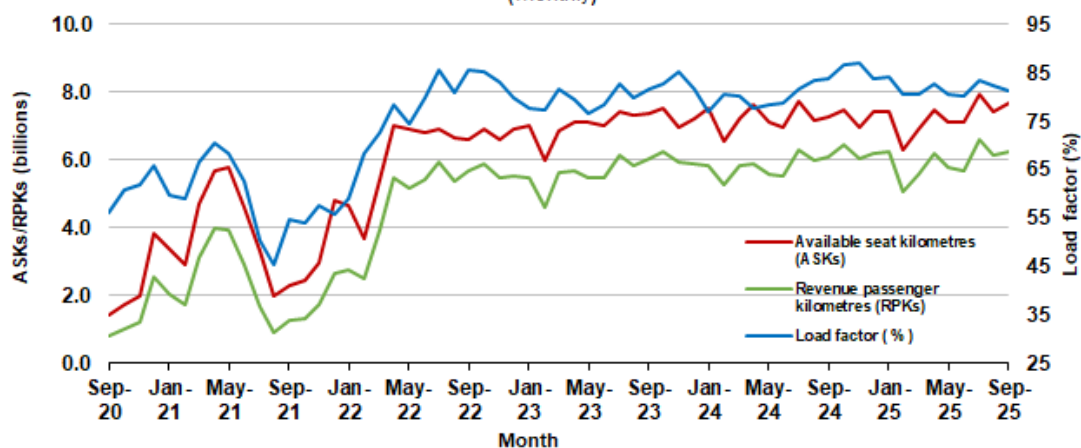
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	63.18	64.22	1.6
Aircraft trips (000s)	689.9	674.9	-2.2

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

RPT NETWORK

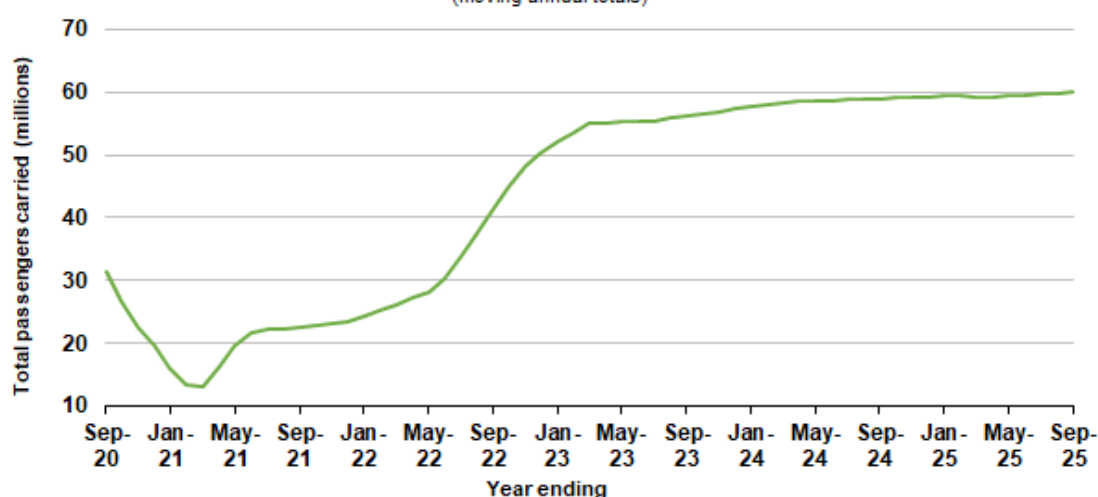
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	58.87	59.93	1.8
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	70.35	72.29	2.8
Available seats (millions)	74.68	73.93	-1.0
Available seat kilometres (billions)	86.98	87.29	0.4
Load factor %	80.9	82.8	1.9 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	616.6	601.7	-2.4

* percentage point difference

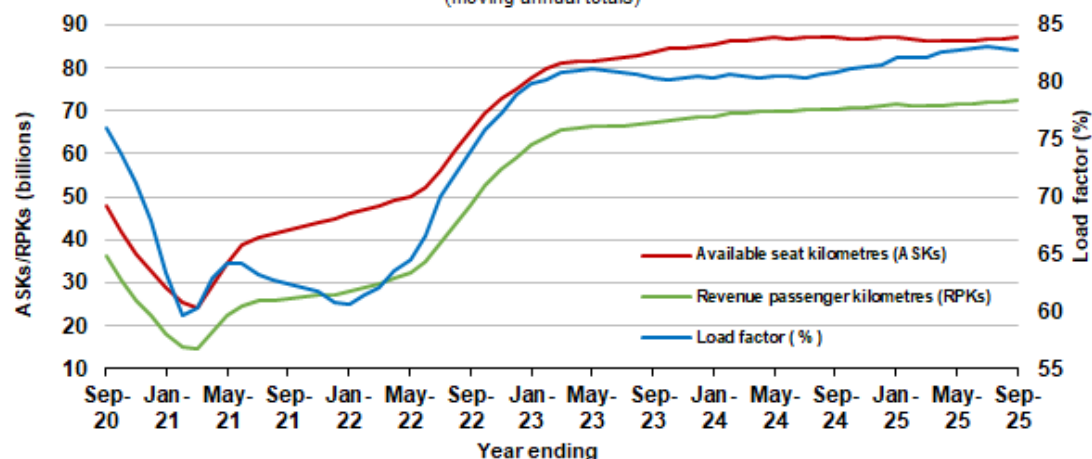
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 964.2	8 111.6	1.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 322.9	4 355.5	0.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 441.0	3 584.5	4.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 537.3	2 493.4	-1.7
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 328.1	2 348.9	0.9
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 191.6	2 114.9	-3.5
7	Melbourne - Perth	2 015.0	2 080.3	3.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 852.8	1 894.6	2.3
9	Perth - Sydney	1 618.0	1 730.2	6.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 363.6	1 440.3	5.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 292.2	1 308.2	1.2
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 059.1	1 138.9	7.5
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 021.5	983.1	-3.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	916.2	968.4	5.7
15	Cairns - Sydney	908.9	926.4	1.9
16	Launceston - Melbourne	865.9	881.4	1.8
17	Cairns - Melbourne	815.2	876.0	7.5
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	871.6	866.6	-0.6
19	Hobart - Sydney	780.9	830.0	6.3
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	772.3	796.4	3.1
21	Brisbane - Mackay	755.3	794.3	5.2
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	756.7	743.2	-1.8
23	Adelaide - Perth	692.3	713.0	3.0
24	Karratha - Perth	593.8	664.4	11.9
25	Brisbane - Canberra	628.1	651.3	3.7
26	Canberra - Sydney	631.7	617.7	-2.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	558.6	607.8	8.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	506.4	523.3	3.3
29	Ballina - Sydney	514.1	486.1	-5.4
30	Perth - Port Hedland	473.9	481.3	1.6
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	450.3	469.0	4.2
32	Newman - Perth	381.5	438.3	14.9
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	365.8	383.0	4.7
34	Broome - Perth	359.0	369.1	2.8
35	Brisbane - Darwin	321.9	358.6	11.4
36	Launceston - Sydney	340.2	349.2	2.6
37	Brisbane - Hobart	296.9	318.9	7.4
38	Darwin - Melbourne	281.0	299.1	6.5
39	Brisbane - Proserpine	275.1	291.0	5.8
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	276.0	280.8	1.7
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	243.3	255.7	5.1
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	223.0	219.0	-1.8
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	208.3	199.8	-4.1
44	Adelaide - Canberra	183.6	195.6	6.5
45	Darwin - Perth	180.4	192.3	6.6
46	Brisbane - Emerald	185.7	189.4	2.0
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	185.4	176.0	-5.1
48	Dubbo - Sydney	175.1	171.2	-2.2
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	171.1	166.2	-2.9
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	158.1	165.1	4.5

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	165.9	164.6	-0.7
52	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	161.6	163.1	0.9
53	Albury - Sydney	163.3	153.9	-5.8
54	Brisbane - Launceston	148.6	151.8	2.1
55	Brisbane - Mount Isa	145.9	151.4	3.8
56	Melbourne - Mildura	166.6	150.4	-9.7
57	Devonport - Melbourne	123.7	141.0	14.0
58	Brisbane - Bundaberg	138.8	140.0	0.9
59	Geraldton - Perth	109.4	121.0	10.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	113.2	NA
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	111.7	104.1	-6.8
62	Adelaide - Alice Springs	109.1	103.9	-4.8
Total domestic network		58 865.5	59 927.2	1.8

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	662.1	655.1	-1.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	365.0	360.0	-1.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	314.9	317.9	1.0
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	208.8	220.5	5.6
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	185.1	196.2	6.0
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	175.6	187.0	6.5
7	Melbourne - Perth	169.2	170.2	0.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	155.1	152.5	-1.7
9	Perth - Sydney	141.4	144.5	2.2
10	Brisbane - Cairns	118.2	116.7	-1.2
11	Hobart - Melbourne	104.3	111.7	7.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	94.2	95.6	1.5
13	Cairns - Melbourne	78.7	90.0	14.3
14	Brisbane - Townsville	85.5	87.4	2.2
15	Canberra - Melbourne	86.6	85.8	-0.9
16	Cairns - Sydney	79.1	81.5	3.1
17	Brisbane - Mackay	68.6	73.9	7.8
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	70.2	71.4	1.6
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	63.3	69.5	9.7
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	59.5	67.7	13.7
21	Launceston - Melbourne	65.2	67.7	3.8
22	Karratha - Perth	52.4	61.3	17.0
23	Hobart - Sydney	62.1	60.2	-3.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	60.8	58.7	-3.4
25	Brisbane - Canberra	55.9	57.4	2.6
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	54.3	53.1	-2.2
27	Canberra - Sydney	56.4	52.8	-6.5
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	44.0	45.1	2.6
29	Perth - Port Hedland	40.2	41.7	3.7
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	39.6	39.5	-0.3
31	Newman - Perth	33.3	39.4	18.5
32	Broome - Perth	35.7	37.5	5.0
33	Ballina - Sydney	44.0	37.0	-16.0
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	31.3	35.8	14.4
35	Brisbane - Darwin	29.4	33.4	13.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	28.9	26.8	-7.4
37	Launceston - Sydney	26.2	26.7	1.7
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	25.4	25.6	0.6
39	Brisbane - Hobart	24.3	24.5	0.5
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	23.1	24.2	4.9
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	23.6	23.1	-2.1
42	Darwin - Perth	18.4	19.5	6.0
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	19.3	18.9	-2.0
44	Adelaide - Canberra	16.5	17.0	2.9
45	Brisbane - Emerald	16.2	16.6	2.4
46	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	17.6	16.4	-7.3
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	15.2	15.8	3.6
48	Dubbo - Sydney	14.8	15.5	4.6
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	14.0	15.1	7.9
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	15.7	14.8	-6.0

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.7	13.8	0.8
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	13.3	13.8	3.9
53	Albury - Sydney	13.2	13.3	0.6
54	Brisbane - Mount Isa	14.1	13.2	-6.5
55	Melbourne - Mildura	12.1	12.3	2.0
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	12.4	12.3	-0.6
57	Devonport - Melbourne	10.0	11.8	18.5
58	Brisbane - Launceston	13.3	10.9	-18.0
59	Geraldton - Perth	10.0	10.8	8.3
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	10.2	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.4	9.1	-3.4
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	9.4	8.5	-9.8
Total domestic network		5 017.4	5 125.5	2.2

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	793.9	821.4	3.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	422.9	437.7	3.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	359.7	382.3	6.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	234.0	253.7	8.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	220.9	245.8	11.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	189.4	205.7	8.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	198.5	208.0	4.8
8	Adelaide - Sydney	191.0	196.3	2.8
9	Perth - Sydney	166.5	176.1	5.7
10	Brisbane - Cairns	130.0	134.9	3.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	122.4	134.4	9.8
12	Brisbane - Perth	106.6	114.4	7.3
13	Cairns - Melbourne	86.7	102.0	17.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	98.1	102.5	4.5
15	Canberra - Melbourne	108.4	114.0	5.1
16	Cairns - Sydney	94.1	95.8	1.8
17	Brisbane - Mackay	79.9	94.8	18.6
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	79.8	84.6	6.0
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	72.9	79.0	8.3
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	63.9	72.2	13.0
21	Launceston - Melbourne	80.4	82.0	1.9
22	Karratha - Perth	75.9	85.5	12.7
23	Hobart - Sydney	79.9	72.1	-9.7
24	Adelaide - Perth	71.5	71.0	-0.8
25	Brisbane - Canberra	68.9	72.2	4.7
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	64.5	62.6	-3.0
27	Canberra - Sydney	89.8	84.8	-5.6
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	51.5	54.7	6.1
29	Perth - Port Hedland	61.1	64.9	6.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	46.6	46.7	0.2
31	Newman - Perth	53.5	62.6	17.1
32	Broome - Perth	41.4	43.9	6.1
33	Ballina - Sydney	50.7	43.0	-15.2
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	56.5	62.0	9.7
35	Brisbane - Darwin	32.0	40.7	27.1
36	Darwin - Melbourne	33.3	32.8	-1.5
37	Launceston - Sydney	31.3	30.8	-1.6
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	27.0	27.3	1.1
39	Brisbane - Hobart	27.8	27.5	-1.3
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	27.8	27.2	-2.5
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	25.2	24.8	-1.7
42	Darwin - Perth	24.6	26.3	6.8
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	28.7	28.0	-2.7
44	Adelaide - Canberra	24.0	23.8	-1.0
45	Brisbane - Emerald	25.5	25.4	-0.6
46	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	22.0	20.8	-5.7
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	16.5	17.1	3.4
48	Dubbo - Sydney	23.8	22.6	-5.2
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	21.1	20.5	-2.8
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	18.0	17.0	-5.4

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	23.1	23.9	3.2
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	18.5	19.0	2.9
53	Albury - Sydney	19.2	17.7	-7.8
54	Brisbane - Mount Isa	19.1	21.6	13.2
55	Melbourne - Mildura	17.5	17.4	-0.5
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	18.9	18.2	-3.6
57	Devonport - Melbourne	14.5	17.6	21.0
58	Brisbane - Launceston	14.9	12.1	-18.5
59	Geraldton - Perth	18.4	19.1	3.8
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	11.8	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	14.5	13.0	-10.3
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	16.6	17.1	2.9
Total domestic network		6 155.1	6 444.3	4.7

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	83.4	79.8	-3.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	86.3	82.3	-4.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	87.5	83.2	-4.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	89.2	86.9	-2.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	83.8	79.8	-4.0
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	92.7	90.9	-1.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	85.2	81.8	-3.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	81.2	77.7	-3.5
9	Perth - Sydney	84.9	82.0	-2.9
10	Brisbane - Cairns	90.9	86.5	-4.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	85.2	83.1	-2.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	88.3	83.6	-4.7
13	Cairns - Melbourne	90.8	88.2	-2.6
14	Brisbane - Townsville	87.2	85.3	-1.9
15	Canberra - Melbourne	79.8	75.3	-4.5
16	Cairns - Sydney	84.1	85.1	1.0
17	Brisbane - Mackay	85.8	78.0	-7.8
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	88.0	84.4	-3.6
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	86.9	88.0	1.1
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	93.1	93.8	0.7
21	Launceston - Melbourne	81.0	82.5	1.5
22	Karratha - Perth	69.1	71.7	2.6
23	Hobart - Sydney	77.8	83.4	5.6
24	Adelaide - Perth	85.0	82.7	-2.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	81.2	79.5	-1.7
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	84.2	84.9	0.7
27	Canberra - Sydney	62.9	62.2	-0.7
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	85.3	82.4	-2.9
29	Perth - Port Hedland	65.8	64.3	-1.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	85.0	84.6	-0.4
31	Newman - Perth	62.2	62.9	0.7
32	Broome - Perth	86.2	85.4	-0.8
33	Ballina - Sydney	86.8	86.0	-0.8
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	54.3	57.8	3.5
35	Brisbane - Darwin	91.8	82.0	-9.8
36	Darwin - Melbourne	86.7	81.5	-5.2
37	Launceston - Sydney	83.7	86.4	2.7
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	94.1	93.6	-0.5
39	Brisbane - Hobart	87.5	89.0	1.5
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	83.0	89.3	6.3
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	93.6	93.2	-0.4
42	Darwin - Perth	74.5	74.0	-0.5
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	67.0	67.5	0.5
44	Adelaide - Canberra	68.7	71.3	2.6
45	Brisbane - Emerald	63.3	65.2	1.9
46	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	80.1	78.7	-1.4
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	92.2	92.4	0.2
48	Dubbo - Sydney	62.2	68.7	6.5
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	66.5	73.9	7.4
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	87.6	87.1	-0.5

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Point diff
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	59.4	58.0	-1.4
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	72.1	72.8	0.7
53	Albury - Sydney	69.1	75.4	6.3
54	Brisbane - Mount Isa	73.9	61.0	-12.9
55	Melbourne - Mildura	69.2	71.0	1.8
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	65.6	67.6	2.0
57	Devonport - Melbourne	68.9	67.5	-1.4
58	Brisbane - Launceston	89.2	89.7	0.5
59	Geraldton - Perth	53.0	56.6	3.6
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	86.0	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	64.5	69.5	5.0
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	56.6	49.6	-7.0
	Total domestic network	83.8	81.4	-2.3

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 548	4 698	3.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 550	2 612	2.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 151	2 321	7.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 311	1 439	9.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 332	1 459	9.5
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 025	1 101	7.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	1 089	1 159	6.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 126	1 148	2.0
9	Perth - Sydney	869	930	7.0
10	Brisbane - Cairns	897	990	10.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	713	792	11.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	612	639	4.4
13	Cairns - Melbourne	455	533	17.1
14	Brisbane - Townsville	764	775	1.4
15	Canberra - Melbourne	705	730	3.5
16	Cairns - Sydney	501	496	-1.0
17	Brisbane - Mackay	618	684	10.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	626	635	1.4
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	407	436	7.1
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	356	380	6.7
21	Launceston - Melbourne	657	642	-2.3
22	Karratha - Perth	453	515	13.7
23	Hobart - Sydney	453	430	-5.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	400	390	-2.5
25	Brisbane - Canberra	561	606	8.0
26	Brisbane - Rockhampton	693	667	-3.8
27	Canberra - Sydney	1 221	1 275	4.4
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	435	453	4.1
29	Perth - Port Hedland	382	419	9.7
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	306	304	-0.7
31	Newman - Perth	335	373	11.3
32	Broome - Perth	277	274	-1.1
33	Ballina - Sydney	341	276	-19.1
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	382	423	10.7
35	Brisbane - Darwin	237	227	-4.2
36	Darwin - Melbourne	180	178	-1.1
37	Launceston - Sydney	194	196	1.0
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	168	166	-1.2
39	Brisbane - Hobart	172	162	-5.8
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	158	152	-3.8
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	127	120	-5.5
42	Darwin - Perth	141	151	7.1
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	334	325	-2.7
44	Adelaide - Canberra	222	223	0.5
45	Brisbane - Emerald	346	340	-1.7
46	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	393	359	-8.7
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	92	94	2.2
48	Dubbo - Sydney	458	431	-5.9
49	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	382	371	-2.9
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	128	128	0.0

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
51	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	563	480	-14.7
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	305	336	10.2
53	Albury - Sydney	362	325	-10.2
54	Brisbane - Mount Isa	169	197	16.6
55	Melbourne - Mildura	414	345	-16.7
56	Brisbane - Bundaberg	308	298	-3.2
57	Devonport - Melbourne	319	287	-10.0
58	Brisbane - Launceston	88	68	-22.7
59	Geraldton - Perth	202	206	2.0
60	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	66	NA
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	171	156	-8.8
62	Brisbane - Moranbah	222	226	1.8
Total domestic network		50 916	52 032	2.2

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(a) Includes RPT cargo flights.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

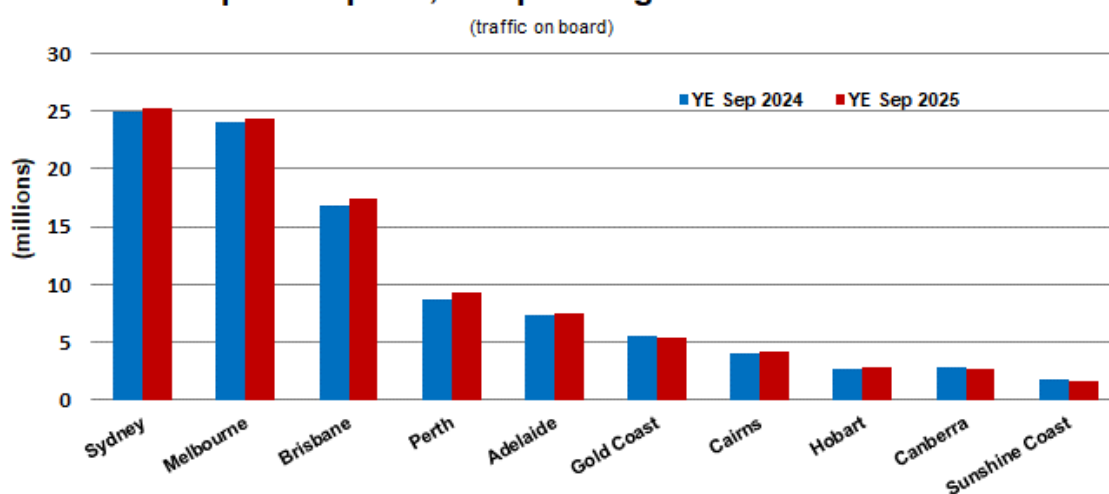
Airport	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	2 099.4	2 104.0	0.2	20.5
2 Melbourne	2 006.9	2 056.4	2.5	20.1
3 Brisbane	1 496.9	1 507.0	0.7	14.7
4 Perth	769.7	795.9	3.4	7.8
5 Adelaide	607.8	622.1	2.3	6.1
6 Gold Coast	455.5	482.3	5.9	4.7
7 Cairns	371.7	387.4	4.2	3.8
8 Canberra	242.2	241.4	-0.3	2.4
9 Hobart	207.6	213.3	2.8	2.1
10 Darwin	151.4	159.6	5.4	1.6
Total top ten airports	8 409.1	8 569.4	1.9	83.6
Total domestic network	10 034.7	10 251.0	2.2	100.0

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

Airport	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	24 890.8	25 292.8	1.6	21.1
2 Melbourne	24 077.5	24 335.2	1.1	20.3
3 Brisbane	16 857.8	17 425.2	3.4	14.5
4 Perth	8 758.6	9 241.6	5.5	7.7
5 Adelaide	7 327.3	7 459.7	1.8	6.2
6 Gold Coast	5 590.6	5 426.3	-2.9	4.5
7 Cairns	4 050.7	4 161.6	2.7	3.5
8 Hobart	2 692.4	2 826.5	5.0	2.4
9 Canberra	2 794.2	2 770.2	-0.9	2.3
10 Sunshine Coast	1 780.4	1 660.3	-6.7	1.4
Total top ten airports	98 820.2	100 599.2	1.8	83.9
Total domestic network	117 731.0	119 854.4	1.8	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 2024	Sep 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.0	7.6	8.1	27.8
2 Sydney	5.6	5.9	4.0	21.5
3 Brisbane	4.6	4.9	7.2	18.1
4 Perth	2.9	3.0	1.6	11.0
5 Adelaide	1.4	1.3	-4.7	4.8
Total top five airports	21.5	22.6	5.1	83.2
Total domestic network	25.9	27.2	4.9	100.0

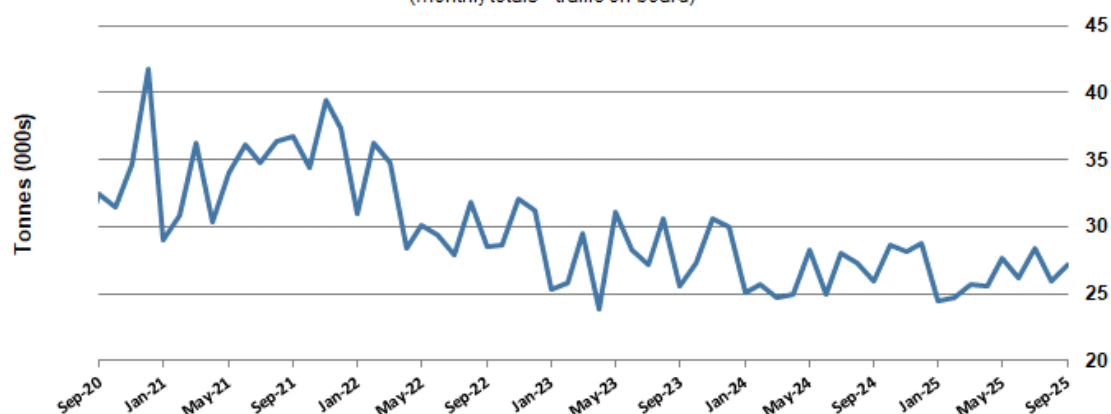
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	87.7	88.6	1.0	27.6
2 Sydney	70.1	67.7	-3.4	21.1
3 Brisbane	59.0	56.9	-3.4	17.7
4 Perth	35.6	36.2	2.0	11.3
5 Adelaide	18.4	16.8	-8.7	5.2
Total top five airports	270.8	266.3	-1.6	82.9
Total domestic network	322.8	321.1	-0.5	100.0

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

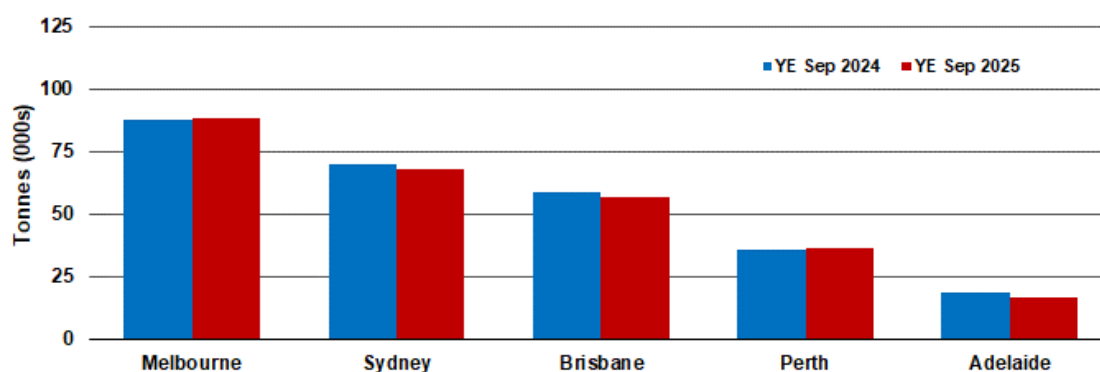
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



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

TOP TEN ROUTES

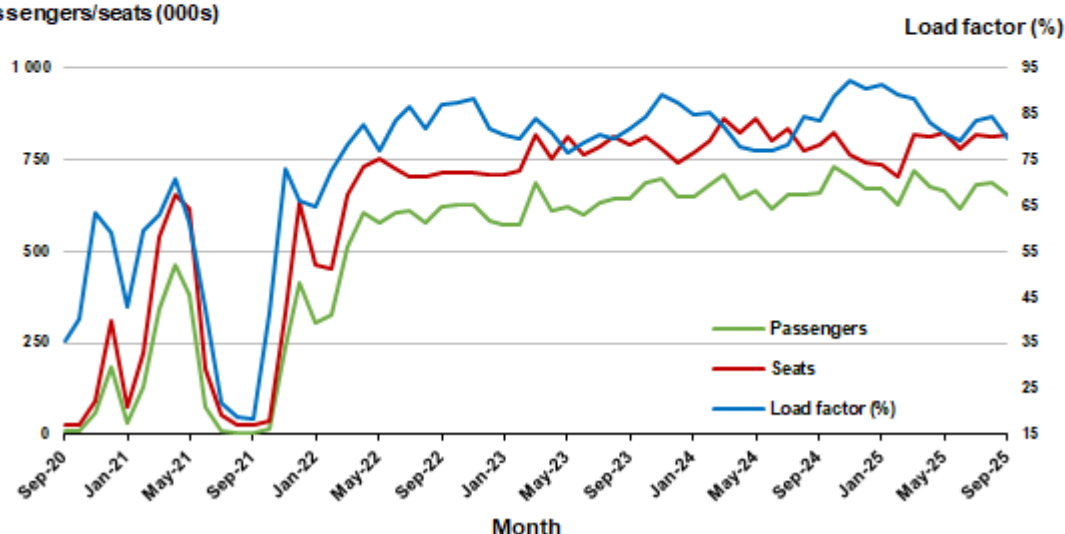
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	662.1	655.1	-1.1
Seats (000s)	793.9	821.4	3.5
Load factor %	83.4	79.8	-3.6 *
Aircraft trips	4 548	4 698	3.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

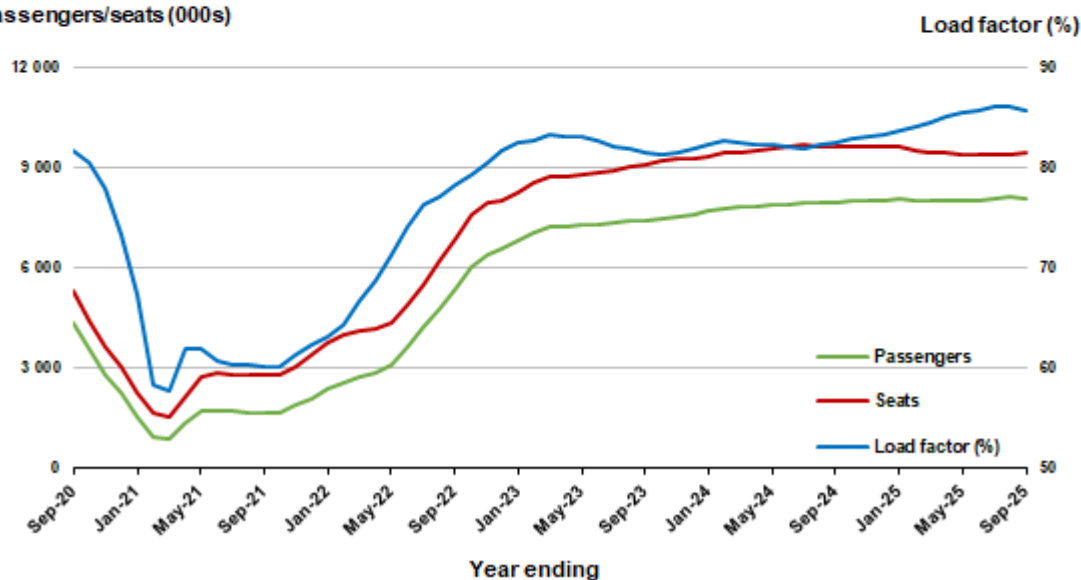


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 964.2	8 111.6	1.9
Seats (000s)	9 655.4	9 454.4	-2.1
Load factor %	82.5	85.8	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	55 807	54 159	-3.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

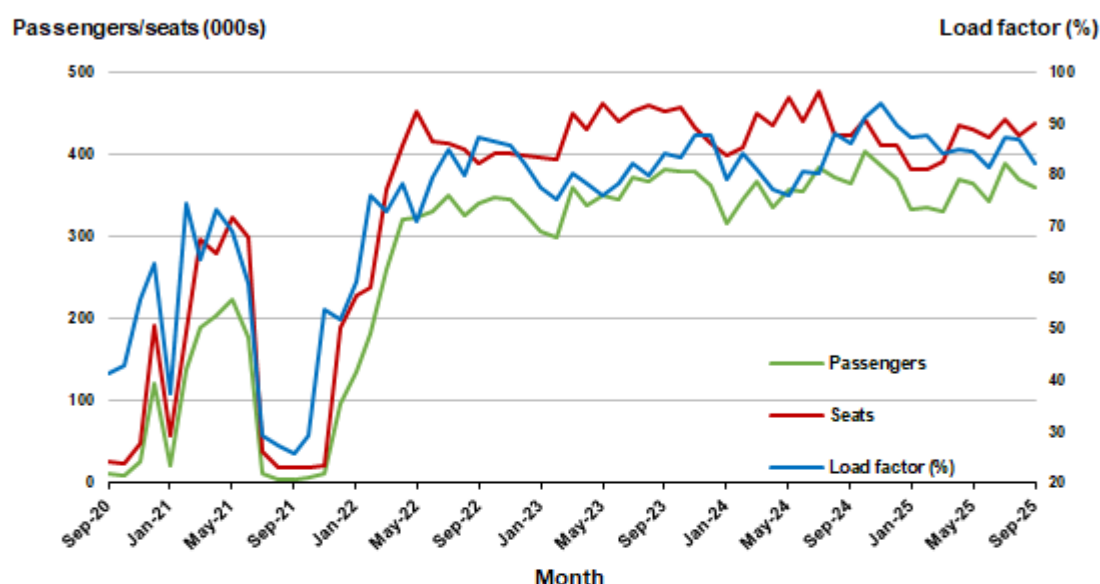


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	365.0	360.0	-1.4
Seats (000s)	422.9	437.7	3.5
Load factor %	86.3	82.3	-4.0 *
Aircraft trips	2 550	2 612	2.4

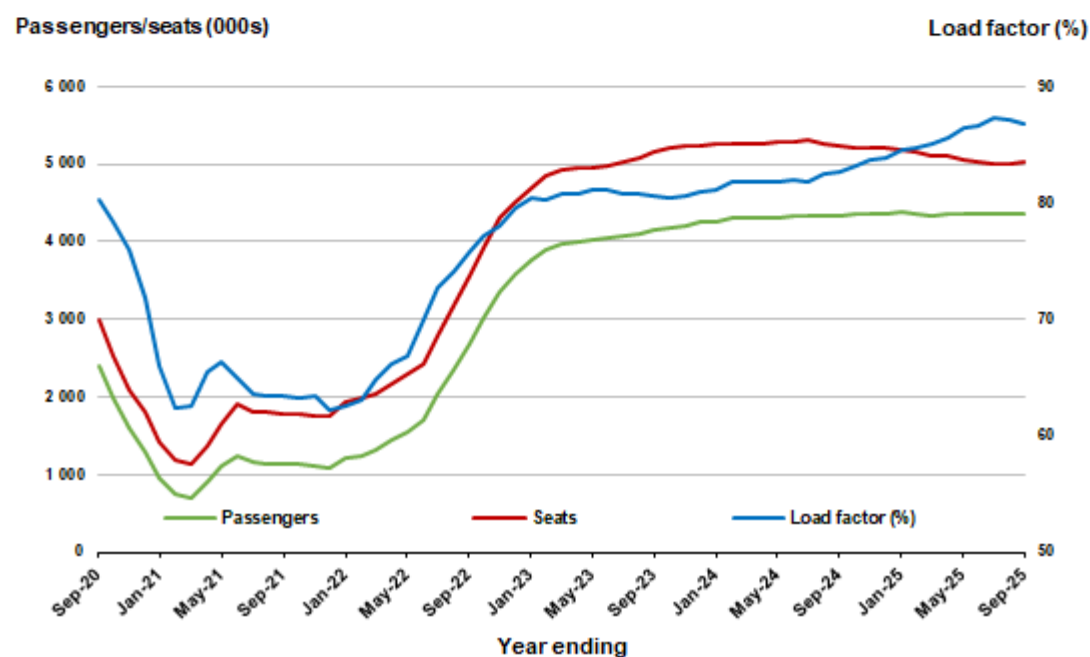
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	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 322.9	4 355.5	0.8
Seats (000s)	5 234.3	5 018.0	-4.1
Load factor %	82.6	86.8	4.2 *
Aircraft trips	31 917	29 992	-6.0

* percentage point difference

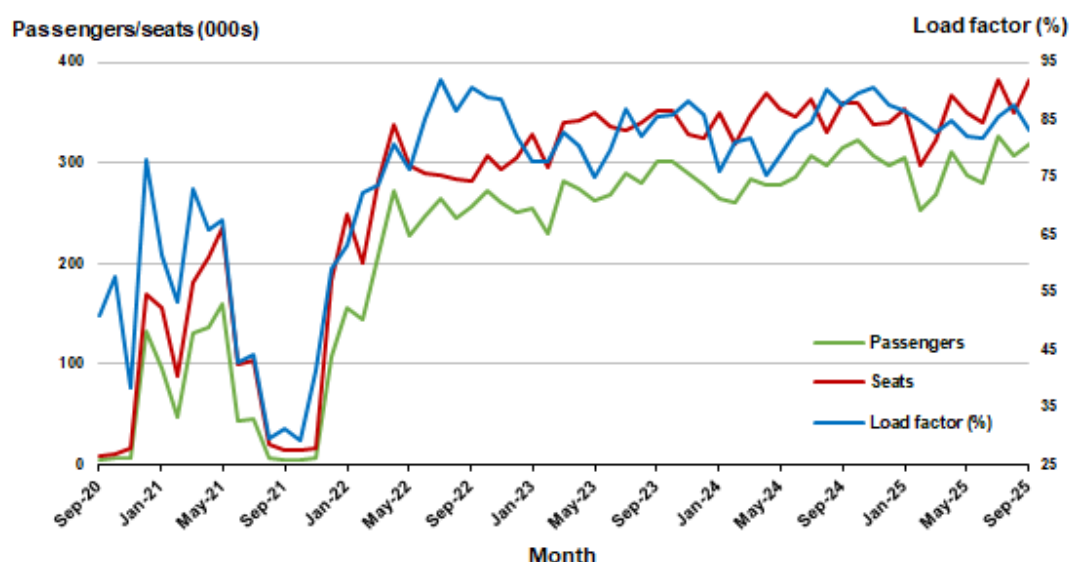


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	314.9	317.9	1.0
Seats (000s)	359.7	382.3	6.3
Load factor %	87.5	83.2	-4.3 *
Aircraft trips	2 151	2 321	7.9

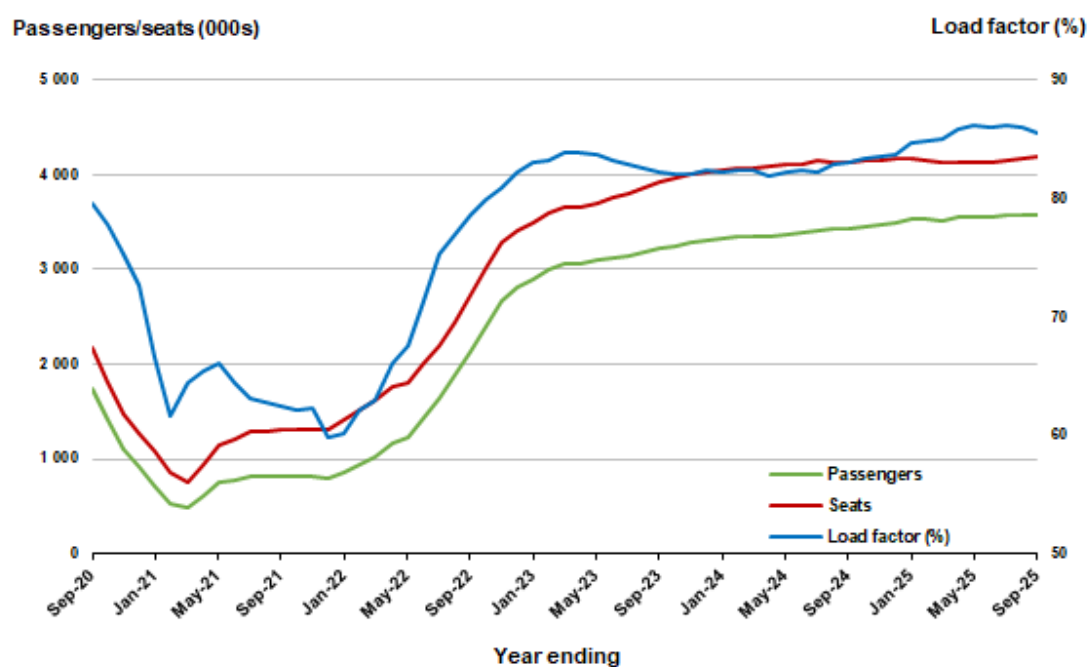
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	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 441.0	3 584.5	4.2
Seats (000s)	4 141.9	4 187.7	1.1
Load factor %	83.1	85.6	2.5 *
Aircraft trips	24 806	25 317	2.1

* percentage point difference



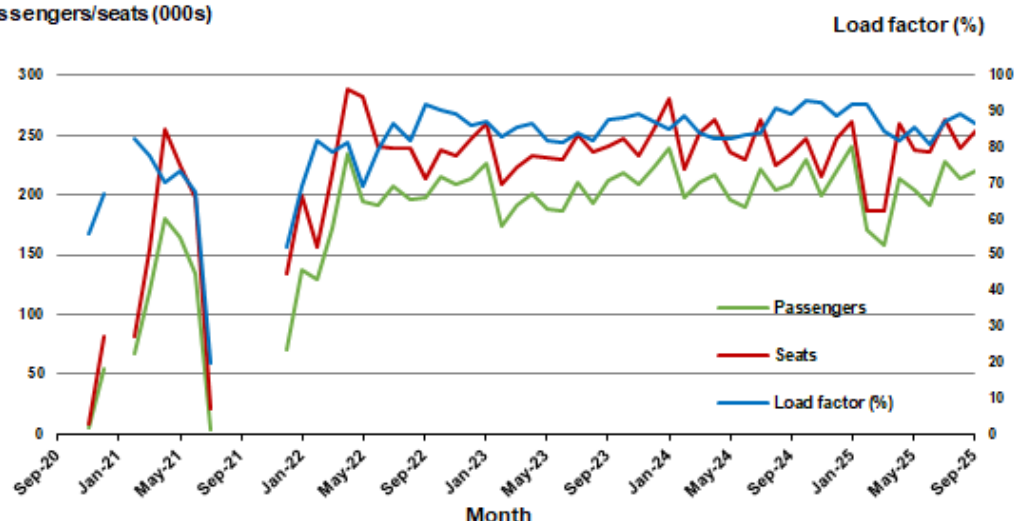
4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	208.8	220.5	5.6
Seats (000s)	234.0	253.7	8.4
Load factor %	89.2	86.9	-2.3 *
Aircraft trips	1 311	1 439	9.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



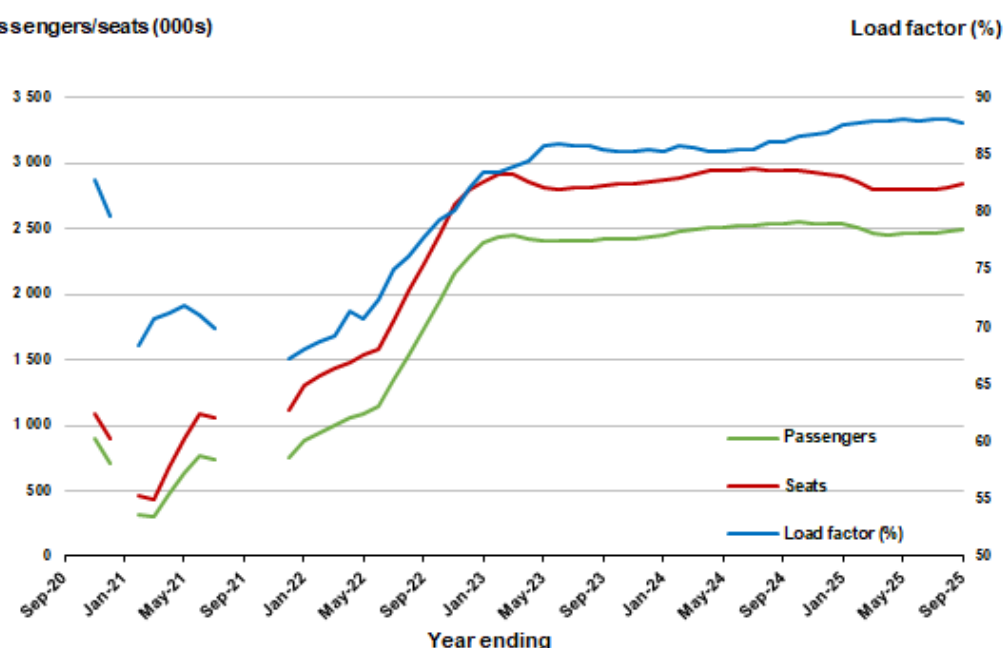
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	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 537.3	2 493.4	-1.7
Seats (000s)	2 943.2	2 838.4	-3.6
Load factor %	86.2	87.8	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	16 622	16 141	-2.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



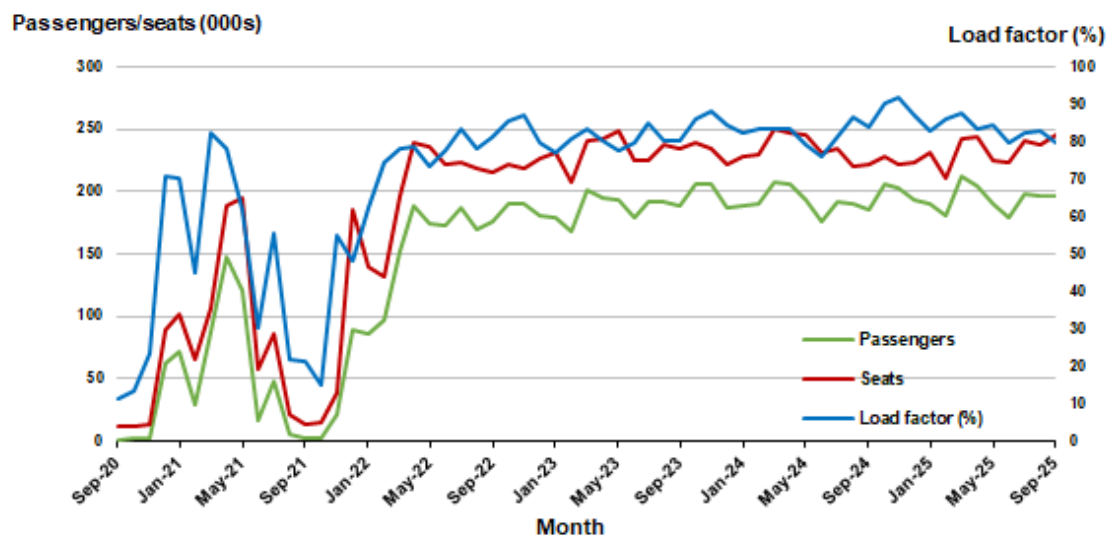
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	185.1	196.2	6.0
Seats (000s)	220.9	245.8	11.3
Load factor %	83.8	79.8	-4.0 *
Aircraft trips	1 332	1 459	9.5

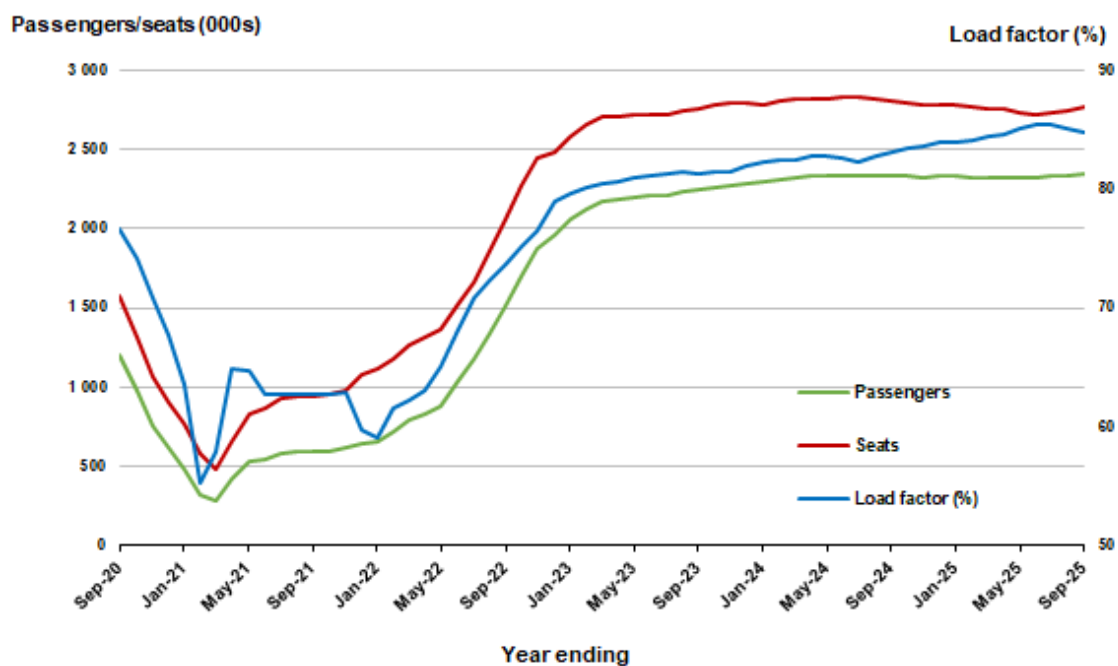
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 328.1	2 348.9	0.9
Seats (000s)	2 803.6	2 771.1	-1.2
Load factor %	83.0	84.8	1.7 *
Aircraft trips	17 063	16 425	-3.7

* percentage point difference



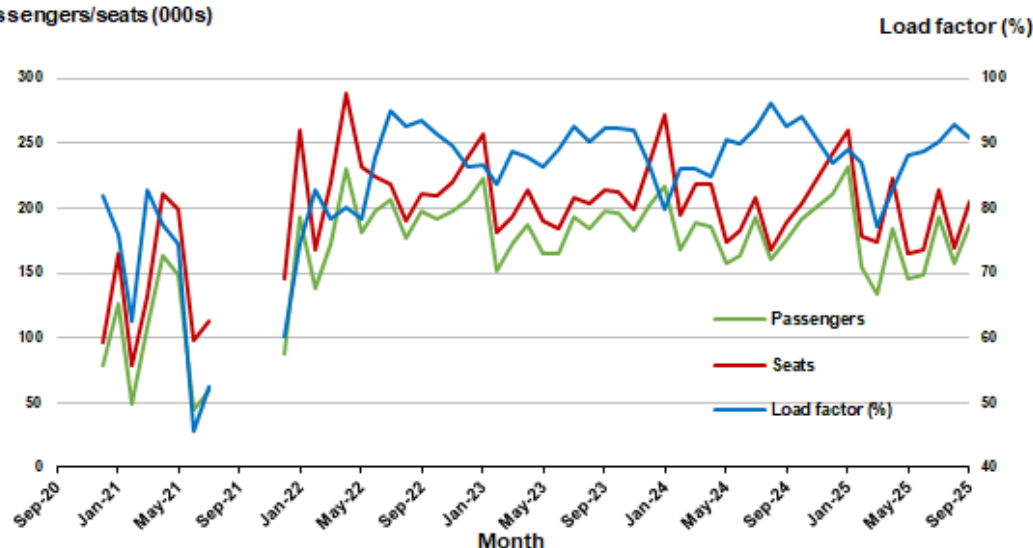
6. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	175.6	187.0	6.5
Seats (000s)	189.4	205.7	8.7
Load factor %	92.7	90.9	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 025	1 101	7.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



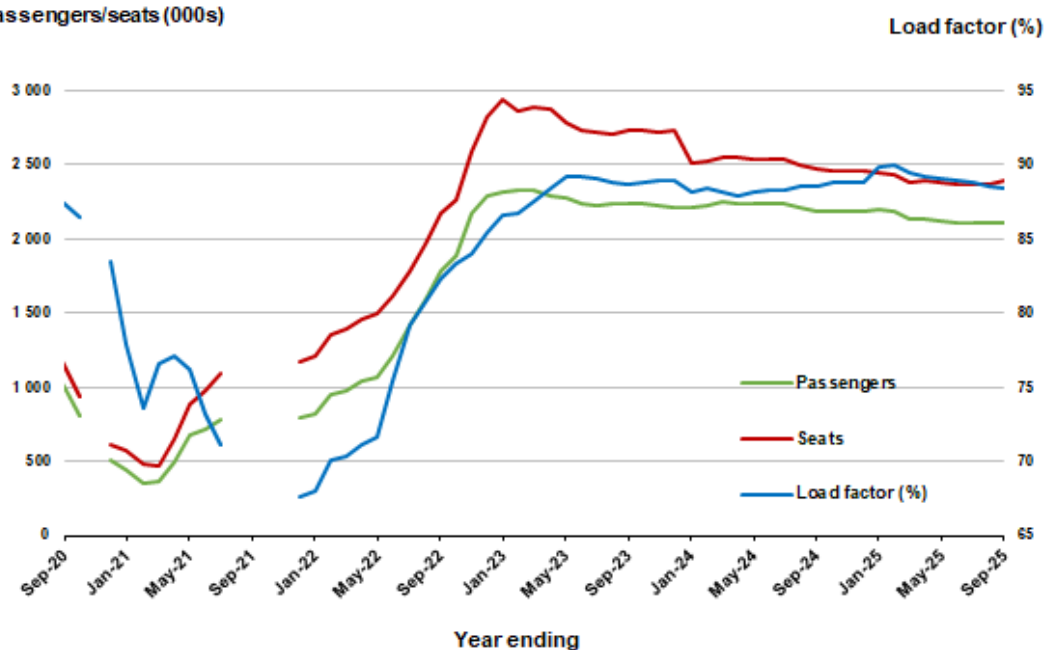
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 191.6	2 114.9	-3.5
Seats (000s)	2 472.8	2 392.0	-3.3
Load factor %	88.6	88.4	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	13 475	12 919	-4.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



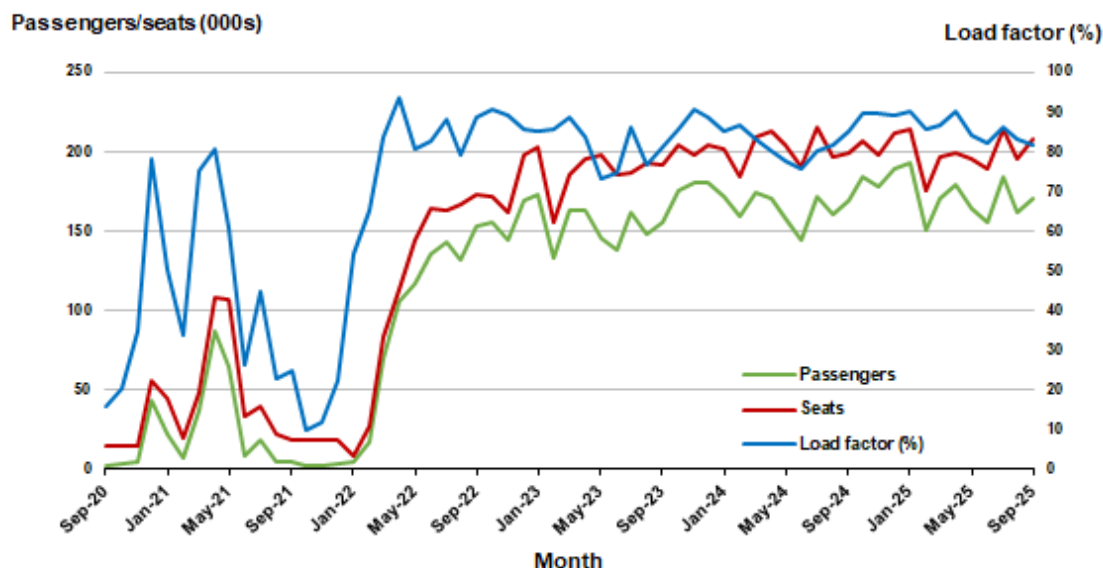
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7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	169.2	170.2	0.6
Seats (000s)	198.5	208.0	4.8
Load factor %	85.2	81.8	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	1 089	1 159	6.4

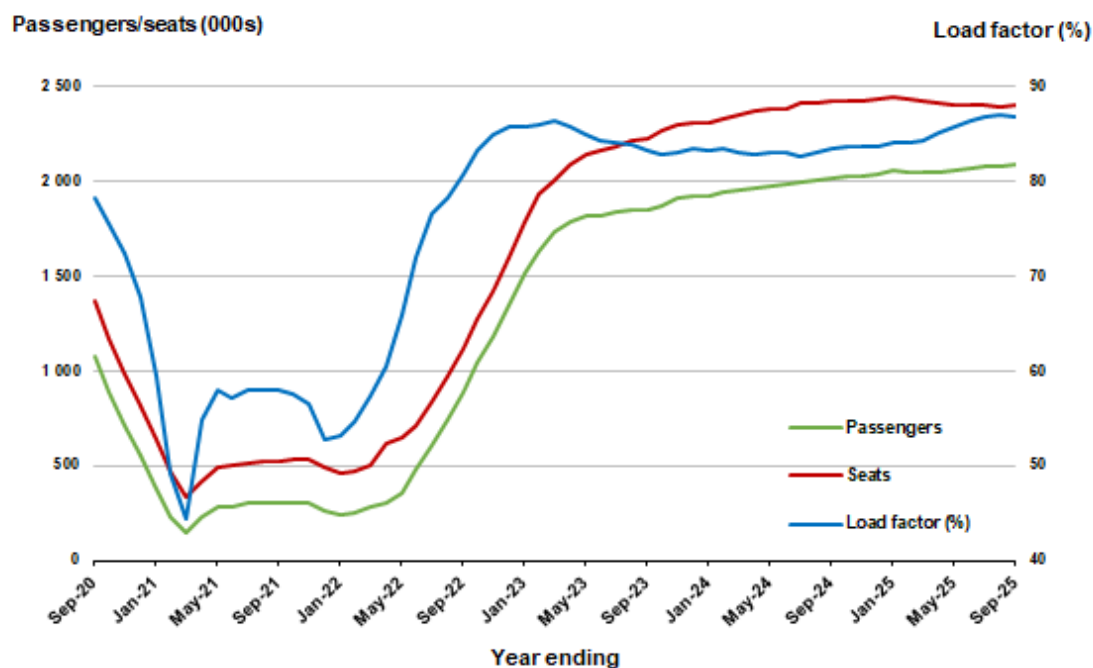
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	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 015.0	2 080.3	3.2
Seats (000s)	2 418.7	2 401.4	-0.7
Load factor %	83.3	86.6	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	13 399	13 445	0.3

* percentage point difference

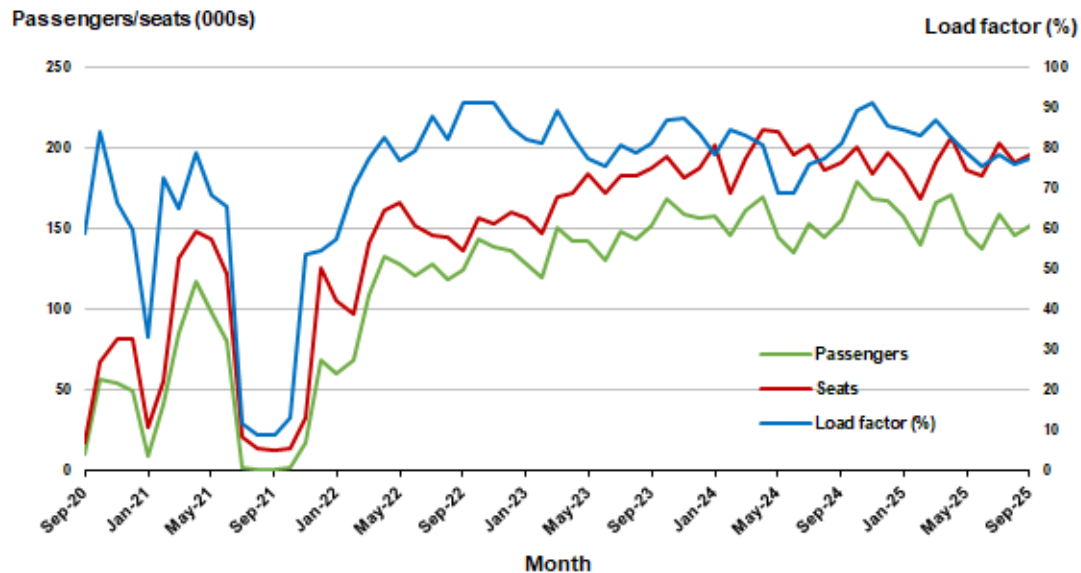


8. Adelaide - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	155.1	152.5	-1.7
Seats (000s)	191.0	196.3	2.8
Load factor %	81.2	77.7	-3.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 126	1 148	2.0

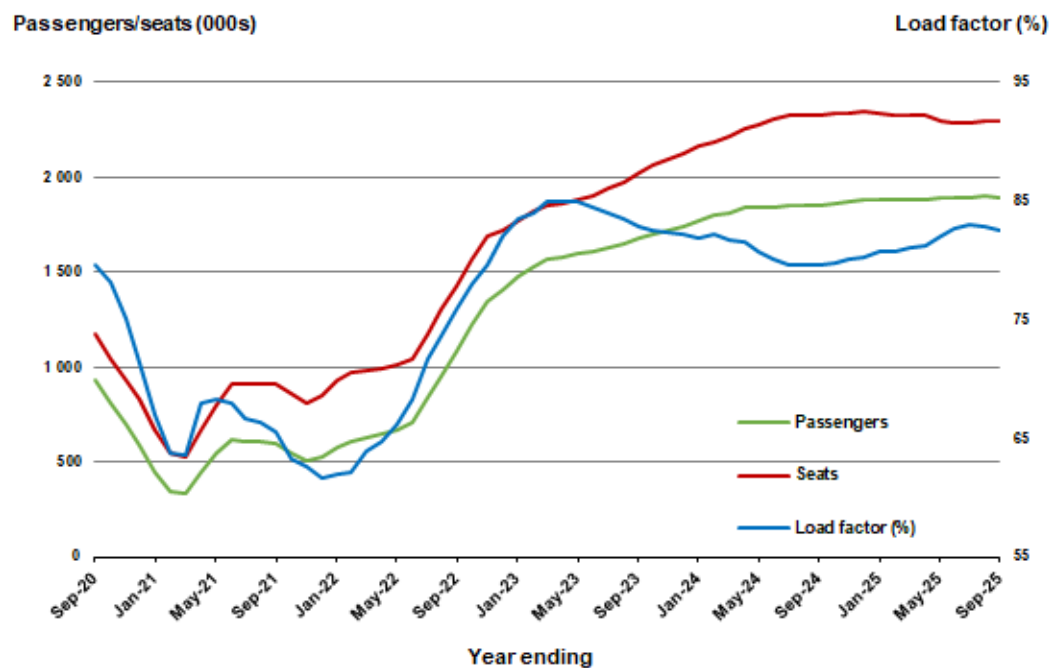
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 852.8	1 894.6	2.3
Seats (000s)	2 329.3	2 296.3	-1.4
Load factor %	79.5	82.5	3.0 *
Aircraft trips	14 086	13 470	-4.4

* percentage point difference



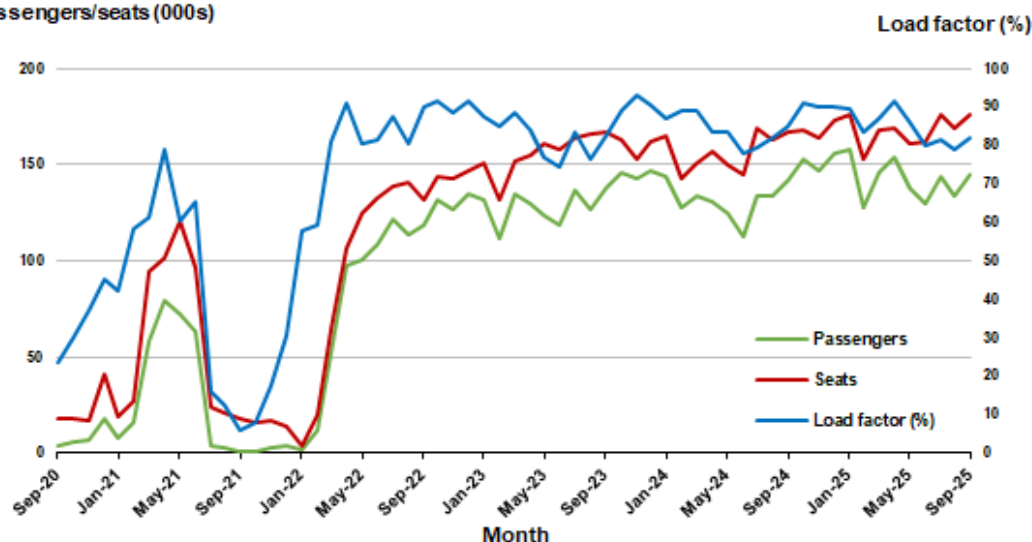
9. Perth - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	141.4	144.5	2.2
Seats (000s)	166.5	176.1	5.7
Load factor %	84.9	82.0	-2.9 *
Aircraft trips	869	930	7.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

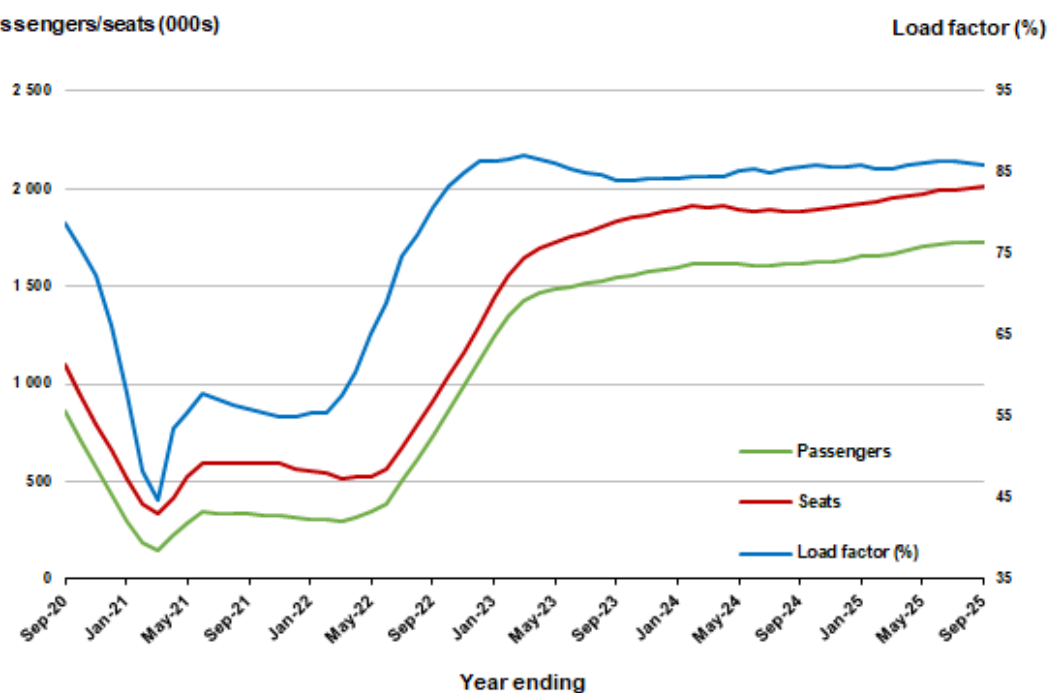


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	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 618.0	1 730.2	6.9
Seats (000s)	1 887.7	2 013.1	6.6
Load factor %	85.7	85.9	0.2 *
Aircraft trips	9 936	10 730	8.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

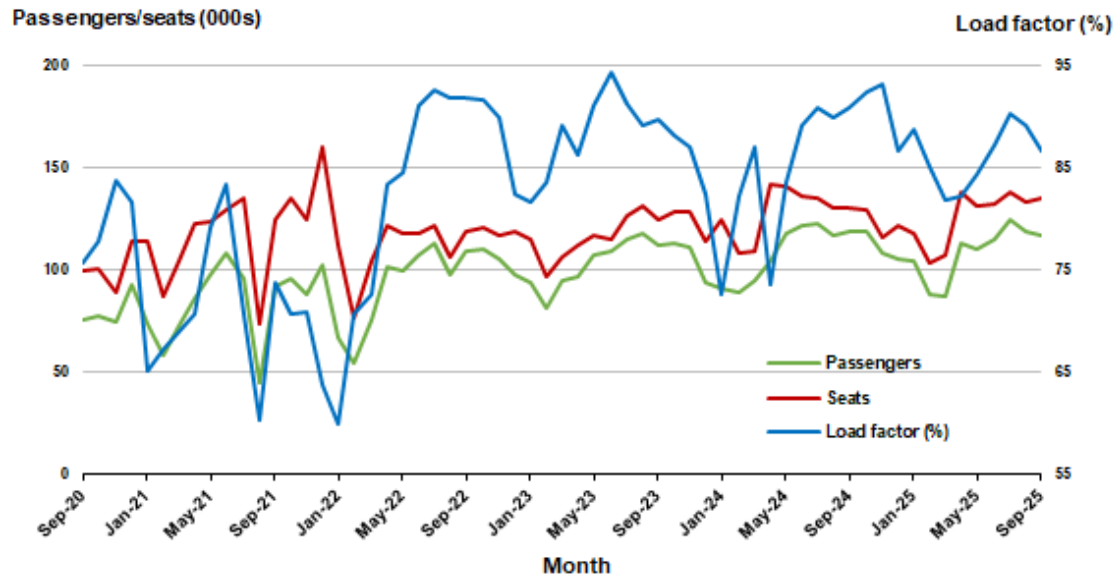


10. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	118.2	116.7	-1.2
Seats (000s)	130.0	134.9	3.8
Load factor %	90.9	86.5	-4.4 *
Aircraft trips	897	990	10.4

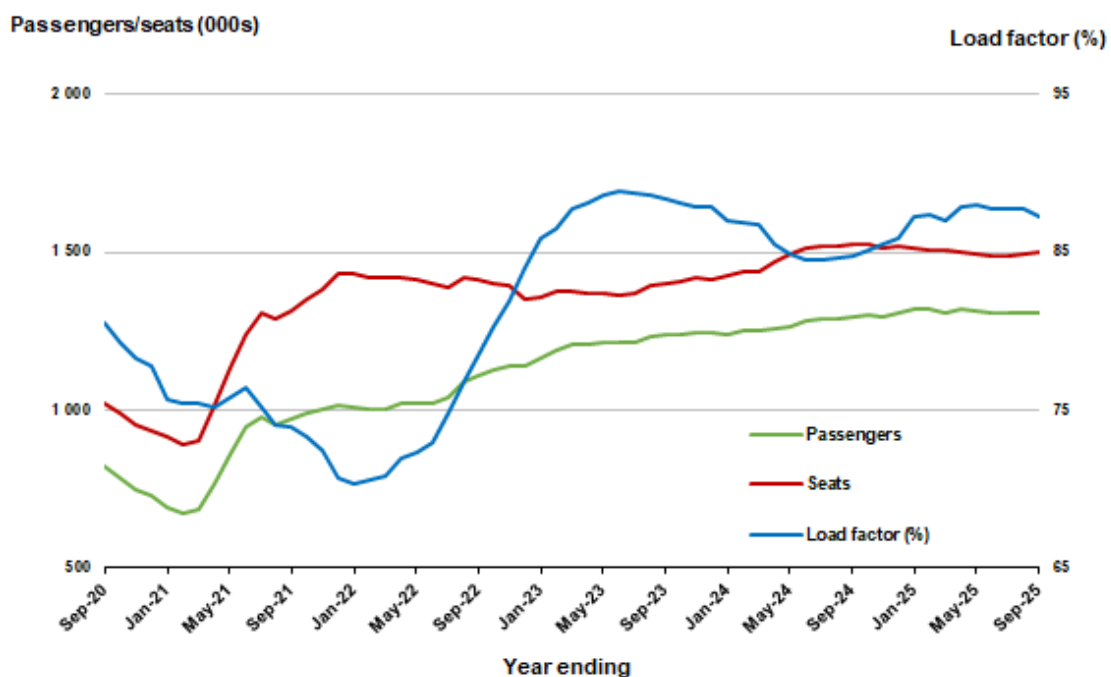
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 292.2	1 308.2	1.2
Seats (000s)	1 525.0	1 498.6	-1.7
Load factor %	84.7	87.3	2.6 *
Aircraft trips	10 461	10 745	2.7

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	371.7	387.4	4.2
2 Hobart	207.6	213.3	2.8
3 Darwin	151.4	159.6	5.4
4 Townsville	148.1	146.9	-0.8
5 Newcastle	103.5	107.2	3.6
6 Launceston	106.1	106.6	0.5
7 Mackay	79.2	82.8	4.6
8 Karratha	53.6	62.7	17.0
9 Rockhampton	58.1	56.4	-2.9
10 Proserpine	46.7	48.8	4.5
11 Ballina	53.7	47.0	-12.4
12 Broome	44.6	46.8	4.9
13 Hamilton Island	45.7	45.8	0.3
14 Port Hedland	41.2	43.0	4.4
15 Newman	33.4	39.5	18.4
16 Kalgoorlie	31.3	35.9	14.7
17 Alice Springs	33.3	34.5	3.5
18 Ayers Rock	31.8	33.8	6.2
19 Coffs Harbour	19.7	21.7	10.1
20 Paraburdoo	23.4	20.3	-13.2
21 Mount Isa	22.0	20.2	-8.3
22 Wagga Wagga	18.3	20.0	9.8
23 Albury	19.1	19.4	1.5
24 Gladstone	19.3	18.9	-2.0
25 Dubbo	17.7	18.8	6.1
26 Hervey Bay	17.4	18.8	7.9
27 Emerald	17.1	17.7	3.3
28 Port Macquarie	15.6	16.1	3.1
29 Mildura	15.8	15.4	-2.3
30 Port Lincoln	13.7	13.8	0.8
31 Tamworth	13.1	13.5	2.9
32 Kununurra	13.3	12.7	-4.2
33 Bundaberg	12.4	12.3	-0.6
34 Devonport	10.0	11.8	18.5
35 Geraldton	10.6	11.6	10.2
36 Thursday Island	11.4	11.5	1.0
37 Orange	9.3	11.0	19.1
38 Learmonth	10.4	9.5	-8.7
39 Armidale	8.9	9.4	6.0
40 Olympic Dam	8.8	9.1	3.6
41 Moranbah	9.4	8.5	-9.8
42 Weipa	8.1	8.3	3.0
43 Busselton	8.0	7.8	-2.8
44 Gove	8.6	7.2	-16.1
45 Griffith	6.2	6.7	9.5
46 Mount Gambier	6.1	6.5	6.4
47 Merimbula	5.4	6.2	14.7
48 Burnie	6.3	5.9	-7.1
49 Norfolk Island	6.2	5.8	-5.6
50 Albany	5.6	5.6	-0.3
Total top 50 regional airports	2 037.9	2 100.2	3.1
Total regional airports	2 158.5	2 223.3	3.0
Total domestic network	10 034.7	10 251.0	2.2

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

Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

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

Airport	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
1 Cairns	4 050.7	4 161.6	2.7
2 Hobart	2 692.4	2 826.5	5.0
3 Townsville	1 590.7	1 658.3	4.3
4 Darwin	1 666.1	1 653.4	-0.8
5 Launceston	1 426.1	1 443.1	1.2
6 Newcastle	1 202.3	1 195.7	-0.6
7 Mackay	910.1	910.8	0.1
8 Karratha	604.9	679.2	12.3
9 Rockhampton	650.1	647.4	-0.4
10 Ballina	618.3	597.1	-3.4
11 Proserpine	503.0	535.5	6.5
12 Port Hedland	487.7	494.8	1.5
13 Hamilton Island	486.3	493.8	1.5
14 Broome	441.5	450.0	1.9
15 Newman	382.2	439.4	15.0
16 Kalgoorlie	366.5	383.6	4.7
17 Alice Springs	370.4	360.6	-2.6
18 Ayers Rock	299.6	351.0	17.1
19 Paraburdoo	270.6	264.5	-2.3
20 Coffs Harbour	255.3	256.5	0.5
21 Mount Isa	236.3	235.4	-0.4
22 Albury	265.7	221.5	-16.6
23 Gladstone	237.9	219.1	-7.9
24 Wagga Wagga	204.3	216.8	6.1
25 Hervey Bay	170.5	211.8	24.2
26 Dubbo	210.3	207.2	-1.5
27 Emerald	197.3	200.4	1.6
28 Port Macquarie	216.9	191.2	-11.9
29 Mildura	220.2	187.2	-15.0
30 Port Lincoln	171.1	166.2	-2.9
31 Tamworth	167.3	160.1	-4.3
32 Bundaberg	123.8	141.3	14.1
33 Kununurra	141.0	140.7	-0.2
34 Devonport	158.8	140.2	-11.7
35 Geraldton	115.3	128.2	11.2
36 Thursday Island	113.4	119.1	5.1
37 Orange	110.1	116.2	5.6
38 Learmonth	103.6	112.6	8.7
39 Moranbah	111.8	104.2	-6.8
40 Armidale	104.1	102.6	-1.4
41 Olympic Dam	103.6	101.9	-1.7
42 Weipa	91.1	97.5	7.0
43 Busselton	77.0	96.1	24.8
44 Gove	94.3	85.9	-8.9
45 Burnie	78.7	80.9	2.7
46 Griffith	67.8	76.7	13.2
47 Mount Gambier	72.3	71.5	-1.2
48 Norfolk Island	69.4	70.0	0.9
49 Merimbula	70.4	69.8	-0.8
50 Albany	66.4	66.6	3.6
Total top 50 regional airports	23 445.6	23 941.9	2.1
Total regional airports	24 882.0	25 382.0	2.0
Total domestic network	117 731.0	119 854.4	1.8

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 (000s)

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	344.9	377.2	9.3
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5.9	6.2	5.3

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

Table 13: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity (000s)

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4 313.8	4 290.9	-0.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	73.3	73.3	-0.1

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly (000s)

	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	689.8	754.3	9.3
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	11.9	12.5	5.3
Perth airport charter passenger movements	251.6	269.6	7.2
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3.7	3.8	3.1

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

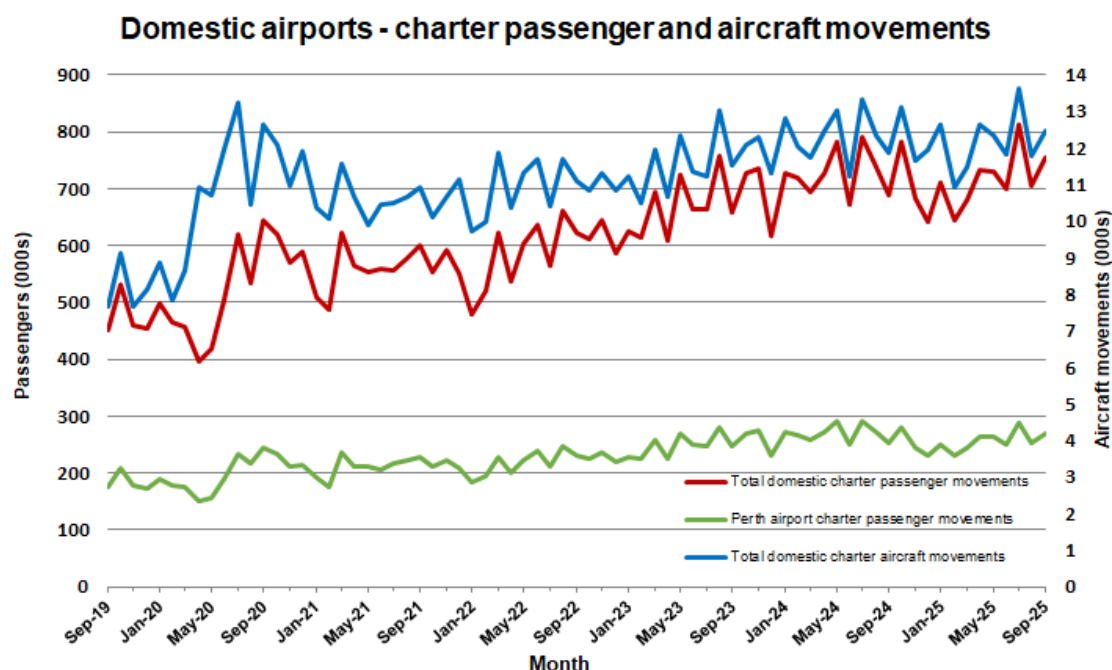
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual (000s)

	YE Sep 2024	YE Sep 2025	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8 627.6	8 581.7	-0.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	146.6	146.5	-0.1
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3 197.6	3 069.9	-4.0
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	48.3	44.7	-7.5

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.



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 (TOB)	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.
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