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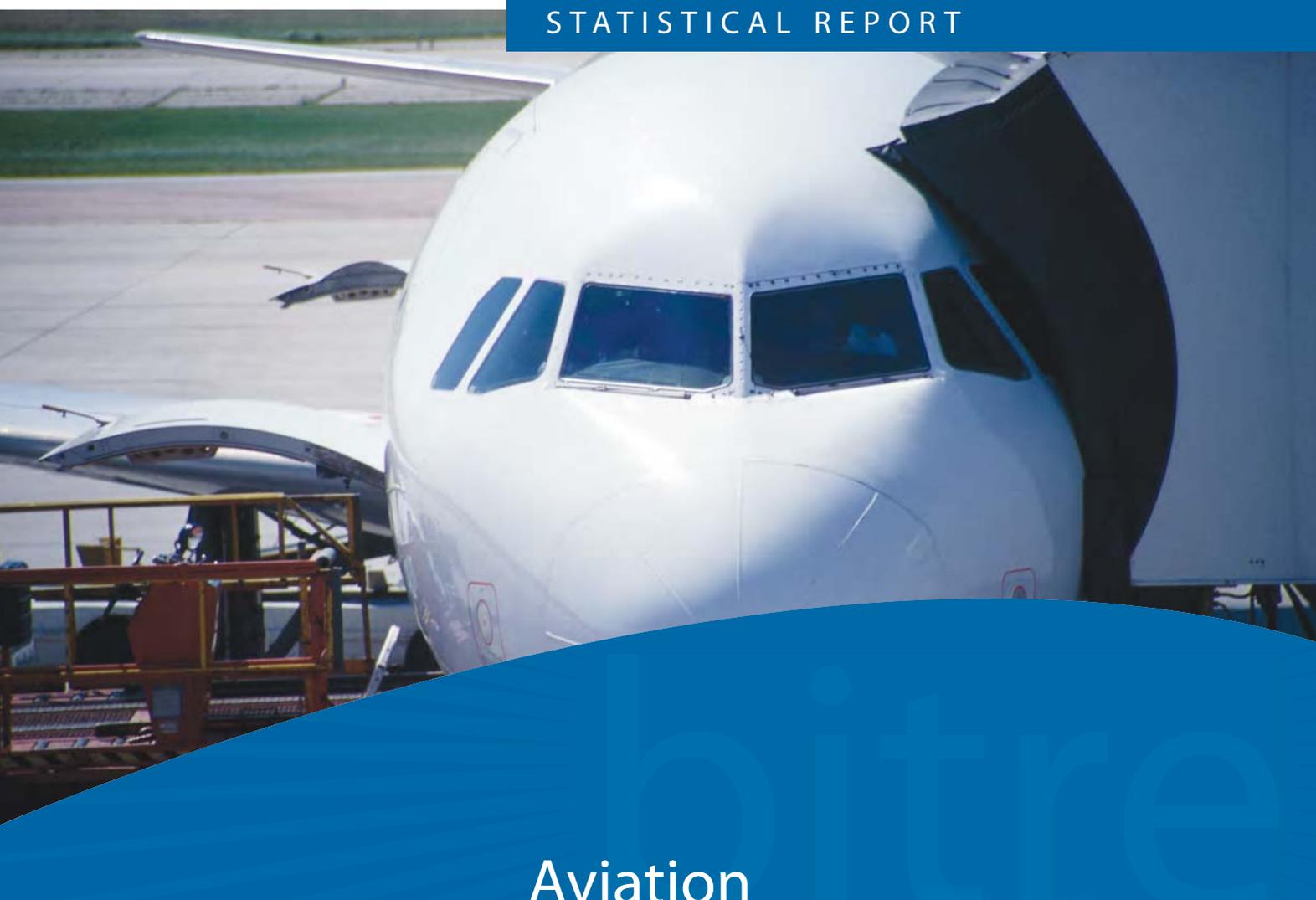
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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending June 2015.

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 with an average exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the year ending June 2015 there were 65 such routes: 59 routes met these criteria for all 24 months while six routes did so for a period shorter than two years.

Information on the total network for the year ending June 2015 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending June 2015 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 65 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 3–10 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 11.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 12. 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 Priority.

The long-term trends for the top twenty competitive RPT routes are presented graphically on pages 13–22.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at the top 50 regional airports are presented on page 23.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 24. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed airport-level estimates for any Australian airport, with the exception of Perth Airport.

A list of definitions can be found on page 25.

This report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional 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 59.87 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) for the year ending June 2015, a decrease of 0.9 per cent compared with the year ending June 2014. For the year ending June 2015 there were 689 162 aircraft trips, a decrease of 1.5 per cent compared to the previous year.

57.22 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in the year ending June 2015, a decrease of 0.9 per cent the year ending June 2014.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 67.43 billion for the year, down 1.0 per cent on the year ending June 2014. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased 1.4 per cent compared with the year ending June 2014, to a total of 88.28 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 76.0 per cent for the year ending June 2014 to 76.4 per cent for the year ending June 2015. Load factors on individual routes increased on 28 of the 59 RPT routes for which data is available in both years.

For the year ending June 2015, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 8.45 million passengers, an increase of 2.2 per cent compared with the year ending June 2014. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.41 million passengers (down 1.0 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 3.32 million passengers (up 1.3 per cent).

The greatest percentage decrease in RPT passenger numbers, compared to the year ending June 2014, was on the Brisbane – Mackay route (down 14.7 per cent). There were large decreases on a number of other routes, including Brisbane – Hamilton Island (down 14.6 per cent), Newman – Perth (down 14.5 per cent), Brisbane – Moranbah (down 14.0 per cent) and Brisbane – Mount Isa (down 13.9 per cent).

RPT routes with traffic increases in the year ending June 2015, compared with the year ending June 2014, included Ayers Rock (Uluru) – Sydney (up 21.2 per cent), Hamilton Island – Sydney (up 12.9 per cent) and Cairns – Melbourne (up 4.8 per cent).

For the year ending June 2015, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 25.62 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 23.64 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 16.81 million passenger movements.

For the year ending June 2015, the number of domestic aviation passengers travelling through regional airports was 23.98 million, 2.8 per cent lower than for the year ending June 2014. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest fall compared to the year ending June 2014, was at Gove airport, down 28.5 per cent, while the strongest growth was at Ayers Rock (Uluru) airport, 29.7 per cent.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 392.6 thousand tonnes in the year ending June 2015, a decrease of 0.4 per cent compared to the previous year.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 2.65 million passengers for the year ending June 2015, a decrease of 2.2 per cent on the year ending June 2014. More than one-third of all charter passengers in Australia took flights either to or from Perth Airport.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	60.43	59.87	-0.9
Aircraft trips (000s)	699.8	689.2	-1.5

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

RPT NETWORK
Summary of annual RPT activity

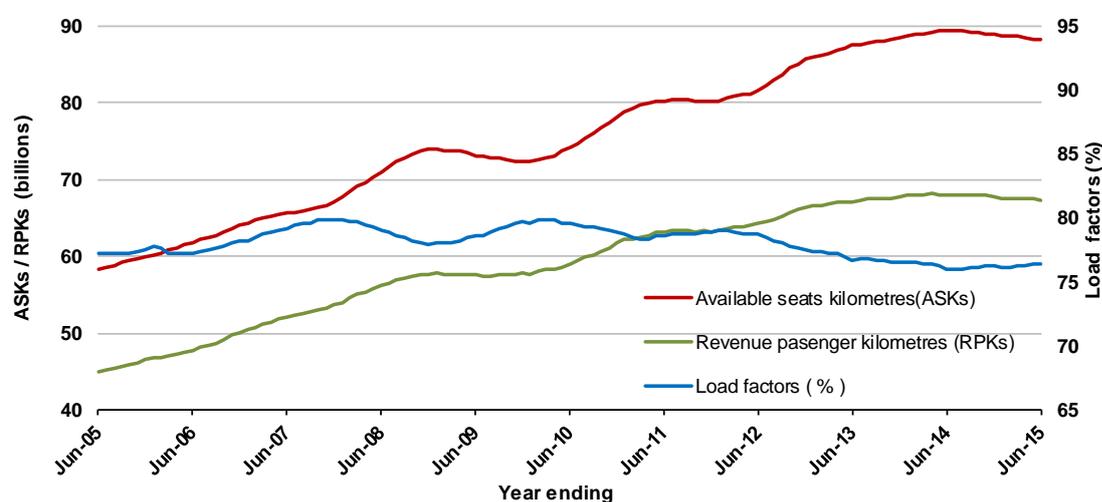|	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	57.72	57.22	-0.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	68.08	67.43	-1.0
Available seats (millions)	77.74	76.62	-1.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	89.54	88.28	-1.4
Load factors %	76.0	76.4	0.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	640.9	635.5	-0.9

* 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 Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 275.0	8 454.6	2.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 454.2	4 408.3	-1.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 276.2	3 320.1	1.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 587.3	2 583.2	-0.2
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 242.4	2 282.9	1.8
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 193.9	2 131.7	-2.8
7	Adelaide - Sydney	1 778.7	1 817.0	2.2
8	Perth - Sydney	1 805.3	1 774.6	-1.7
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 713.4	1 759.6	2.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 391.8	1 452.7	4.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 227.7	1 282.9	4.5
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 059.6	1 024.6	-3.3
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 006.6	1 009.2	0.3
14	Canberra - Melbourne	972.8	975.9	0.3
15	Canberra - Sydney	994.1	961.7	-3.3
16	Brisbane - Townsville	955.9	953.6	-0.2
17	Launceston - Melbourne	887.3	863.6	-2.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	761.9	782.5	2.7
19	Cairns - Melbourne	702.3	736.2	4.8
20	Brisbane - Mackay	816.7	696.7	-14.7
21	Karratha - Perth	685.2	650.6	-5.1
22	Adelaide - Perth	623.5	607.5	-2.6
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	638.6	599.4	-6.1
24	Brisbane - Canberra	570.0	555.8	-2.5
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	584.4	547.8	-6.3
26	Hobart - Sydney	529.6	537.6	1.5
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	472.2	458.2	-3.0
28	Perth - Port Hedland	476.8	442.7	-7.2
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	469.8	439.3	-6.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	434.7	439.3	1.1
31	Brisbane - Darwin	382.0	391.8	2.6
32	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	420.1	379.4	-9.7
33	Newman - Perth	407.1	347.8	-14.5
34	Ballina - Sydney	325.7	338.0	3.8
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	366.3	336.2	-8.2
36	Darwin - Sydney	344.9	321.7	-6.7
37	Broome - Perth	312.8	298.0	-4.8
38	Launceston - Sydney	286.9	293.4	2.3
39	Darwin - Melbourne	281.3	277.6	-1.3
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	236.2	234.1	-0.9
41	Brisbane - Emerald	263.7	230.3	-12.6
42	Hamilton Island - Sydney	197.4	223.0	12.9
43	Albury - Sydney	230.2	221.8	-3.7
44	Kalgoorlie - Perth	215.2	219.4	2.0
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	212.0	215.2	1.5
46	Melbourne - Mildura	199.3	195.5	-1.9
47	Brisbane - Hobart	136.6	195.2	NA (a)
48	Dubbo - Sydney	193.0	192.0	-0.6
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	187.7	190.9	1.7
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	190.6	185.4	-2.7

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

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	185.6	183.8	-1.0
52	Darwin - Perth	175.2	182.2	4.0
53	Adelaide - Canberra	178.7	173.7	-2.8
54	Sydney - Townsville	175.1	173.0	-1.2
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	181.5	156.1	-14.0
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	128.2	155.3	21.2
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	158.4	136.5	-13.9
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	153.3	131.0	-14.6
59	Armidale - Sydney	21.4	123.5	NA (b)
60	Geraldton - Perth	131.9	120.8	-8.4
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	102.2	120.1	NA (c)
62	Brisbane - Bundaberg	118.0	115.6	-2.0
63	Alice Springs - Darwin	..	34.2	NA (d)
64	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	29.1	NA (e)
65	Sydney - Tamworth	..	13.1	NA (f)
	Total domestic network	**57 715.7**	**57 217.2**	**-0.9**

(a) Brisbane - Hobart route included from November 2013, prior data not shown.

(b) Armidale - Sydney route included from May 2014, prior data not shown.

(c) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from September 2013, prior data not shown.

(d) Alice Springs - Darwin route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(e) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(f) Sydney - Tamworth route included from June 2015, prior data not shown.

Table 2: Available seats (000s) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	10 014.9	10 349.7	3.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5 665.6	5 495.6	-3.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	4 182.6	4 270.3	2.1
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	3 210.3	3 116.4	-2.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 870.2	2 926.1	1.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 848.9	2 805.2	-1.5
7	Adelaide - Sydney	2 240.6	2 331.4	4.0
8	Perth - Sydney	2 260.3	2 245.4	-0.7
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 998.7	2 065.2	3.3
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 751.3	1 838.5	5.0
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 550.2	1 567.7	1.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 353.3	1 243.4	-8.1
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 227.3	1 213.4	-1.1
14	Canberra - Melbourne	1 445.5	1 400.8	-3.1
15	Canberra - Sydney	1 615.5	1 436.9	-11.1
16	Brisbane - Townsville	1 337.8	1 354.8	1.3
17	Launceston - Melbourne	1 140.2	1 124.5	-1.4
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	970.0	1 024.4	5.6
19	Cairns - Melbourne	879.9	882.9	0.3
20	Brisbane - Mackay	1 185.0	1 040.7	-12.2
21	Karratha - Perth	1 243.7	1 103.1	-11.3
22	Adelaide - Perth	767.7	784.6	2.2
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	931.1	843.4	-9.4
24	Brisbane - Canberra	806.9	757.4	-6.1
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	778.3	687.3	-11.7
26	Hobart - Sydney	647.5	654.7	1.1
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	574.9	553.2	-3.8
28	Perth - Port Hedland	791.3	768.9	-2.8
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	315.9	295.9	-6.3
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	568.0	547.5	-3.6
31	Brisbane - Darwin	501.3	533.6	6.4
32	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	520.7	448.4	-13.9
33	Newman - Perth	755.5	653.6	-13.5
34	Ballina - Sydney	420.6	440.5	4.7
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	493.3	441.9	-10.4
36	Darwin - Sydney	467.6	435.8	-6.8
37	Broome - Perth	452.7	426.5	-5.8
38	Launceston - Sydney	380.0	371.2	-2.3
39	Darwin - Melbourne	348.1	345.9	-0.6
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	305.9	304.6	-0.4
41	Brisbane - Emerald	459.4	399.7	-13.0
42	Hamilton Island - Sydney	242.7	282.8	16.5
43	Albury - Sydney	333.8	339.7	1.7
44	Kalgoorlie - Perth	445.8	385.1	-13.6
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	272.5	278.2	2.1
46	Melbourne - Mildura	289.4	296.6	2.5
47	Brisbane - Hobart	173.7	240.0	NA (a)
48	Dubbo - Sydney	301.2	296.8	-1.4
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	327.0	318.6	-2.6
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	263.9	268.6	1.8

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Table 2: (continued): Available seats (000s) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	277.0	284.5	2.7
52	Darwin - Perth	232.0	255.6	10.2
53	Adelaide - Canberra	272.6	261.2	-4.2
54	Sydney - Townsville	222.6	224.2	0.7
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	380.9	323.9	-15.0
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	160.2	208.1	29.9
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	280.1	267.8	-4.4
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	197.3	166.4	-15.7
59	Armidale - Sydney	35.1	205.8	NA (b)
60	Geraldton - Perth	228.2	205.5	-10.0
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	142.0	158.1	NA (c)
62	Brisbane - Bundaberg	173.8	183.0	5.3
63	Alice Springs - Darwin	..	58.8	NA (d)
64	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	44.7	NA (e)
65	Sydney - Tamworth	..	21.5	NA (f)
	Total domestic network	**77 739.8**	**76 623.9**	**-1.4**

(a) Brisbane - Hobart route included from November 2013, prior data not shown.

(b) Armidale - Sydney route included from May 2014, prior data not shown.

(c) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from September 2013, prior data not shown.

(d) Alice Springs - Darwin route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(e) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(f) Sydney - Tamworth route included from June 2015, prior data not shown.

Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	82.6	81.7	-0.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	78.6	80.2	1.6
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	78.3	77.7	-0.6
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	80.6	82.9	2.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	78.1	78.0	-0.1
6	Melbourne - Perth	77.0	76.0	-1.0
7	Adelaide - Sydney	79.4	77.9	-1.4
8	Perth - Sydney	79.9	79.0	-0.8
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	85.7	85.2	-0.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	79.5	79.0	-0.5
11	Brisbane - Cairns	79.2	81.8	2.6
12	Brisbane - Perth	78.3	82.4	4.1
13	Cairns - Sydney	82.0	83.2	1.2
14	Canberra - Melbourne	67.3	69.7	2.4
15	Canberra - Sydney	61.6	67.0	5.4
16	Brisbane - Townsville	71.5	70.4	-1.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	77.8	76.8	-1.0
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	78.5	76.4	-2.2
19	Cairns - Melbourne	79.6	83.4	3.8
20	Brisbane - Mackay	68.9	66.9	-2.0
21	Karratha - Perth	55.1	59.0	3.9
22	Adelaide - Perth	81.2	77.4	-3.8
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	68.6	71.1	2.5
24	Brisbane - Canberra	70.6	73.4	2.7
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	75.1	79.7	4.6
26	Hobart - Sydney	81.8	82.1	0.3
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	82.1	82.8	0.7
28	Perth - Port Hedland	60.3	57.6	-2.7
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	59.5	57.9	-1.6
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	76.5	80.2	3.7
31	Brisbane - Darwin	76.2	73.4	-2.8
32	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	80.7	84.6	3.9
33	Newman - Perth	53.9	53.2	-0.7
34	Ballina - Sydney	77.4	76.7	-0.7
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	74.3	76.1	1.9
36	Darwin - Sydney	73.8	73.8	0.1
37	Broome - Perth	69.1	69.9	0.8
38	Launceston - Sydney	75.5	79.0	3.5
39	Darwin - Melbourne	80.8	80.3	-0.5
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	77.2	76.8	-0.4
41	Brisbane - Emerald	57.4	57.6	0.2
42	Hamilton Island - Sydney	81.3	78.9	-2.5
43	Albury - Sydney	69.0	65.3	-3.7
44	Kalgoorlie - Perth	48.3	57.0	8.7
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	77.8	77.3	-0.5
46	Melbourne - Mildura	68.9	65.9	-2.9
47	Brisbane - Hobart	78.6	81.3	NA (a)
48	Dubbo - Sydney	64.1	64.7	0.6
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	57.4	59.9	2.5
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	72.2	69.1	-3.1

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Table 3: (continued): Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	67.0	64.6	-2.4
52	Darwin - Perth	75.5	71.3	-4.2
53	Adelaide - Canberra	65.6	66.5	0.9
54	Sydney - Townsville	78.6	77.2	-1.5
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	47.6	48.2	0.5
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	80.0	74.6	-5.4
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	56.6	51.0	-5.6
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	77.7	78.7	1.0
59	Armidale - Sydney	60.9	60.0	NA (b)
60	Geraldton - Perth	57.8	58.8	1.0
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	71.9	76.0	NA (c)
62	Brisbane - Bundaberg	67.9	63.2	-4.7
63	Alice Springs - Darwin	..	58.1	NA (d)
64	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	65.1	NA (e)
65	Sydney - Tamworth	..	61.0	NA (f)
	Total domestic network	**76.0**	**76.4**	**0.4**

(a) Brisbane - Hobart route included from November 2013, prior data not shown.

(b) Armidale - Sydney route included from May 2014, prior data not shown.

(c) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from September 2013, prior data not shown.

(d) Alice Springs - Darwin route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(e) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(f) Sydney - Tamworth route included from June 2015, prior data not shown.

Table 4: Aircraft trips [a] — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	55 377	58 282	5.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	32 851	34 053	3.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	25 024	25 654	2.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	18 673	17 970	-3.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	18 784	18 940	0.8
6	Melbourne - Perth	12 553	12 338	-1.7
7	Adelaide - Sydney	13 477	14 186	5.3
8	Perth - Sydney	8 825	8 972	1.7
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	10 746	11 134	3.6
10	Hobart - Melbourne	10 720	11 613	8.3
11	Brisbane - Cairns	9 822	9 913	0.9
12	Brisbane - Perth	5 759	5 388	-6.4
13	Cairns - Sydney	6 788	6 996	3.1
14	Canberra - Melbourne	10 938	10 681	-2.3
15	Canberra - Sydney	19 129	18 526	-3.2
16	Brisbane - Townsville	8 690	9 070	4.4
17	Launceston - Melbourne	9 355	8 913	-4.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	6 061	6 480	6.9
19	Cairns - Melbourne	4 706	4 733	0.6
20	Brisbane - Mackay	8 639	8 071	-6.6
21	Karratha - Perth	8 435	7 774	-7.8
22	Adelaide - Perth	5 452	5 570	2.2
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	10 120	9 960	-1.6
24	Brisbane - Canberra	6 125	6 144	0.3
25	Brisbane - Newcastle	6 179	5 770	-6.6
26	Hobart - Sydney	4 001	4 005	0.1
27	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	3 227	3 112	-3.6
28	Perth - Port Hedland	5 207	4 982	-4.3
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	8 948	8 750	-2.2
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	3 218	3 115	-3.2
31	Brisbane - Darwin	2 546	2 918	14.6
32	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	2 916	2 516	-13.7
33	Newman - Perth	4 866	4 361	-10.4
34	Ballina - Sydney	2 905	3 403	17.1
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	5 494	5 336	-2.9
36	Darwin - Sydney	2 717	2 623	-3.5
37	Broome - Perth	3 500	3 139	-10.3
38	Launceston - Sydney	2 184	2 104	-3.7
39	Darwin - Melbourne	2 071	2 058	-0.6
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 918	1 939	1.1
41	Brisbane - Emerald	6 208	5 596	-9.9
42	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1 370	1 610	17.5
43	Albury - Sydney	6 588	6 131	-6.9
44	Kalgoorlie - Perth	3 429	3 334	-2.8
45	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 593	1 572	-1.3
46	Melbourne - Mildura	4 758	4 724	-0.7
47	Brisbane - Hobart	1 002	1 416	NA (b)
48	Dubbo - Sydney	6 374	6 398	0.4
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	7 031	7 166	1.9
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	4 638	4 642	0.1

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Table 4: (continued): Aircraft trips [a] **— annual activity**

	City-Pair	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	5 649	5 644	-0.1
52	Darwin - Perth	1 450	1 592	9.8
53	Adelaide - Canberra	2 172	1 982	-8.7
54	Sydney - Townsville	1 354	1 372	1.3
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	5 396	4 639	-14.0
56	Ayers Rock - Sydney	1 151	1 411	22.6
57	Brisbane - Mount Isa	1 913	1 838	-3.9
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 135	1 101	-3.0
59	Armidale - Sydney	823	4 836	NA (c)
60	Geraldton - Perth	3 721	3 373	-9.4
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	799	890	NA (d)
62	Brisbane - Bundaberg	2 721	2 875	5.7
63	Alice Springs - Darwin	..	450	NA (e)
64	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	288	NA (f)
65	Sydney - Tamworth	..	361	NA (g)
	Total domestic network	**640 938**	**635 465**	**-0.9**

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

(b) Brisbane - Hobart route included from November 2013, prior data not shown.

(c) Armidale - Sydney route included from May 2014, prior data not shown.

(d) Hamilton Island - Melbourne route included from September 2013, prior data not shown.

(e) Alice Springs - Darwin route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(f) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2015, prior data not shown.

(g) Sydney - Tamworth route included from June 2015, prior data not shown.
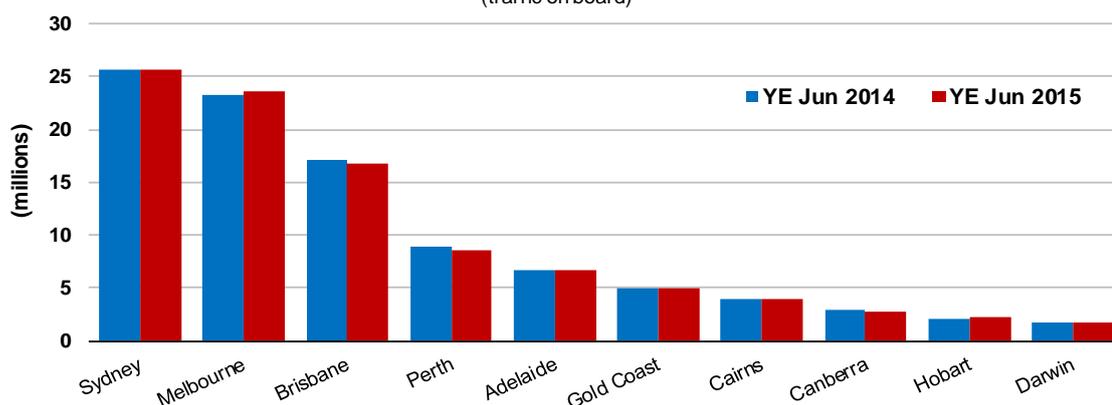
TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

Table 5: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) — annual activity

	Airport	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	25 590.5	25 624.1	0.1	22.4
2	Melbourne	23 322.2	23 642.7	1.4	20.7
3	Brisbane	17 144.4	16 806.3	-2.0	14.7
4	Perth	8 880.7	8 536.9	-3.9	7.5
5	Adelaide	6 671.9	6 738.6	1.0	5.9
6	Gold Coast	4 937.3	4 992.3	1.1	4.4
7	Cairns	3 878.7	3 936.6	1.5	3.4
8	Canberra	2 858.2	2 805.3	-1.8	2.5
9	Hobart	2 106.6	2 186.5	3.8	1.9
10	Darwin	1 791.2	1 761.2	-1.7	1.5
	Total top ten airports	**97 181.8**	**97 030.6**	**-0.2**	**84.8**
	Total domestic network	**115 431.4**	**114 434.4**	**-0.9**	**100.0**

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements
(traffic on board)

Top three airports, RPT passenger movements
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
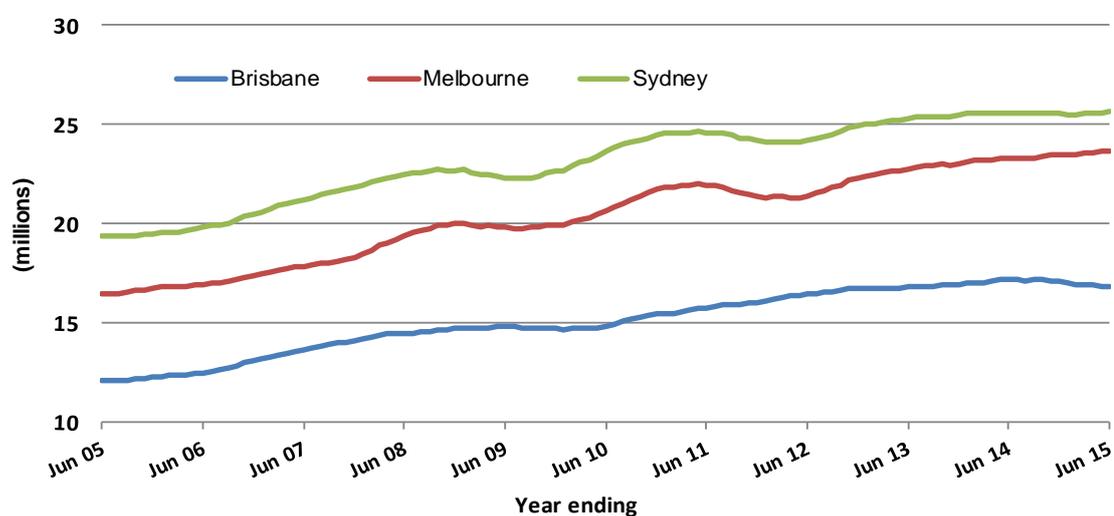
TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

**Table 6: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity** [a]

	Airport	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change	% of Total
1	Melbourne	105.2	112.4	6.8	28.6
2	Sydney	100.5	103.7	3.1	26.4
3	Brisbane	64.4	58.9	-8.5	15.0
4	Perth	47.6	49.5	3.8	12.6
5	Adelaide	26.0	24.6	-5.6	6.3
	Total top five airports	**343.7**	**349.0**	**1.5**	**88.9**
	Total domestic network	**394.3**	**392.6**	**-0.4**	**100.0**

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

(a) Cargo data has been under-reported since November 2013. Data have been estimated at Australia level. Cargo data are considered too unreliable for most purposes, particularly on an airport by airport basis.

Top five airports, cargo movements [a]
(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)
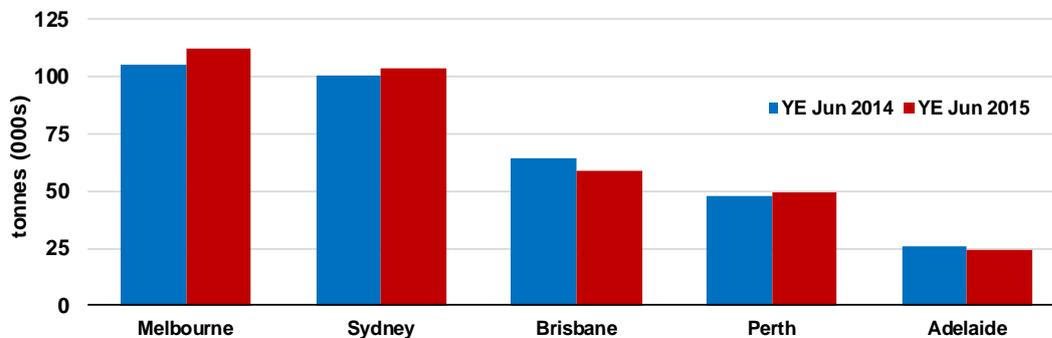
Total domestic network - cargo movements [a]
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
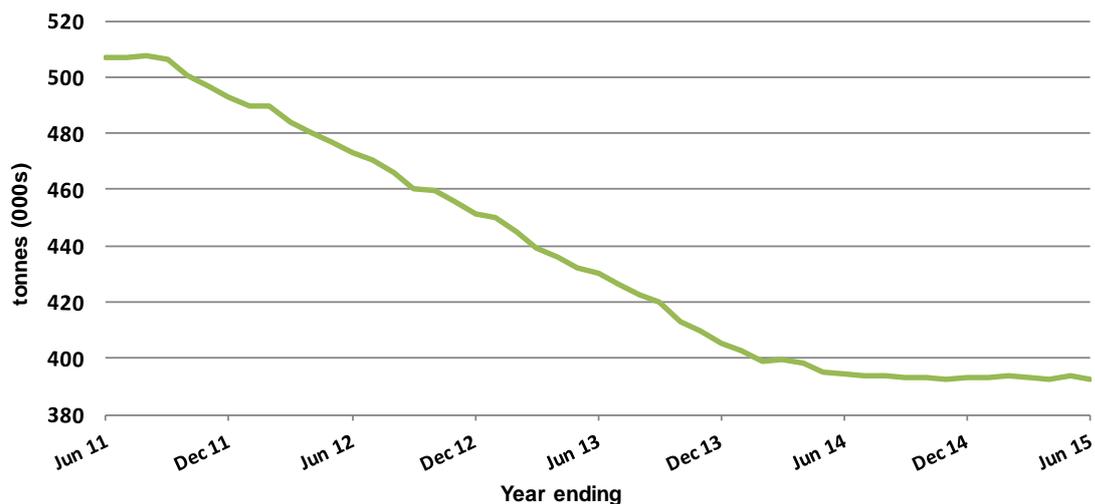
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.

(a) Cargo data has been under-reported since November 2013. Data have been estimated at Australia level. Cargo data are considered too unreliable for most purposes, particularly on an airport by airport basis.

TOP TWENTY ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8 275.0	8 454.6	2.2
Seats (000s)	10 014.9	10 349.7	3.3
Load factor %	82.6	81.7	-0.9 *
Aircraft trips	55 377	58 282	5.2

* percentage point difference
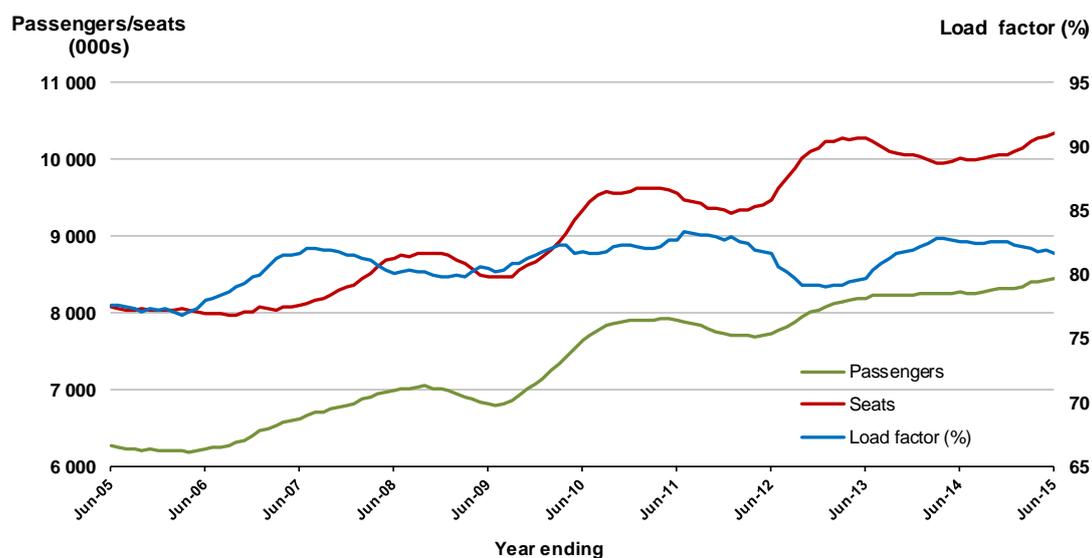
2. Brisbane - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 454.2	4 408.3	-1.0
Seats (000s)	5 665.6	5 495.6	-3.0
Load factor %	78.6	80.2	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	32 851	34 053	3.7

* percentage point difference
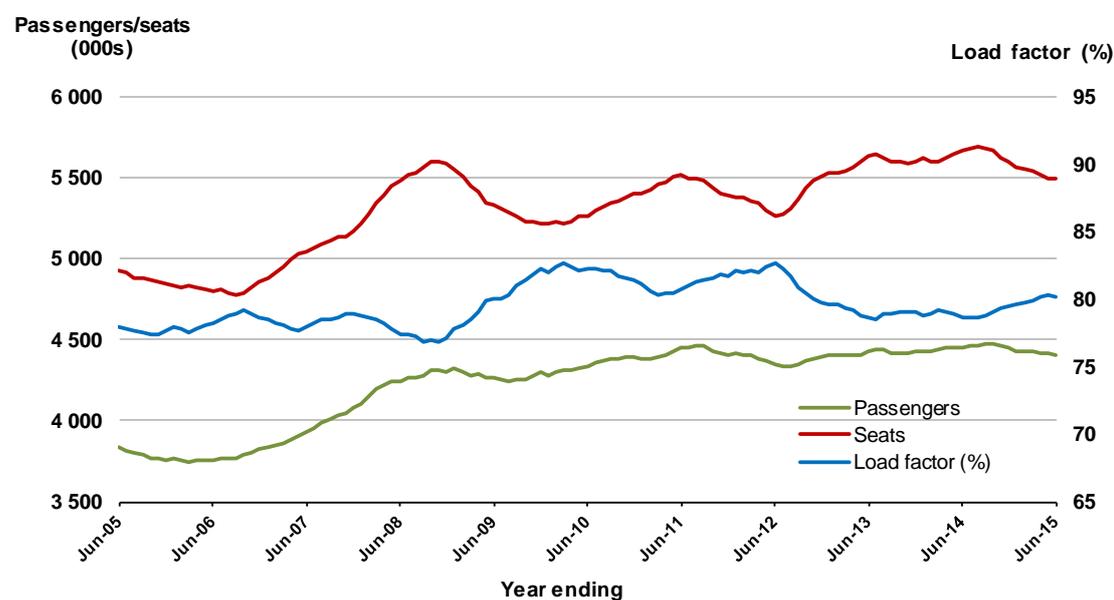
3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 276.2	3 320.1	1.3
Seats (000s)	4 182.6	4 270.3	2.1
Load factor %	78.3	77.7	-0.6 *
Aircraft trips	25 024	25 654	2.5

* percentage point difference
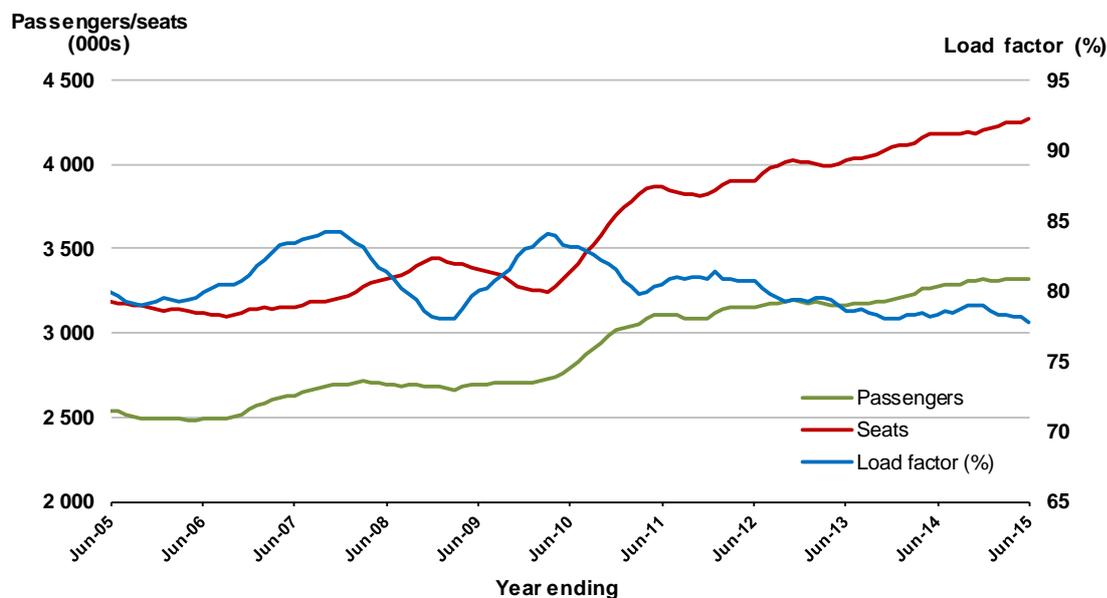
4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 587.3	2 583.2	-0.2
Seats (000s)	3 210.3	3 116.4	-2.9
Load factor %	80.6	82.9	2.3 *
Aircraft trips	18 673	17 970	-3.8

* percentage point difference
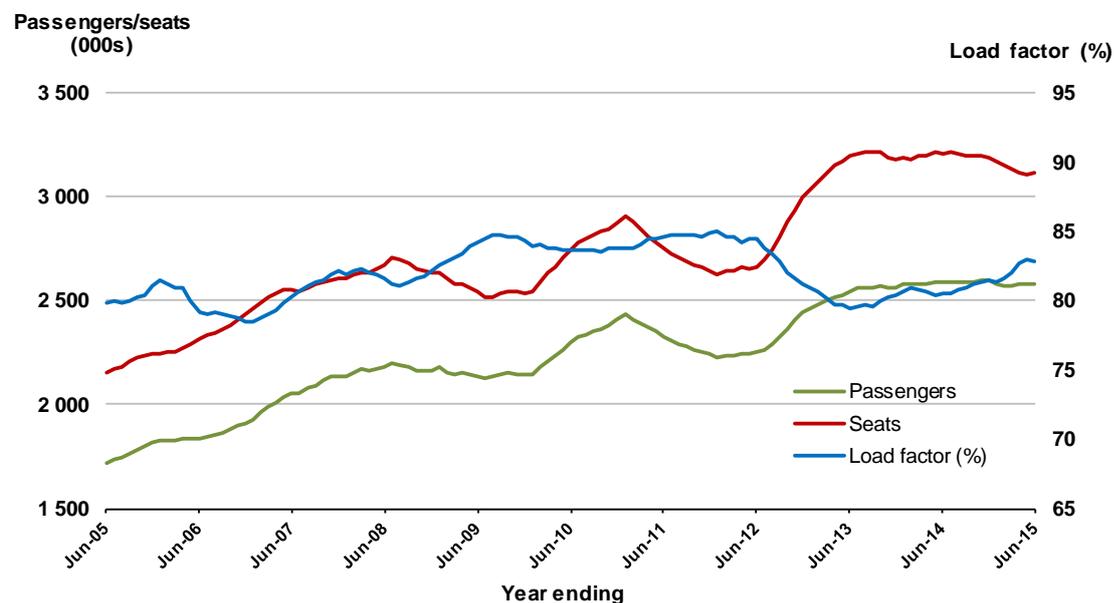
5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 242.4	2 282.9	1.8
Seats (000s)	2 870.2	2 926.1	1.9
Load factor %	78.1	78.0	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	18 784	18 940	0.8

* percentage point difference
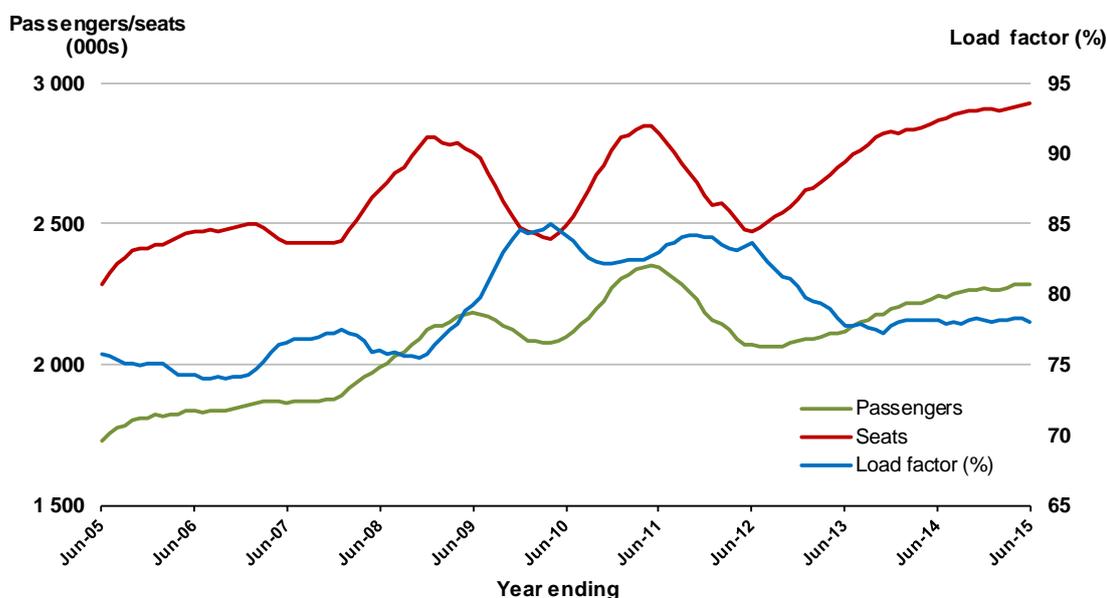
6. Melbourne - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 193.9	2 131.7	-2.8
Seats (000s)	2 848.9	2 805.2	-1.5
Load factor %	77.0	76.0	-1.0 *
Aircraft trips	12 553	12 338	-1.7

* percentage point difference
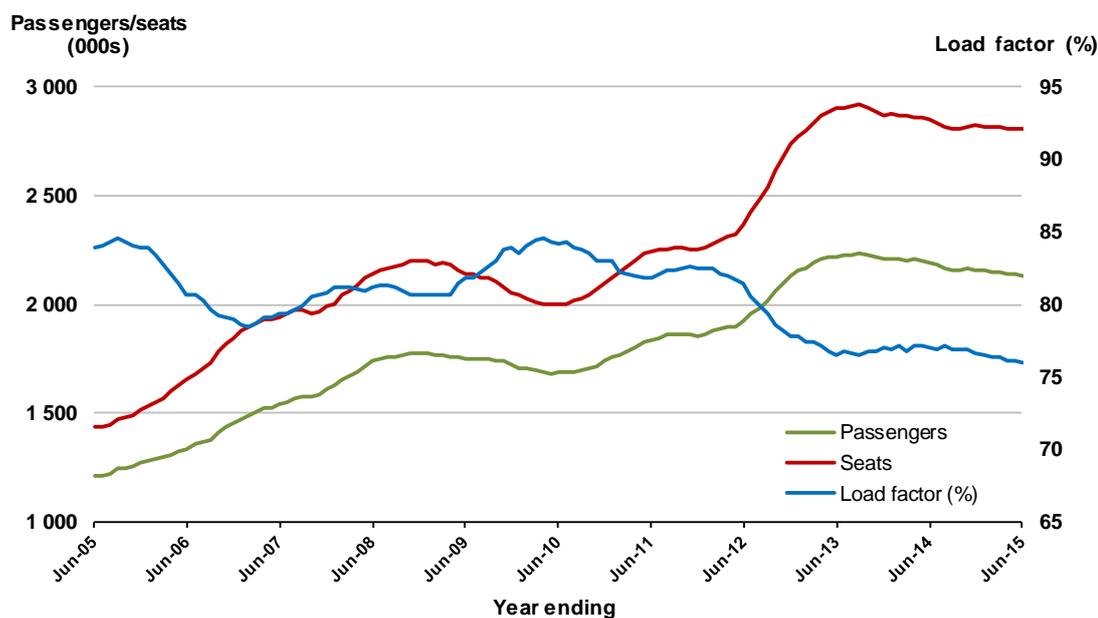
7. Adelaide - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 778.7	1 817.0	2.2
Seats (000s)	2 240.6	2 331.4	4.0
Load factor %	79.4	77.9	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips	13 477	14 186	5.3

* percentage point difference

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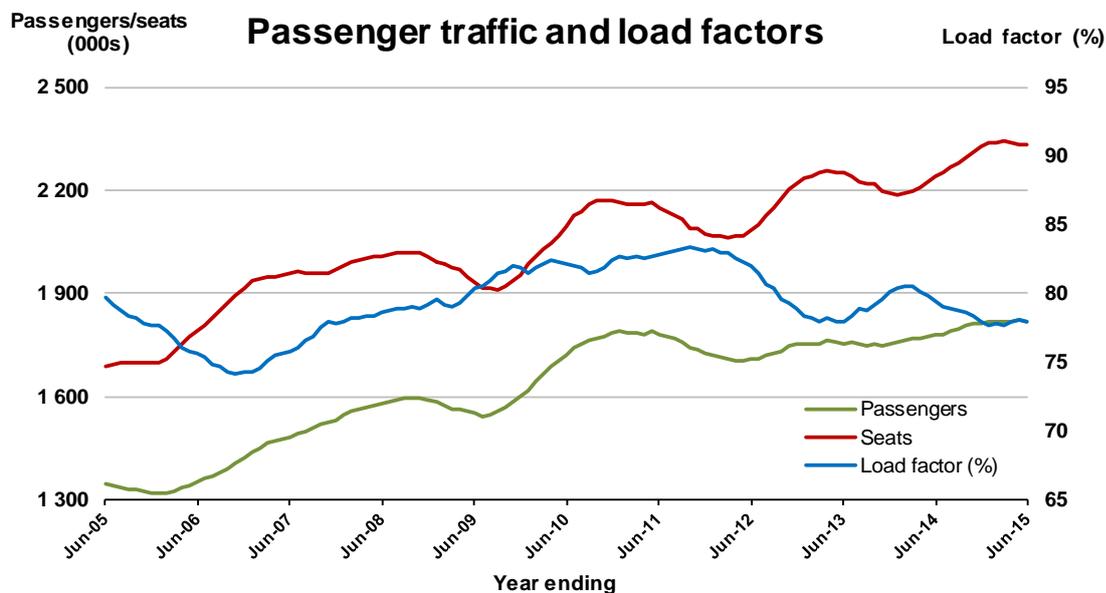
8. Perth - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 805.3	1 774.6	-1.7
Seats (000s)	2 260.3	2 245.4	-0.7
Load factor %	79.9	79.0	-0.8 *
Aircraft trips	8 825	8 972	1.7

* percentage point difference
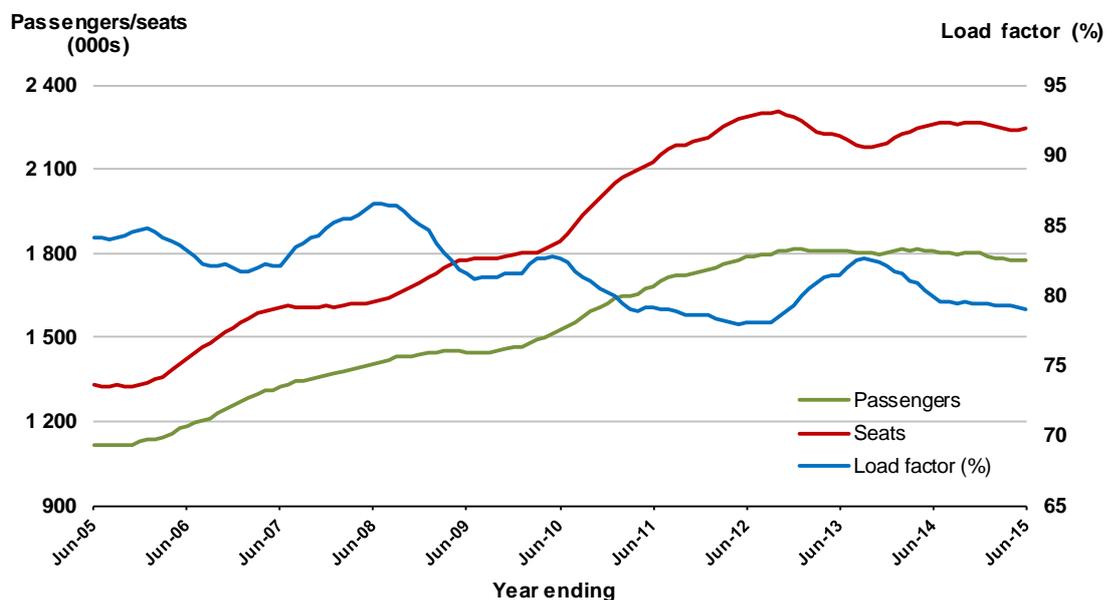
9. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 713.4	1 759.6	2.7
Seats (000s)	1 998.7	2 065.2	3.3
Load factor %	85.7	85.2	-0.5 *
Aircraft trips	10 746	11 134	3.6

* percentage point difference
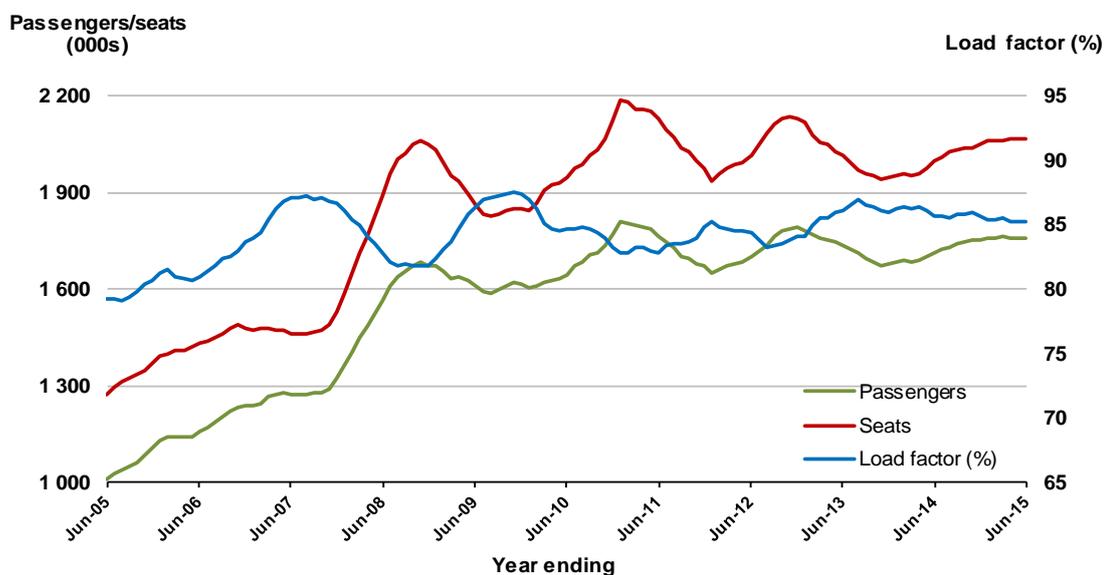
10. Hobart - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 391.8	1 452.7	4.4
Seats (000s)	1 751.3	1 838.5	5.0
Load factor %	79.5	79.0	-0.5 *
Aircraft trips	10 720	11 613	8.3

* percentage point difference
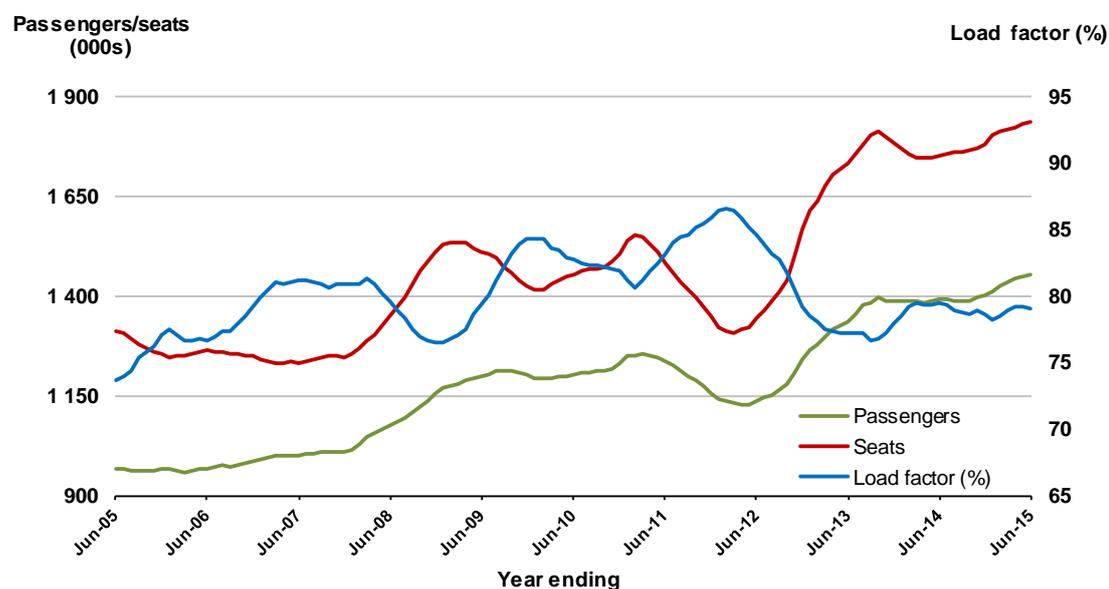
11. Brisbane - Cairns

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 227.7	1 282.9	4.5
Seats (000s)	1 550.2	1 567.7	1.1
Load factor %	79.2	81.8	2.6 *
Aircraft trips	9 822	9 913	0.9

* percentage point difference
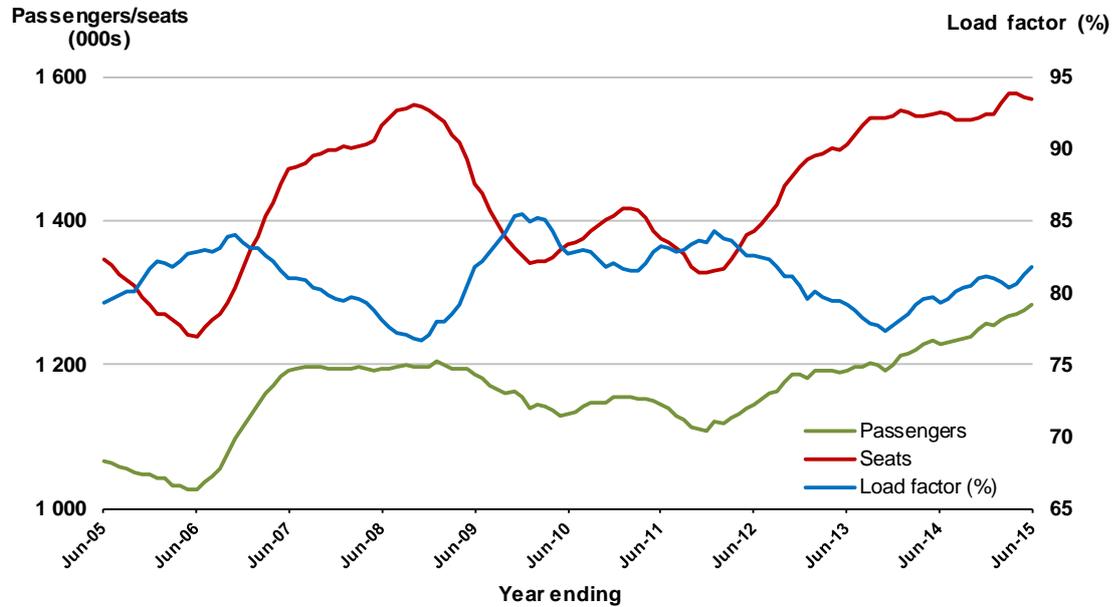
12. Brisbane - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 059.6	1 024.6	-3.3
Seats (000s)	1 353.3	1 243.4	-8.1
Load factor %	78.3	82.4	4.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 759	5 388	-6.4

* percentage point difference
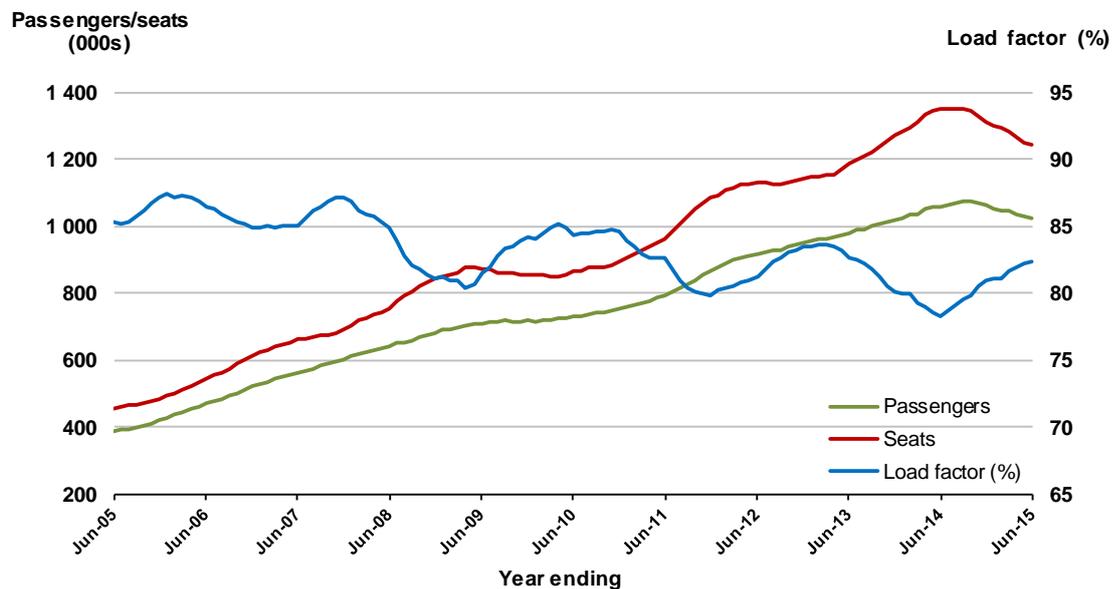
13. Cairns - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 006.6	1 009.2	0.3
Seats (000s)	1 227.3	1 213.4	-1.1
Load factor %	82.0	83.2	1.2 *
Aircraft trips	6 788	6 996	3.1

* percentage point difference
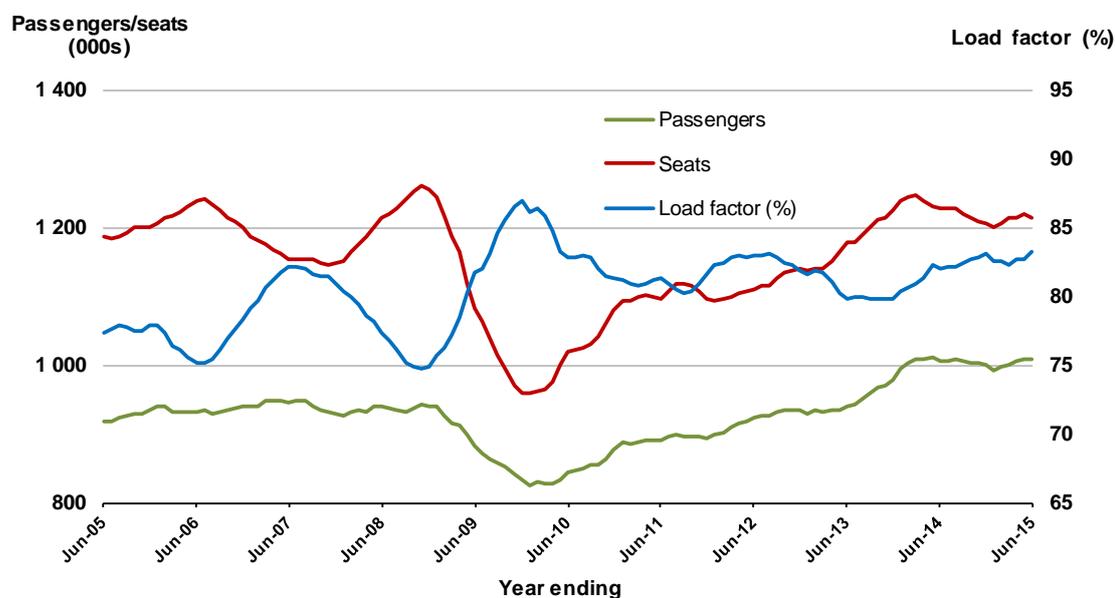
14. Canberra - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	972.8	975.9	0.3
Seats (000s)	1 445.5	1 400.8	-3.1
Load factor %	67.3	69.7	2.4
Aircraft trips	10 938	10 681	-2.3

* percentage point difference
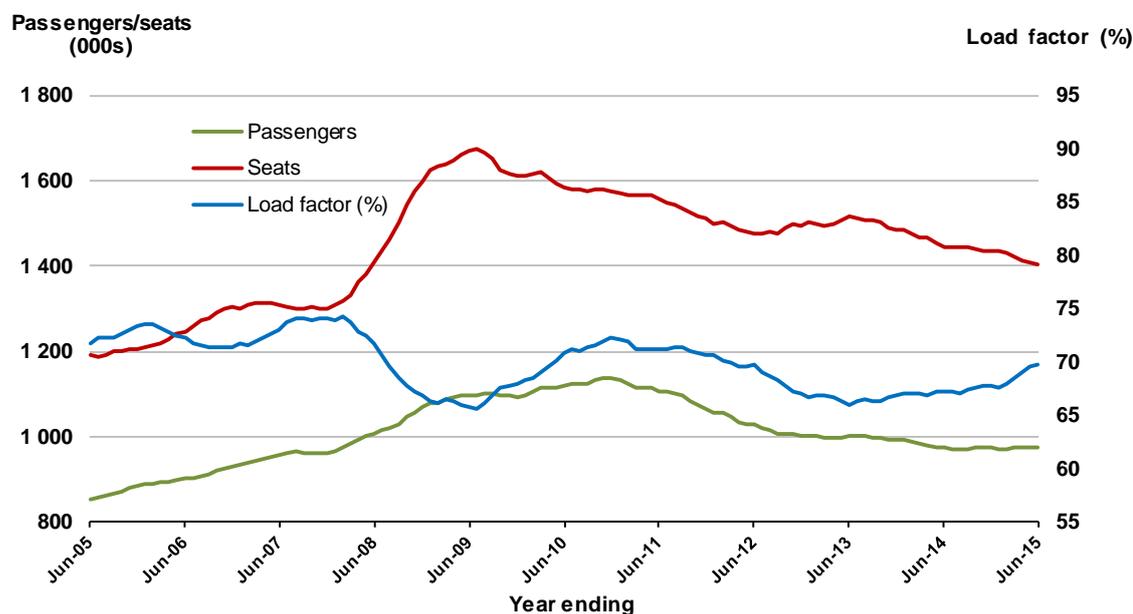
15. Canberra - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	994.1	961.7	-3.3
Seats (000s)	1 615.5	1 436.9	-11.1
Load factor %	61.6	67.0	5.4 *
Aircraft trips	19 129	18 526	-3.2

* percentage point difference
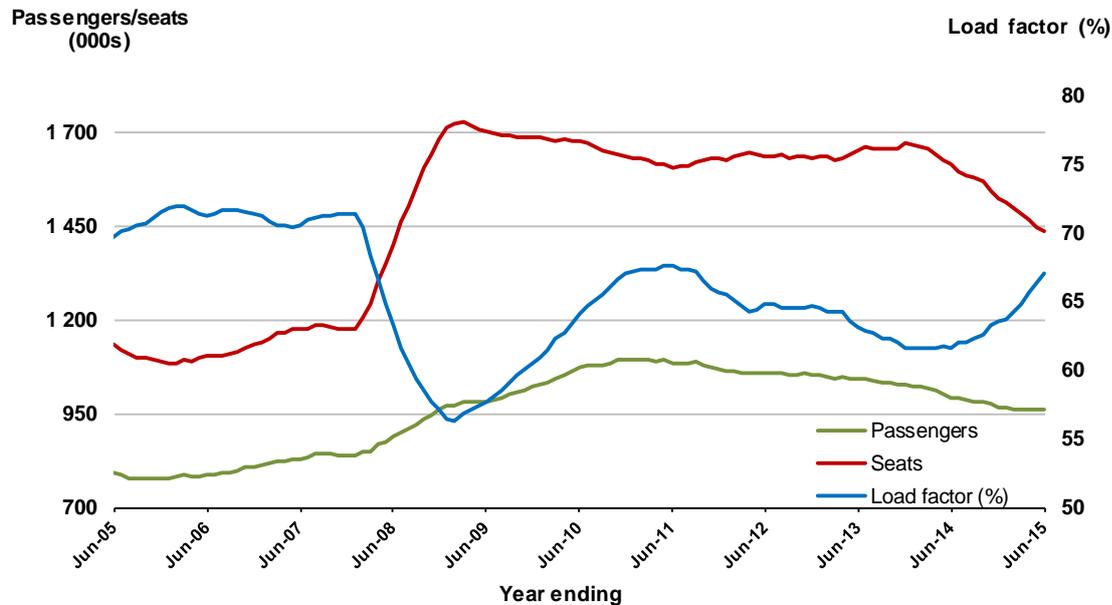
16. Brisbane - Townsville

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	955.9	953.6	-0.2
Seats (000s)	1 337.8	1 354.8	1.3
Load factor %	71.5	70.4	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	8 690	9 070	4.4

* percentage point difference
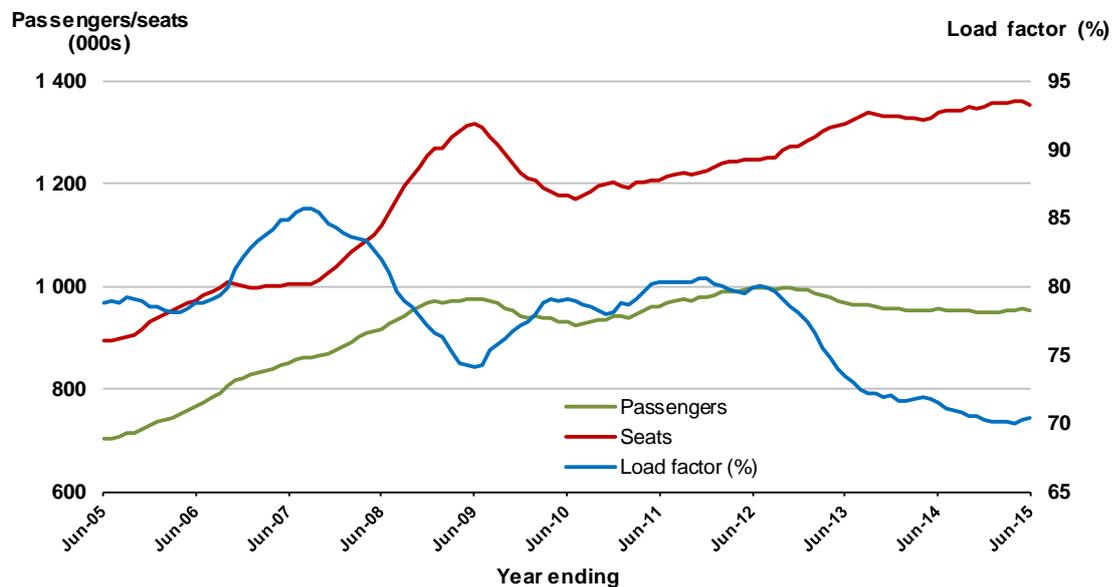
17. Launceston - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	887.3	863.6	-2.7
Seats (000s)	1 140.2	1 124.5	-1.4
Load factor %	77.8	76.8	-1.0 *
Aircraft trips	9 355	8 913	-4.7

* percentage point difference
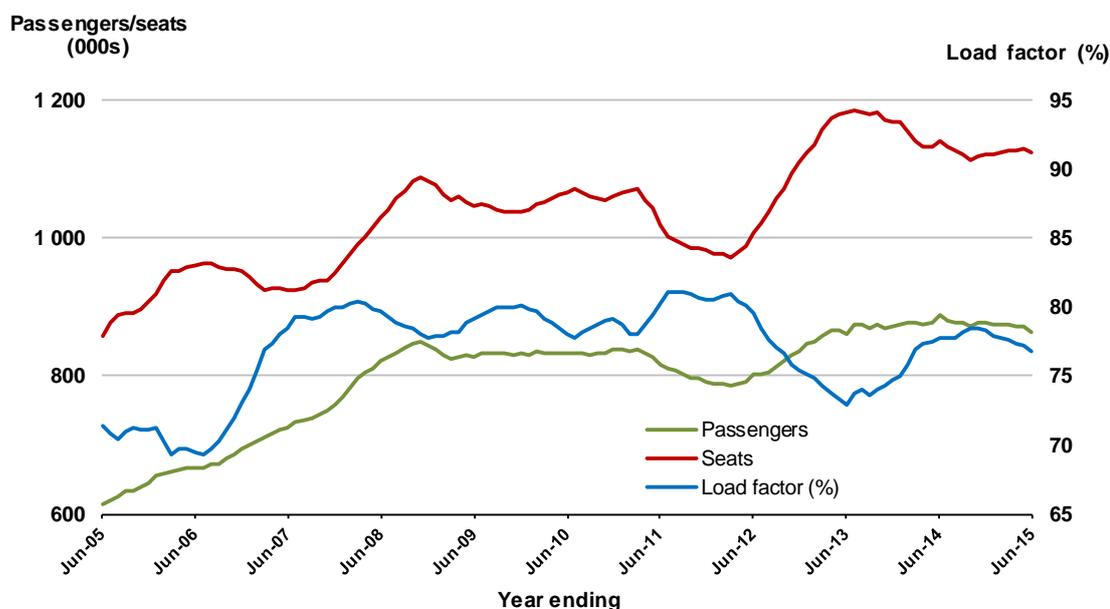
18. Adelaide - Brisbane

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	761.9	782.5	2.7
Seats (000s)	970.0	1 024.4	5.6
Load factor %	78.5	76.4	-2.2 *
Aircraft trips	6 061	6 480	6.9

* percentage point difference
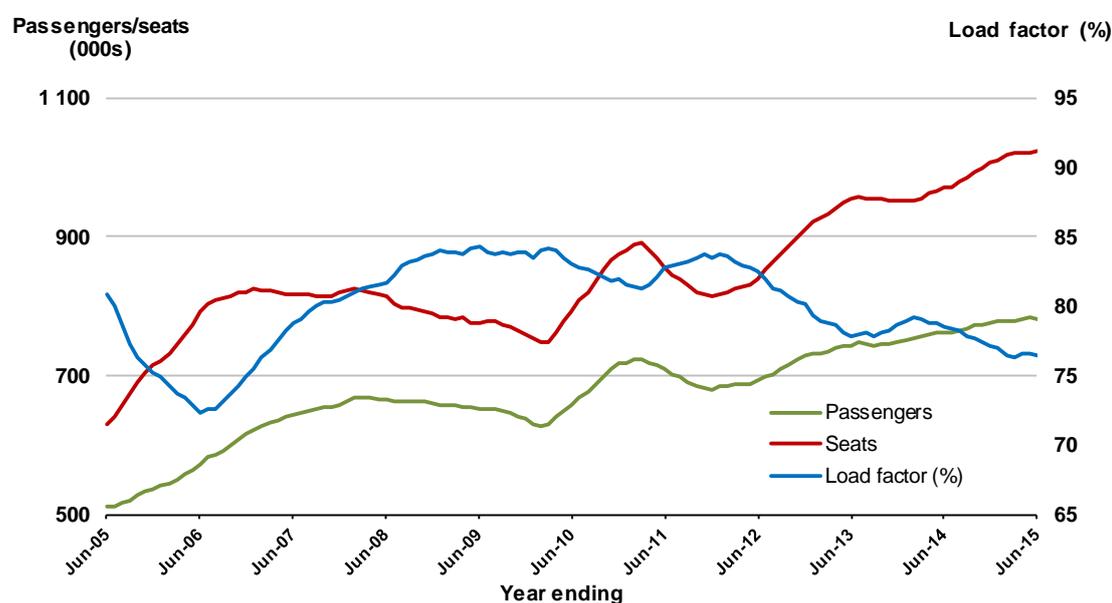
19. Cairns - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	702.3	736.2	4.8
Seats (000s)	879.9	882.9	0.3
Load factor %	79.6	83.4	3.8 *
Aircraft trips	4 706	4 733	0.6

* percentage point difference
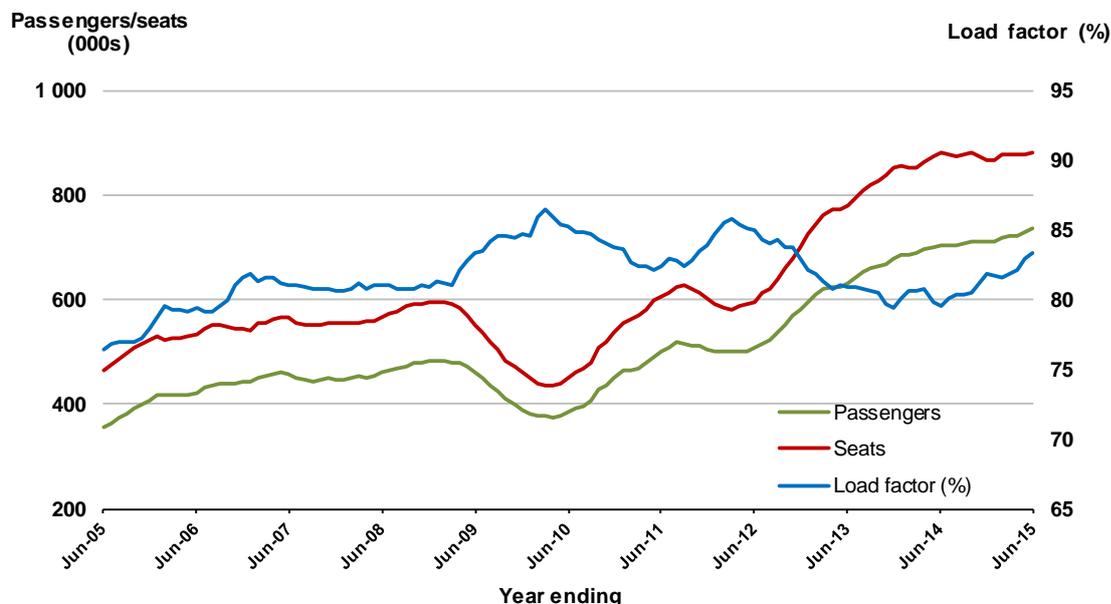
20. Brisbane - Mackay

Moving annual data

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	816.7	696.7	-14.7
Seats (000s)	1 185.0	1 040.7	-12.2
Load factor %	68.9	66.9	-2.0 *
Aircraft trips	8 639	8 071	-6.6

* percentage point difference
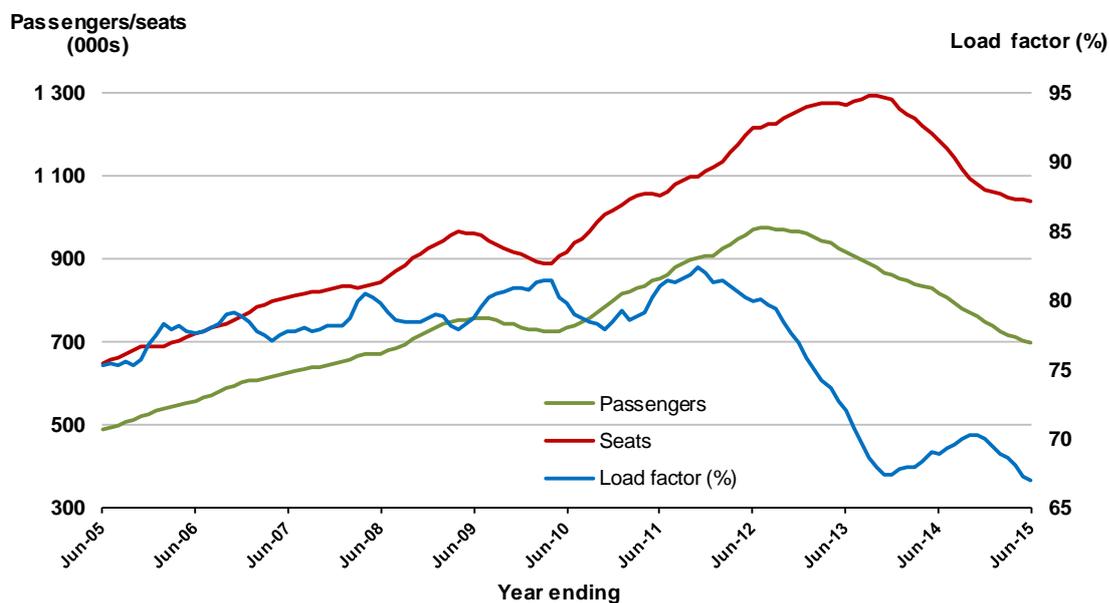
TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Table 7: Top fifty regional airports (000s) — passenger movements, annual

	Airport	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
1	Cairns	3 878.7	3 936.6	1.5
2	Hobart	2 106.6	2 186.5	3.8
3	Darwin	1 791.2	1 761.2	-1.7
4	Townsville	1 581.2	1 548.9	-2.0
5	Launceston	1 286.6	1 273.2	-1.0
6	Williamtown	1 213.0	1 157.7	-4.6
7	Mackay	1 087.2	982.7	-9.6
8	Karratha	727.8	659.9	-9.3
9	Rockhampton	712.1	656.1	-7.9
10	Alice Springs	677.5	582.8	-14.0
11	Hamilton Island	477.3	493.9	3.5
12	Port Hedland	509.9	474.0	-7.0
13	Gladstone	516.7	456.7	-11.6
14	Ballina	399.3	437.1	9.4
15	Broome	424.8	393.5	-7.4
16	Coffs Harbour	383.6	355.7	-7.3
17	Newman	408.3	348.9	-14.6
18	Ayers Rock	236.8	307.1	29.7
19	Proserpine	244.5	280.8	14.9
20	Albury	255.4	247.1	-3.2
21	Mildura	244.1	237.9	-2.5
22	Emerald	264.0	230.5	-12.7
23	Kalgoorlie	237.5	227.9	-4.0
24	Port Macquarie	230.2	226.3	-1.7
25	Mount Isa	249.6	219.0	-12.3
26	Wagga Wagga	211.6	210.5	-0.5
27	Roma	254.4	208.6	-18.0
28	Dubbo	209.3	203.8	-2.6
29	Port Lincoln	187.7	190.9	1.7
30	Paraburdoo	209.1	176.1	-15.8
31	Hervey Bay	149.9	162.9	8.7
32	Bundaberg	159.7	156.7	-1.9
33	Moranbah	185.3	156.2	-15.7
34	Tamworth	160.4	155.6	-3.0
35	Devonport	131.7	144.6	9.8
36	Armidale	114.4	124.4	8.7
37	Geraldton	134.9	122.6	-9.1
38	Kununurra	114.3	108.5	-5.1
39	Thursday Island	87.8	88.4	0.6
40	Learmonth	90.5	82.7	-8.5
41	Gove	110.8	79.2	-28.5
42	Mount Gambier	79.0	77.0	-2.6
43	Olympic Dam	76.1	74.3	-2.3
44	Weipa	70.3	66.7	-5.1
45	Griffith	67.6	66.6	-1.6
46	Whyalla	63.3	63.0	-0.6
47	Burnie	66.8	62.2	-6.8
48	Merimbula	55.4	59.0	6.5
49	Albany	59.8	57.0	-4.7
50	Broken Hill	59.7	56.6	-5.2
	Total top 50 regional airports	**23 253.7**	**22 635.8**	**-2.7**
	Total regional airports	**24 661.4**	**23 979.6**	**-2.8**
	Total domestic network	**115 431.4**	**114 434.4**	**-0.9**

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

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

Table 8: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity

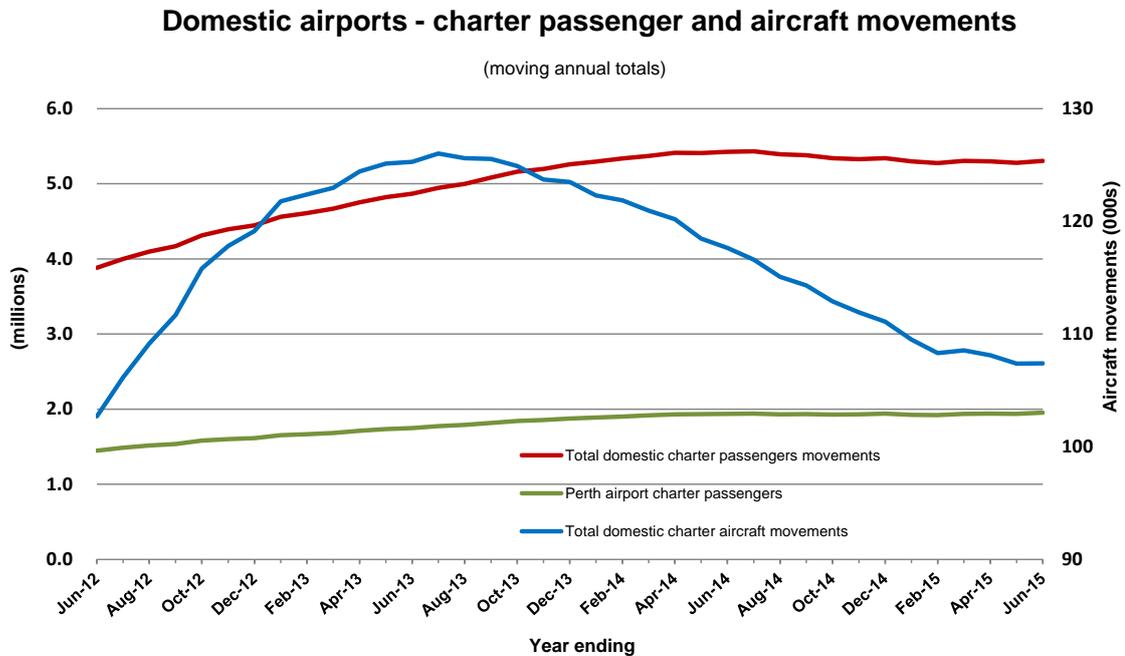|	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 713 456	2 653 133	-2.2
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	58 827	53 697	-8.7

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

Table 9: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual activity

	YE Jun 2014	YE Jun 2015	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 426 912	5 306 266	-2.2
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	117 654	107 394	-8.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 937 706	1 953 888	0.8
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	39 482	35 460	-10.2

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.

Domestic airports - charter passenger and aircraft movements

(moving annual totals)

Note: data prior July 2011 not available

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 passenger departure at Melbourne and as a passenger 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 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.
..	Data not included
NA	Not applicable