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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending December 2014.

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 December 2014 there were 62 such routes: 61 routes met these criteria for all twelve months of the year while one route did so for a period shorter than one year.

Information on the total network for the year ending December 2014 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending December 2014 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 62 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, Skippers and Skytrans 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 all Australian airports, 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 60.13 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) for the year ending December 2014, virtually unchanged compared to the year ending December 2013. For the year ending December 2014 there were 693 683 aircraft trips, a decrease of 1.2 per cent compared to the previous year.

57.52 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in the year ending December 2014, virtually unchanged from the year ending December 2013.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 67.86 billion for the year, up 0.2 per cent on the year ending December 2013. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased 0.5 per cent compared with the year ending December 2013, to a total of 88.97 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 76.5 per cent for the year ending December 2013 to 76.3 per cent for the year ending December 2014. Load factors on individual routes decreased on 24 of the 57 RPT routes for which data is available in both years.

For the year ending December 2014, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 8.32 million passengers, an increase of 0.9 per cent compared with the year ending December 2013. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.45 million passengers (up 0.5 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 3.32 million passengers (up 3.7 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in RPT passenger numbers, compared to the year ending December 2013, was on the Ayers Rock (Uluru) – Sydney route (up 9.6 per cent). There were large increases on a number of other routes, including Launceston – Sydney (up 8.5 per cent), Dubbo – Sydney (up 7.8 per cent), Perth – Port Hedland (up 7.6 per cent) and Darwin – Perth (up 6.1 per cent).

RPT routes with traffic decreases in the year ending December 2014, compared with the year ending December 2013, included Newman – Perth (down 17.8 per cent), Brisbane – Mackay (down 13.6 per cent), Brisbane – Emerald (down 13.1 per cent) and Brisbane – Mount Isa (down 11.7 per cent).

For the year ending December 2014, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 25.57 million passenger movements, followed by Melbourne with 23.46 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 17.06 million passenger movements.

For the year ending December 2014, the number of domestic aviation passengers travelling through regional airports was 24.32 million, 1.9 per cent lower than for the year ending December 2013. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest growth compared to the year ending December 2013, was at Ayers Rock (Uluru) airport, up 18.0 per cent, while the strongest fall was at Paraburdoo airport, down 18.4 per cent.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 385.0 thousand tonnes in the year ending December 2014, a decrease of 6.7 per cent compared to the previous year. For the year ending December 2014, Sydney was the busiest airport in terms of cargo movements (107.9 thousand tonnes, down 1.1 per cent compared to the year ending December 2013), followed by Melbourne (106.0 thousand tonnes, down 5.0 per cent) and Brisbane (64.8 thousand tonnes, down 1.3 per cent).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 2.61 million passengers for the year ending December 2014, an increase of 1.8 per cent on the year ending December 2013.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	60.11	60.13	0.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	702.3	693.7	-1.2

Note: Regular Public Transport and charter aviation activity

Helicopter and leisure charter flights not included

RPT NETWORK

Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	57.54	57.52	0.0
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	67.74	67.86	0.2
Available seats (millions)	77.43	77.08	-0.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	88.53	88.97	0.5
Load factors %	76.5	76.3	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	644.5	641.4	-0.5

* percentage point difference

Domestic RPT passenger traffic
(moving annual totals)
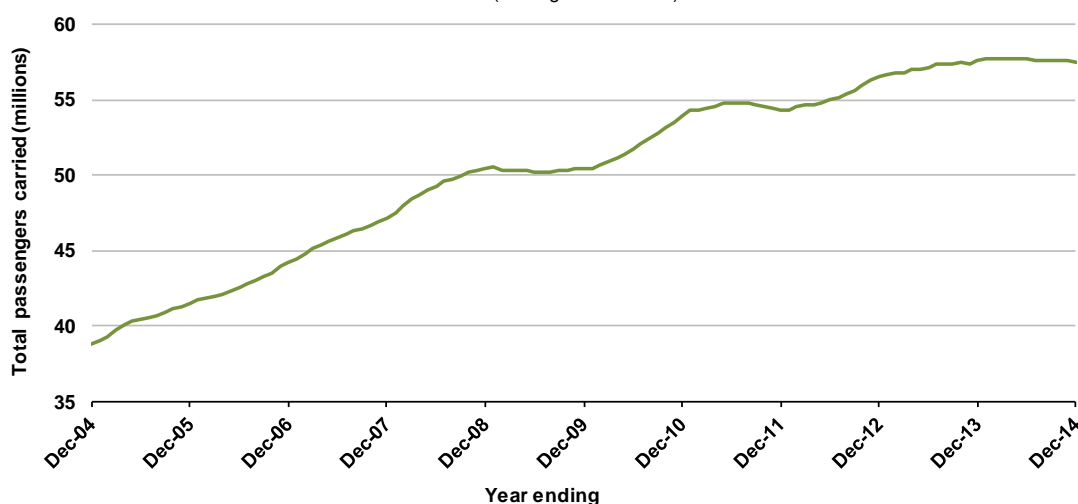
RPT Network utilisation
(moving annual totals)

TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

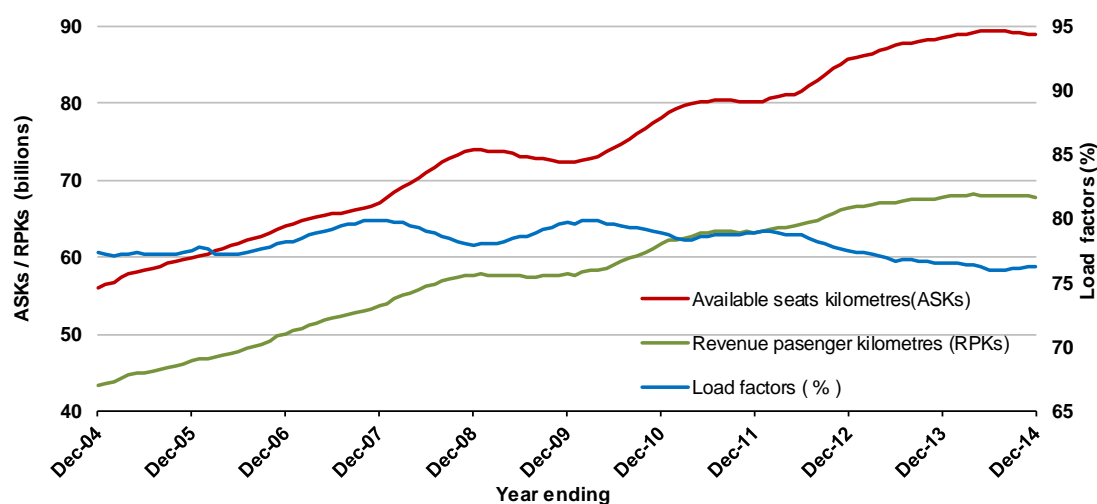|	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 244.0	8 322.3	0.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 425.1	4 447.9	0.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 198.8	3 317.1	3.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 559.1	2 596.4	1.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 195.1	2 272.0	3.5
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 209.7	2 160.7	-2.2
7	Adelaide - Sydney	1 751.9	1 813.0	3.5
8	Perth - Sydney	1 800.4	1 798.9	-0.1
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 675.4	1 754.2	4.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 388.8	1 400.2	0.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 199.6	1 256.1	4.7
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 017.7	1 062.0	4.3
13	Cairns - Sydney	978.6	1 000.9	2.3
14	Canberra - Melbourne	994.5	972.3	-2.2
15	Canberra - Sydney	1 027.6	968.2	-5.8
16	Brisbane - Townsville	957.5	948.2	-1.0
17	Launceston - Melbourne	872.8	878.3	0.6
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	747.5	776.7	3.9
19	Brisbane - Mackay	863.5	746.4	-13.6
20	Cairns - Melbourne	677.6	713.2	5.3
21	Karratha - Perth	722.1	695.2	-3.7
22	Adelaide - Perth	624.3	616.4	-1.3
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	636.1	612.7	-3.7
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	583.7	570.3	-2.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	583.0	560.2	-3.9
26	Hobart - Sydney	517.2	536.4	3.7
27	Perth - Port Hedland	454.1	488.7	7.6
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	464.6	464.1	-0.1
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	465.1	456.4	-1.9
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	437.5	434.9	-0.6
31	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	392.2	397.6	1.4
32	Brisbane - Darwin	375.9	391.5	4.1
33	Newman - Perth	449.2	369.0	-17.8
34	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	368.0	344.4	-6.4
35	Darwin - Sydney	357.0	327.3	-8.3
36	Ballina - Sydney	315.8	320.3	1.4
37	Broome - Perth	319.1	300.3	-5.9
38	Launceston - Sydney	272.6	295.7	8.5
39	Darwin - Melbourne	276.8	285.5	3.1
40	Brisbane - Emerald	283.4	246.2	-13.1
41	Brisbane - Proserpine	234.4	233.2	-0.5
42	Albury - Sydney	234.6	225.4	-3.9
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	217.1	216.9	-0.1
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	205.1	215.3	5.0
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	200.9	209.9	4.5
46	Dubbo - Sydney	182.4	196.7	7.8
47	Melbourne - Mildura	199.0	196.0	-1.5
48	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	189.6	190.8	0.6
49	Brisbane - Hobart	45.1	190.5	NA (a)
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	191.5	187.8	-1.9

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	182.4	185.6	1.7
52	Darwin - Perth	170.6	181.0	6.1
53	Adelaide - Canberra	182.2	176.3	-3.2
54	Sydney - Townsville	182.9	173.9	-5.0
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	125.9	172.6	NA (b)
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	169.3	149.5	-11.7
57	Ayers Rock - Sydney	131.9	144.5	9.6
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	154.5	140.9	-8.8
59	Geraldton - Perth	130.4	127.4	-2.3
60	Brisbane - Bundaberg	109.6	122.4	NA (c)
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	52.8	117.2	NA (d)
62	Armidale - Sydney	..	85.3	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	**57 543.2**	**57 515.2**	**0.0**

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

(b) Brisbane - Moranbah route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

(c) Brisbane - Bundaberg route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

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

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

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	10 054.9	10 079.3	0.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5 595.8	5 592.1	-0.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	4 101.5	4 200.7	2.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	3 181.2	3 188.1	0.2
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 824.9	2 907.8	2.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 871.0	2 821.7	-1.7
7	Adelaide - Sydney	2 188.8	2 326.0	6.3
8	Perth - Sydney	2 193.4	2 267.5	3.4
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 948.3	2 046.5	5.0
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 783.3	1 779.6	-0.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 545.1	1 547.7	0.2
12	Brisbane - Perth	1 270.6	1 312.0	3.3
13	Cairns - Sydney	1 225.4	1 205.6	-1.6
14	Canberra - Melbourne	1 486.3	1 435.7	-3.4
15	Canberra - Sydney	1 669.7	1 525.4	-8.6
16	Brisbane - Townsville	1 330.1	1 350.4	1.5
17	Launceston - Melbourne	1 168.9	1 121.0	-4.1
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	950.8	1 006.7	5.9
19	Brisbane - Mackay	1 281.3	1 066.3	-16.8
20	Cairns - Melbourne	853.0	871.2	2.1
21	Karratha - Perth	1 226.4	1 175.8	-4.1
22	Adelaide - Perth	777.5	769.5	-1.0
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	917.8	887.4	-3.3
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	768.8	735.8	-4.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	832.6	763.0	-8.4
26	Hobart - Sydney	650.6	659.5	1.4
27	Perth - Port Hedland	777.0	782.0	0.6
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	568.8	562.5	-1.1
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	326.0	314.9	-3.4
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	565.3	552.5	-2.3
31	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	477.9	486.5	1.8
32	Brisbane - Darwin	454.8	554.0	21.8
33	Newman - Perth	754.1	698.5	-7.4
34	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	499.9	454.5	-9.1
35	Darwin - Sydney	464.2	454.6	-2.1
36	Ballina - Sydney	418.1	420.2	0.5
37	Broome - Perth	443.0	446.2	0.7
38	Launceston - Sydney	374.1	381.0	1.9
39	Darwin - Melbourne	346.7	356.0	2.7
40	Brisbane - Emerald	505.8	406.4	-19.6
41	Brisbane - Proserpine	309.5	304.1	-1.8
42	Albury - Sydney	333.2	338.4	1.6
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	458.9	396.2	-13.7
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	259.9	277.1	6.6
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	246.6	267.7	8.6
46	Dubbo - Sydney	291.2	301.7	3.6
47	Melbourne - Mildura	288.8	292.7	1.3
48	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	326.5	326.4	0.0
49	Brisbane - Hobart	55.4	242.8	NA (a)
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	267.2	266.0	-0.4

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	278.6	278.4	-0.1
52	Darwin - Perth	223.9	245.1	9.5
53	Adelaide - Canberra	274.6	269.9	-1.7
54	Sydney - Townsville	227.9	220.4	-3.3
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	254.0	357.7	NA (b)
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	279.1	277.8	-0.5
57	Ayers Rock - Sydney	172.7	190.8	10.5
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	201.9	182.9	-9.4
59	Geraldton - Perth	222.2	210.8	-5.1
60	Brisbane - Bundaberg	147.0	189.0	NA (c)
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	71.6	158.1	NA (d)
62	Armidale - Sydney	..	140.3	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	**77 427.5**	**77 080.6**	**-0.4**

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

(b) Brisbane - Moranbah route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

(c) Brisbane - Bundaberg route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

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

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

Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	82.0	82.6	0.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	79.1	79.5	0.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	78.0	79.0	1.0
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	80.4	81.4	1.0
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	77.7	78.1	0.4
6	Melbourne - Perth	77.0	76.6	-0.4
7	Adelaide - Sydney	80.0	77.9	-2.1
8	Perth - Sydney	82.1	79.3	-2.8
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	86.0	85.7	-0.3
10	Hobart - Melbourne	77.9	78.7	0.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	77.7	81.2	3.5
12	Brisbane - Perth	80.1	80.9	0.8
13	Cairns - Sydney	79.9	83.0	3.2
14	Canberra - Melbourne	66.9	67.7	0.8
15	Canberra - Sydney	61.6	63.5	1.9
16	Brisbane - Townsville	72.0	70.2	-1.8
17	Launceston - Melbourne	74.7	78.3	3.7
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	78.6	77.2	-1.5
19	Brisbane - Mackay	67.4	70.0	2.6
20	Cairns - Melbourne	79.4	81.9	2.4
21	Karratha - Perth	58.9	59.1	0.3
22	Adelaide - Perth	80.3	80.1	-0.2
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	69.3	69.0	-0.3
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	75.9	77.5	1.6
25	Brisbane - Canberra	70.0	73.4	3.4
26	Hobart - Sydney	79.5	81.3	1.8
27	Perth - Port Hedland	58.4	62.5	4.0
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	81.7	82.5	0.8
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	62.8	61.6	-1.1
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	77.4	78.7	1.4
31	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	82.1	81.7	-0.3
32	Brisbane - Darwin	82.6	70.7	-12.0
33	Newman - Perth	59.6	52.8	-6.7
34	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	73.6	75.8	2.1
35	Darwin - Sydney	76.9	72.0	-4.9
36	Ballina - Sydney	75.5	76.2	0.7
37	Broome - Perth	72.1	67.3	-4.8
38	Launceston - Sydney	72.9	77.6	4.7
39	Darwin - Melbourne	79.8	80.2	0.4
40	Brisbane - Emerald	56.0	60.6	4.5
41	Brisbane - Proserpine	75.7	76.7	1.0
42	Albury - Sydney	70.4	66.6	-3.8
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	47.3	54.7	7.4
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	78.9	77.7	-1.2
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	81.5	78.4	-3.1
46	Dubbo - Sydney	62.7	65.2	2.6
47	Melbourne - Mildura	68.9	67.0	-1.9
48	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	58.1	58.5	0.4
49	Brisbane - Hobart	81.4	78.5	NA (a)
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	71.7	70.6	-1.1

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	65.5	66.7	1.2
52	Darwin - Perth	76.2	73.8	-2.4
53	Adelaide - Canberra	66.3	65.3	-1.1
54	Sydney - Townsville	80.3	78.9	-1.4
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	49.6	48.2	NA (b)
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	60.7	53.8	-6.8
57	Ayers Rock - Sydney	76.3	75.7	-0.6
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	76.5	77.0	0.5
59	Geraldton - Perth	58.7	60.4	1.8
60	Brisbane - Bundaberg	74.6	64.7	NA (c)
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	73.7	74.2	NA (d)
62	Armidale - Sydney	..	60.8	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	**76.5**	**76.3**	**-0.2**

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

(b) Brisbane - Moranbah route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

(c) Brisbane - Bundaberg route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

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

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

Table 4: Aircraft trips [a] — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	54 673	54 826	0.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	32 352	32 101	-0.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	24 672	24 902	0.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	18 384	18 458	0.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	18 598	17 723	-4.7
6	Melbourne - Perth	12 642	12 466	-1.4
7	Adelaide - Sydney	13 120	13 660	4.1
8	Perth - Sydney	8 638	8 933	3.4
9	Gold Coast - Melbourne	10 552	11 073	4.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	10 798	10 951	1.4
11	Brisbane - Cairns	9 925	9 359	-5.7
12	Brisbane - Perth	5 655	5 472	-3.2
13	Cairns - Sydney	6 786	6 667	-1.8
14	Canberra - Melbourne	10 918	10 842	-0.7
15	Canberra - Sydney	19 309	18 882	-2.2
16	Brisbane - Townsville	8 696	8 498	-2.3
17	Launceston - Melbourne	9 263	8 590	-7.3
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	5 905	6 365	7.8
19	Brisbane - Mackay	9 227	7 692	-16.6
20	Cairns - Melbourne	4 595	4 636	0.9
21	Karratha - Perth	8 204	8 160	-0.5
22	Adelaide - Perth	5 383	5 064	-5.9
23	Brisbane - Rockhampton	10 216	9 841	-3.7
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	6 199	5 984	-3.5
25	Brisbane - Canberra	6 238	6 044	-3.1
26	Hobart - Sydney	4 037	4 024	-0.3
27	Perth - Port Hedland	5 308	5 026	-5.3
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	3 198	3 167	-1.0
29	Brisbane - Gladstone	8 785	8 948	1.9
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	3 218	3 150	-2.1
31	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	2 681	2 726	1.7
32	Brisbane - Darwin	2 272	2 869	26.3
33	Newman - Perth	4 946	4 524	-8.5
34	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	5 442	5 350	-1.7
35	Darwin - Sydney	2 672	2 633	-1.5
36	Ballina - Sydney	2 874	3 121	8.6
37	Broome - Perth	3 528	3 335	-5.5
38	Launceston - Sydney	2 177	2 109	-3.1
39	Darwin - Melbourne	2 020	2 124	5.1
40	Brisbane - Emerald	6 572	5 687	-13.5
41	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 911	1 930	1.0
42	Albury - Sydney	6 596	6 405	-2.9
43	Kalgoorlie - Perth	3 448	3 353	-2.8
44	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 582	1 570	-0.8
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1 395	1 517	8.7
46	Dubbo - Sydney	6 380	6 384	0.1
47	Melbourne - Mildura	4 757	4 749	-0.2
48	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	7 007	7 049	0.6
49	Brisbane - Hobart	317	1 420	NA (b)
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	4 586	4 653	1.5

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
51	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	5 570	5 643	1.3
52	Darwin - Perth	1 404	1 478	5.3
53	Adelaide - Canberra	2 213	2 120	-4.2
54	Sydney - Townsville	1 397	1 252	-10.4
55	Brisbane - Moranbah	3 607	5 103	NA (c)
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	1 962	1 857	-5.4
57	Ayers Rock - Sydney	1 277	1 296	1.5
58	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 149	1 088	-5.3
59	Geraldton - Perth	3 597	3 536	-1.7
60	Brisbane - Bundaberg	2 400	2 848	NA (d)
61	Hamilton Island - Melbourne	404	889	NA (e)
62	Armidale - Sydney	..	3 293	NA (f)
	Total domestic network	**644 462**	**641 373**	**-0.5**

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

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

(c) Brisbane - Moranbah route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

(d) Brisbane - Bundaberg route included from May 2013, prior data not shown.

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

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

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	25 473.6	25 570.8	0.4	22.2
2	Melbourne	23 054.4	23 459.5	1.8	20.4
3	Brisbane	16 941.9	17 058.6	0.7	14.8
4	Perth	8 982.4	8 759.8	-2.5	7.6
5	Adelaide	6 588.0	6 733.5	2.2	5.9
6	Gold Coast	4 935.4	4 963.2	0.6	4.3
7	Cairns	3 810.5	3 897.9	2.3	3.4
8	Canberra	2 957.8	2 812.9	-4.9	2.4
9	Hobart	2 091.7	2 128.0	1.7	1.8
10	Darwin	1 816.5	1 778.5	-2.1	1.5
	Total top ten airports	**96 652.3**	**97 162.6**	**0.5**	**84.5**
	Total domestic network	**115 086.4**	**115 030.4**	**0.0**	**100.0**

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

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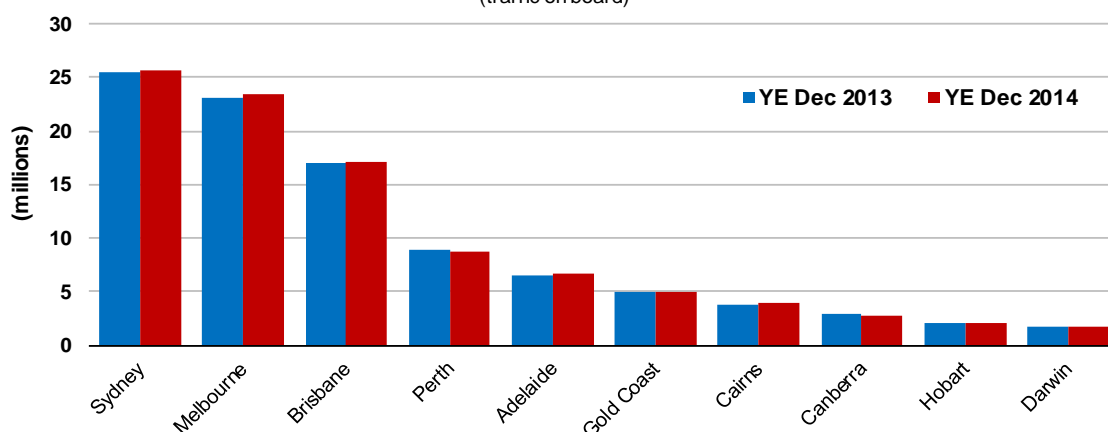
Top three airports, RPT passenger movements
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
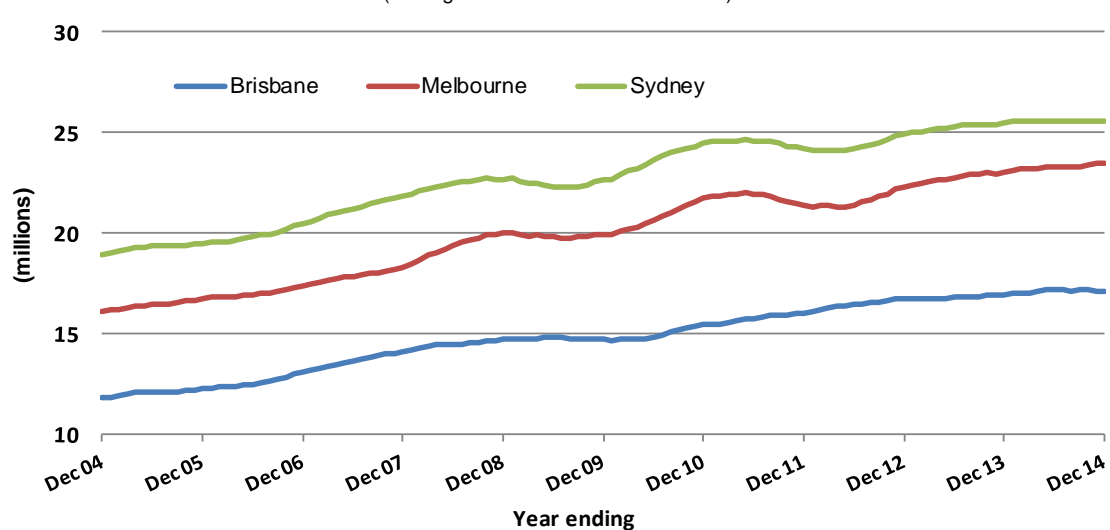
TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change	% of Total
1	Sydney	109.2	107.9	-1.1	28.0
2	Melbourne	111.6	106.0	-5.0	27.5
3	Brisbane	65.6	64.8	-1.3	16.8
4	Perth	45.6	46.3	1.6	12.0
5	Adelaide	27.3	27.5	1.0	7.2
	Total top five airports	**359.3**	**352.6**	**-1.9**	**91.6**
	Total domestic network	**412.6**	**385.0**	**-6.7**	**100.0**

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

(a) includes estimates

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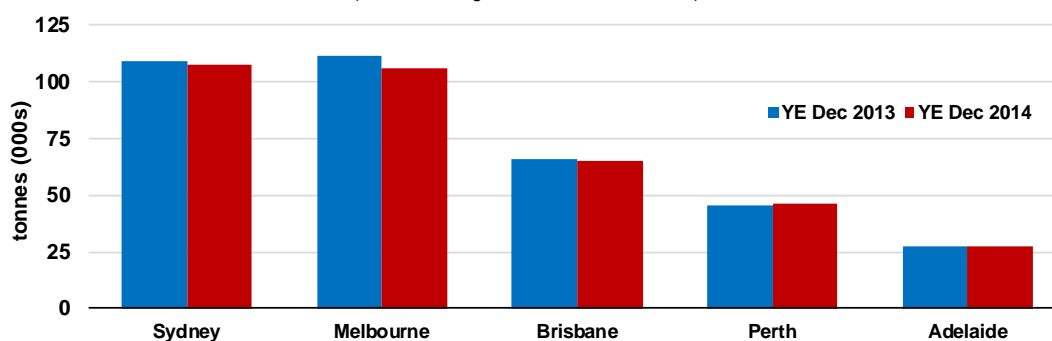
Total domestic network - cargo movements [a]
(moving annual totals - traffic on board)
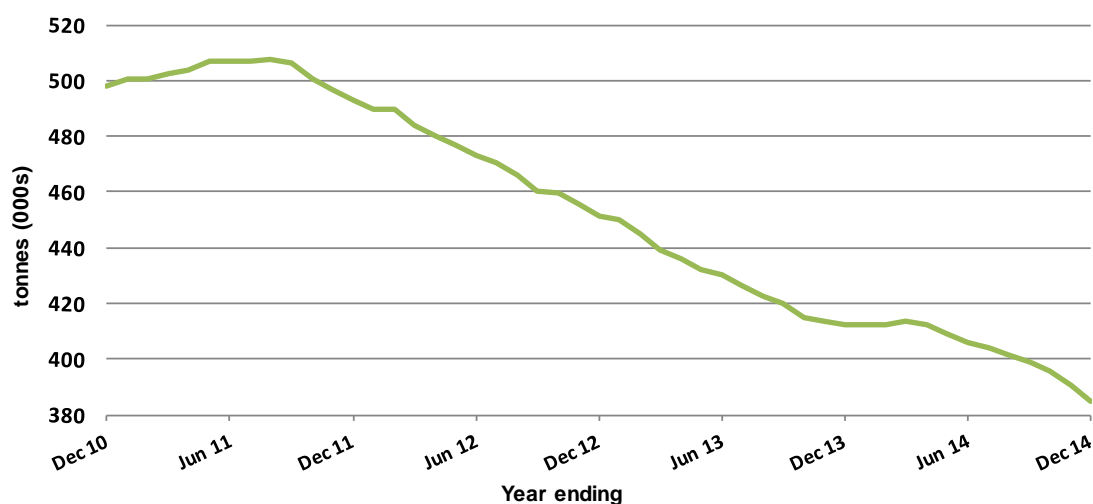
Note: Airport cargo tonnes are the sum of cargo tonnes on arrivals and departures at each airport.
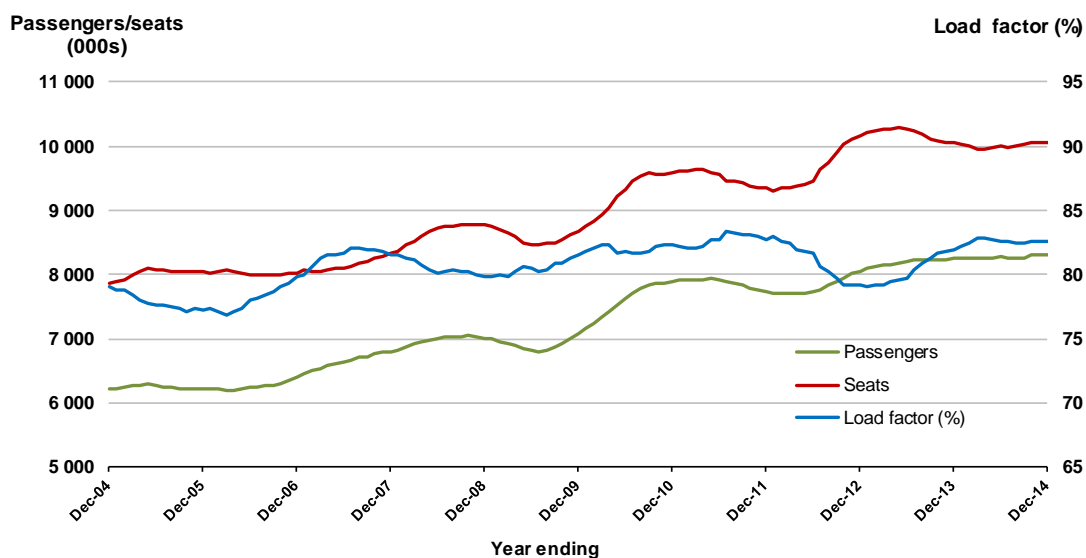
(a) includes estimates

TOP TWENTY ROUTES
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	8 244.0	8 322.3	0.9
Seats (000s)	10 054.9	10 079.3	0.2
Load factor %	82.0	82.6	0.6 *
Aircraft trips	54 673	54 826	0.3

* percentage point difference

2. Brisbane - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 425.1	4 447.9	0.5
Seats (000s)	5 595.8	5 592.1	-0.1
Load factor %	79.1	79.5	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	32 352	32 101	-0.8

* percentage point difference
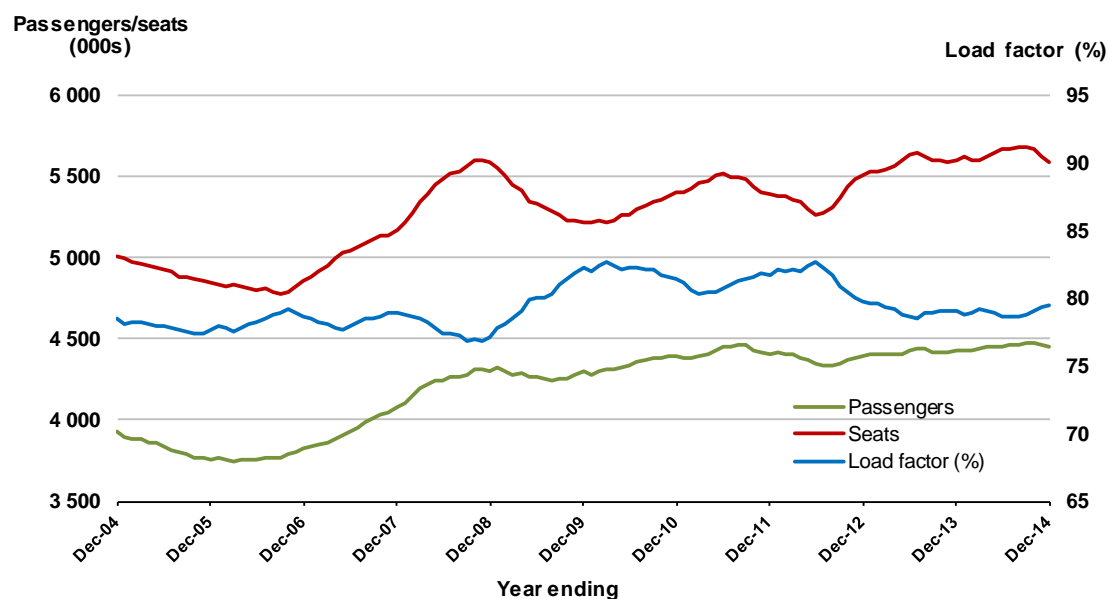
3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 198.8	3 317.1	3.7
Seats (000s)	4 101.5	4 200.7	2.4
Load factor %	78.0	79.0	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	24 672	24 902	0.9

* percentage point difference
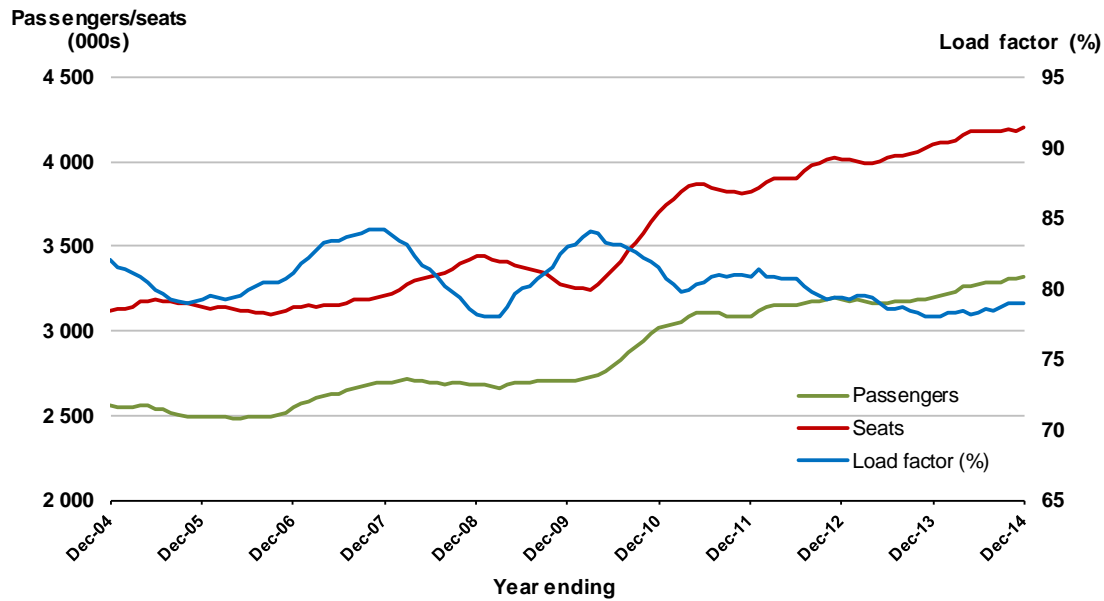
4. Gold Coast - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 559.1	2 596.4	1.5
Seats (000s)	3 181.2	3 188.1	0.2
Load factor %	80.4	81.4	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	18 384	18 458	0.4

* percentage point difference
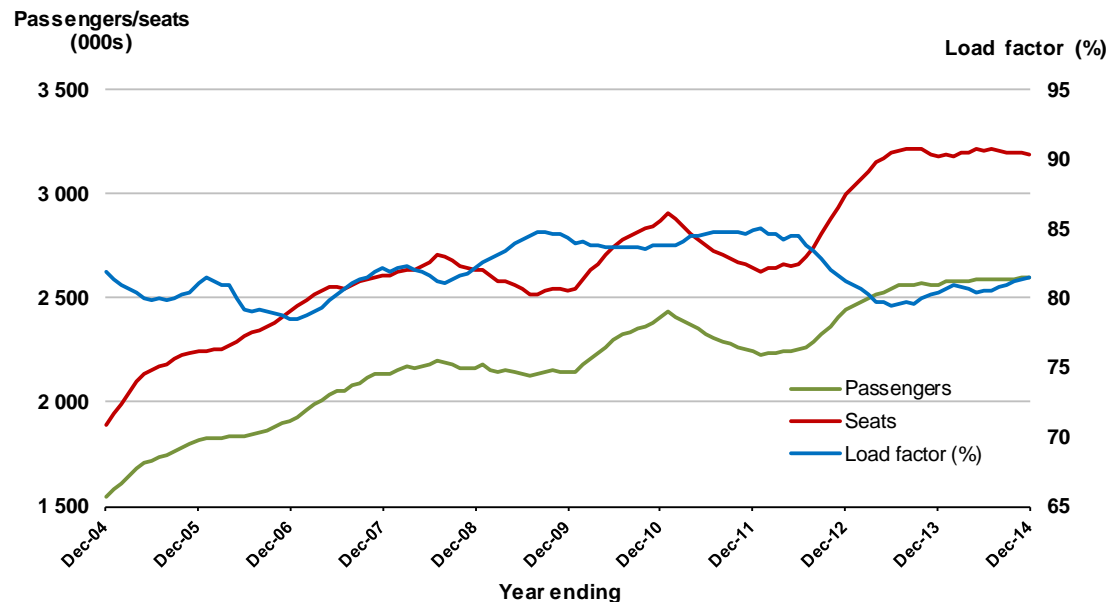
5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 195.1	2 272.0	3.5
Seats (000s)	2 824.9	2 907.8	2.9
Load factor %	77.7	78.1	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	18 598	17 723	-4.7

* percentage point difference
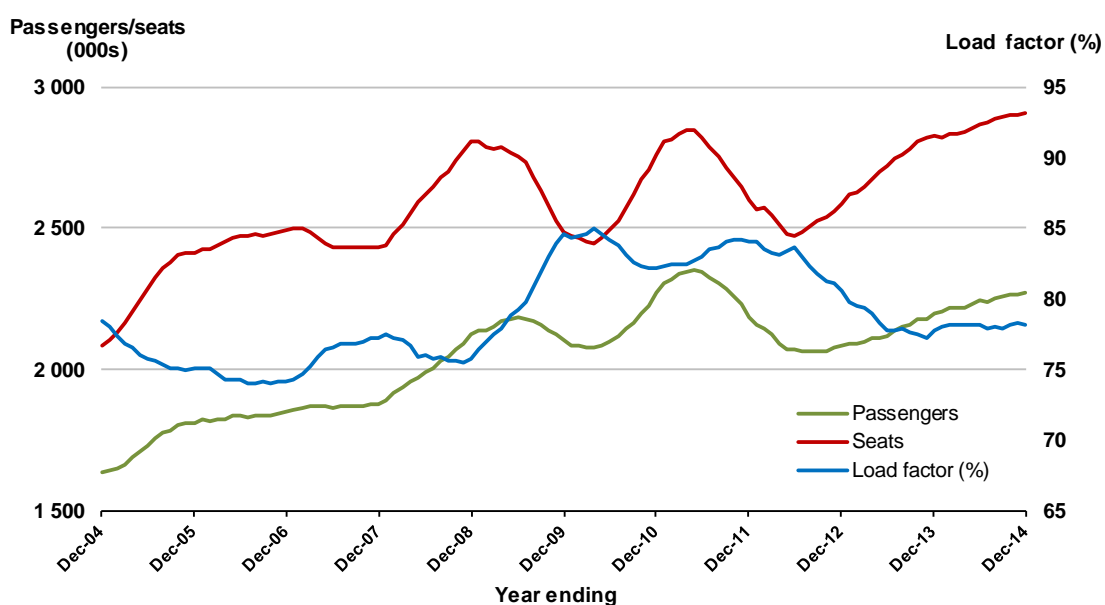
6. Melbourne - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 209.7	2 160.7	-2.2
Seats (000s)	2 871.0	2 821.7	-1.7
Load factor %	77.0	76.6	-0.4 *
Aircraft trips	12 642	12 466	-1.4

* percentage point difference
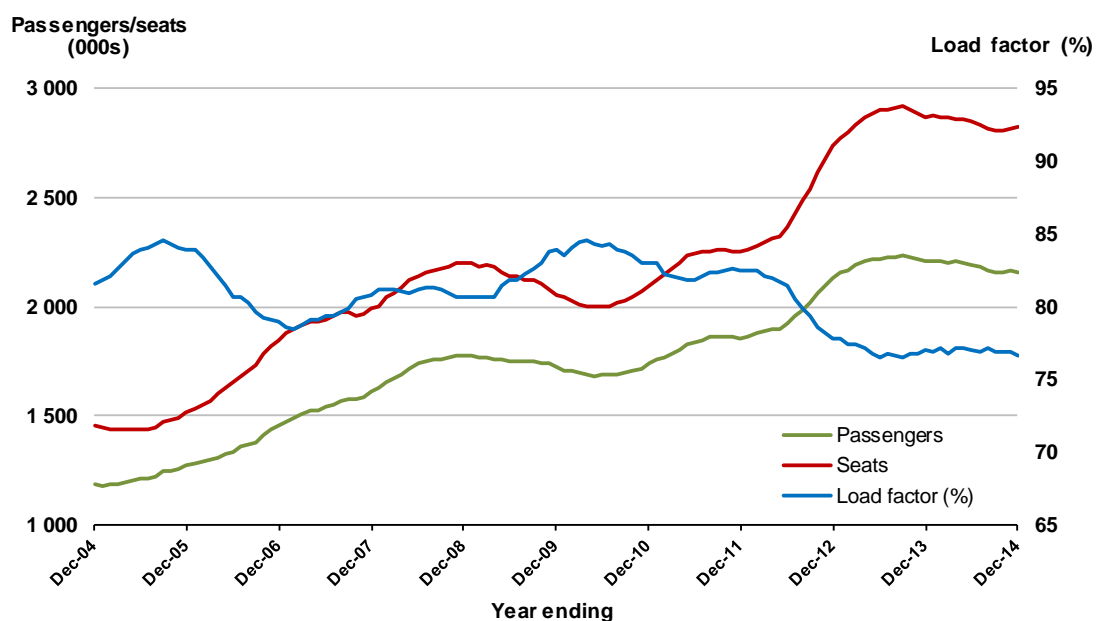
7. Adelaide - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 751.9	1 813.0	3.5
Seats (000s)	2 188.8	2 326.0	6.3
Load factor %	80.0	77.9	-2.1 *
Aircraft trips	13 120	13 660	4.1

* percentage point difference

Passenger traffic and load factors
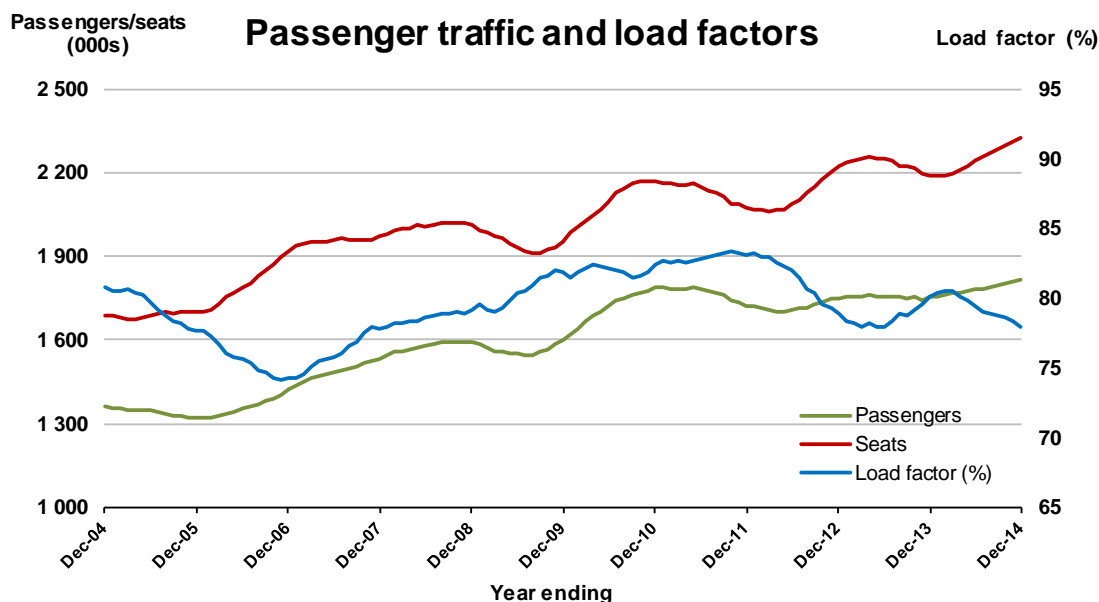
8. Perth - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 800.4	1 798.9	-0.1
Seats (000s)	2 193.4	2 267.5	3.4
Load factor %	82.1	79.3	-2.8 *
Aircraft trips	8 638	8 933	3.4

* percentage point difference
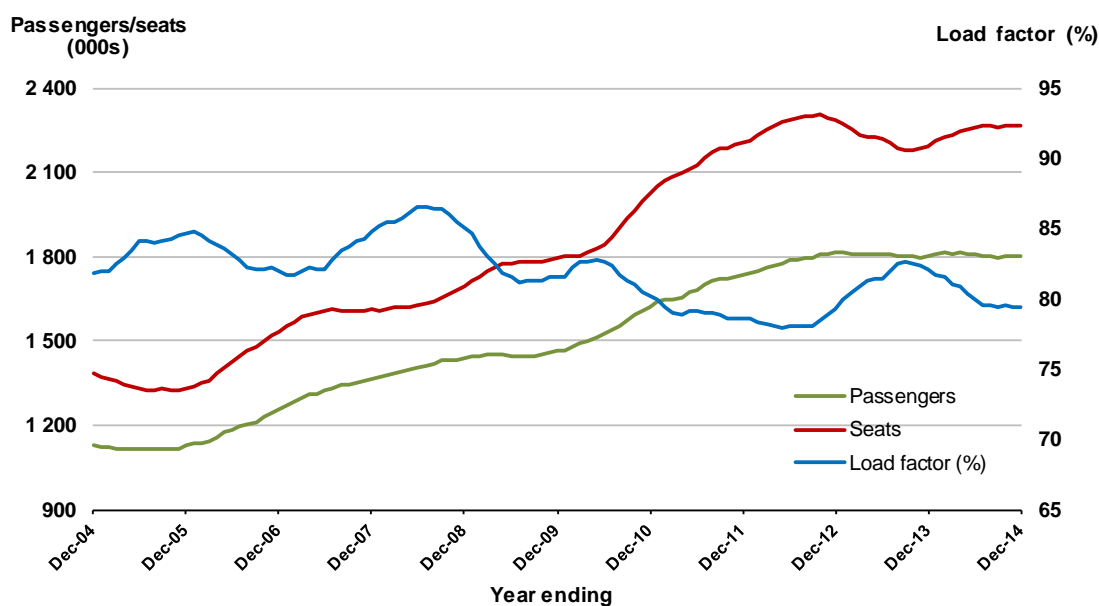
9. Gold Coast - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 675.4	1 754.2	4.7
Seats (000s)	1 948.3	2 046.5	5.0
Load factor %	86.0	85.7	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	10 552	11 073	4.9

* percentage point difference
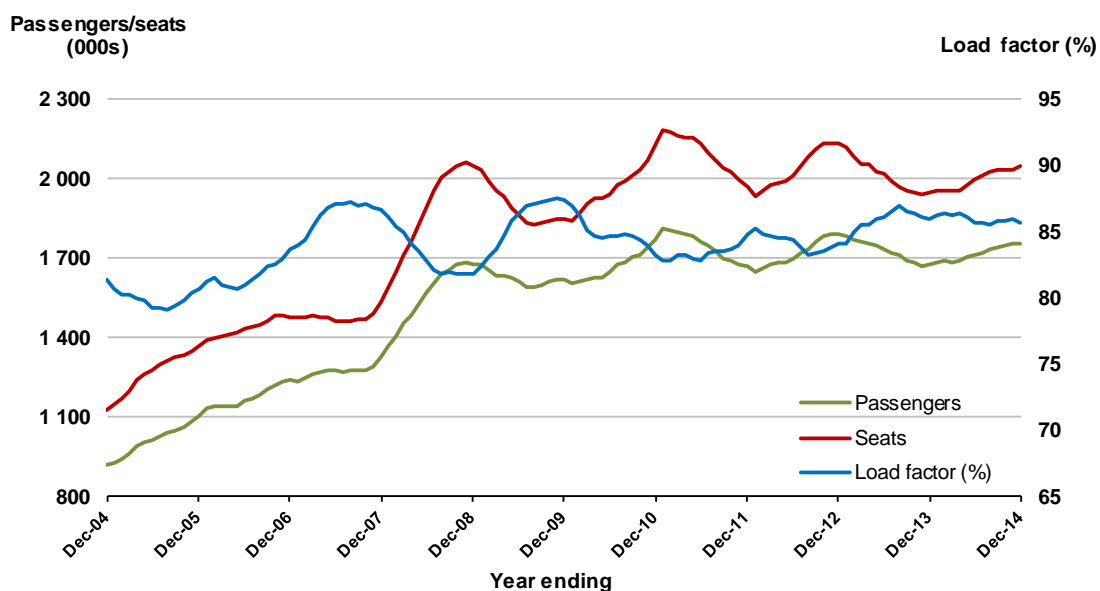
10. Hobart - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 388.8	1 400.2	0.8
Seats (000s)	1 783.3	1 779.6	-0.2
Load factor %	77.9	78.7	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	10 798	10 951	1.4

* percentage point difference

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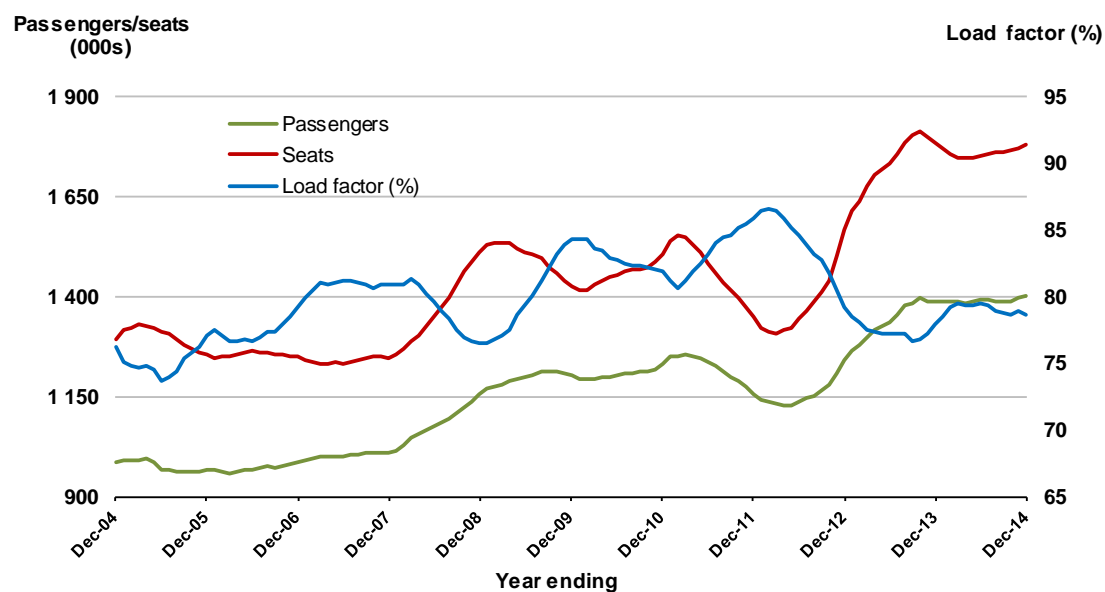
11. Brisbane - Cairns

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 199.6	1 256.1	4.7
Seats (000s)	1 545.1	1 547.7	0.2
Load factor %	77.7	81.2	3.5 *
Aircraft trips	9 925	9 359	-5.7

* percentage point difference
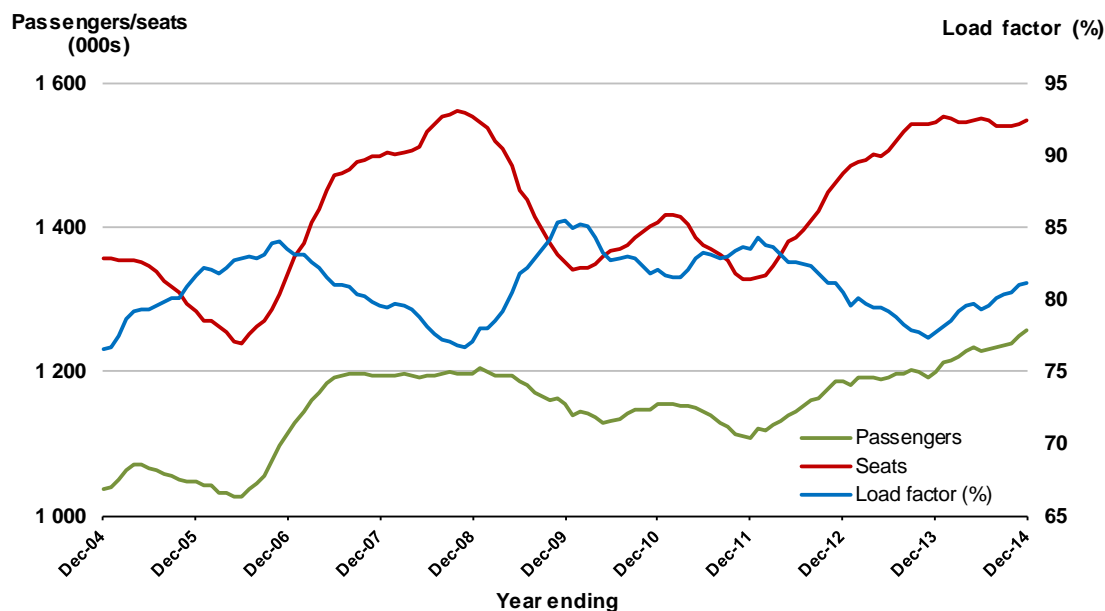
12. Brisbane - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 017.7	1 062.0	4.3
Seats (000s)	1 270.6	1 312.0	3.3
Load factor %	80.1	80.9	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	5 655	5 472	-3.2

* percentage point difference
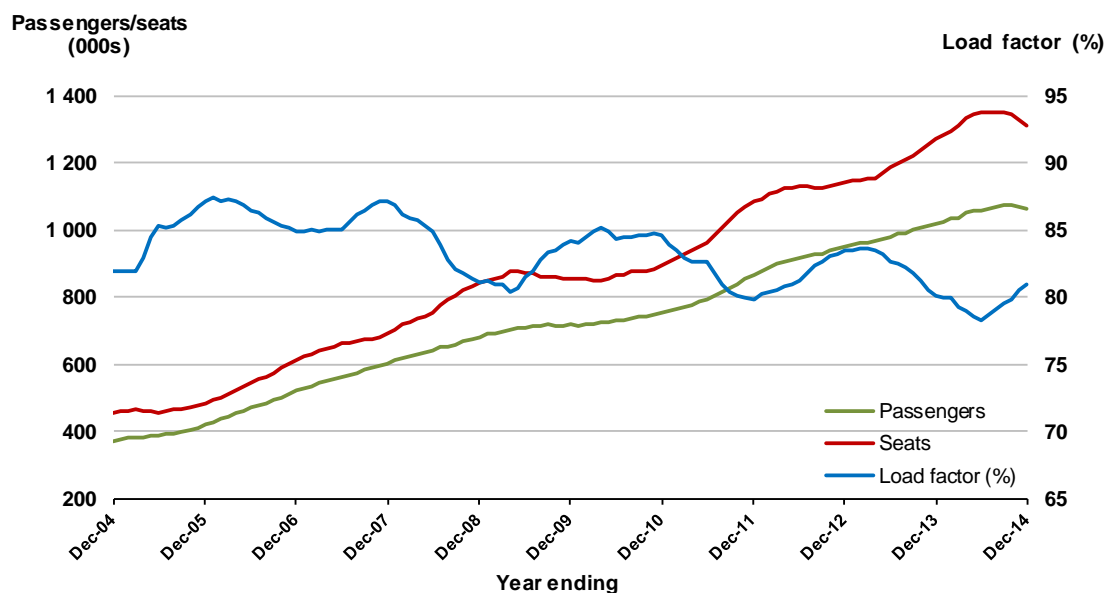
13. Cairns - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	978.6	1 000.9	2.3
Seats (000s)	1 225.4	1 205.6	-1.6
Load factor %	79.9	83.0	3.2 *
Aircraft trips	6 786	6 667	-1.8

* percentage point difference
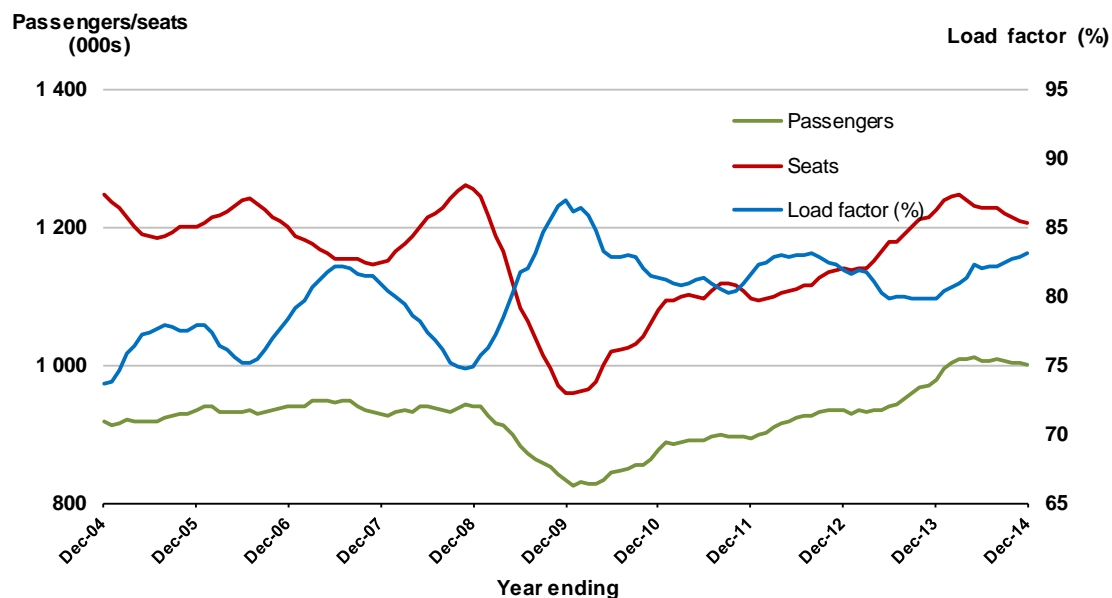
14. Canberra - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	994.5	972.3	-2.2
Seats (000s)	1 486.3	1 435.7	-3.4
Load factor %	66.9	67.7	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	10 918	10 842	-0.7

* percentage point difference

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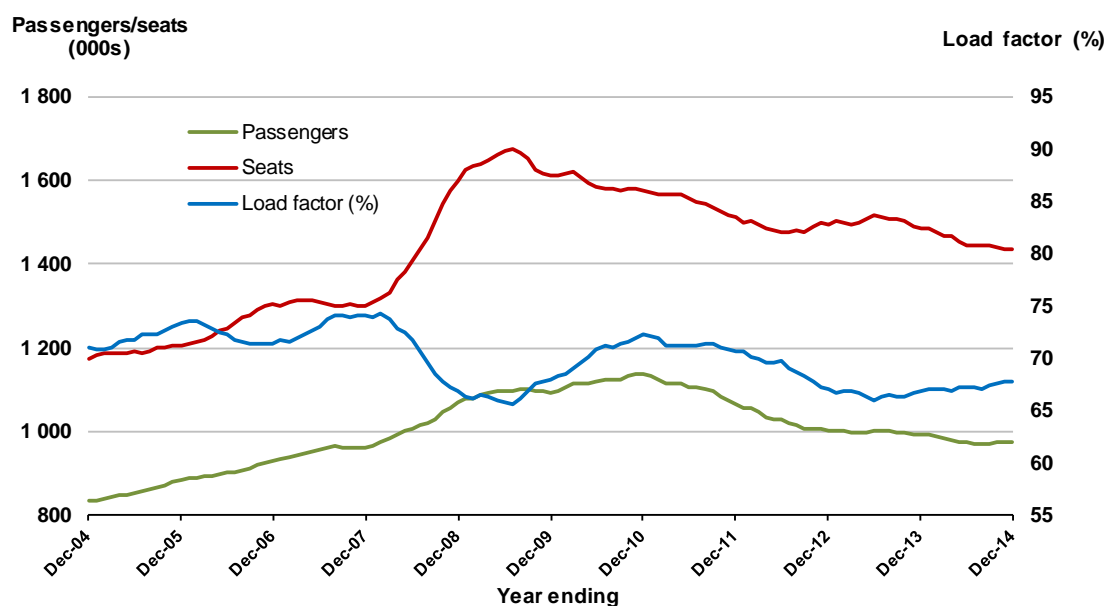
15. Canberra - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 027.6	968.2	-5.8
Seats (000s)	1 669.7	1 525.4	-8.6
Load factor %	61.6	63.5	1.9 *
Aircraft trips	19 309	18 882	-2.2

* percentage point difference
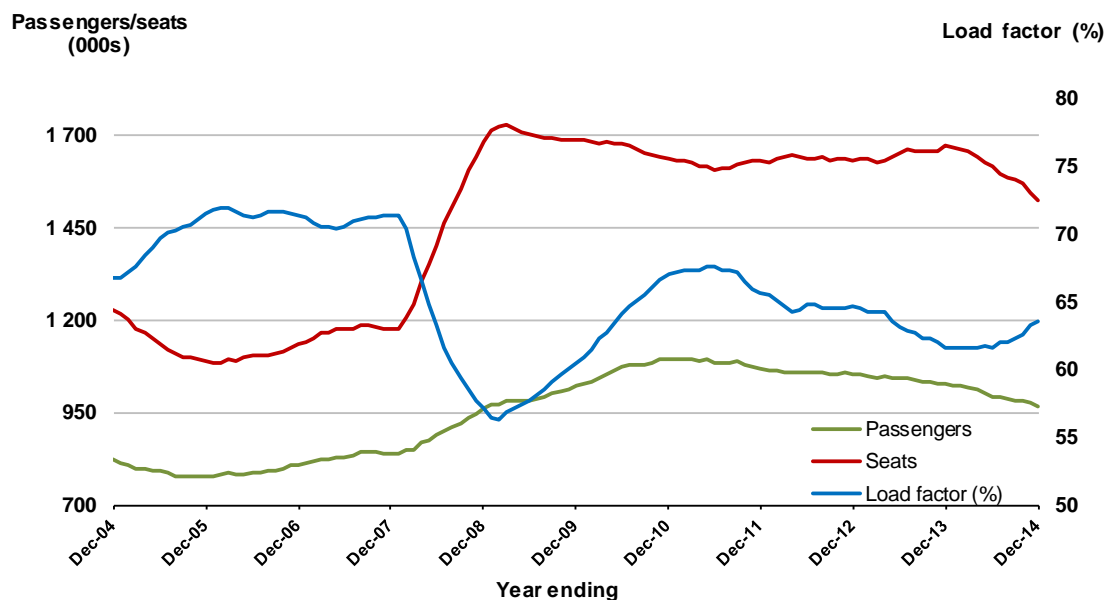
16. Brisbane - Townsville

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	957.5	948.2	-1.0
Seats (000s)	1 330.1	1 350.4	1.5
Load factor %	72.0	70.2	-1.8 *
Aircraft trips	8 696	8 498	-2.3

* percentage point difference
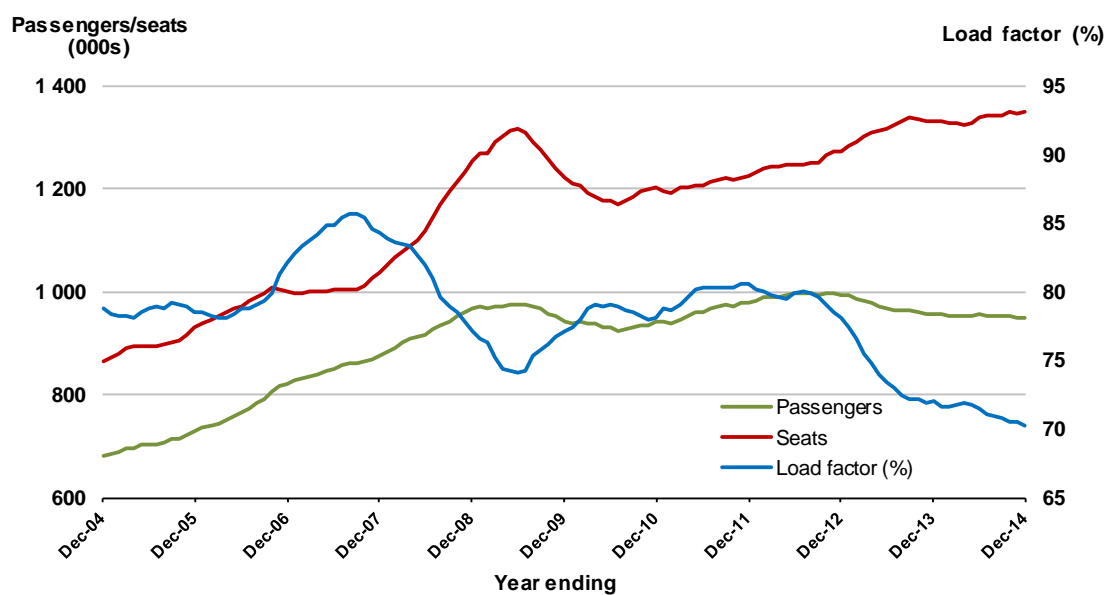
17. Launceston - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	872.8	878.3	0.6
Seats (000s)	1 168.9	1 121.0	-4.1
Load factor %	74.7	78.3	3.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 263	8 590	-7.3

* percentage point difference
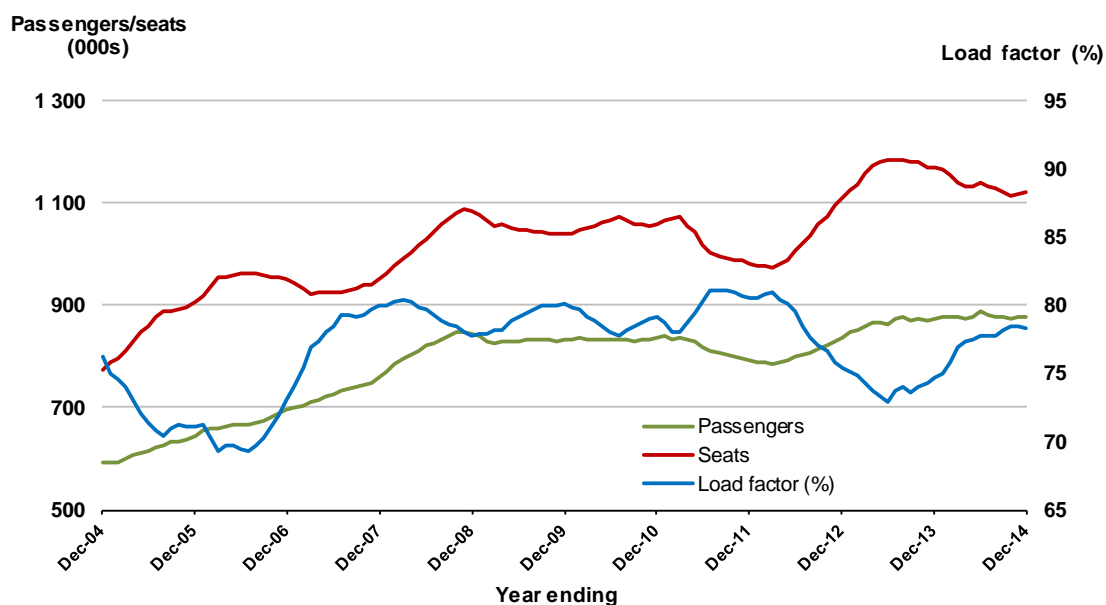
18. Adelaide - Brisbane

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	747.5	776.7	3.9
Seats (000s)	950.8	1 006.7	5.9
Load factor %	78.6	77.2	-1.5 *
Aircraft trips	5 905	6 365	7.8

* percentage point difference
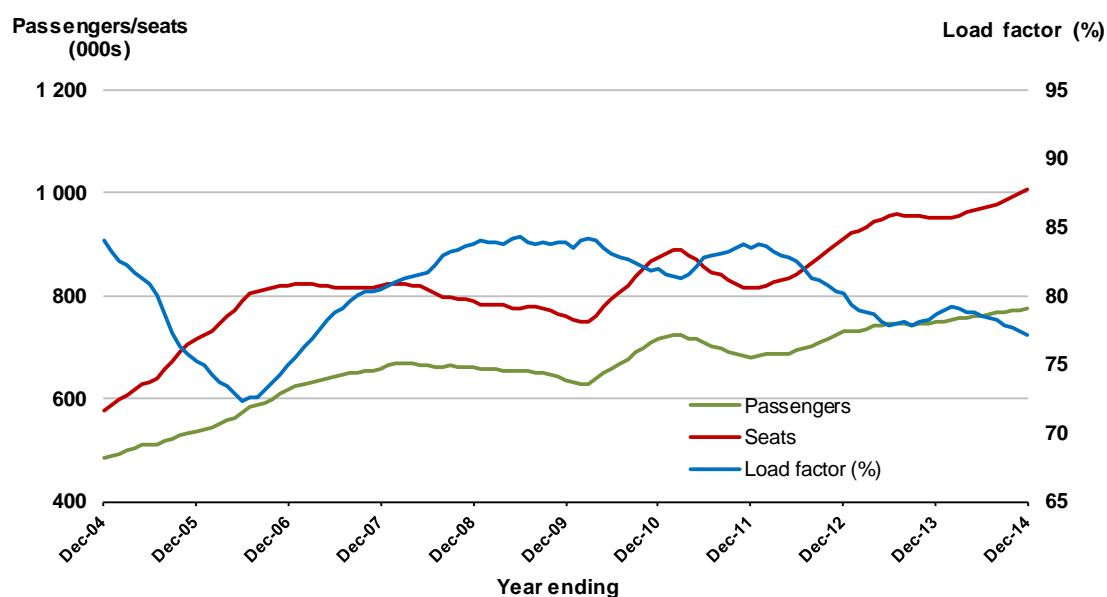
19. Brisbane - Mackay

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	863.5	746.4	-13.6
Seats (000s)	1 281.3	1 066.3	-16.8
Load factor %	67.4	70.0	2.6 *
Aircraft trips	9 227	7 692	-16.6

* percentage point difference
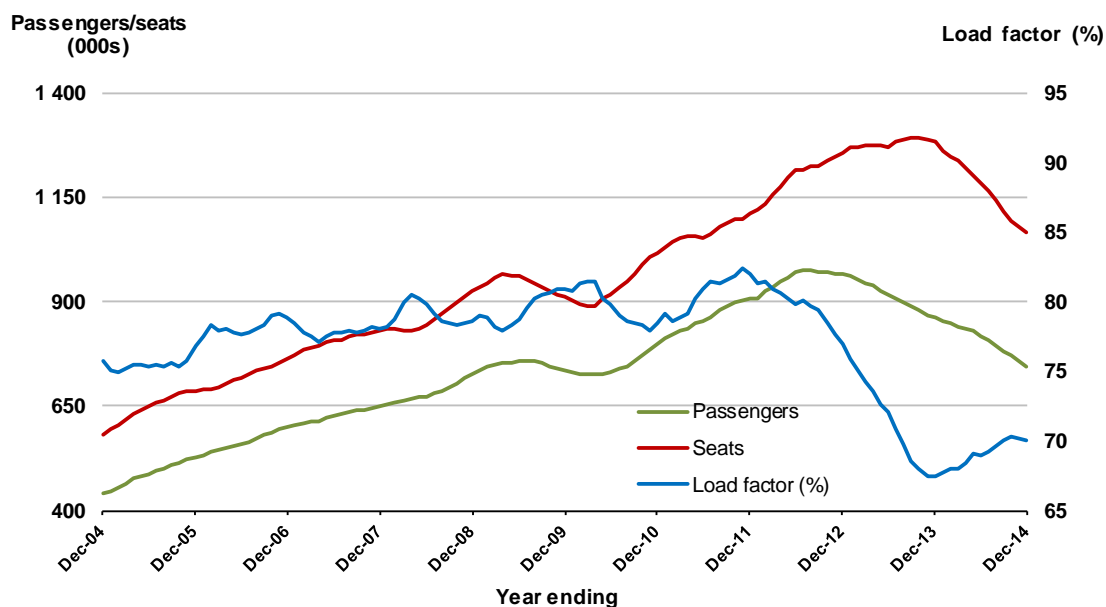
20. Cairns - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	677.6	713.2	5.3
Seats (000s)	853.0	871.2	2.1
Load factor %	79.4	81.9	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	4 595	4 636	0.9

* percentage point difference
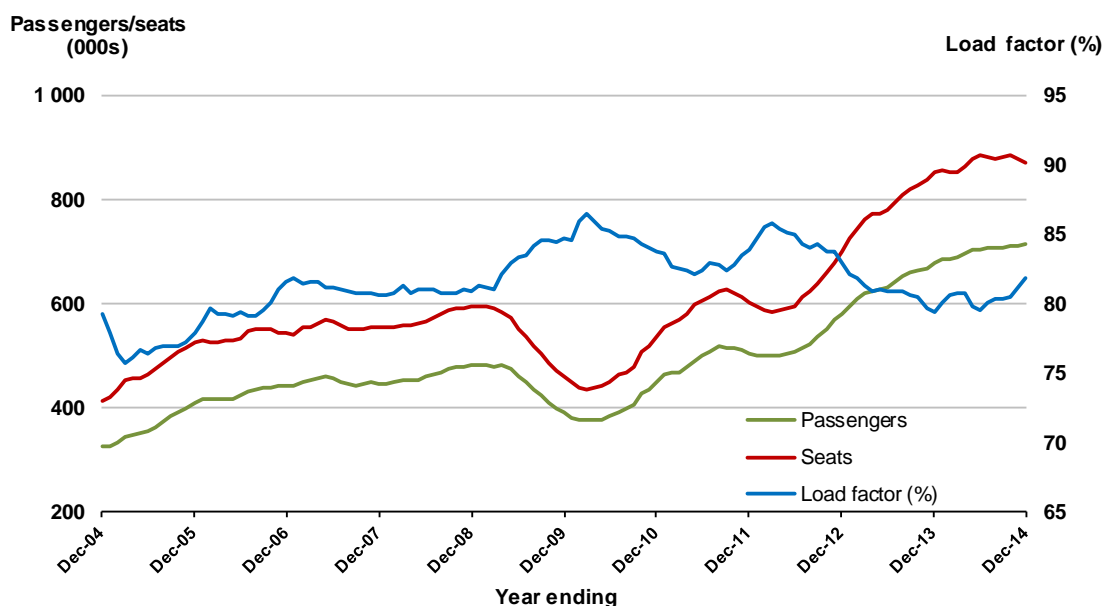
TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

	Airport	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
1	Cairns	3 810.5	3 897.9	2.3
2	Hobart	2 091.7	2 128.0	1.7
3	Darwin	1 816.5	1 780.4	-2.0
4	Townsville	1 619.0	1 553.5	-4.1
5	Launceston	1 257.9	1 289.7	2.5
6	Williamtown	1 221.6	1 180.8	-3.3
7	Mackay	1 155.7	1 032.1	-10.7
8	Karratha	770.6	719.3	-6.7
9	Rockhampton	727.0	682.2	-6.2
10	Alice Springs	655.2	621.1	-5.2
11	Port Hedland	489.4	521.0	6.5
12	Gladstone	509.7	491.5	-3.6
13	Hamilton Island	465.3	486.5	4.6
14	Ballina	382.7	414.4	8.3
15	Broome	439.8	400.9	-8.8
16	Newman	450.2	370.3	-17.8
17	Coffs Harbour	387.7	361.4	-6.8
18	Ayers Rock	233.4	275.3	18.0
19	Proserpine	234.4	264.3	12.8
20	Roma	223.7	250.6	12.0
21	Albury	261.2	250.0	-4.3
22	Emerald	283.6	246.6	-13.1
23	Mildura	244.6	239.4	-2.1
24	Mount Isa	267.2	239.1	-10.5
25	Port Macquarie	228.8	231.6	1.2
26	Kalgoorlie	242.0	231.6	-4.3
27	Wagga Wagga	209.9	211.9	0.9
28	Dubbo	196.9	211.6	7.5
29	Port Lincoln	189.7	190.8	0.6
30	Paraburdoo	232.3	189.6	-18.4
31	Moranbah	174.9	174.4	-0.3
32	Bundaberg	154.0	158.8	3.1
33	Hervey Bay	151.1	158.4	4.8
34	Tamworth	158.8	156.4	-1.5
35	Devonport	128.1	135.8	6.0
36	Geraldton	135.2	129.5	-4.2
37	Armidale	108.0	123.5	14.4
38	Kununurra	115.5	112.1	-3.0
39	Gove	114.4	94.6	-17.3
40	Thursday Island	92.3	86.3	-6.4
41	Learmonth	91.8	85.3	-7.1
42	Mount Gambier	80.7	77.5	-3.9
43	Olympic Dam	77.0	76.9	-0.2
44	Griffith	65.4	67.9	3.8
45	Weipa	70.4	67.2	-4.6
46	Burnie	68.5	63.3	-7.5
47	Whyalla	67.0	60.9	-9.0
48	Albany	58.9	60.1	2.0
49	Broken Hill	61.4	57.8	-5.9
50	Merimbula	53.3	57.5	NA (a)
	Total top 50 regional airports	**23 325.1**	**22 967.5**	**-1.5**
	Total regional airports	**24 796.9**	**24 319.8**	**-1.9**
	Total domestic network	**115 086.4**	**115 030.4**	**1.0**

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

(a) Data not comparable due to the partial closure of Merimbula airport in June 2013 for major works on the runway.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

Table 8: Domestic charter passengers carried and aircraft trips

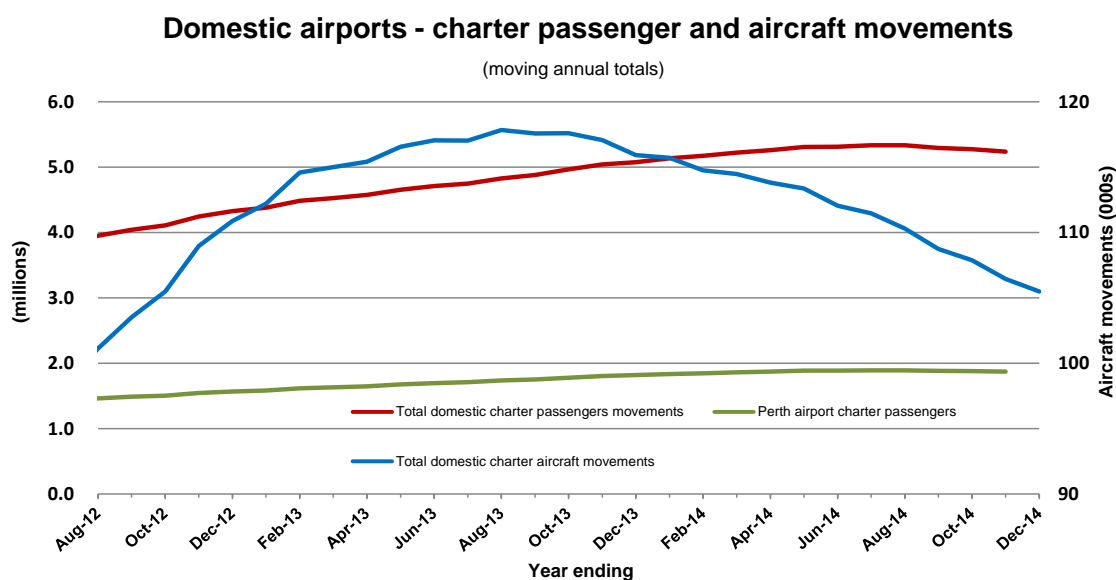|	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	2 568 118	2 614 876	1.8
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	57 859	52 310	-9.6

Note: helicopter and leisure charter flights not included.

Table 9: Domestic airports - charter passengers and aircraft movements

	YE Dec 2013	YE Dec 2014	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	5 136 236	5 229 752	1.8
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	115 718	104 620	-9.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	1 836 315	1 885 216	2.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	38 831	34 168	-12.0

Note: helicopter and leisure 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