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## FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending December 2024.

The data covers 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 over the previous six months where two or more airlines operate in competition. In November 2021 the major airlines (Qantas Group, Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines) agreed to publication of the top 35 routes based on pre-COVID activity (December 2019) whether or not they were meeting the above criteria. From January 2023, the passenger load and dual competition requirements were reinstated due to the continued recovery of passenger numbers.

Information on both the total network and the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending December 2024 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 62 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages on pages 3-10.

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 Team Global Express (formerly 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 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 63.64 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in the year ending December 2024, an increase of 3.8 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023. This is also 0.7 per cent lower compared with pre-COVID year ending December 2019.

59.29 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in the year ending December 2024, an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023.

In the year ending December 2024 there were 614.8 thousand RPT aircraft trips compared to 612.2 thousand in the previous year, an increase of 0.4 per cent.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 71.01 billion, an increase of 3.8 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased by 2.4 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023, to a total of 87.07 billion.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 80.5 per cent in the year ending December 2023 to 81.5 per cent in the year ending December 2024. The highest load factor (89.2 per cent) was recorded on the Adelaide – Gold Coast route while the lowest load factor (50.1 per cent) was recorded on the Geraldton – Perth route.

For the year ending December 2024, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 8.04 million passengers, an increase of 5.4 per cent compared with the previous calendar year. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.36 million passengers (up 2.5 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 3.50 million passengers (up 5.7 per cent).

In the year ending December 2024, Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 25.14 million passenger movements, up 4.1 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023, followed by Melbourne with 24.15 million passenger movements (up 3.2 per cent) and Brisbane with 17.12 million passenger movements (up 4.7 per cent).

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 320.3 thousand tonnes in the year ending December 2024, a decrease of 4.4 per cent compared to the year ending December 2023.

In the year ending December 2024, the number of domestic aviation passengers travelling through regional airports was 25.03 million, up 2.6 per cent compared to the year ending December 2023. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Busselton airport (up 70.5 per cent) while the largest decrease was recorded at Coffs Harbour Airport (down 11.0 per cent).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 4.35 million passengers in the year ending December 2024, an increase of 7.4 per cent compared with the year ending December 2023. Perth airport accounted for 36.7 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

## TOTAL NETWORK

### Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	61.32	63.64	3.8
Aircraft trips (000s)	682.0	688.5	1.0

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

## RPT NETWORK

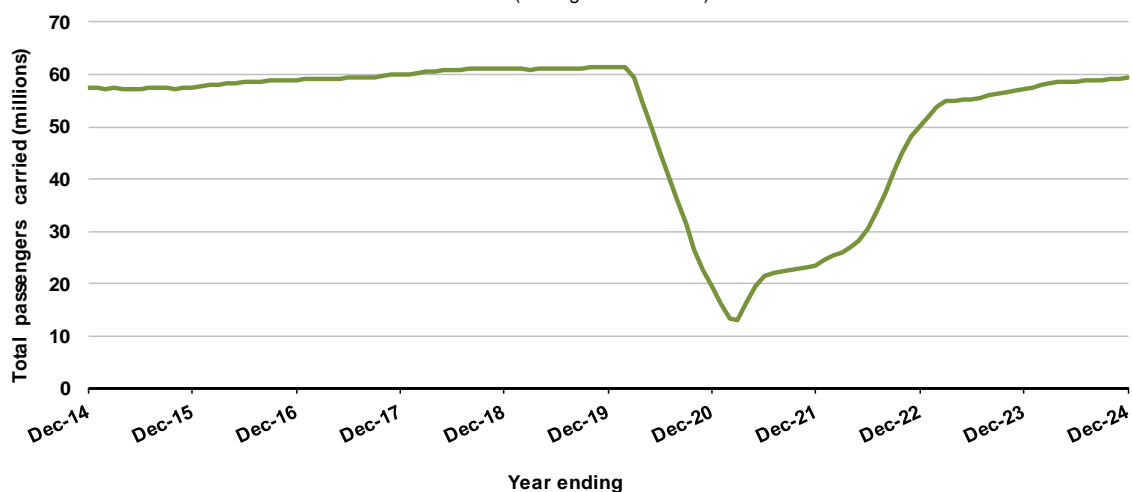
### Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	57.27	59.29	3.5
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	68.42	71.01	3.8
Available seats (millions)	73.18	74.52	1.8
Available seat kilometres (billions)	85.01	87.07	2.4
Load factor %	80.5	81.5	1.1 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	612.2	614.8	0.4

\* percentage point difference

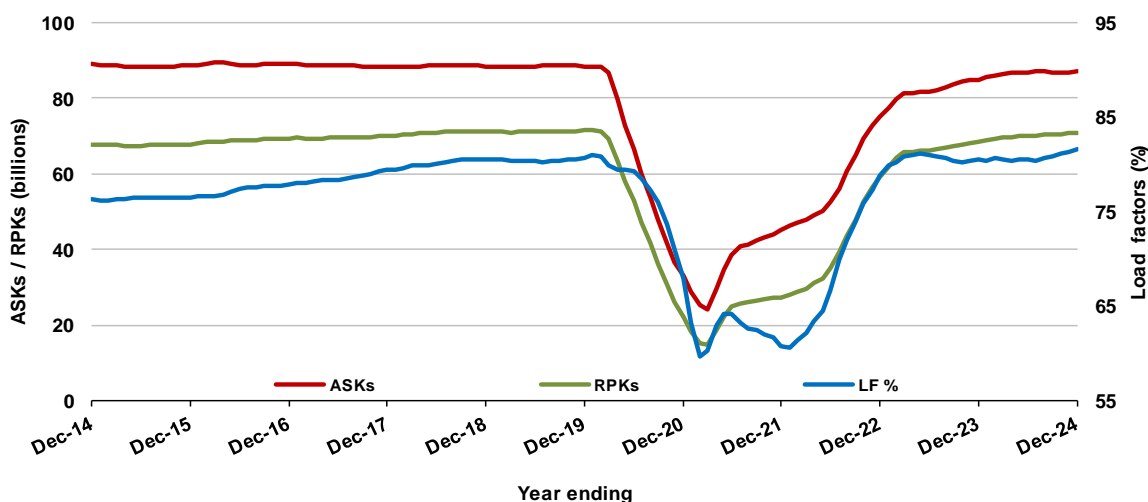
### Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



### RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)





## TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7,624.6	8,037.1	5.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4,250.6	4,358.3	2.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3,311.8	3,499.3	5.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2,436.6	2,538.0	4.2
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2,284.0	2,331.1	2.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2,219.7	2,187.9	-1.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	1,915.8	2,030.6	6.0
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1,743.2	1,883.8	8.1
9	Perth - Sydney	1,586.8	1,639.4	3.3
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1,294.8	1,373.1	6.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1,243.8	1,305.5	5.0
12	Brisbane - Perth	1,009.4	1,090.9	8.1
13	Canberra - Melbourne	997.4	1,009.4	1.2
14	Brisbane - Townsville	872.8	940.8	7.8
15	Cairns - Sydney	879.5	919.2	4.5
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	819.2	875.3	6.9
17	Launceston - Melbourne	815.0	856.0	5.0
18	Cairns - Melbourne	811.0	824.8	1.7
19	Hobart - Sydney	734.9	804.8	9.5
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	756.8	777.8	2.8
21	Brisbane - Mackay	728.4	761.3	4.5
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	747.8	742.6	-0.7
23	Adelaide - Perth	654.1	697.8	6.7
24	Canberra - Sydney	602.6	639.5	6.1
25	Brisbane - Canberra	630.4	638.3	1.2
26	Karratha - Perth	543.7	608.6	11.9
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	509.5	585.0	14.8
28	Ballina - Sydney	534.6	523.2	-2.1
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	499.8	512.5	2.5
30	Perth - Port Hedland	479.4	475.3	-0.9
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	421.3	457.3	8.6
32	Newman - Perth	371.2	396.7	6.9
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	359.3	366.9	2.1
34	Broome - Perth	363.8	355.1	-2.4
35	Launceston - Sydney	330.9	339.7	2.6
36	Brisbane - Darwin	321.5	327.3	1.8
37	Brisbane - Hobart	293.8	307.0	4.5
38	Darwin - Melbourne	283.4	289.3	2.1
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	260.2	279.8	7.5
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	274.7	277.9	1.2
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	246.2	246.9	0.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	214.0	224.4	4.9
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	213.8	208.1	-2.7
44	Brisbane - Emerald	184.3	187.1	1.5
45	Adelaide - Canberra	193.4	186.1	-3.8
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	175.8	182.5	3.8
47	Darwin - Perth	171.2	182.5	6.6
48	Dubbo - Sydney	177.7	173.0	-2.7
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	173.9	169.5	-2.5
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	166.5	165.8	-0.5

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	164.2	162.3	-1.2
52	Albury - Sydney	165.7	161.3	-2.7
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	154.0	159.9	3.9
54	Melbourne - Mildura	166.6	159.7	-4.1
55	Brisbane - Launceston	152.6	152.5	0.0
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	143.7	147.9	3.0
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	129.5	140.9	8.8
58	Devonport - Melbourne	121.2	124.6	2.8
59	Geraldton - Perth	92.9	113.3	21.9
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	109.1	112.1	2.7
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	116.5	107.4	-7.9
62	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	107.3	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>57,273.5</b>	<b>59,292.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9,304.1	9,647.1	3.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5,246.5	5,198.4	-0.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	4,020.3	4,176.9	3.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2,851.1	2,917.7	2.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2,789.6	2,780.0	-0.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2,732.7	2,462.2	-9.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	2,300.2	2,428.6	5.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	2,119.0	2,347.7	10.8
9	Perth - Sydney	1,883.2	1,913.2	1.6
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1,589.5	1,654.1	4.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1,415.3	1,520.4	7.4
12	Brisbane - Perth	1,190.6	1,287.0	8.1
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1,402.4	1,348.1	-3.9
14	Brisbane - Townsville	1,086.8	1,141.9	5.1
15	Cairns - Sydney	998.8	1,066.9	6.8
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	1,006.0	1,077.1	7.1
17	Launceston - Melbourne	1,036.3	1,053.8	1.7
18	Cairns - Melbourne	924.7	944.3	2.1
19	Hobart - Sydney	924.8	989.2	7.0
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	943.5	921.9	-2.3
21	Brisbane - Mackay	947.1	945.8	-0.1
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	881.6	850.3	-3.5
23	Adelaide - Perth	778.8	854.3	9.7
24	Canberra - Sydney	917.1	1,011.8	10.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	896.1	837.7	-6.5
26	Karratha - Perth	775.3	885.4	14.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	669.1	739.4	10.5
28	Ballina - Sydney	666.8	611.4	-8.3
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	687.2	622.5	-9.4
30	Perth - Port Hedland	695.5	744.4	7.0
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	534.3	554.4	3.8
32	Newman - Perth	629.7	652.9	3.7
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	558.9	654.5	17.1
34	Broome - Perth	471.5	466.4	-1.1
35	Launceston - Sydney	409.5	399.1	-2.5
36	Brisbane - Darwin	390.2	377.3	-3.3
37	Brisbane - Hobart	360.4	356.8	-1.0
38	Darwin - Melbourne	351.4	342.5	-2.5
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	294.2	313.6	6.6
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	334.5	321.1	-4.0
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	345.2	317.3	-8.1
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	355.9	332.5	-6.6
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	283.0	271.2	-4.2
44	Brisbane - Emerald	261.2	288.6	10.5
45	Adelaide - Canberra	311.5	261.2	-16.1
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	212.2	209.9	-1.1
47	Darwin - Perth	230.5	247.1	7.2
48	Dubbo - Sydney	281.4	280.9	-0.2
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	269.1	270.4	0.5
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	257.9	239.9	-7.0

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	239.7	212.5	-11.3
52	Albury - Sydney	250.5	231.2	-7.7
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	253.9	252.3	-0.6
54	Melbourne - Mildura	236.9	216.3	-8.7
55	Brisbane - Launceston	188.7	177.8	-5.8
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	233.6	232.4	-0.5
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	212.0	218.6	3.1
58	Devonport - Melbourne	173.4	171.6	-1.0
59	Geraldton - Perth	169.5	225.2	32.8
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	194.1	199.5	2.8
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	162.1	160.6	-0.9
62	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	0.0	134.5	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>73,182.8</b>	<b>74,516.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	82.0	83.3	1.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	81.0	83.8	2.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	82.4	83.8	1.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	85.5	87.0	1.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	81.9	83.9	2.0
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	89.0	88.9	-0.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	83.3	83.6	0.3
8	Adelaide - Sydney	82.3	80.2	-2.0
9	Perth - Sydney	84.3	85.7	1.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	81.5	83.0	1.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	87.9	85.9	-2.0
12	Brisbane - Perth	84.8	84.8	0.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	71.1	74.9	3.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	80.3	82.4	2.1
15	Cairns - Sydney	88.1	86.2	-1.9
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	81.4	81.3	-0.2
17	Launceston - Melbourne	78.6	81.2	2.6
18	Cairns - Melbourne	87.7	87.3	-0.4
19	Hobart - Sydney	79.5	81.4	1.9
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	80.2	84.4	4.2
21	Brisbane - Mackay	76.9	80.5	3.6
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	85.1	87.3	2.2
23	Adelaide - Perth	84.0	81.7	-2.3
24	Canberra - Sydney	65.7	63.2	-2.5
25	Brisbane - Canberra	70.4	76.2	5.8
26	Karratha - Perth	70.1	68.7	-1.4
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	76.2	79.1	3.0
28	Ballina - Sydney	80.2	85.6	5.4
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	72.7	82.3	9.6
30	Perth - Port Hedland	68.9	63.8	-5.1
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	78.9	82.5	3.6
32	Newman - Perth	58.9	60.8	1.8
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	64.3	55.9	-8.4
34	Broome - Perth	77.2	76.1	-1.0
35	Launceston - Sydney	80.8	85.1	4.3
36	Brisbane - Darwin	82.4	86.7	4.3
37	Brisbane - Hobart	81.5	86.1	4.5
38	Darwin - Melbourne	80.6	84.5	3.8
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	88.5	89.2	0.8
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	82.1	86.5	4.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	71.3	77.8	6.5
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	60.1	67.5	7.4
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	75.6	76.7	1.2
44	Brisbane - Emerald	70.5	64.8	-5.7
45	Adelaide - Canberra	62.1	71.3	9.2
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	82.9	87.0	4.1
47	Darwin - Perth	74.2	73.9	-0.4
48	Dubbo - Sydney	63.2	61.6	-1.6
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	64.6	62.7	-1.9
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	64.6	69.1	4.5

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	68.5	76.4	7.8
52	Albury - Sydney	66.1	69.8	3.6
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	60.6	63.4	2.7
54	Melbourne - Mildura	70.3	73.8	3.5
55	Brisbane - Launceston	80.9	85.8	4.9
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	61.5	63.7	2.1
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	61.1	64.5	3.4
58	Devonport - Melbourne	69.9	72.6	2.7
59	Geraldton - Perth	54.8	50.1	-4.7
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	56.2	56.2	0.0
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	71.9	66.9	-5.0
62	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	79.8	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>

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**Table 4: Aircraft trips <sup>(a)</sup> — annual activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	53,921	55,624	3.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	32,233	31,444	-2.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	24,355	24,965	2.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	16,395	16,439	0.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	17,150	16,732	-2.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	13,505	13,408	-0.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	12,817	13,381	4.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	12,957	14,016	8.2
9	Perth - Sydney	9,737	10,097	3.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	9,268	9,813	5.9
11	Brisbane - Cairns	9,555	10,547	10.4
12	Brisbane - Perth	6,902	7,434	7.7
13	Canberra - Melbourne	10,128	9,023	-10.9
14	Brisbane - Townsville	7,967	8,727	9.5
15	Cairns - Sydney	5,175	5,641	9.0
16	Adelaide - Brisbane	8,380	8,246	-1.6
17	Launceston - Melbourne	8,803	8,117	-7.8
18	Cairns - Melbourne	4,755	4,883	2.7
19	Hobart - Sydney	5,683	5,700	0.3
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	5,385	5,138	-4.6
21	Brisbane - Mackay	7,384	7,533	2.0
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	4,797	4,594	-4.2
23	Adelaide - Perth	4,446	4,843	8.9
24	Canberra - Sydney	14,954	14,739	-1.4
25	Brisbane - Canberra	6,982	6,742	-3.4
26	Karratha - Perth	4,706	5,329	13.2
27	Brisbane - Rockhampton	7,773	8,137	4.7
28	Ballina - Sydney	4,852	4,150	-14.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	6,134	5,352	-12.7
30	Perth - Port Hedland	4,372	4,609	5.4
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	3,414	3,599	5.4
32	Newman - Perth	3,970	4,052	2.1
33	Kalgoorlie - Perth	3,770	4,425	17.4
34	Broome - Perth	3,121	3,065	-1.8
35	Launceston - Sydney	2,555	2,461	-3.7
36	Brisbane - Darwin	2,660	2,697	1.4
37	Brisbane - Hobart	2,276	2,232	-1.9
38	Darwin - Melbourne	2,149	1,992	-7.3
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1,613	1,601	-0.7
40	Brisbane - Proserpine	2,293	2,014	-12.2
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1,961	1,798	-8.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	4,298	3,912	-9.0
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	5,129	4,730	-7.8
44	Brisbane - Emerald	3,927	4,009	2.1
45	Adelaide - Canberra	2,849	2,398	-15.8
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	1,193	1,172	-1.8
47	Darwin - Perth	1,342	1,437	7.1
48	Dubbo - Sydney	5,325	5,307	-0.3
49	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	6,555	6,582	0.4
50	Port Macquarie - Sydney	4,563	4,022	-11.9

(continued)

**Table 4: (continued) Aircraft trips <sup>(a)</sup> — annual activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1,401	1,503	7.3
52	Albury - Sydney	4,790	4,229	-11.7
53	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	4,672	4,509	-3.5
54	Melbourne - Mildura	5,072	4,813	-5.1
55	Brisbane - Launceston	1,087	1,039	-4.4
56	Brisbane - Mount Isa	2,046	2,184	6.7
57	Brisbane - Bundaberg	3,433	3,544	3.2
58	Devonport - Melbourne	3,829	3,739	-2.4
59	Geraldton - Perth	1,600	2,471	54.4
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	2,578	2,658	3.1
61	Adelaide - Alice Springs	1,935	1,897	-2.0
62	Ayers Rock - Melbourne	..	742	NA
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>612,234</b>	<b>614,803</b>	<b>0.4</b>

(a) Includes RPT Cargo flights.

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## TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

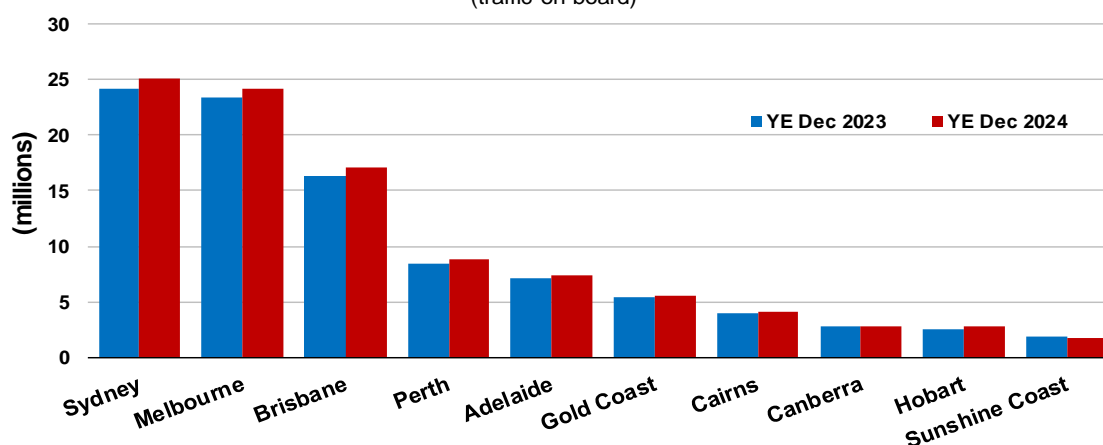
Table 5: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) — annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	24,136.5	25,136.2	4.1	21.2
2 Melbourne	23,397.2	24,146.5	3.2	20.4
3 Brisbane	16,353.8	17,115.0	4.7	14.4
4 Perth	8,403.5	8,889.3	5.8	7.5
5 Adelaide	7,116.9	7,387.5	3.8	6.2
6 Gold Coast	5,459.1	5,578.6	2.2	4.7
7 Cairns	3,970.5	4,091.7	3.1	3.5
8 Canberra	2,759.1	2,797.8	1.4	2.4
9 Hobart	2,579.5	2,729.3	5.8	2.3
10 Sunshine Coast	1,854.6	1,699.1	-8.4	1.4
<b>Total top ten airports</b>	<b>96,030.6</b>	<b>99,571.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>84.0</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>114,547.1</b>	<b>118,585.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

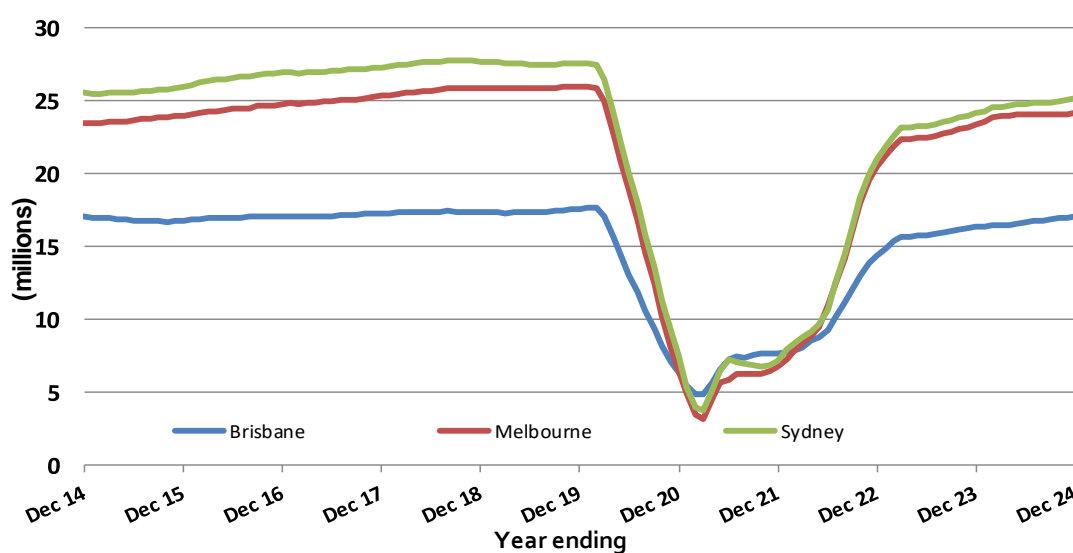
### Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(traffic on board)



### Top three airports, domestic passenger movements

(moving annual totals - traffic on board)



## TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

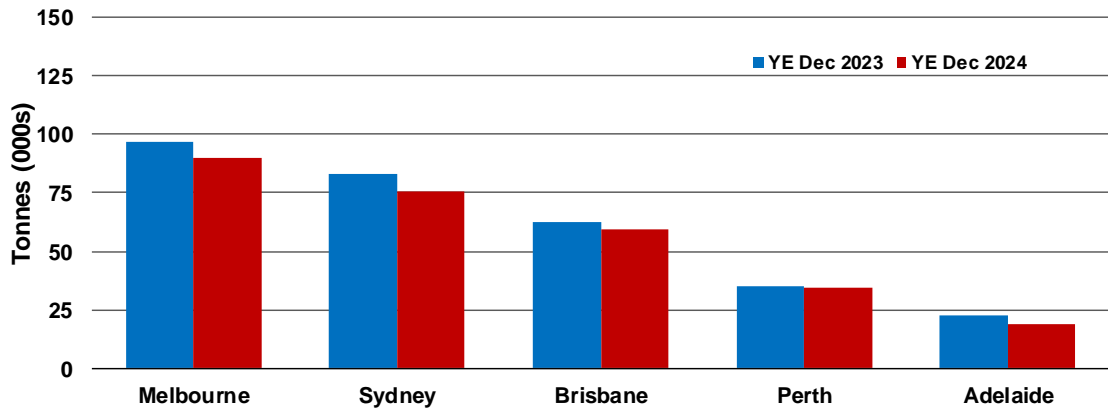
Table 6: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	96.8	89.8	-7.2	28.0
2 Sydney	82.9	75.4	-9.0	23.5
3 Brisbane	62.4	59.3	-5.0	18.5
4 Perth	35.2	34.7	-1.5	10.8
5 Adelaide	22.5	18.9	-15.8	5.9
<b>Total top five airports</b>	<b>299.7</b>	<b>278.1</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>86.8</b>
<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>320.3</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

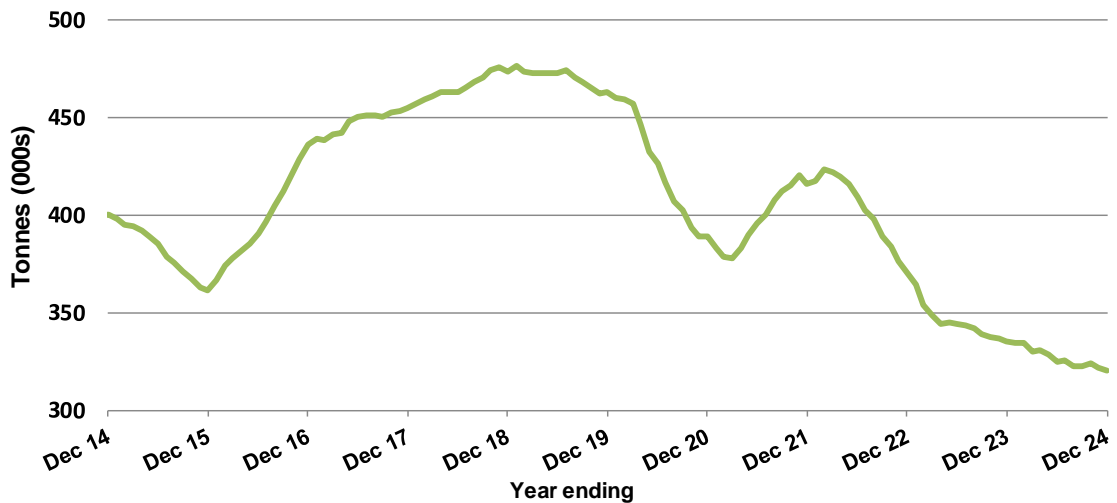
### Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



### Total domestic network - cargo movements

(moving annual totals- traffic on board)



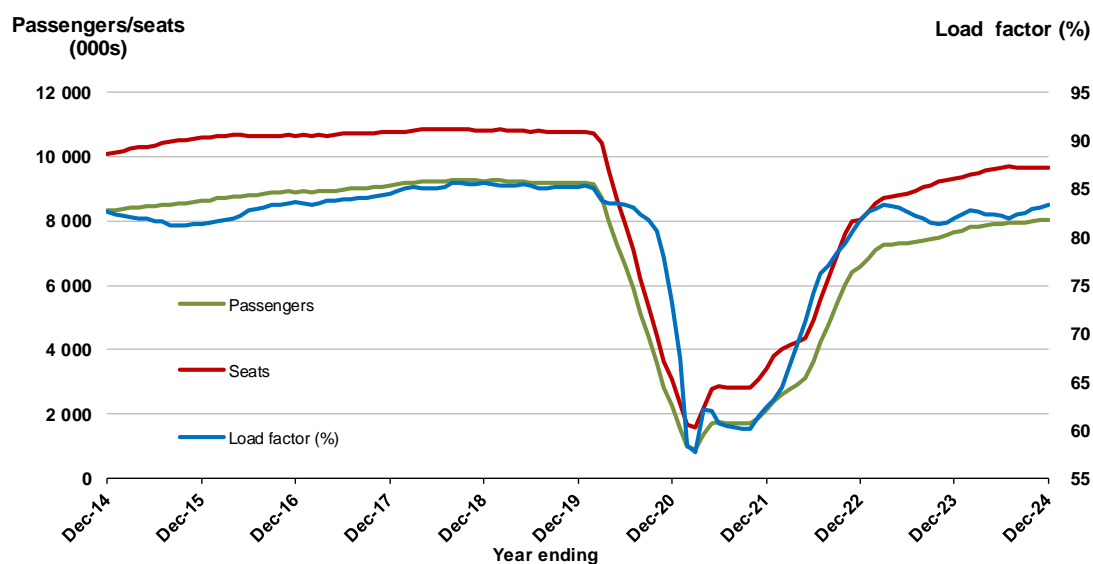
# TOP TWENTY ROUTES

## 1. Melbourne - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7,624.6	8,037.1	5.4
Seats (000s)	9,304.1	9,647.1	3.7
Load factor %	82.0	83.3	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	53,921	55,624	3.2

\* percentage point difference

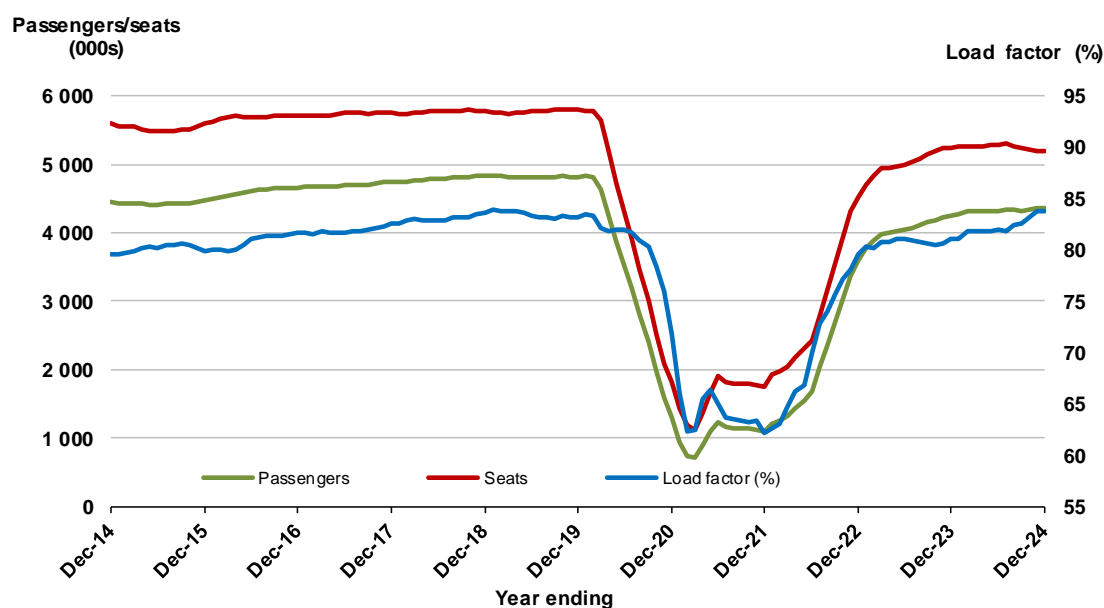


## 2. Brisbane - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4,250.6	4,358.3	2.5
Seats (000s)	5,246.5	5,198.4	-0.9 *
Load factor %	81.0	83.8	2.8 *
Aircraft trips	32,233	31,444	-2.4

\* percentage point difference

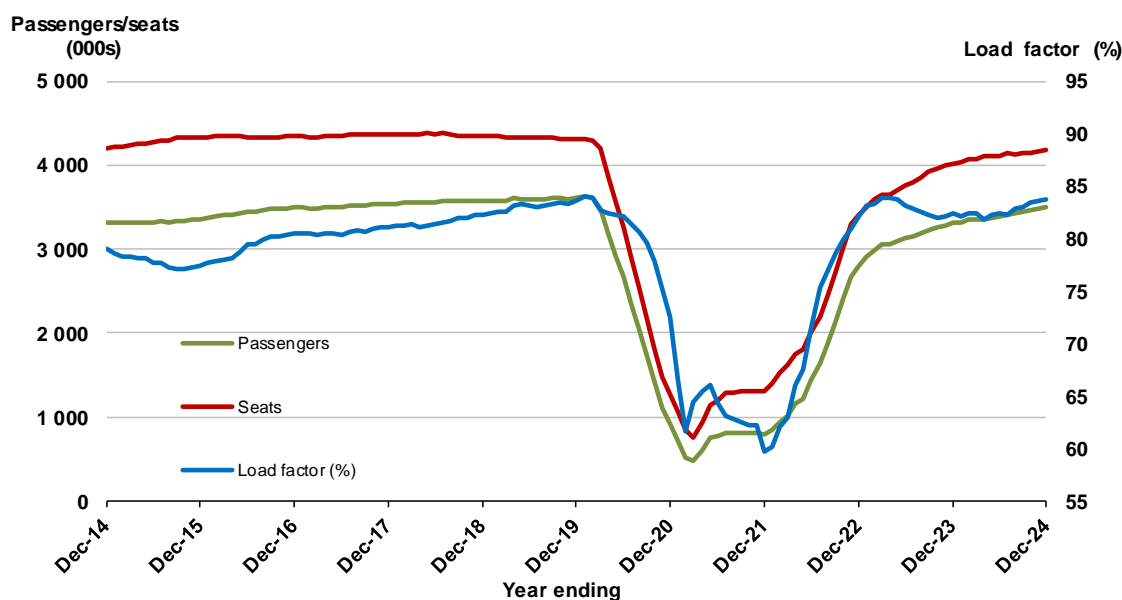


### 3. Brisbane - Melbourne

#### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3,311.8	3,499.3	5.7
Seats (000s)	4,020.3	4,176.9	3.9
Load factor %	82.4	83.8	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	24,355	24,965	2.5

\* percentage point difference

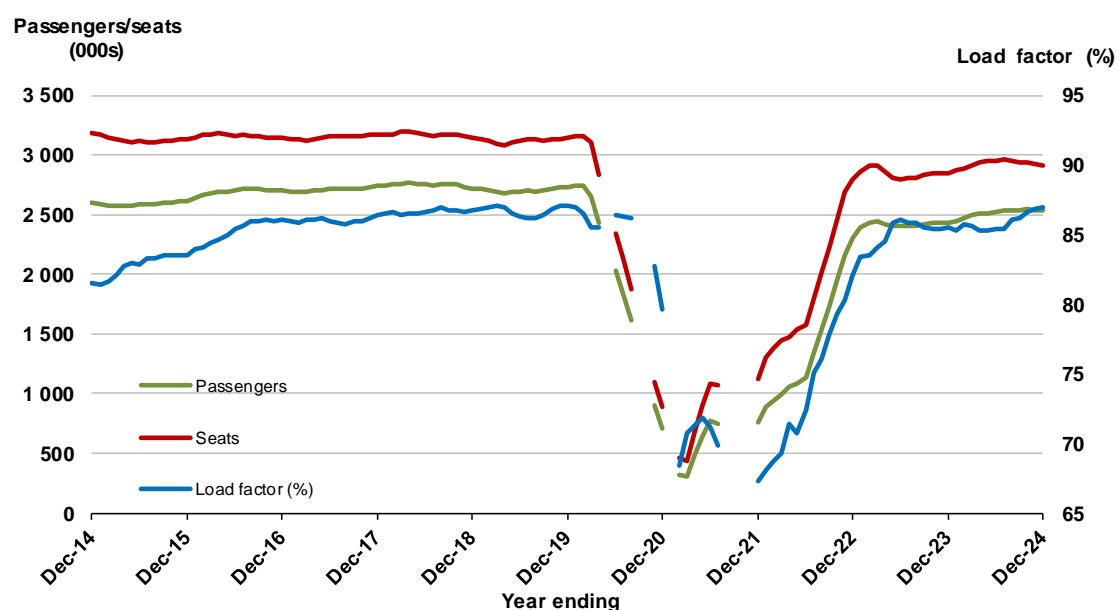


### 4. Gold Coast - Sydney <sup>(a)</sup>

#### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,436.6	2,538.0	4.2
Seats (000s)	2,851.1	2,917.7	2.3
Load factor %	85.5	87.0	1.5 *
Aircraft trips	16,395	16,439	0.3

\* percentage point difference



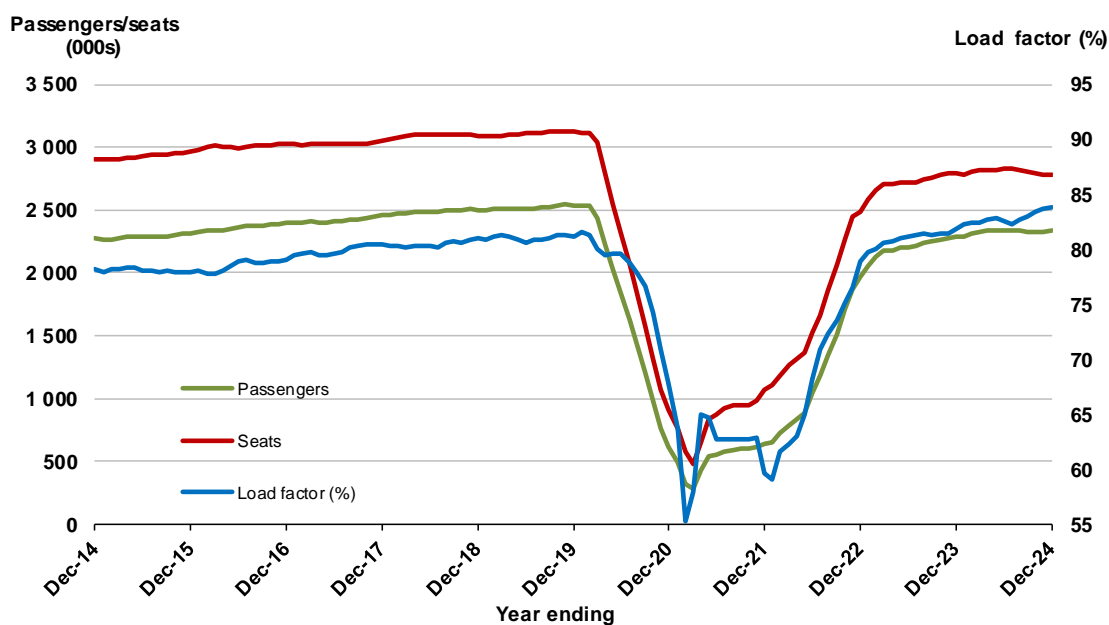
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## 5. Adelaide - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,284.0	2,331.1	2.1
Seats (000s)	2,789.6	2,780.0	-0.3
Load factor %	81.9	83.9	2.0 *
Aircraft trips	17,150	16,732	-2.4

\* percentage point difference

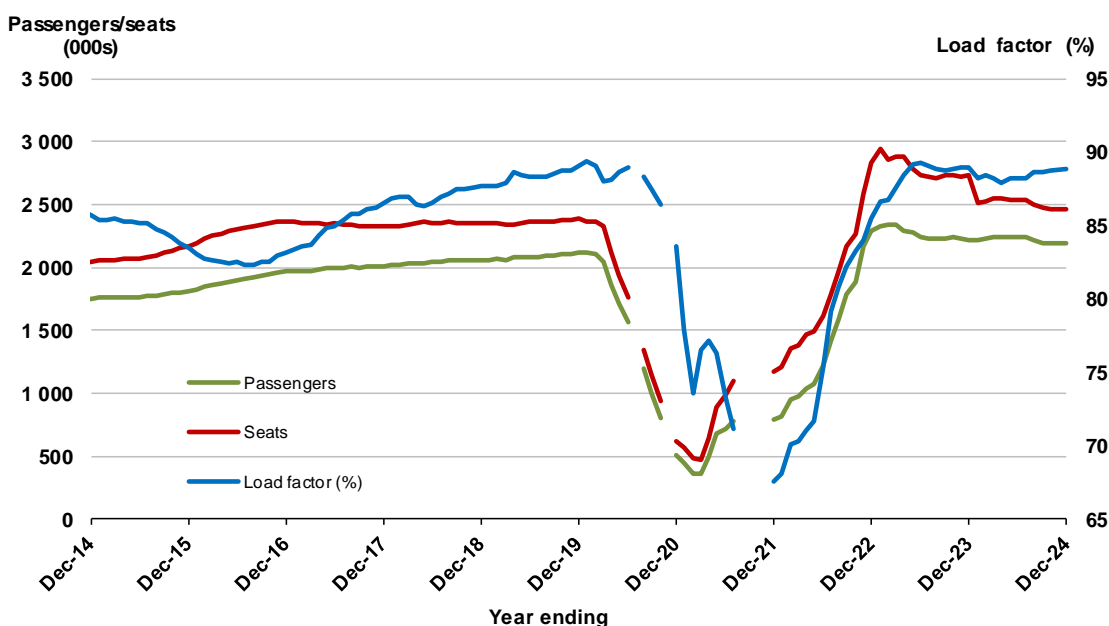


## 6. Gold Coast - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,219.7	2,187.9	-1.4
Seats (000s)	2,732.7	2,462.2	-9.9
Load factor %	89.0	88.9	-0.1 *
Aircraft trips	13,505	13,408	-0.7

\* percentage point difference



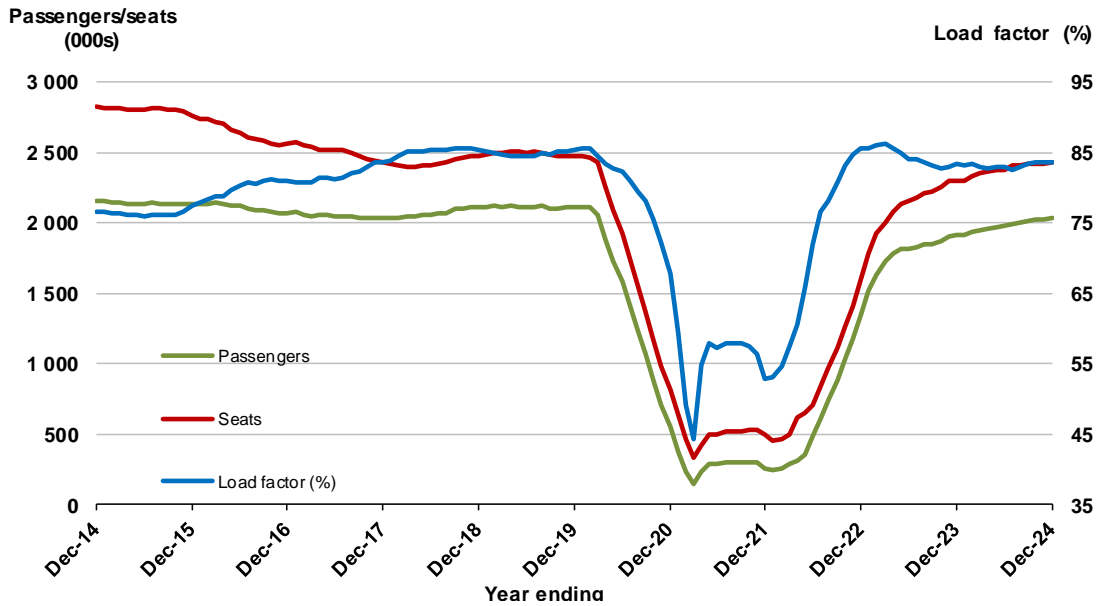
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## 7. Melbourne - Perth

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,915.8	2,030.6	6.0
Seats (000s)	2,300.2	2,428.6	5.6
Load factor %	83.3	83.6	0.3*
Aircraft trips	12,817	13,381	4.4

\* percentage point difference

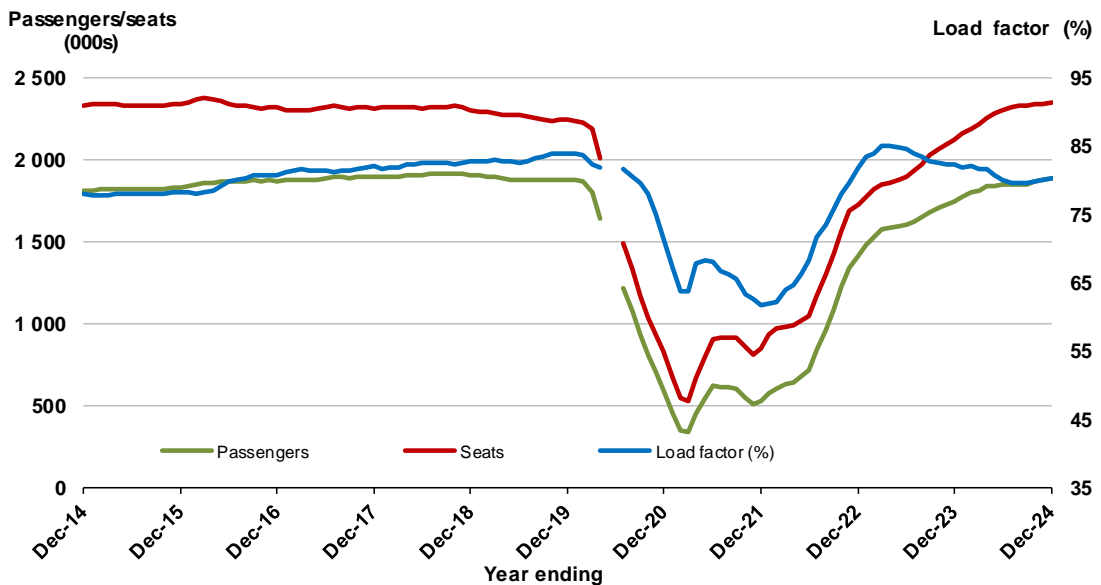


## 8. Adelaide - Sydney (a)

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,743.2	1,883.8	8.1
Seats (000s)	2,119.0	2,347.7	10.8
Load factor %	82.3	80.2	-2.0*
Aircraft trips	12,957	14,016	8.2

\* percentage point difference



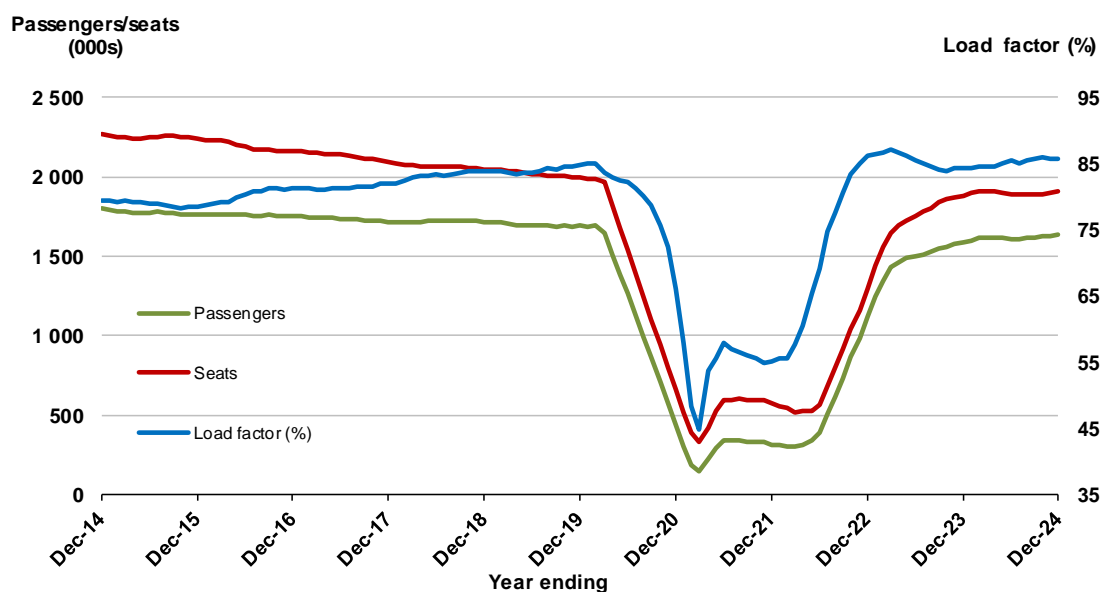
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## 9. Perth - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,586.8	1,639.4	3.3
Seats (000s)	1,883.2	1,913.2	1.6
Load factor %	84.3	85.7	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	9,737	10,097	3.7

\* percentage point difference

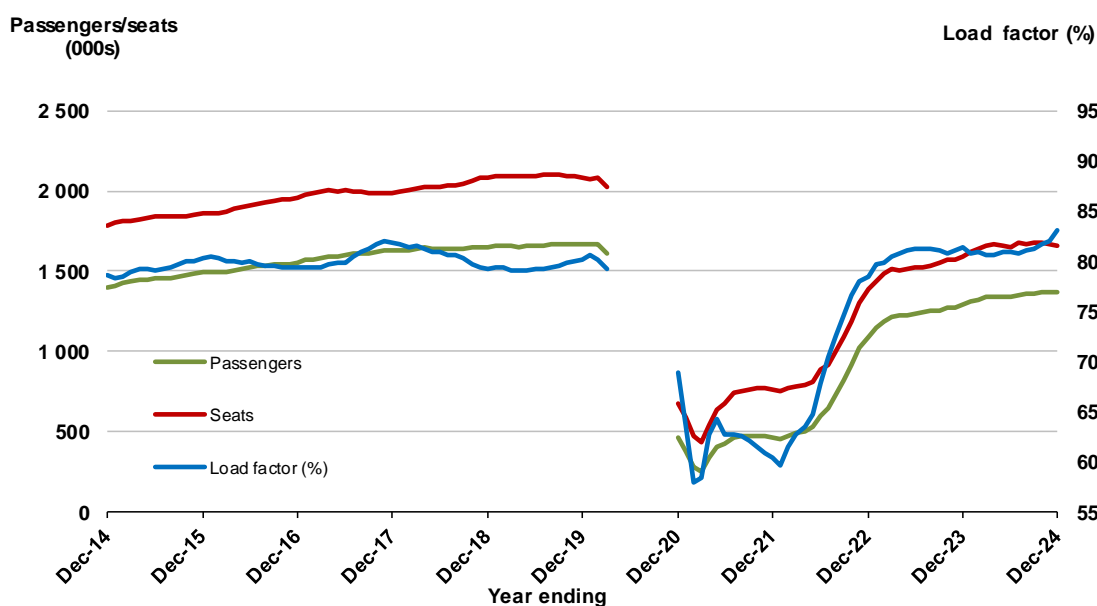


## 10. Hobart - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,294.8	1,373.1	6.1
Seats (000s)	1,589.5	1,654.1	4.1
Load factor %	81.5	83.0	1.6 *
Aircraft trips	9,268	9,813	5.9

\* percentage point difference



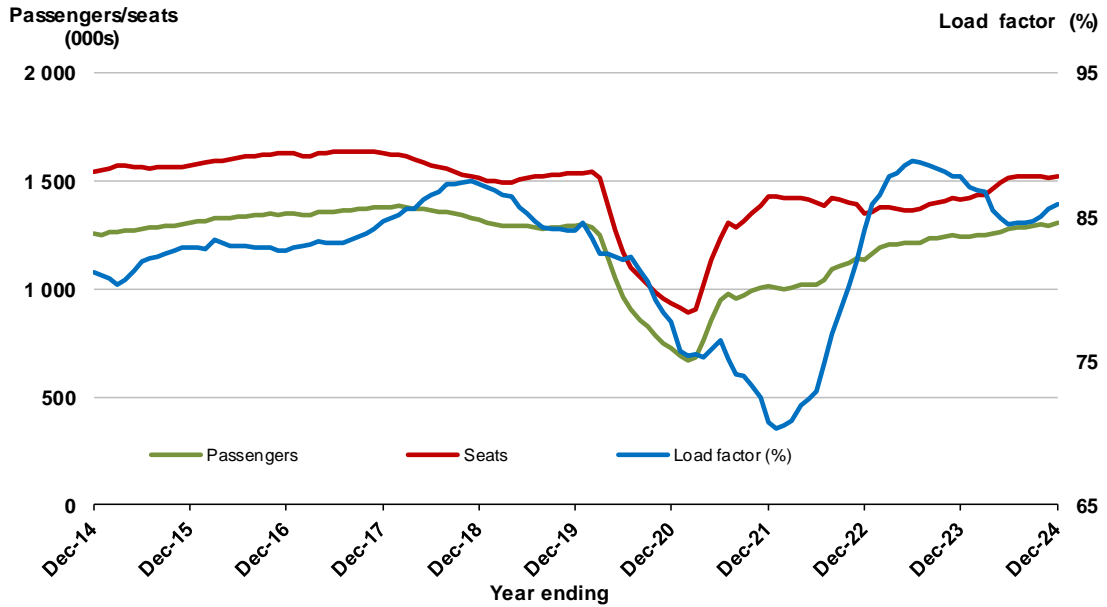
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## 11. Brisbane - Cairns

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,243.8	1,305.5	5.0
Seats (000s)	1,415.3	1,520.4	7.4
Load factor %	87.9	85.9	-2.0*
Aircraft trips	9,555	10,547	10.4

\* percentage point difference

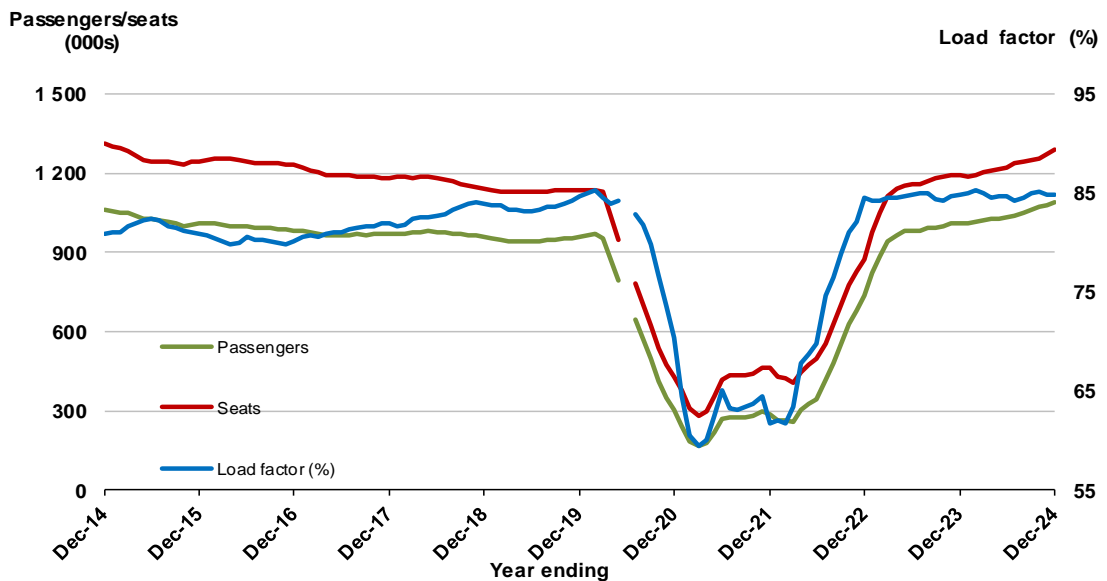


## 12. Brisbane - Perth <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,009.4	1,090.9	8.1
Seats (000s)	1,190.6	1,287.0	8.1
Load factor %	84.8	84.8	0.0*
Aircraft trips	6,902	7,434	7.7

\* percentage point difference



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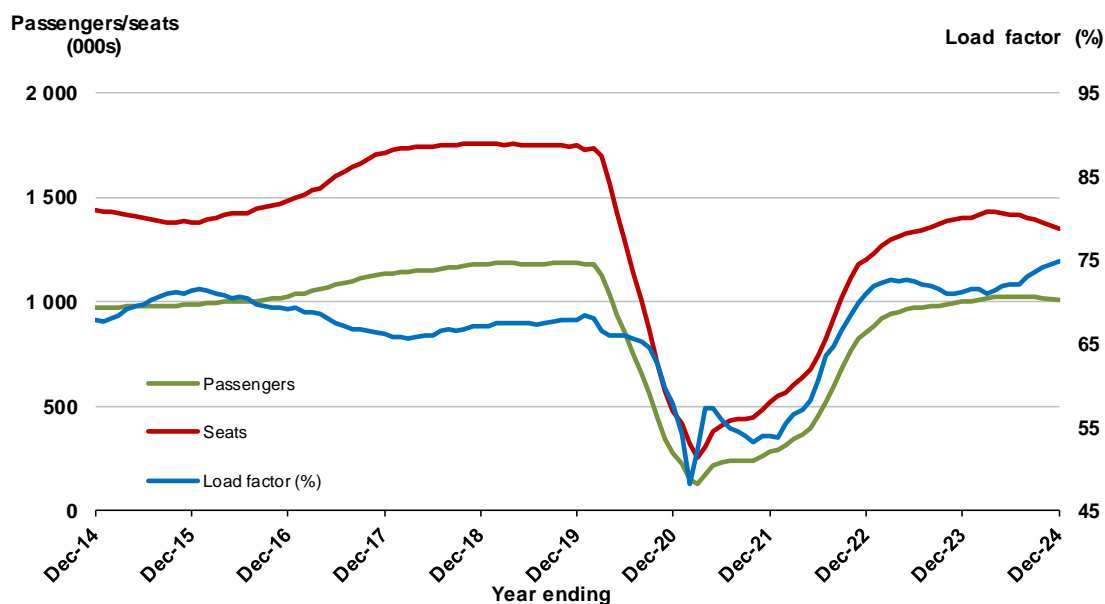


### 13. Canberra - Melbourne

#### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	997.4	1,009.4	1.2
Seats (000s)	1,402.4	1,348.1	-3.9
Load factor %	71.1	74.9	3.8 *
Aircraft trips	10,128	9,023	-10.9

\* percentage point difference

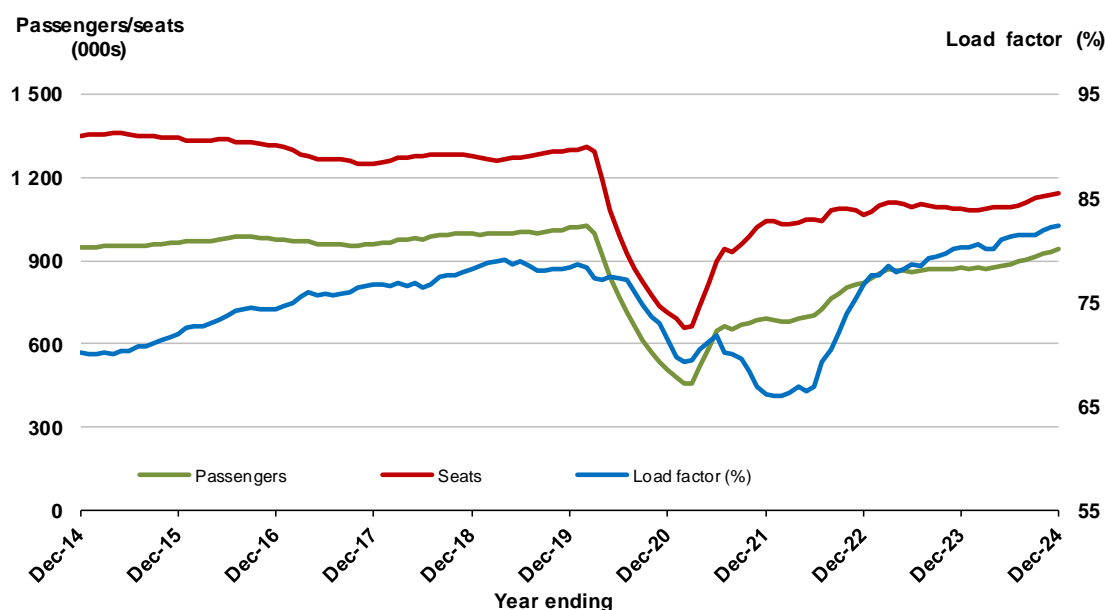


### 14. Brisbane - Townsville

#### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	872.8	940.8	7.8
Seats (000s)	1,086.8	1,141.9	5.1
Load factor %	80.3	82.4	2.1 *
Aircraft trips	7,967	8,727	9.5

\* percentage point difference

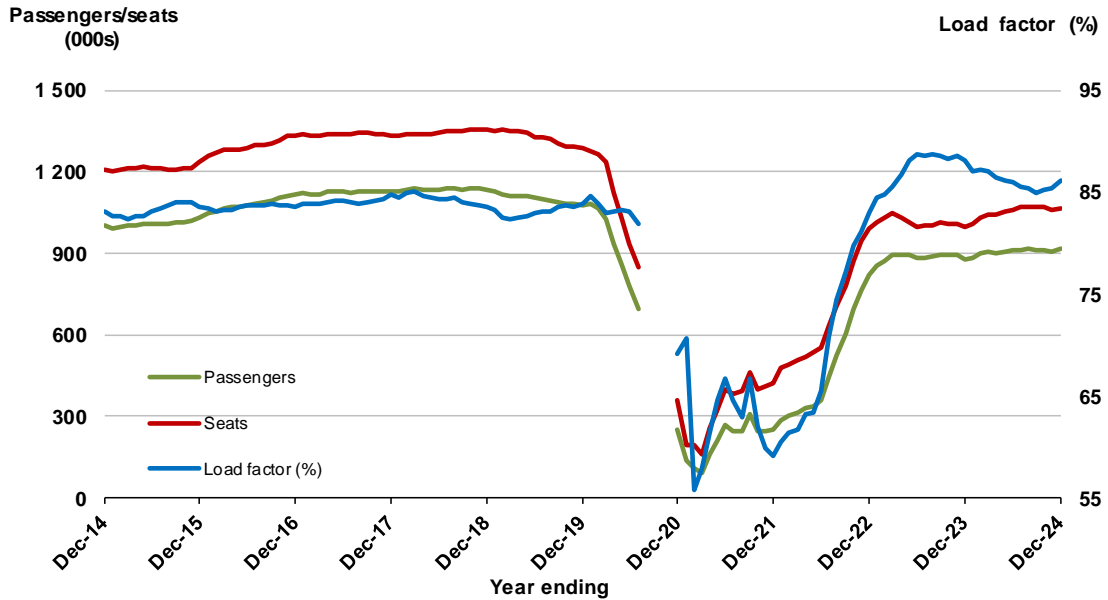


## 15. Cairns - Sydney <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	879.5	919.2	4.5
Seats (000s)	998.8	1,066.9	6.8
Load factor %	88.1	86.2	-1.9 *
Aircraft trips	5,175	5,641	9.0

\* percentage point difference



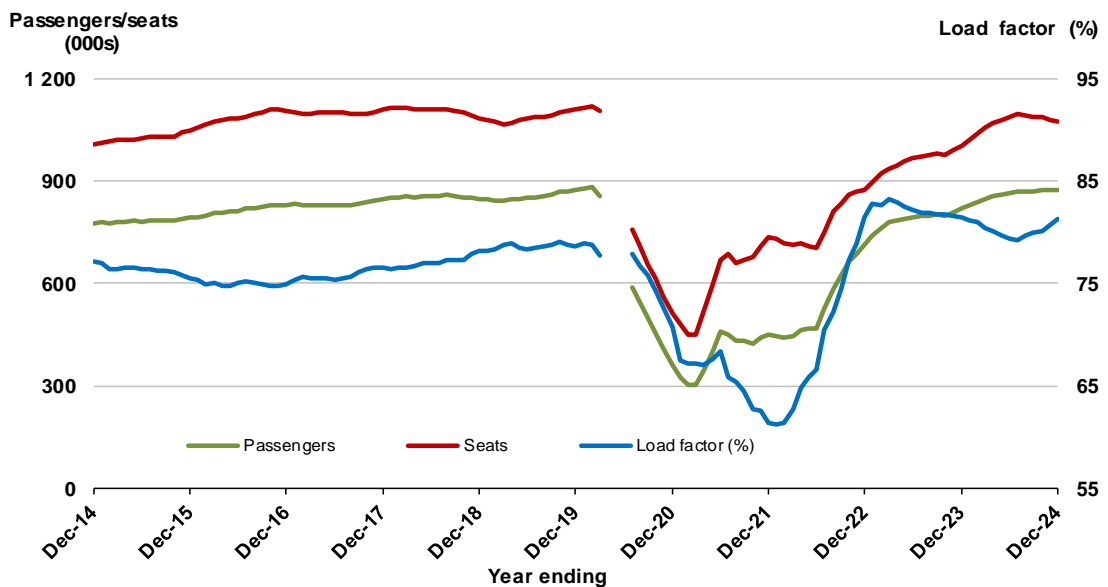
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## 16. Adelaide - Brisbane <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	819.2	875.3	6.9
Seats (000s)	1,006.0	1,077.1	7.1
Load factor %	81.4	81.3	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	8,380	8,246	-1.6

\* percentage point difference



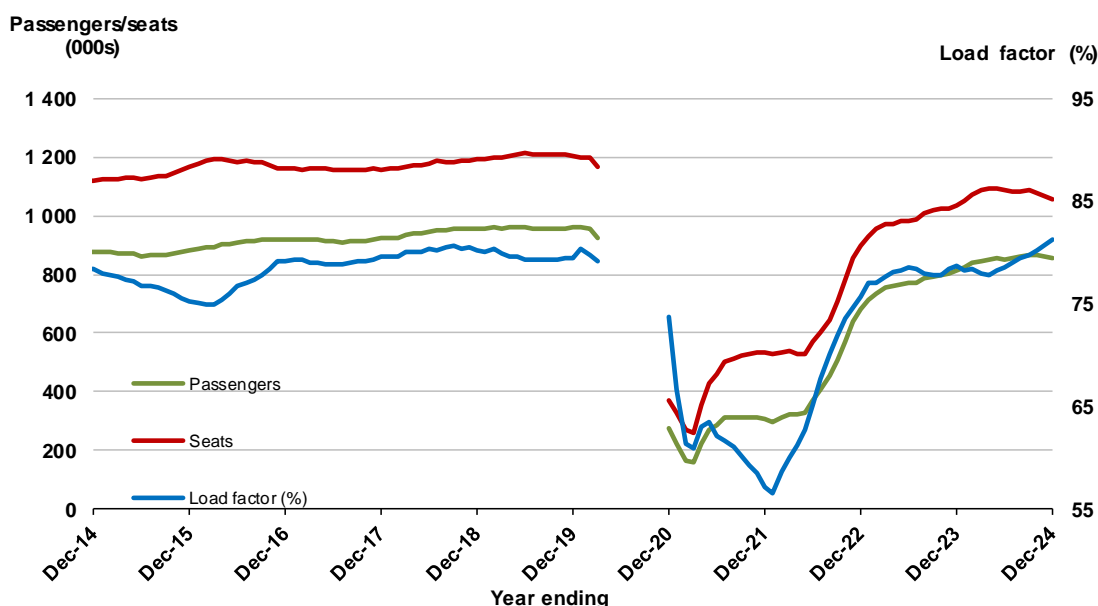
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## 17. Launceston - Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	815.0	856.0	5.0
Seats (000s)	1,036.3	1,053.8	1.7
Load factor %	78.6	81.2	2.6 *
Aircraft trips	8,803	8,117	-7.8

\* percentage point difference



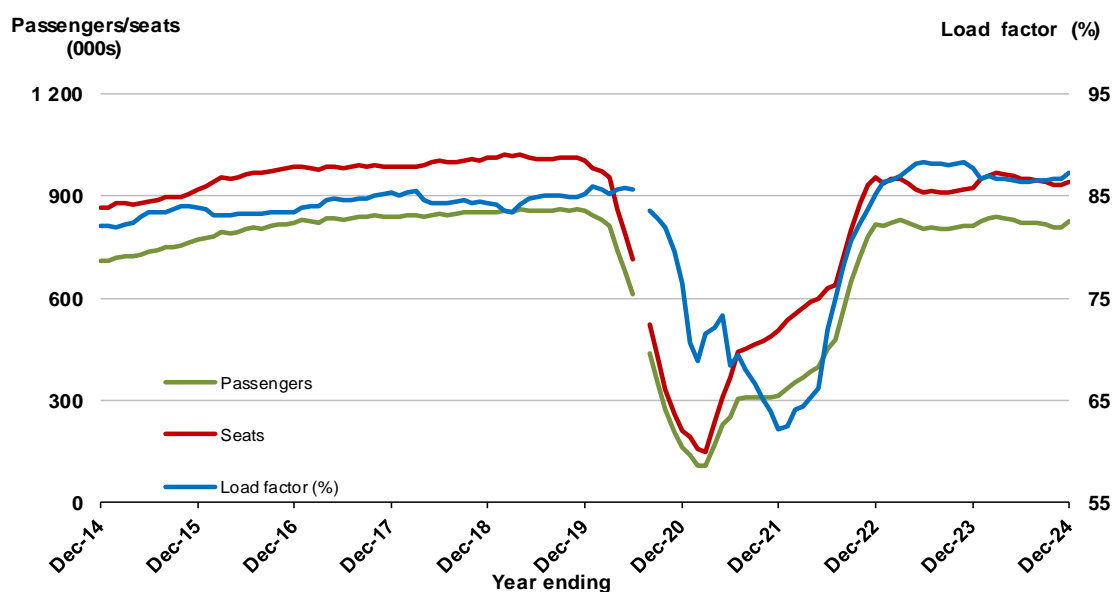
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## 18. Cairns- Melbourne <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	811.0	824.8	1.7
Seats (000s)	924.7	944.3	2.1
Load factor %	87.7	87.3	-0.4 *
Aircraft trips	4,755	4,883	2.7

\* percentage point difference



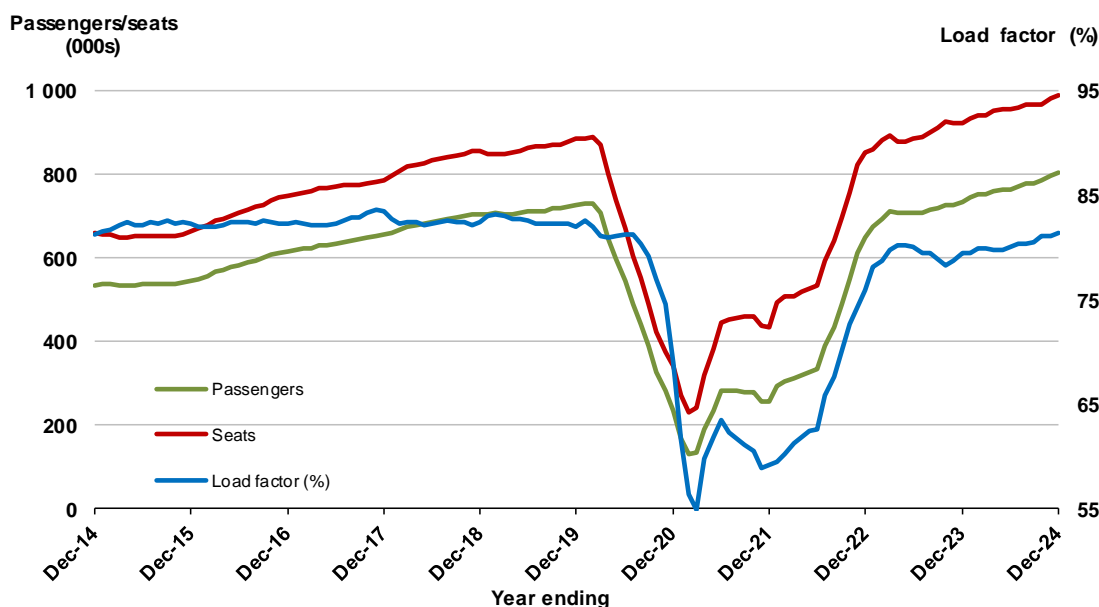
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## 19. Hobart - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	734.9	804.8	9.5
Seats (000s)	924.8	989.2	7.0
Load factor %	79.5	81.4	1.9 *
Aircraft trips	5,683	5,700	0.3

\* percentage point difference

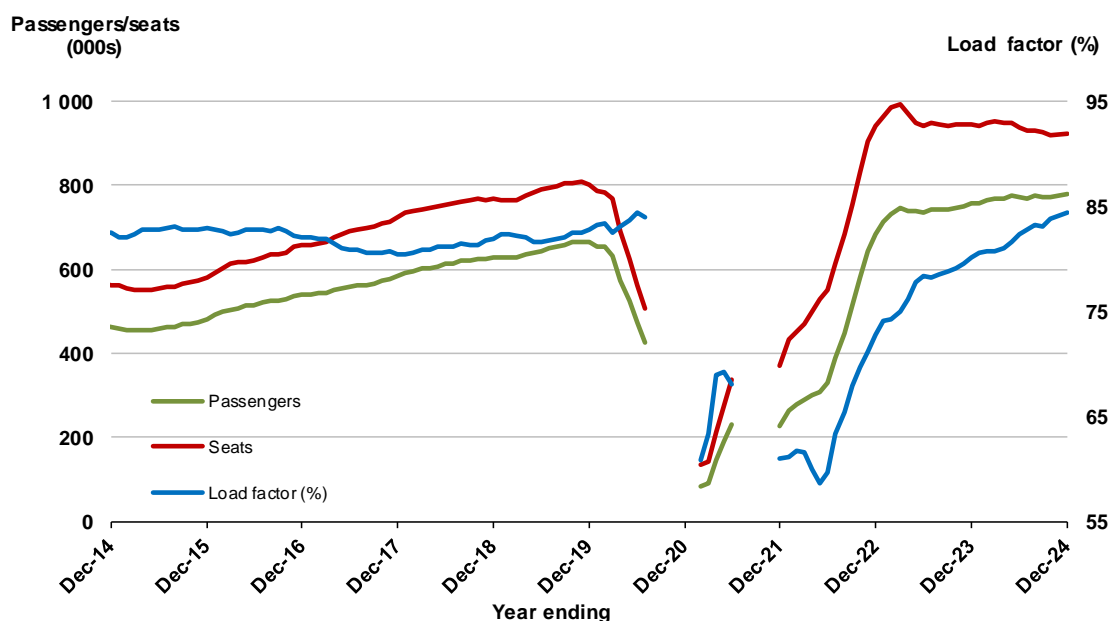


## 20. Sunshine Coast - Sydney <sup>(a)</sup>

### Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	756.8	777.8	2.8
Seats (000s)	943.5	921.9	-2.3 *
Load factor %	80.2	84.4	4.2 *
Aircraft trips	5,385	5,138	-4.6

\* percentage point difference



(a) August to November 2020 and January and August to November 2021 moving annuals are not available for release.

## TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

	<b>Airport</b>	<b>YE Dec 2023</b>	<b>YE Dec 2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
1	Cairns	3 970.5	4 091.7	3.1
2	Hobart	2 579.5	2 729.3	5.8
3	Townsville	1 691.3	1 663.9	-1.6
4	Darwin	1 602.7	1 606.9	0.3
5	Launceston	1 365.2	1 418.5	3.9
6	Newcastle	1 161.4	1 200.1	3.3
7	Mackay	909.4	900.4	-1.0
8	Rockhampton	632.8	656.0	3.7
9	Ballina	639.2	628.3	-1.7
10	Karratha	548.9	620.8	13.1
11	Proserpine	510.2	507.2	-0.6
12	Port Hedland	485.2	488.7	0.7
13	Hamilton Island	496.6	488.5	-1.6
14	Broome	437.3	439.3	0.5
15	Newman	371.7	397.8	7.0
16	Alice Springs	354.1	372.1	5.1
17	Kalgoorlie	359.7	367.6	2.2
18	Ayers Rock	263.2	317.2	20.5
19	Paraburdoo	246.0	276.3	12.3
20	Albury	258.9	253.1	-2.2
21	Coffs Harbour	282.5	251.3	-11.0
22	Mount Isa	230.9	238.7	3.4
23	Gladstone	227.3	233.9	2.9
24	Mildura	224.8	209.3	-6.9
25	Dubbo	212.6	208.3	-2.0
26	Wagga Wagga	197.6	207.5	5.0
27	Port Macquarie	219.2	206.3	-5.9
28	Emerald	195.0	198.8	1.9
29	Hervey Bay	147.1	183.3	24.7
30	Port Lincoln	173.9	169.5	-2.5
31	Tamworth	167.5	165.0	-1.5
32	Bundaberg	151.8	152.4	0.4
33	Kununurra	137.9	140.2	1.7
34	Devonport	121.5	124.8	2.7
35	Geraldton	95.3	119.6	25.5
36	Thursday Island	107.0	117.2	9.6
37	Moranbah	109.3	112.2	2.6
38	Orange	105.6	110.5	4.6
39	Learmonth	104.1	106.8	2.6
40	Armidale	112.0	104.8	-6.4
41	Olympic Dam	103.2	102.6	-0.6
42	Gove	88.9	93.4	5.0
43	Weipa	87.2	92.4	6.1
44	Busselton	50.8	86.6	70.5
45	Burnie	82.5	78.5	-4.8
46	Mount Gambier	73.1	71.5	-2.2
47	Norfolk Island	69.0	70.5	2.2
48	Griffith	73.7	69.8	-5.4
49	Merimbula	72.1	68.8	-4.6
50	Albany	63.3	67.1	6.1
	<b>Total top 50 regional airpc</b>	<b>22,970.4</b>	<b>23,585.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>
	<b>Total regional airports</b>	<b>24,398.5</b>	<b>25,032.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>114,547.1</b>	<b>118,585.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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 the Australian Bureau of Statistics "The Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS)", not based in Major Urban areas.

## DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

**Table 8: Charter passengers carried and aircraft trips - annual activity (000s)**

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	4,046,497	4,346,054	7.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	69,756	73,732	5.7

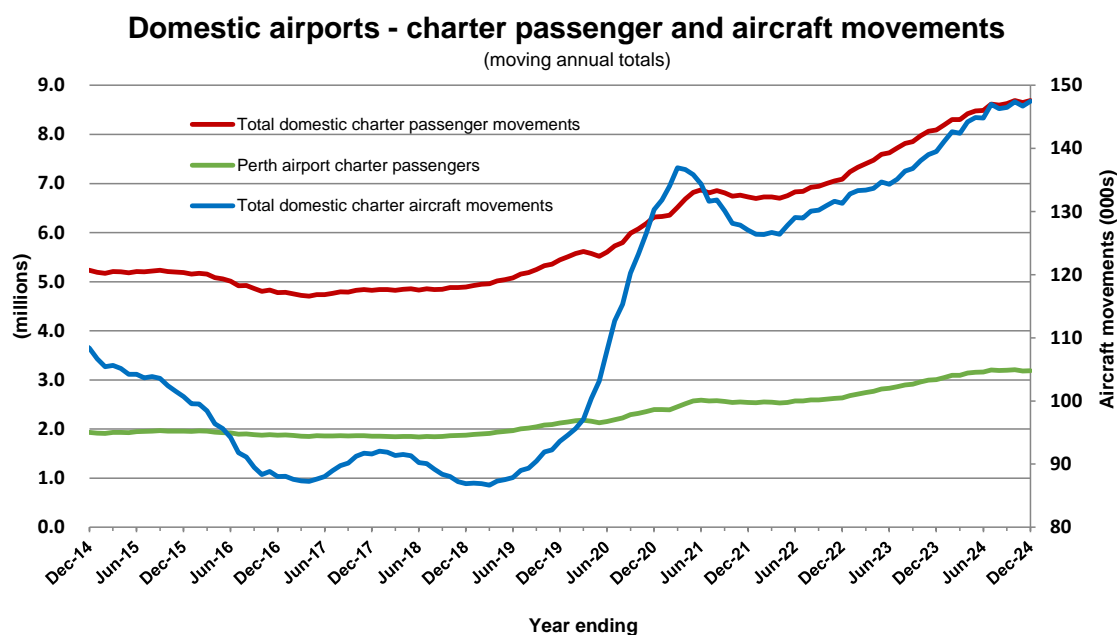
Note: Helicopter, joyflights and sightseeing charter flights not included.

**Table 9: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual activity (000s)**

	YE Dec 2023	YE Dec 2024	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	8,092,994	8,692,108	7.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	139,512	147,464	5.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	3,006,968	3,188,661	6.0
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	47,154	47,632	1.0

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

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



## DEFINITIONS

Aircraft Trips	The number of flight stages. A return flight counts as two aircraft trips.
Airport Movements	Airport movements (passenger and cargo) are measured once on arrival and once on departure. Each domestic trip generates two movements at airports. For example, a trip from Melbourne to Sydney will be counted twice, as a departure at Melbourne and as an arrival at Sydney. At the national level, the sum of all domestic airport traffic will therefore be equal to twice the number of trips undertaken.
Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of seats available on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
City-Pair	The ports shown make up the city-pair route. Passenger movements shown for a city pair reflect total traffic in both directions.
Flight Stage	The operation of an aircraft from take-off to landing.
Load Factor	The total revenue passenger kilometres performed as a percentage of the total available seat kilometres.
Passengers Carried	Revenue passengers carried.
Regular Public Transport Services (RPT)	All air service operations in which aircraft are available for the transport of members of the public and are conducted in accordance with fixed schedules. It does not include charter or other non-scheduled operations.
Revenue Passengers	All passengers paying any fare. Frequent flyer redemption travellers are regarded as revenue passengers.
Revenue Passenger Kilometres (RPKs)	Calculated by multiplying the number of revenue passengers travelling on each flight stage, by the distance in kilometres between the ports. The distances used are Great Circle Distances.
Traffic on board by stages	The total of all traffic (revenue passengers) on each flight stage between two directly connected airports.
..	Not available for confidentiality or other reasons.
NA	Not applicable.