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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of April 2023.

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. However, for the period from November 2021 through to December 2022, 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 the total network for the month of April 2023 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of April 2023 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended April 2023 presented on page 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A list of definitions can be found on page 29.

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

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

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

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HIGHLIGHTS

There were 4.95 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in April 2023, an increase of 0.3 per cent on April 2022.

4.65 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in April 2023, a decrease of 0.4 per cent compared to April 2022.

For the month of April 2023, there were 49,736 RPT aircraft trips, compared to 50,089 in April 2022.

For the year ending April 2023 there were 54.87 million RPT passengers, an increase of 101.7 per cent on the year ending April.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 5.62 billion for the month, compared with 5.50 billion in April 2022 (up 2.2 per cent).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 7.05 billion in April 2023 compared to 7.01 billion in April 2022 (up 0.6 per cent).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 78.4 per cent in April 2022 to 79.7 per cent in April 2023. The highest load factor (87.9 per cent) was recorded on the Gold Coast – Melbourne route while the lowest load factor (54.3 per cent) was recorded on the Armidale – Sydney route.

For the month of April 2023, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 609,876 passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 338,903 passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 274,599 passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 1.96 million passenger movements in April 2023, followed by Melbourne with 1.93 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.32 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 23,795 tonnes in April 2023, a decrease of 16.2 per cent compared with April 2022.

In April 2023, there were 1.94 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 2.04 million in April 2022, a decrease of 4.9 per cent.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 302,203 passengers in April 2023, an increase of 12.4 per cent compared with April 2022. Perth Airport accounted for 37.3 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.93	4.95	0.3
Aircraft trips (000s)	55.3	55.0	-0.5

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

RPT NETWORK

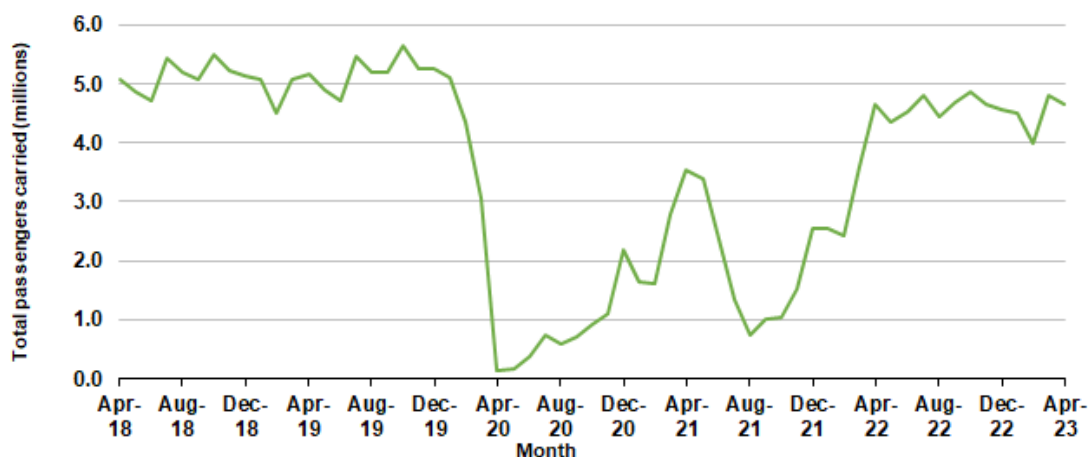
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.66	4.65	-0.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.50	5.62	2.2
Available seats (millions)	6.14	6.00	-2.2
Available seat kilometres (billions)	7.01	7.05	0.6
Load factor %	78.4	79.7	1.3 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	50.1	49.7	-0.7

* percentage point difference

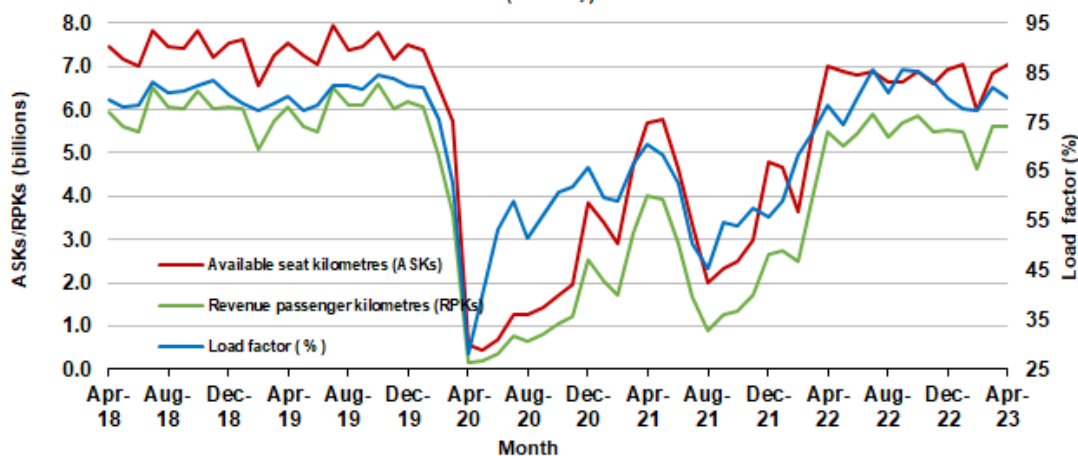
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	30.56	58.61	91.8
Aircraft trips (000s)	461.9	658.9	42.7

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

RPT NETWORK

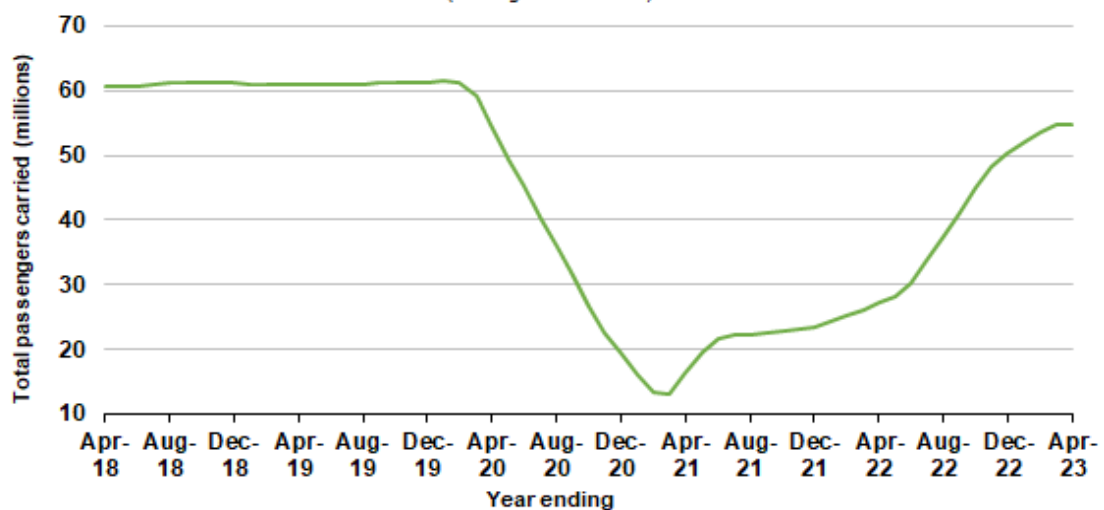
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	27.21	54.87	101.7
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	31.13	65.80	111.3
Available seats (millions)	43.46	69.81	60.6
Available seat kilometres (billions)	49.06	81.25	65.6
Load factor %	63.5	81.0	17.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	398.7	592.1	48.5

* percentage point difference

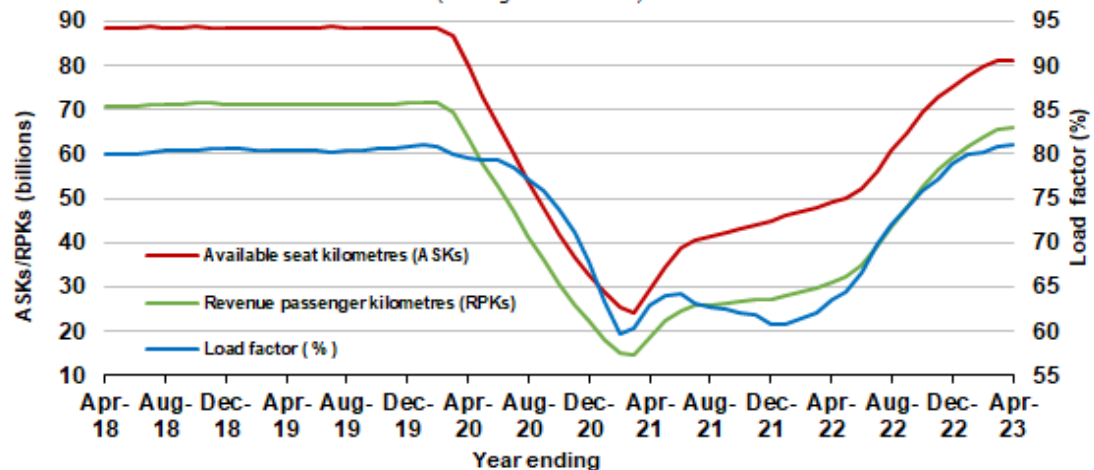
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	2 897.0	7 266.9	150.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 438.0	4 000.4	178.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	1 158.1	3 066.9	164.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 052.8	2 416.1	129.5
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 041.2	2 285.7	119.5
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	830.6	2 181.8	162.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	306.7	1 783.5	481.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	643.0	1 580.9	145.9
9	Perth - Sydney	315.4	1 463.8	364.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	503.8	1 219.7	142.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 020.5	1 205.0	18.1
12	Brisbane - Perth	302.5	964.8	219.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	365.9	949.5	159.5
14	Cairns - Sydney	329.3	893.6	171.4
15	Brisbane - Townsville	692.0	862.9	24.7
16	Cairns - Melbourne	385.3	819.8	112.8
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	465.4	784.7	68.6
18	Launceston - Melbourne	323.7	759.9	134.8
19	Brisbane - Mackay	548.9	745.8	35.9
20	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	299.0	740.6	147.6
21	Hobart - Sydney	321.3	707.0	120.0
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	353.8	697.3	97.1
23	Brisbane - Canberra	310.7	631.0	103.1
24	Adelaide - Perth	282.6	626.5	121.7
25	Canberra - Sydney	218.8	597.9	173.3
26	Ballina - Sydney	380.7	531.8	39.7
27	Karratha - Perth	442.3	521.1	17.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	221.5	489.4	121.0
29	Brisbane - Rockhampton	366.1	476.7	30.2
30	Perth - Port Hedland	388.9	471.8	21.3
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	205.4	396.9	93.2
32	Broome - Perth	379.2	370.5	-2.3
33	Newman - Perth	319.6	359.9	12.6
34	Brisbane - Darwin	268.4	334.2	24.5
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	266.5	326.7	22.6
36	Launceston - Sydney	142.3	303.1	113.0
37	Brisbane - Hobart	273.9	301.9	10.2
38	Darwin - Melbourne	164.8	295.3	79.1
39	Brisbane - Proserpine	263.5	287.8	9.2
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	109.6	251.6	129.6
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	145.1	242.5	67.1
42	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	126.2	216.0	71.1
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	148.3	205.4	38.5
44	Adelaide - Darwin	..	203.3	NA
45	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	145.2	179.7	23.7
46	Brisbane - Emerald	134.9	175.6	30.2
47	Adelaide - Canberra	80.8	175.5	117.1
48	Darwin - Perth	137.9	175.3	27.1
49	Brisbane - Launceston	151.1	173.2	14.6
50	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	196.0	171.1	-12.7

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
51	Albury - Sydney	75.3	163.7	117.5
52	Dubbo - Sydney	79.3	160.1	101.9
53	Canberra - Gold Coast	83.4	158.3	89.8
54	Port Macquarie - Sydney	69.4	158.2	127.9
55	Adelaide - Cairns	..	152.4	NA
56	Melbourne - Mildura	75.5	149.0	97.2
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	70.5	147.9	109.9
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	143.0	NA
59	Devonport - Melbourne	..	126.0	NA
60	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	104.6	NA
61	Armidale - Sydney	..	102.7	NA
	Total domestic network	27 210.5	54 872.8	101.7

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	603.3	609.9	1.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	321.9	338.9	5.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	272.2	274.6	0.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	234.3	201.9	-13.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	188.6	194.5	3.1
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	231.1	187.6	-18.8
7	Melbourne - Perth	105.9	163.2	54.1
8	Adelaide - Sydney	133.3	142.2	6.6
9	Perth - Sydney	97.3	130.1	33.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	102.8	105.4	2.6
11	Brisbane - Cairns	101.6	96.7	-4.8
12	Brisbane - Perth	59.0	84.6	43.3
13	Canberra - Melbourne	72.2	80.9	11.9
14	Cairns - Sydney	79.7	78.6	-1.4
15	Cairns - Melbourne	80.4	72.3	-10.1
16	Launceston - Melbourne	66.8	70.9	6.2
17	Brisbane - Townsville	74.5	69.0	-7.4
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	62.1	66.7	7.5
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	67.5	63.5	-6.0
20	Hobart - Sydney	67.1	60.8	-9.5
21	Brisbane - Mackay	61.3	56.8	-7.3
22	Adelaide - Perth	48.3	56.6	17.3
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	76.5	54.2	-29.2
24	Brisbane - Canberra	50.8	51.4	1.3
25	Ballina - Sydney	45.0	43.6	-3.0
26	Canberra - Sydney	47.1	42.9	-8.8
27	Karratha - Perth	37.7	41.8	10.8
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	43.5	40.7	-6.5
29	Brisbane - Rockhampton	38.5	38.8	0.9
30	Perth - Port Hedland	35.0	35.2	0.5
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	44.1	34.8	-21.1
32	Newman - Perth	24.9	29.8	19.9
33	Launceston - Sydney	29.5	28.7	-2.8
34	Broome - Perth	31.4	28.0	-10.7
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	23.0	27.0	17.6
36	Brisbane - Hobart	30.8	27.0	-12.4
37	Brisbane - Darwin	33.6	26.9	-19.9
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	31.2	25.7	-17.7
39	Darwin - Melbourne	34.3	23.9	-30.4
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	22.6	23.7	5.1
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	20.4	21.6	6.1
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	18.9	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	17.1	17.2	0.3
44	Adelaide - Canberra	12.7	16.7	31.5
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	18.0	16.7	-7.6
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	15.1	14.8	-1.9
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	11.8	14.3	21.1
48	Brisbane - Emerald	12.1	14.3	18.4
49	Albury - Sydney	12.7	13.7	8.5
50	Darwin - Perth	13.2	13.6	2.6

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	14.4	13.5	-6.3
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	12.0	13.2	10.0
53	Adelaide - Cairns	..	13.1	NA
54	Dubbo - Sydney	12.1	13.0	7.4
55	Brisbane - Launceston	19.3	12.7	-34.3
56	Melbourne - Mildura	11.4	12.1	5.8
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	11.3	11.8	4.5
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	11.0	NA
59	Devonport - Melbourne	..	10.4	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney	8.7	9.5	9.6
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	8.1	NA
	Total domestic network	4 662.0	4 645.7	-0.4

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	731.4	752.8	2.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	410.7	431.5	5.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	337.4	341.7	1.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	288.4	233.5	-19.0
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	239.7	242.8	1.3
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	288.9	213.4	-26.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	113.1	194.9	72.3
8	Adelaide - Sydney	161.0	172.1	6.9
9	Perth - Sydney	106.8	155.0	45.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	131.6	128.8	-2.2
11	Brisbane - Cairns	121.9	112.2	-8.0
12	Brisbane - Perth	65.2	97.2	49.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	104.0	118.2	13.7
14	Cairns - Sydney	109.3	93.3	-14.6
15	Cairns - Melbourne	106.1	90.5	-14.7
16	Launceston - Melbourne	86.9	87.2	0.3
17	Brisbane - Townsville	91.4	93.2	1.9
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	72.2	81.9	13.4
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	101.1	79.5	-21.3
20	Hobart - Sydney	87.8	74.5	-15.1
21	Brisbane - Mackay	82.9	75.9	-8.5
22	Adelaide - Perth	55.7	64.8	16.3
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	104.6	64.9	-38.0
24	Brisbane - Canberra	68.6	77.0	12.3
25	Ballina - Sydney	67.9	54.1	-20.4
26	Canberra - Sydney	90.4	69.9	-22.7
27	Karratha - Perth	59.4	57.6	-3.0
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	58.9	59.1	0.2
29	Brisbane - Rockhampton	46.6	53.8	15.4
30	Perth - Port Hedland	50.2	49.2	-2.0
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	55.4	43.5	-21.4
32	Newman - Perth	47.8	48.8	2.3
33	Launceston - Sydney	38.4	35.4	-8.0
34	Broome - Perth	45.1	37.0	-17.8
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	37.3	38.7	3.7
36	Brisbane - Hobart	39.8	33.7	-15.3
37	Brisbane - Darwin	44.5	34.2	-23.1
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	40.7	34.6	-15.0
39	Darwin - Melbourne	43.3	30.2	-30.2
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	25.0	27.5	9.9
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	34.4	30.2	-12.2
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	26.2	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	24.5	24.6	0.4
44	Adelaide - Canberra	16.3	29.0	77.4
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	24.5	30.4	24.0
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	24.1	21.5	-10.5
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	13.9	16.3	17.9
48	Brisbane - Emerald	18.9	20.5	8.8
49	Albury - Sydney	19.4	21.6	11.3
50	Darwin - Perth	17.4	17.8	2.3

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	31.0	20.8	-33.1
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	19.6	21.2	7.9
53	Adelaide - Cairns	..	17.8	NA
54	Dubbo - Sydney	19.9	22.1	11.2
55	Brisbane - Launceston	25.0	15.3	-38.6
56	Melbourne - Mildura	14.9	17.2	15.5
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	17.2	20.7	19.8
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	18.7	NA
59	Devonport - Melbourne	..	14.3	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney	14.0	17.5	25.0
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	14.5	NA
	Total domestic network	6 137.1	6 002.0	-2.2

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	82.5	81.0	-1.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	78.4	78.5	0.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	80.7	80.4	-0.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	81.2	86.5	5.3
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	78.7	80.1	1.4
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	80.0	87.9	7.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	93.6	83.7	-9.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	82.8	82.6	-0.2
9	Perth - Sydney	91.1	84.0	-7.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	78.1	81.9	3.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	83.3	86.2	2.9
12	Brisbane - Perth	90.5	87.1	-3.4
13	Canberra - Melbourne	69.5	68.4	-1.1
14	Cairns - Sydney	72.9	84.2	11.3
15	Cairns - Melbourne	75.7	79.8	4.1
16	Launceston - Melbourne	76.8	81.3	4.5
17	Brisbane - Townsville	81.5	74.1	-7.4
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	86.0	81.5	-4.5
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	66.8	79.9	13.1
20	Hobart - Sydney	76.4	81.5	5.1
21	Brisbane - Mackay	74.0	74.9	0.9
22	Adelaide - Perth	86.7	87.4	0.7
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	73.2	83.6	10.4
24	Brisbane - Canberra	74.0	66.8	-7.2
25	Ballina - Sydney	66.2	80.6	14.4
26	Canberra - Sydney	52.1	61.4	9.3
27	Karratha - Perth	63.5	72.6	9.1
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	73.9	69.0	-4.9
29	Brisbane - Rockhampton	82.6	72.2	-10.4
30	Perth - Port Hedland	69.8	71.6	1.8
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	79.6	79.9	0.3
32	Newman - Perth	52.1	61.1	9.0
33	Launceston - Sydney	76.7	81.0	4.3
34	Broome - Perth	69.6	75.7	6.1
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	61.5	69.8	8.3
36	Brisbane - Hobart	77.4	80.1	2.7
37	Brisbane - Darwin	75.4	78.6	3.2
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	76.7	74.2	-2.5
39	Darwin - Melbourne	79.2	79.0	-0.2
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	90.3	86.4	-3.9
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	59.3	71.6	12.3
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	72.1	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	69.9	69.8	-0.1
44	Adelaide - Canberra	77.9	57.7	-20.2
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	73.6	54.8	-18.8
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	62.7	68.7	6.0
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	85.5	87.8	2.3
48	Brisbane - Emerald	64.1	69.8	5.7
49	Albury - Sydney	65.4	63.8	-1.6
50	Darwin - Perth	75.9	76.2	0.3

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Point diff
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	46.3	64.9	18.6
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	61.0	62.1	1.1
53	Adelaide - Cairns	..	73.2	NA
54	Dubbo - Sydney	60.6	58.6	-2.0
55	Brisbane - Launceston	77.3	82.6	5.3
56	Melbourne - Mildura	77.0	70.5	-6.5
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	65.6	57.3	-8.3
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	58.9	NA
59	Devonport - Melbourne	..	72.6	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney	61.9	54.3	-7.6
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	55.9	NA
	Total domestic network	78.4	79.7	1.3

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4 228	4 331	2.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2 468	2 599	5.3
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 026	2 044	0.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1 658	1 325	-20.1
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1 419	1 472	3.7
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 545	1 156	-25.2
7	Melbourne - Perth	648	1 051	62.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	949	1 029	8.4
9	Perth - Sydney	540	791	46.5
10	Hobart - Melbourne	810	744	-8.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	797	771	-3.3
12	Brisbane - Perth	369	565	53.1
13	Canberra - Melbourne	781	860	10.1
14	Cairns - Sydney	570	493	-13.5
15	Cairns - Melbourne	539	459	-14.8
16	Launceston - Melbourne	714	721	1.0
17	Brisbane - Townsville	598	671	12.2
18	Adelaide - Brisbane	489	690	41.1
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	555	435	-21.6
20	Hobart - Sydney	525	462	-12.0
21	Brisbane - Mackay	527	573	8.7
22	Adelaide - Perth	354	373	5.4
23	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	581	351	-39.6
24	Brisbane - Canberra	466	589	26.4
25	Ballina - Sydney	525	408	-22.3
26	Canberra - Sydney	1 500	1 133	-24.5
27	Karratha - Perth	366	364	-0.5
28	Brisbane - Newcastle	516	517	0.2
29	Brisbane - Rockhampton	449	610	35.9
30	Perth - Port Hedland	322	317	-1.6
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	335	277	-17.3
32	Newman - Perth	301	308	2.3
33	Launceston - Sydney	235	220	-6.4
34	Broome - Perth	283	246	-13.1
35	Kalgoorlie - Perth	260	286	10.0
36	Brisbane - Hobart	241	208	-13.7
37	Brisbane - Darwin	271	208	-23.2
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	247	242	-2.0
39	Darwin - Melbourne	222	183	-17.6
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	152	164	7.9
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	194	172	-11.3
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	196	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	422	468	10.9
44	Adelaide - Canberra	148	264	78.4
45	Brisbane - Gladstone	295	353	19.7
46	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	592	521	-12.0
47	Canberra - Gold Coast	91	92	1.1
48	Brisbane - Emerald	274	303	10.6
49	Albury - Sydney	374	425	13.6
50	Darwin - Perth	103	104	1.0

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

	City-Pair	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
51	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	179	124	-30.7
52	Port Macquarie - Sydney	390	376	-3.6
53	Adelaide - Cairns	..	110	NA
54	Dubbo - Sydney	420	419	-0.2
55	Brisbane - Launceston	149	88	-40.9
56	Melbourne - Mildura	350	404	15.4
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	326	385	18.1
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	158	NA
59	Devonport - Melbourne	..	317	NA
60	Armidale - Sydney	304	324	6.6
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	193	NA
	Total domestic network	50 089	49 736	-0.7

(a) Includes RPT cargo flights.

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

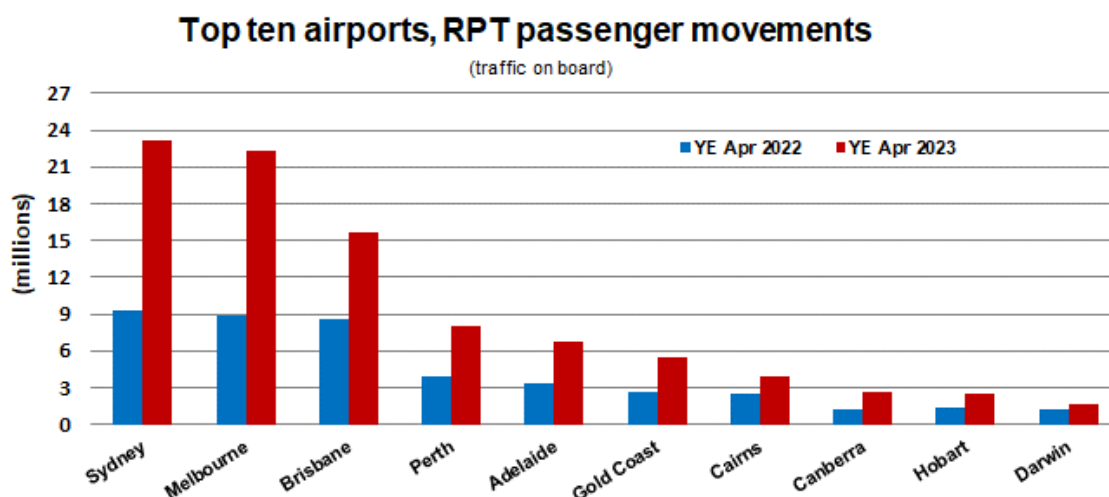
Table 6: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) - monthly activity

Airport	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	1,947.8	1,963.0	0.8	21.1
2 Melbourne	1,936.0	1,927.0	- 0.5	20.7
3 Brisbane	1,313.8	1,322.5	0.7	14.2
4 Perth	554.2	689.3	24.4	7.4
5 Adelaide	569.3	600.5	5.5	6.5
6 Gold Coast	539.9	458.3	-15.1	4.9
7 Cairns	347.7	323.8	- 6.9	3.5
8 Canberra	211.0	219.1	3.8	2.4
9 Hobart	232.4	215.6	- 7.2	2.3
10 Darwin	156.8	131.8	- 15.9	1.4
Total top ten airports	7,808.8	7,850.8	0.5	84.5
Total domestic network	9,324.1	9,291.4	-0.4	100.0

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

Airport	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	9,217.4	23,210.7	151.8	21.1
2 Melbourne	8,925.7	22,361.3	150.5	20.4
3 Brisbane	8,543.7	15,708.6	83.9	14.3
4 Perth	3,927.9	7,973.1	103.0	7.3
5 Adelaide	3,359.9	6,751.6	100.9	6.2
6 Gold Coast	2,632.0	5,484.2	108.4	5.0
7 Cairns	2,491.1	3,877.8	55.7	3.5
8 Canberra	1,155.4	2,684.6	132.3	2.4
9 Hobart	1,384.2	2,499.2	80.5	2.3
10 Darwin	1,160.1	1,670.8	44.0	1.5
Total top ten airports	42,797.4	92,221.9	115.5	84.0
Total domestic network	54,421.1	109,745.7	101.7	100.0

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



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

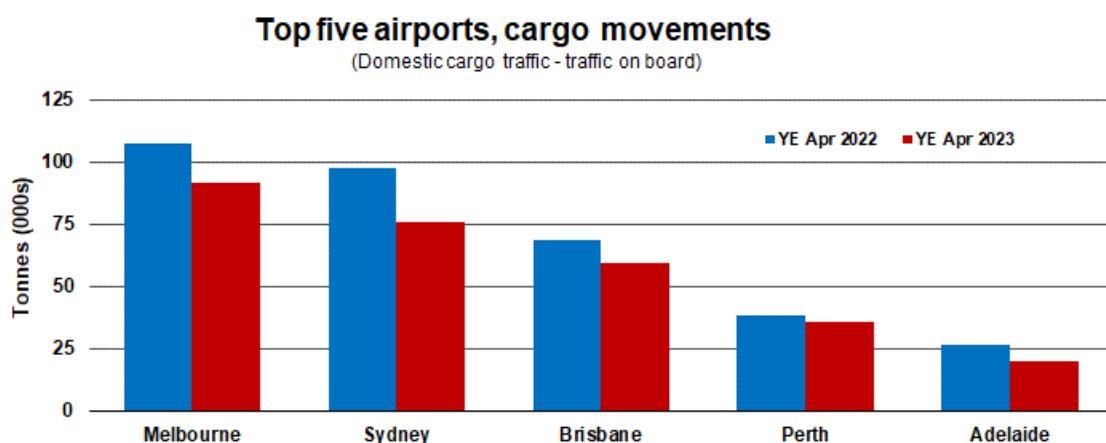
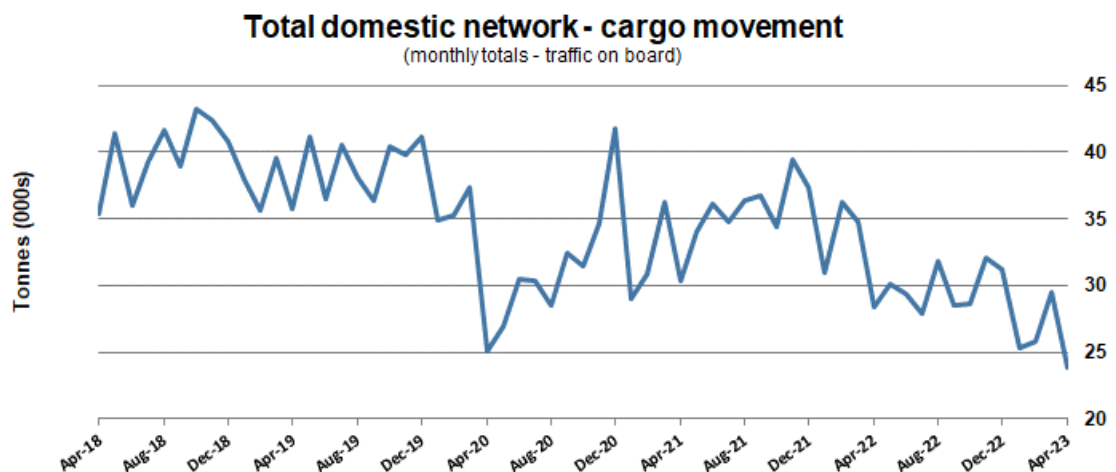
Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

Airport	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	6.9	6.3	-8.7	26.3
2 Sydney	6.3	5.3	-15.9	22.2
3 Brisbane	4.9	4.1	-16.6	17.1
4 Perth	2.7	2.5	-4.7	10.6
5 Adelaide	1.6	1.3	-15.5	5.6
Total top five airports	22.2	19.5	-12.5	81.8
Total domestic network	28.4	23.8	-16.2	100.0

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

Airport	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	107.4	91.8	-14.5	26.7
2 Sydney	97.5	75.8	-22.3	22.0
3 Brisbane	68.3	59.4	-13.0	17.3
4 Perth	38.5	35.4	-8.0	10.3
5 Adelaide	26.5	19.9	-25.0	5.8
Total top five airports	338.2	282.3	-16.5	82.1
Total domestic network	419.6	344.0	-18.0	100.0

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



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TOP TEN ROUTES

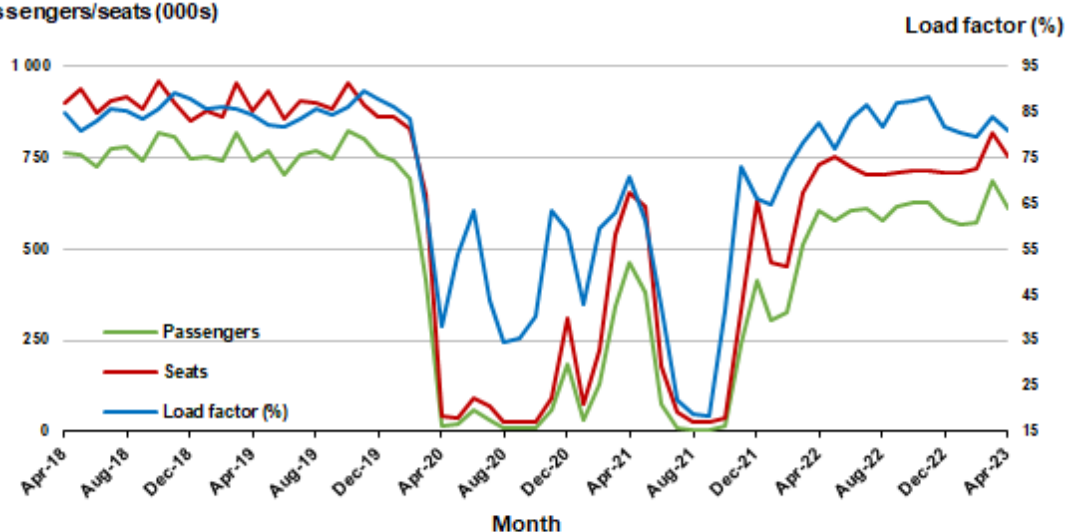
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	603.3	609.9	1.1
Seats (000s)	731.4	752.8	2.9
Load factor %	82.5	81.0	-1.5 *
Aircraft trips	4,228	4,331	2.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

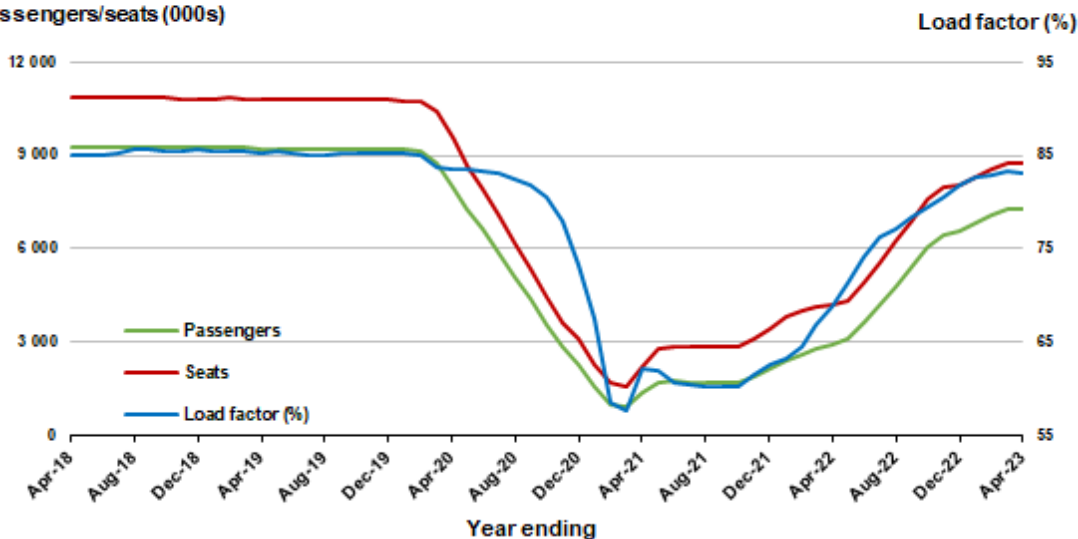


Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,897.0	7,266.9	150.8
Seats (000s)	4,208.8	8,737.6	107.6
Load factor %	68.8	83.2	14.3 *
Aircraft trips	26,222	50,354	92.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

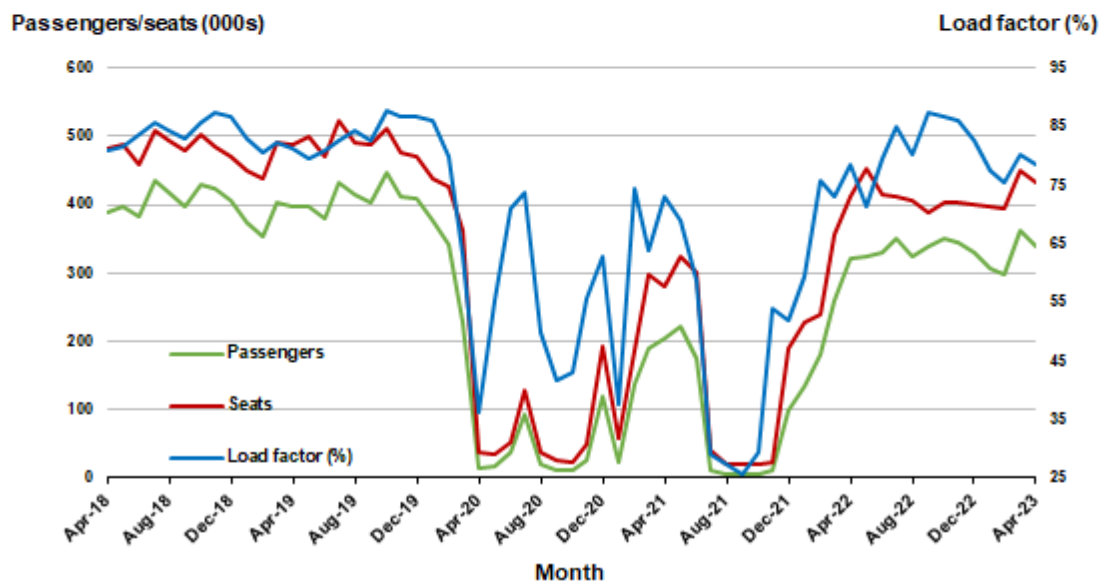


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	321.9	338.9	5.3
Seats (000s)	410.7	431.5	5.1
Load factor %	78.4	78.5	0.1 *
Aircraft trips	2,468	2,599	5.3

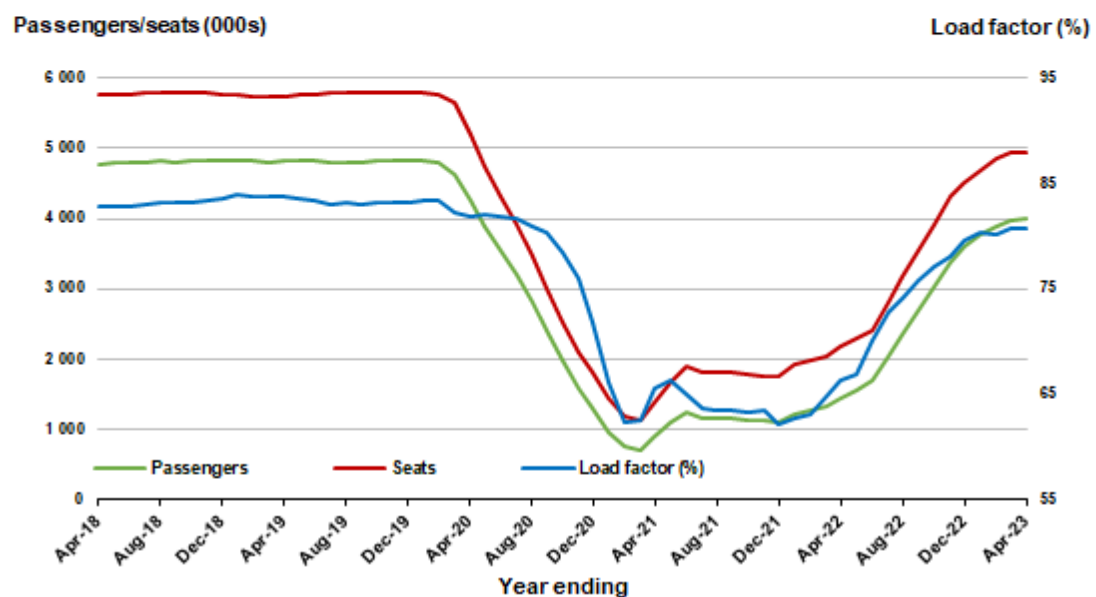
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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,438.0	4,000.4	178.2
Seats (000s)	2,172.1	4,956.1	128.2
Load factor %	66.2	80.7	14.5 *
Aircraft trips	14,578	30,462	109.0

* percentage point difference

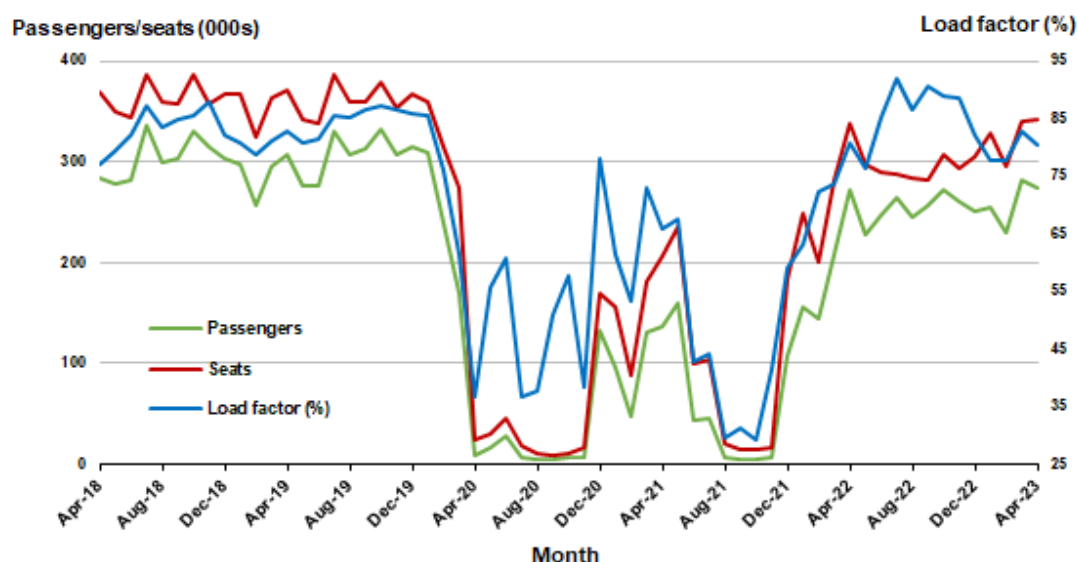


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	272.2	274.6	0.9
Seats (000s)	337.4	341.7	1.3
Load factor %	80.7	80.4	-0.3 *
Aircraft trips	2,026	2,044	0.9

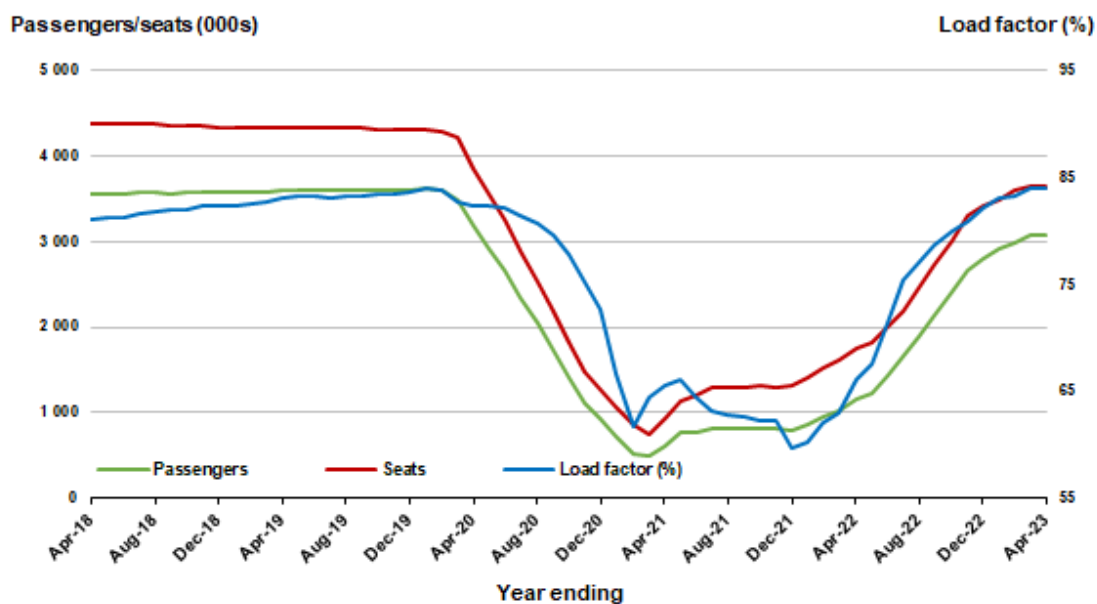
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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,158.1	3,066.9	164.8
Seats (000s)	1,753.7	3,655.3	108.4
Load factor %	66.0	83.9	17.9 *
Aircraft trips	11,470	22,294	94.4

* percentage point difference



4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

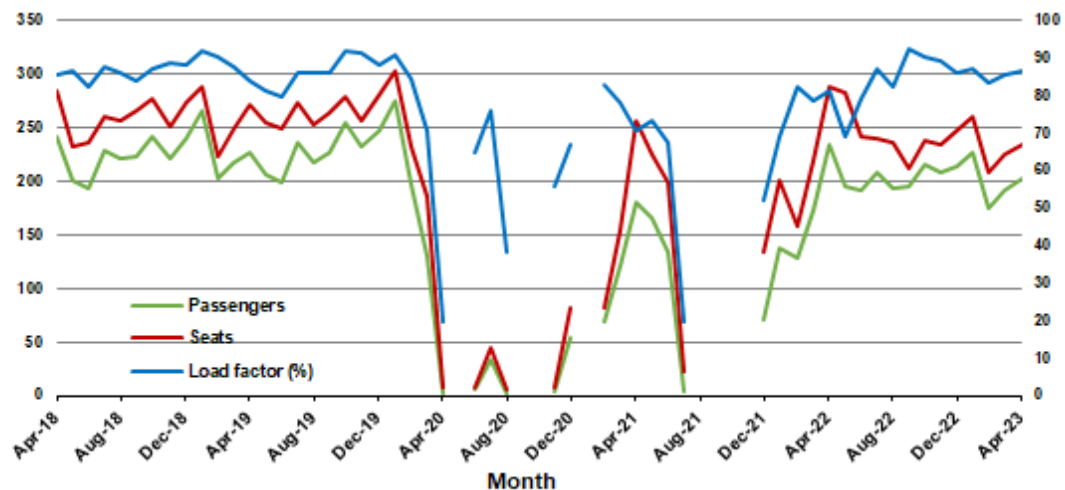
Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	234.3	201.9	- 13.8
Seats (000s)	288.4	233.5	- 19.0
Load factor %	81.2	86.5	5.3 *
Aircraft trips	1,658	1,325	- 20.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)



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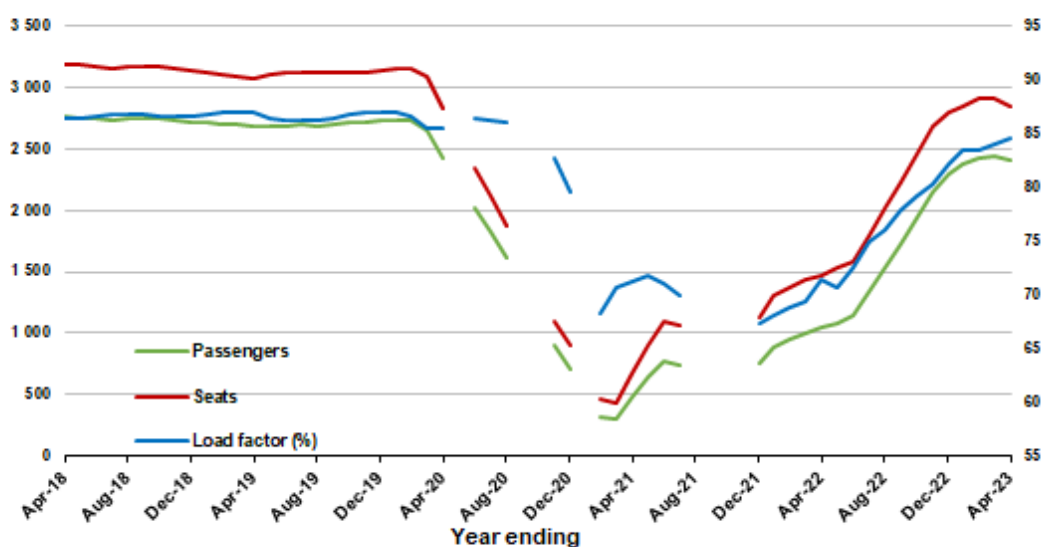
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Passengers carried (000s)	1,052.8	2,416.1	129.5
Seats (000s)	1,474.4	2,857.1	93.8
Load factor %	71.4	84.6	13.2 *
Aircraft trips	8,588	16,580	93.1

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)



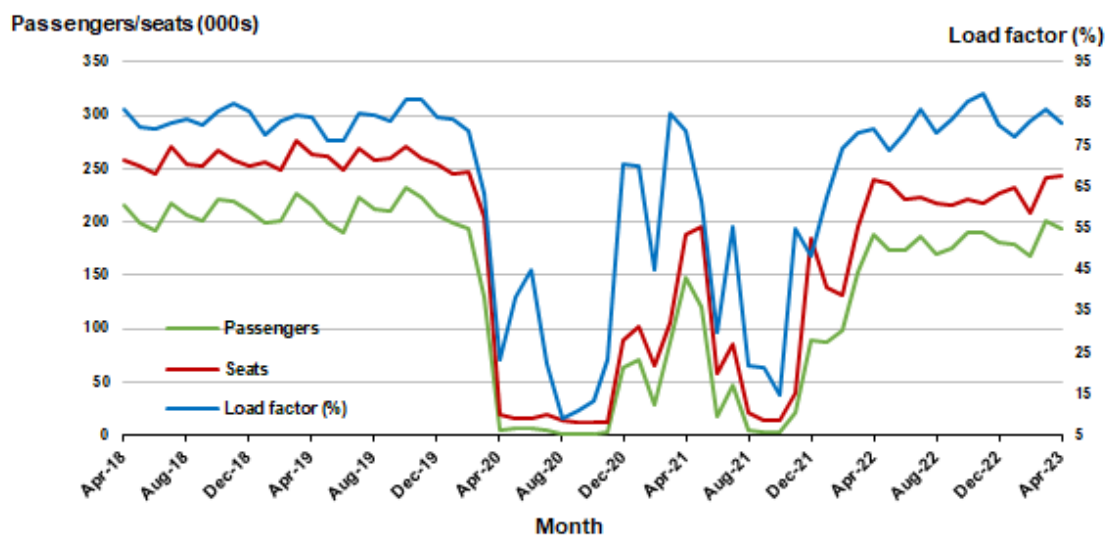
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5. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	188.6	194.5	3.1
Seats (000s)	239.7	242.8	1.3
Load factor %	78.7	80.1	1.4 *
Aircraft trips	1,419	1,472	3.7

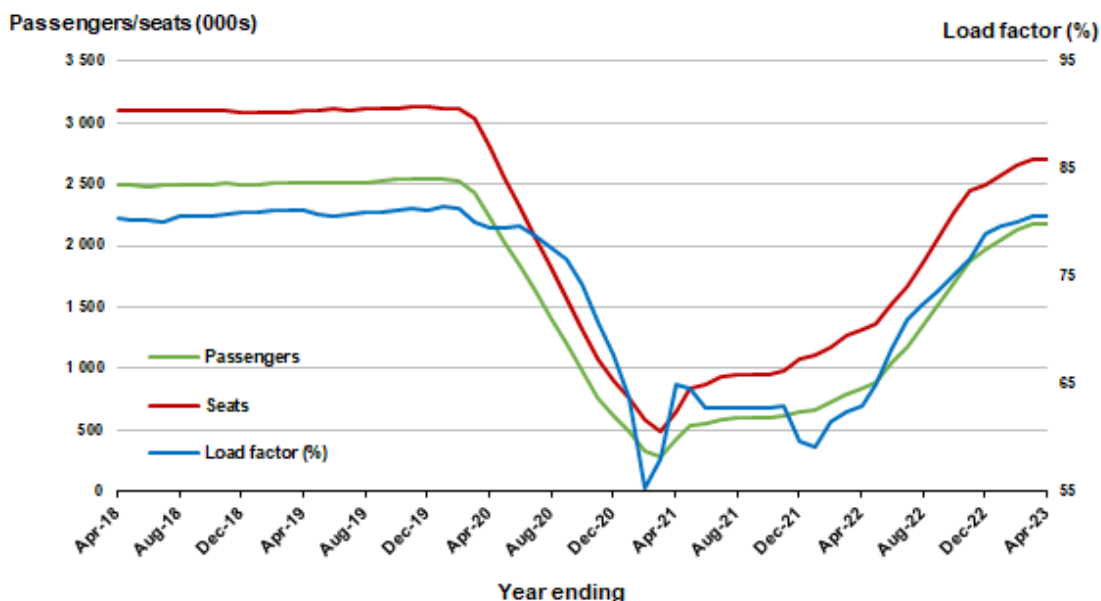
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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	830.6	2,181.8	162.7
Seats (000s)	1,318.6	2,704.9	105.1
Load factor %	63.0	80.7	17.7 *
Aircraft trips	8,537	16,597	94.4

* percentage point difference

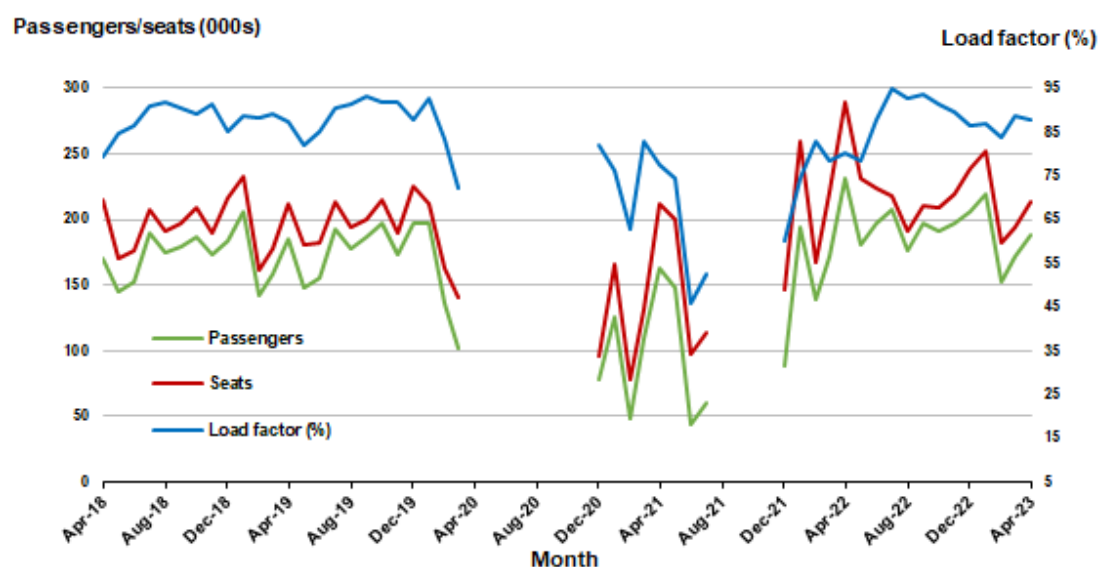


6. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	231.1	187.6	-18.8
Seats (000s)	288.9	213.4	-26.1
Load factor %	80.0	87.9	7.9 *
Aircraft trips	1,545	1,156	-25.2

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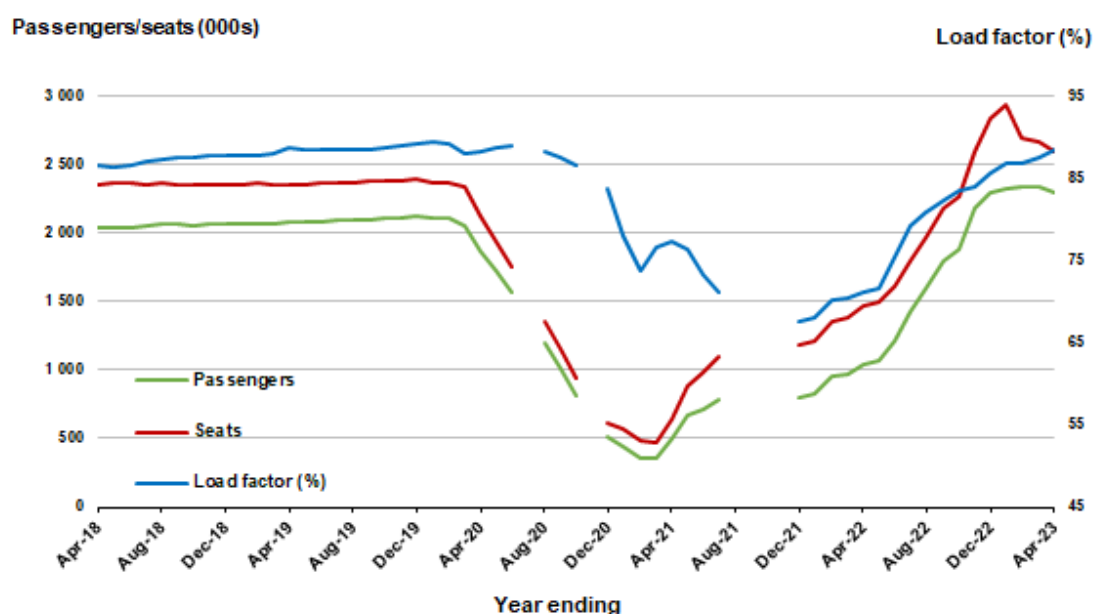


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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,041.2	2,285.7	119.5
Seats (000s)	1,464.7	2,584.6	76.5
Load factor %	71.1	88.4	17.3 *
Aircraft trips	7,795	14,349	84.1

* percentage point difference



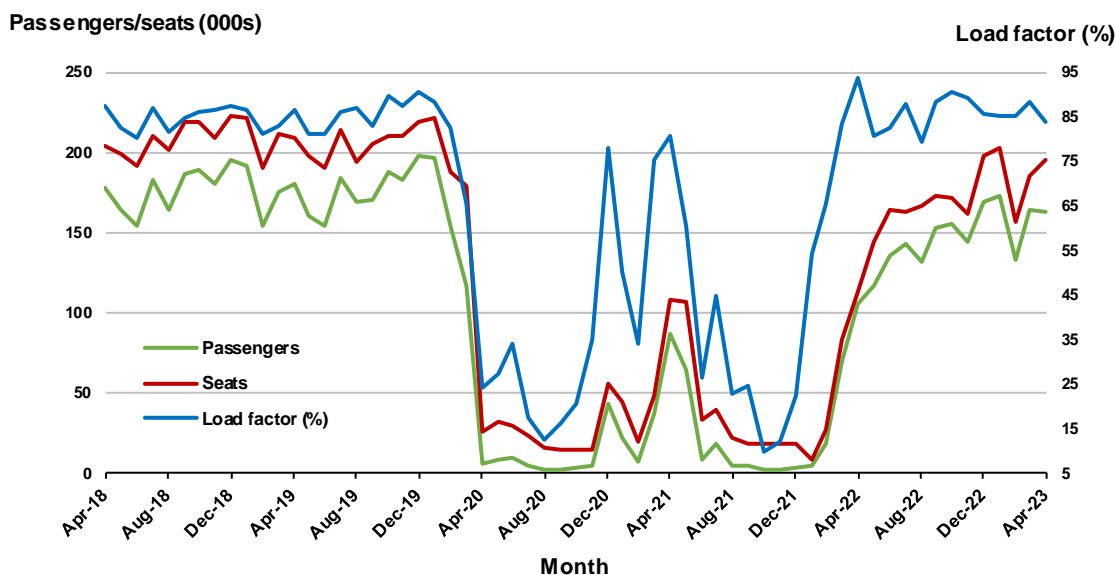
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7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	105.9	163.2	54.1
Seats (000s)	113.1	194.9	72.3
Load factor %	93.6	83.7	-9.9 *
Aircraft trips	648	1,051	62.2

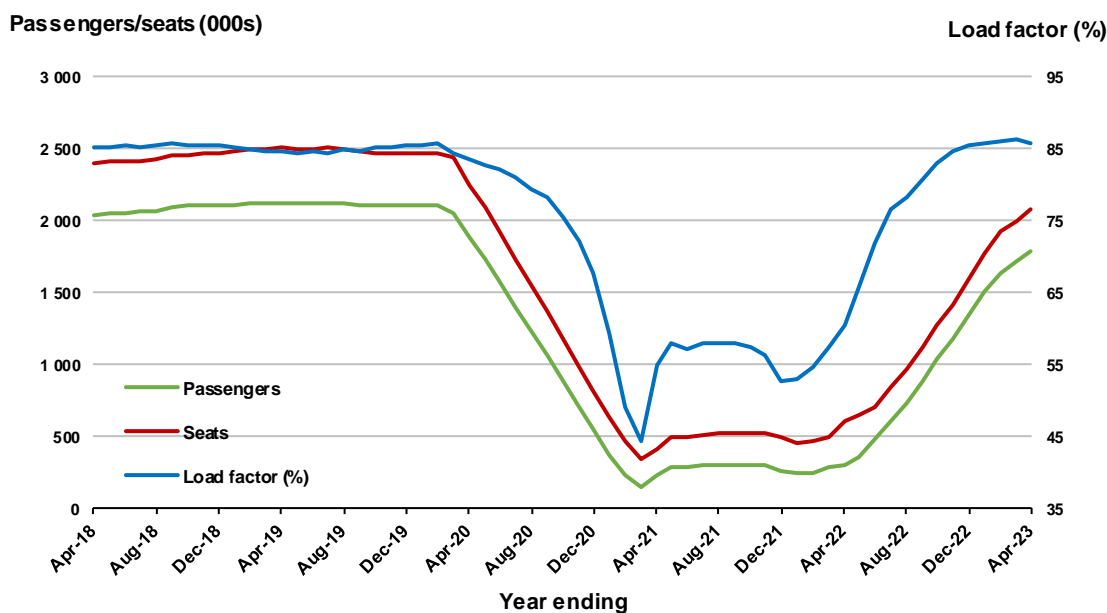
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Moving annual data

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	306.7	1,783.5	481.6
Seats (000s)	614.4	2,082.4	238.9
Load factor %	60.5	85.6	25.1 *
Aircraft trips	3,788	11,685	208.5

* percentage point difference



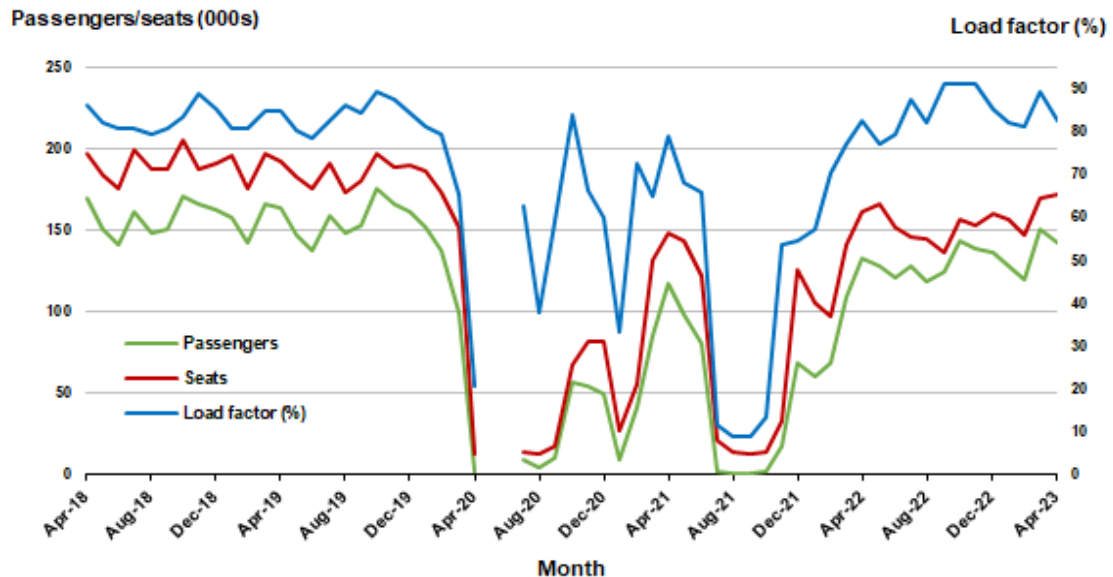
8. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	133.3	142.2	6.6
Seats (000s)	161.0	172.1	6.9
Load factor %	82.8	82.6	-0.2 *
Aircraft trips	949	1,029	8.4

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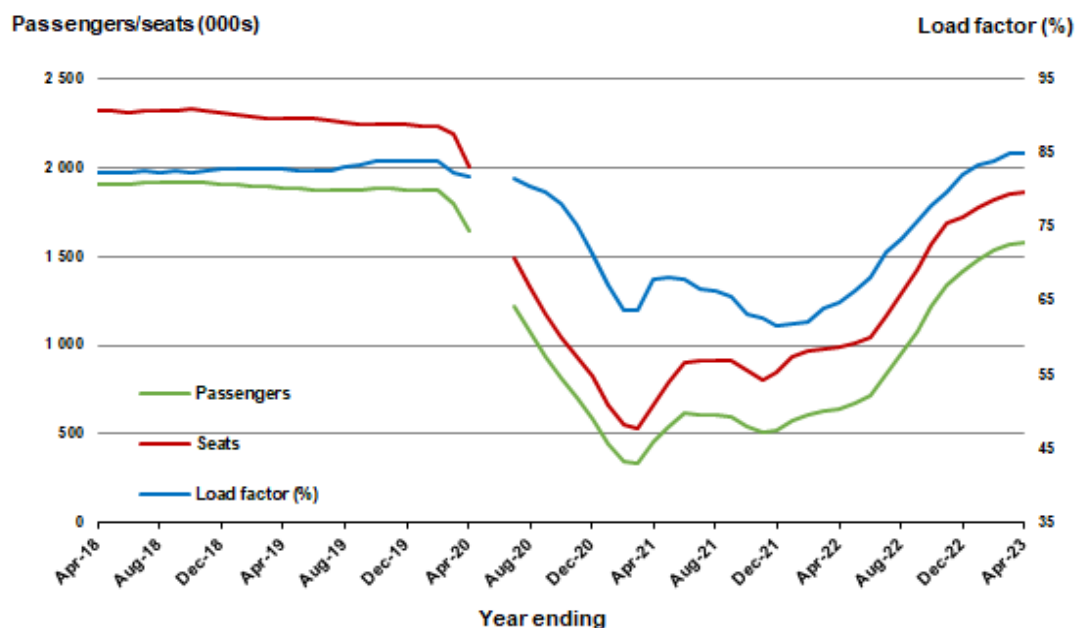
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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	643.0	1,580.9	145.9
Seats (000s)	993.3	1,861.4	87.4
Load factor %	64.7	84.9	20.2 *
Aircraft trips	6,212	11,404	83.6

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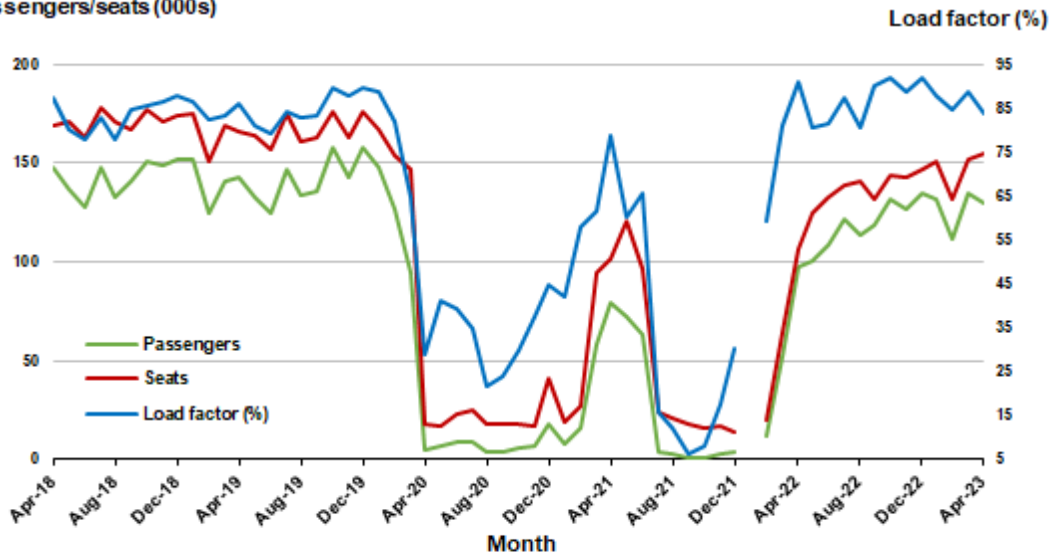
9. Perth - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	97.3	130.1	33.8
Seats (000s)	106.8	155.0	45.1
Load factor %	91.1	84.0	-7.1 *
Aircraft trips	540	791	46.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



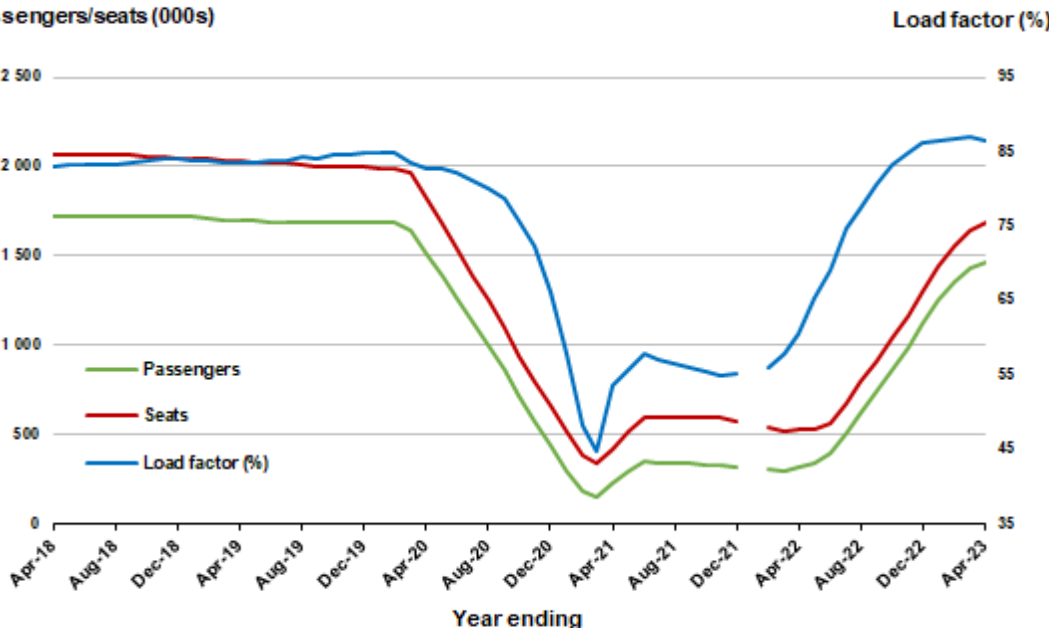
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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	315.4	1,463.8	364.1
Seats (000s)	522.0	1,690.9	223.9
Load factor %	60.4	86.6	26.1 *
Aircraft trips	2,860	8,888	210.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



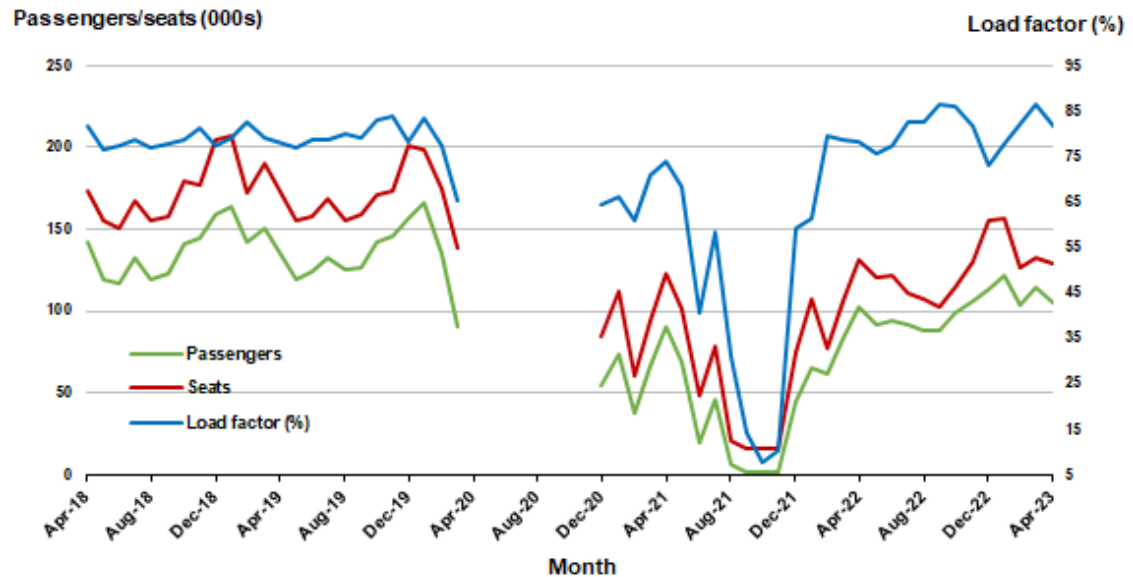
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10. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	102.8	105.4	2.6
Seats (000s)	131.6	128.8	-2.2
Load factor %	78.1	81.9	3.8 *
Aircraft trips	810	744	-8.1

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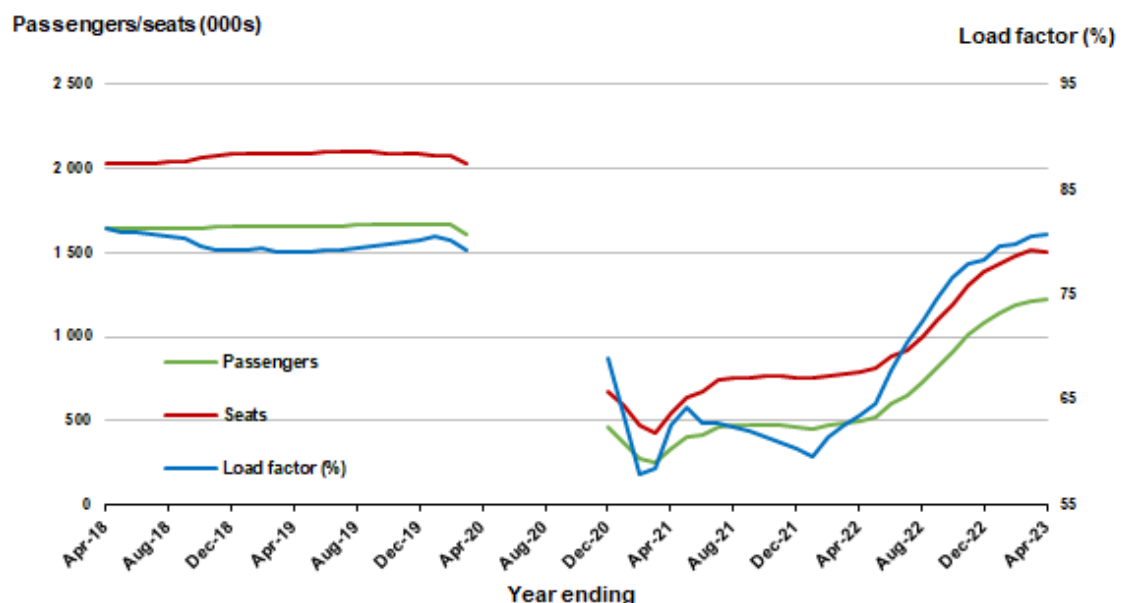


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	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	503.8	1,219.7	142.1
Seats (000s)	793.3	1,509.0	90.2
Load factor %	63.5	80.8	17.3 *
Aircraft trips	4,951	9,035	82.5

* percentage point difference



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TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
1 Cairns	347.7	323.8	-6.9
2 Hobart	232.4	215.6	-7.2
3 Darwin	156.8	131.8	-15.9
4 Townsville	135.2	127.4	-5.8
5 Launceston	120.4	120.2	-0.2
6 Newcastle	106.8	89.3	-16.4
7 Mackay	72.0	65.8	-8.6
8 Ballina	60.5	52.4	-13.4
9 Hamilton Island	45.5	42.9	-5.7
10 Proserpine	47.3	42.2	-10.7
11 Karratha	38.0	41.8	10.0
12 Rockhampton	42.0	41.7	-0.7
13 Port Hedland	35.2	35.4	0.4
14 Broome	37.3	34.4	-7.6
15 Alice Springs	33.5	31.7	-5.6
16 Newman	25.0	29.8	19.4
17 Kalgoorlie	23.0	27.0	17.6
18 Coffs Harbour	26.6	23.4	-12.1
19 Ayers Rock	19.7	20.9	6.3
20 Albury	18.3	19.1	4.4
21 Paraburdoo	16.6	18.0	8.1
22 Mount Isa	18.1	17.6	-3.1
23 Gladstone	18.0	16.7	-7.6
24 Mildura	14.6	16.4	11.9
25 Wagga Wagga	14.9	16.0	7.2
26 Dubbo	15.1	15.3	1.5
27 Emerald	12.8	15.1	18.3
28 Port Macquarie	14.1	15.1	6.6
29 Port Lincoln	15.1	14.8	-2.1
30 Kununurra	11.0	11.9	8.5
31 Tamworth	11.7	11.6	-1.1
32 Hervey Bay	11.3	11.2	-1.1
33 Devonport	7.1	10.4	46.4
34 Learmonth	10.3	10.2	-0.9
35 Armidale	9.2	10.0	8.8
36 Bundaberg	9.7	9.9	2.7
37 Thursday Island	8.4	8.2	-2.0
38 Moranbah	7.6	8.2	6.8
39 Orange	7.4	8.1	9.7
40 Olympic Dam	6.7	7.6	14.6
41 Burnie	6.9	7.1	2.3
42 Weipa	7.9	6.9	-13.0
43 Geraldton	6.9	6.7	-2.4
44 Gove	6.3	6.4	1.5
45 Merimbula	6.3	6.2	-1.7
46 Norfolk Island	6.7	6.2	-8.1
47 Griffith	6.3	5.9	-6.1
48 Mount Gambier	6.3	5.5	-13.7
49 King Island	5.4	5.3	-2.2
50 Albany	4.7	5.2	12.2
Total top 50 regional airports	1,926.8	1,830.3	- 5.0
Total regional airports	2,041.7	1,941.2	- 4.9
Total domestic network	9,324.1	9,291.4	- 0.4

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport. Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

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

Airport	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
1 Cairns	2,491.1	3,877.8	55.7
2 Hobart	1,384.2	2,499.2	80.5
3 Darwin	1,160.1	1,670.8	44.0
4 Townsville	1,146.4	1,617.7	41.1
5 Launceston	673.1	1,297.3	92.7
6 Newcastle	527.3	1,077.0	104.2
7 Mackay	661.3	877.1	32.6
8 Ballina	518.8	642.3	23.8
9 Karratha	444.8	522.8	17.5
10 Rockhampton	404.0	520.1	28.7
11 Hamilton Island	353.4	512.8	45.1
12 Port Hedland	390.2	473.0	21.2
13 Proserpine	348.0	460.7	32.4
14 Broome	417.4	445.2	6.6
15 Alice Springs	241.5	366.7	51.8
16 Newman	320.4	361.5	12.8
17 Kalgoorlie	266.9	328.4	23.0
18 Coffs Harbour	168.0	284.3	69.2
19 Ayers Rock	78.5	244.8	211.8
20 Mount Isa	190.0	231.4	21.8
21 Albury	96.9	226.2	133.4
22 Paraburdoo	196.1	220.1	12.2
23 Gladstone	148.6	205.9	38.6
24 Mildura	93.2	198.6	113.1
25 Dubbo	110.1	194.3	76.4
26 Wagga Wagga	80.6	191.8	138.1
27 Emerald	145.0	185.8	28.2
28 Port Macquarie	80.9	182.5	125.5
29 Port Lincoln	145.3	179.8	23.7
30 Tamworth	66.9	146.5	119.1
31 Hervey Bay	69.9	134.7	92.8
32 Kununurra	107.5	131.5	22.3
33 Devonport	42.0	114.7	172.9
34 Bundaberg	77.8	112.2	44.3
35 Armidale	51.3	109.5	113.4
36 Moranbah	87.8	104.7	19.2
37 Learmonth	93.9	101.5	8.1
38 Thursday Island	91.8	100.7	9.7
39 Orange	47.9	99.1	107.2
40 Olympic Dam	92.3	95.8	3.8
41 Gove	57.2	88.5	54.8
42 Weipa	76.7	86.1	12.3
43 Burnie	35.8	82.1	129.1
44 Geraldton	79.3	81.8	3.1
45 Mount Gambier	47.8	78.0	63.2
46 Griffith	35.5	75.4	112.6
47 Merimbula	33.0	75.4	128.7
48 Norfolk Island	50.5	71.2	40.9
49 Broken Hill	25.3	60.8	140.3
50 Cloncurry	56.6	60.2	6.5
Total top 50 regional airports	14,608.9	22,106.4	51.3
Total regional airports	15,681.3	23,474.9	49.7
Total domestic network	54,421.1	109,745.7	101.7

Note: Airport passenger movement numbers are the sum of passenger arrivals and departures at each airport. Regional airports are defined as airports which are, according to Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS), not based in Major Cities.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	268,966	302,203	12.4
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5,194	5,276	1.6

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

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

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3,351,011	3,735,972	11.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	63,200	66,778	5.7

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Apr 2022	Apr 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	537,932	604,406	12.4
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	10,388	10,552	1.6
Perth airport charter passenger movements	199,475	225,519	13.1
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3,542	3,592	1.4

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

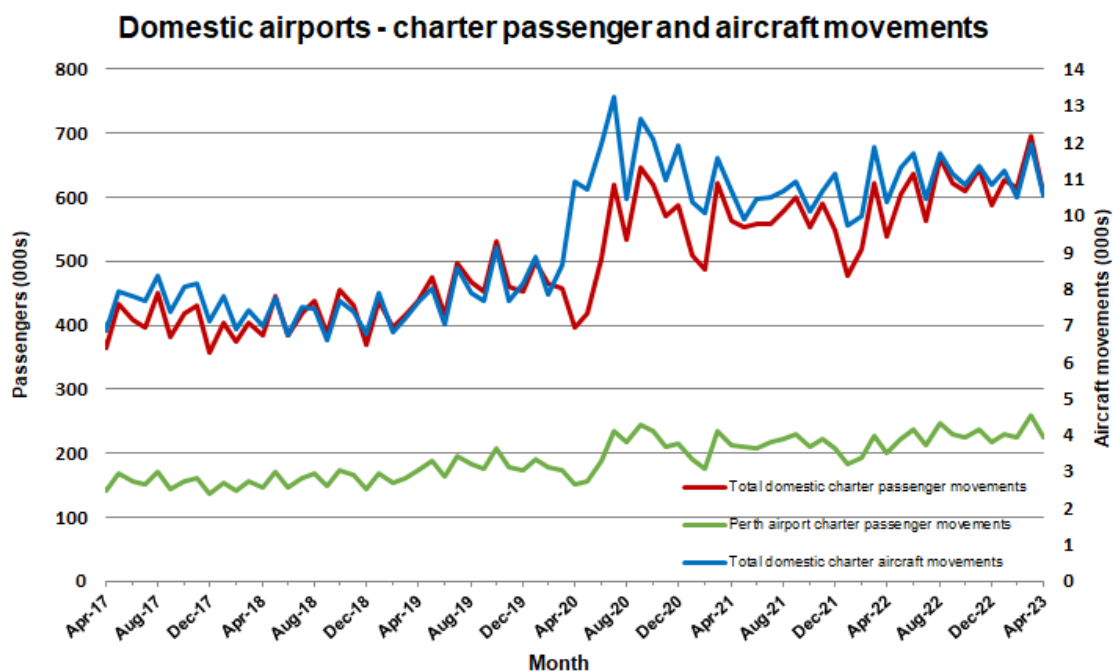
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Apr 2022	YE Apr 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6,702,022	7,471,944	11.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	126,400	133,556	5.7
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2,531,537	2,767,794	9.3
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	43,584	44,867	2.9

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.
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NA	Not applicable.