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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the month of February 2022.

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.

Individual routes shown are restricted to those exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. However, from November 2021 the major airlines (Qantas Group, Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines) have agreed to publication of the top 35 routes based on pre-COVID activity (December 2019) whether or not they currently meet the above criteria. With these approvals, there were 48 routes published for the month of February 2022 compared to 44 published in February 2021.

Information on the total network for the month of February 2022 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of February 2022 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended February 2022 presented on page 3.

Detailed information on individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 4-8 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 10.

Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 11. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas Group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North, Rex Airlines and Skippers as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Qantas Freight and Toll Aviation.

The long-term trends for the top ten competitive RPT routes are presented graphically on pages 12-21.

Domestic RPT passenger movements at regional airports are presented on pages 22-23.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 24. 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 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

The domestic aviation industry continued to recover in February 2022. However, revenue passenger numbers were still 44.2 per cent below February 2020 levels.

There were 2.69 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in February 2022, compared to 1.87 million in February 2021 and 4.60 million in February 2020.

For the month of February 2022, there were 37.3 thousand aircraft trips, compared to 31.2 thousand in February 2021 and 52.3 thousand in February 2020.

2.44 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in February 2022, compared to 1.62 million reported in February 2021 and 4.37 million reported in February 2020.

For the year ending February 2022 there were 25.23 million RPT passengers, an increase of 90.4 per cent on the year ending February 2021 and a decrease of 58.8 per cent on the year ending February 2020.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 2.50 billion for the month, compared with 1.72 billion in February 2021.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 3.65 billion in February 2022 compared to 2.92 billion in February 2021.

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 58.9 per cent in February 2021 to 68.4 per cent in February 2022. The highest load factor (82.8 per cent) was recorded on the Gold Coast – Melbourne route while the lowest load factor (41.9 per cent) was recorded on the Broome – Perth route.

For the month of February 2022, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 328.0 thousand passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 181.9 thousand passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 144.7 thousand passengers.

Sydney and Melbourne were Australia's busiest domestic airports with 1.01 million passenger movements in February 2022, followed by Brisbane with 708.2 thousand passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 36.2 thousand tonnes in February 2022, an increase of 17.7 per cent compared with February 2021.

In February 2022, there were 1.14 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 0.96 million in February 2021 and 1.73 million in February 2020. Most regional airports for which data is available for publishing recorded large increases in February 2022 compared to February 2021.

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 259.8 thousand passengers in February 2022, an increase of 6.5 per cent on February 2021. Perth Airport accounted for 37.4 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.87	2.69	44.3
Aircraft trips (000s)	31.2	37.3	19.4

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

RPT NETWORK

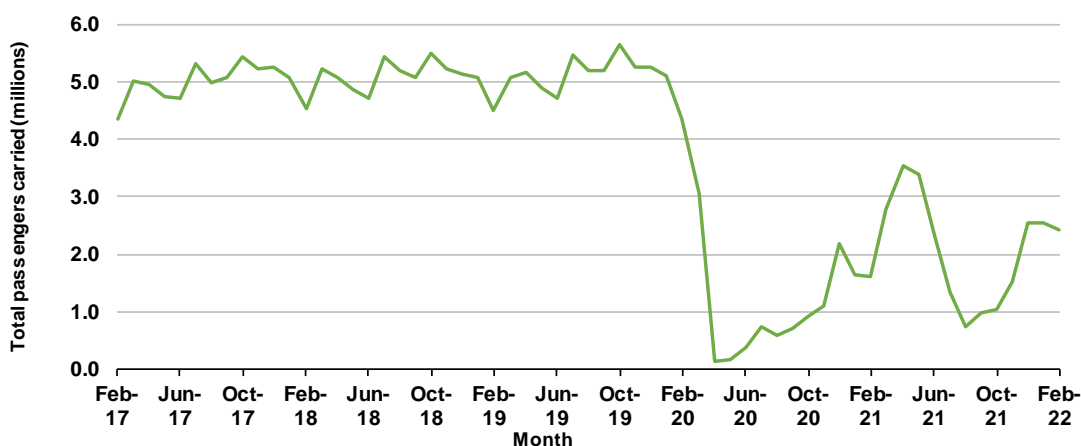
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	1.62	2.44	49.9
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	1.72	2.50	45.3
Available seats (millions)	2.73	3.57	30.9
Available seat kilometres (billions)	2.92	3.65	25.0
Load factor %	58.9	68.4	9.5 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	26.2	32.3	23.3

* percentage point difference

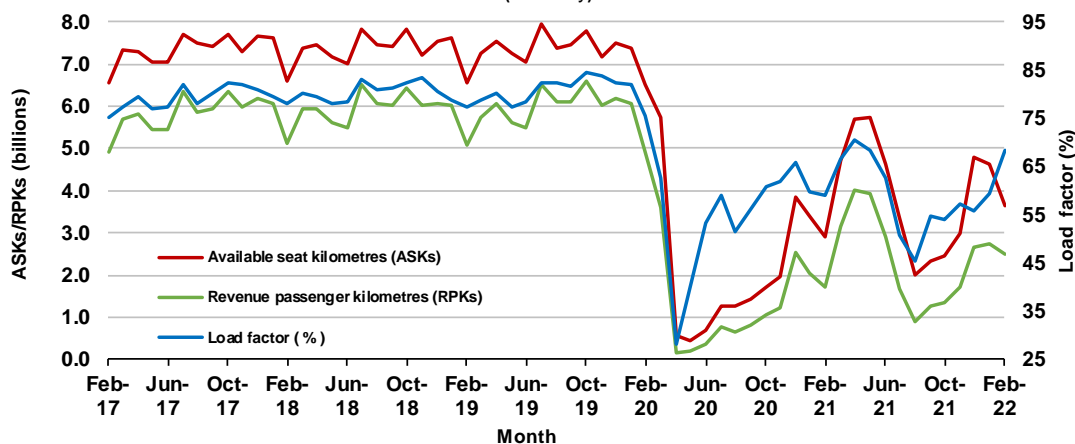
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	16.43	28.60	74.0
Aircraft trips (000s)	303.1	443.2	46.2

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

RPT NETWORK

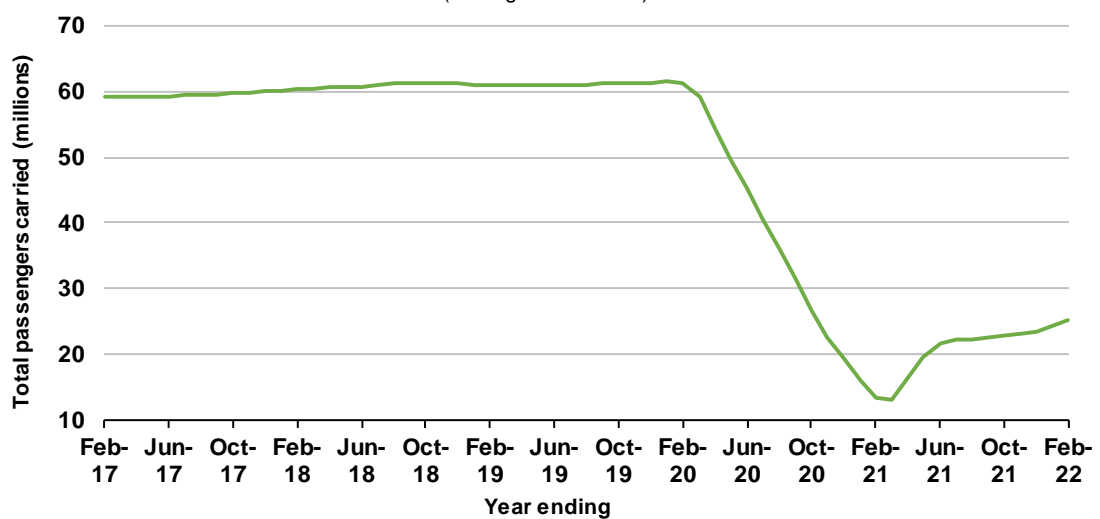
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	13.26	25.23	90.4
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	15.07	28.80	91.1
Available seats (millions)	22.51	41.57	84.7
Available seat kilometres (billions)	25.27	46.92	85.7
Load factor %	59.7	61.4	1.7 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	236.1	380.0	61.0

* percentage point difference

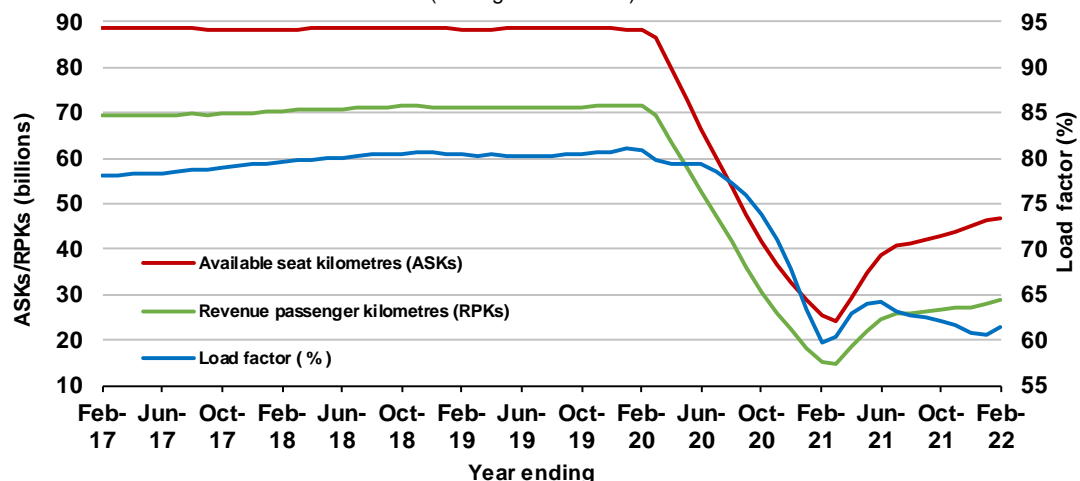
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	980.6	2 584.5	163.6
2	Brisbane - Sydney	741.2	1 250.3	68.7
3	Brisbane - Cairns	671.8	1 001.7	49.1
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	355.9	952.4	167.6
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	314.0	947.0	201.6
6	Brisbane - Melbourne	523.5	945.6	80.6
7	Adelaide - Melbourne	322.2	724.6	124.9
8	Brisbane - Townsville	457.5	681.6	49.0
9	Adelaide - Sydney	349.6	603.5	72.6
10	Brisbane - Mackay	347.1	534.7	54.0
11	Hobart - Melbourne	275.6	475.3	72.5
12	Adelaide - Brisbane	301.9	442.2	46.5
13	Karratha - Perth	246.1	435.3	76.9
14	Ballina - Sydney	370.1	393.5	6.3
15	Broome - Perth	216.7	380.8	75.7
16	Perth - Port Hedland	190.6	376.3	97.5
17	Brisbane - Rockhampton	224.4	360.7	60.7
18	Cairns - Melbourne	108.6	353.8	225.9
19	Newman - Perth	154.0	323.4	110.0
20	Launceston - Melbourne	166.5	314.1	88.7
21	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	116.7	313.5	168.6
22	Canberra - Melbourne	151.9	312.9	106.0
23	Hobart - Sydney	130.7	306.6	134.6
24	Cairns - Sydney	108.8	301.8	177.3
25	Brisbane - Canberra	212.1	291.8	37.5
26	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	82.8	278.7	236.6
27	Kalgoorlie - Perth	146.9	262.6	78.7
28	Brisbane - Hobart	102.6	258.8	152.4
29	Brisbane - Perth	186.1	257.8	38.5
30	Brisbane - Darwin	152.4	257.7	69.1
31	Melbourne - Perth	230.8	254.9	10.4
32	Brisbane - Proserpine	155.1	252.1	62.5
33	Brisbane - Newcastle	142.7	208.7	46.3
34	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	123.4	195.7	58.5
35	Melbourne - Newcastle	70.1	184.8	163.5
36	Canberra - Sydney	107.5	178.2	65.9
37	Launceston - Sydney	68.3	143.0	109.3
38	Brisbane - Launceston	..	142.9	NA
39	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	79.6	142.1	78.4
40	Brisbane - Gladstone	87.5	140.6	60.7
41	Adelaide - Gold Coast	81.5	137.9	69.2
42	Ballina - Melbourne	..	128.3	NA
43	Brisbane - Emerald	84.9	128.2	51.1
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	74.5	122.7	64.6
45	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	109.1	NA
46	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	82.8	NA
47	Dubbo - Sydney	..	74.3	NA
48	Perth - Sydney	186.8	..	NA (a)
49	Adelaide - Perth	104.8	..	NA (a)
50	Adelaide - Canberra	60.7	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	13 256.9	25 234.9	90.4

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(a) Citypairs published in February 2021, data not available for release in February 2022.

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	132.1	328.0	148.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	138.1	181.9	31.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	47.3	144.7	205.9
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	48.9	138.7	183.5
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	68.1	129.1	89.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	29.1	97.6	235.8
7	Adelaide - Sydney	41.0	68.4	67.0
8	Hobart - Melbourne	37.1	61.4	65.2
9	Brisbane - Cairns	58.0	54.0	-6.9
10	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	17.4	44.5	155.7
11	Brisbane - Townsville	47.4	42.6	-10.2
12	Canberra - Melbourne	20.6	41.0	99.2
13	Launceston - Melbourne	22.8	38.7	69.5
14	Hobart - Sydney	24.6	37.3	52.0
15	Brisbane - Mackay	38.2	36.2	-5.2
16	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	20.7	34.7	68.1
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	37.7	33.0	-12.3
18	Ballina - Sydney	41.0	31.9	-22.2
19	Brisbane - Canberra	29.8	30.7	3.0
20	Karratha - Perth	21.2	30.6	44.0
21	Cairns - Melbourne	11.8	30.1	154.5
22	Perth - Port Hedland	19.4	29.7	53.2
23	Cairns - Sydney	12.7	26.1	105.8
24	Brisbane - Rockhampton	26.5	25.0	-5.6
25	Newman - Perth	19.0	24.5	29.1
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	26.4	22.7	-14.1
27	Canberra - Sydney	16.2	21.6	33.3
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	10.7	21.3	98.6
29	Kalgoorlie - Perth	14.7	19.2	30.1
30	Brisbane - Hobart	18.7	17.9	-4.2
31	Melbourne - Perth	6.6	17.7	168.4
32	Launceston - Sydney	14.7	17.4	18.3
33	Brisbane - Proserpine	15.3	17.1	11.6
34	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	15.4	NA
35	Brisbane - Darwin	15.4	14.2	-7.9
36	Broome - Perth	10.9	13.7	25.3
37	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	9.6	13.0	36.2
38	Perth - Sydney	15.7	12.2	-22.3
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	14.2	12.0	-15.5
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	13.4	11.0	-18.0
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	10.1	11.0	8.4
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	10.7	10.5	-1.4
43	Brisbane - Perth	14.8	10.2	-30.9
44	Ballina - Melbourne	..	9.5	NA
45	Brisbane - Emerald	9.8	8.9	-9.0
46	Dubbo - Sydney	..	8.4	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	..	8.3	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	8.0	NA
49	Adelaide - Perth	16.0	..	NA (a)
50	Adelaide - Canberra	9.3	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	1 624.1	2 435.1	49.9

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	220.9	452.9	105.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	185.6	239.7	29.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	88.8	200.3	125.5
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	78.0	167.6	114.9
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	82.4	157.2	90.9
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	65.0	131.6	102.4
7	Adelaide - Sydney	56.3	97.3	73.0
8	Hobart - Melbourne	61.0	77.2	26.5
9	Brisbane - Cairns	86.4	76.5	-11.5
10	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	30.6	58.4	90.9
11	Brisbane - Townsville	69.1	60.8	-12.0
12	Canberra - Melbourne	44.0	63.5	44.5
13	Launceston - Melbourne	41.1	48.9	19.0
14	Hobart - Sydney	36.5	52.2	42.8
15	Brisbane - Mackay	58.8	54.2	-7.7
16	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	26.0	44.9	72.6
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	54.3	44.7	-17.6
18	Ballina - Sydney	54.2	39.8	-26.6
19	Brisbane - Canberra	55.7	51.9	-6.9
20	Karratha - Perth	54.1	61.1	13.0
21	Cairns - Melbourne	22.6	37.5	65.8
22	Perth - Port Hedland	41.5	51.3	23.6
23	Cairns - Sydney	18.2	33.6	84.1
24	Brisbane - Rockhampton	39.0	36.6	-6.0
25	Newman - Perth	47.7	52.3	9.7
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	42.0	29.9	-28.8
27	Canberra - Sydney	33.0	40.8	23.8
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	17.9	27.1	51.3
29	Kalgoorlie - Perth	29.5	36.9	24.9
30	Brisbane - Hobart	24.6	24.5	-0.4
31	Melbourne - Perth	19.4	27.2	39.8
32	Launceston - Sydney	24.2	22.8	-5.8
33	Brisbane - Proserpine	20.2	21.6	7.3
34	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	22.6	NA
35	Brisbane - Darwin	23.3	20.2	-13.2
36	Broome - Perth	27.0	32.7	20.8
37	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	17.6	21.2	20.4
38	Perth - Sydney	26.9	20.5	-24.1
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	19.9	17.1	-14.1
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	18.7	14.0	-24.7
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	13.5	17.1	27.3
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	18.0	20.1	11.3
43	Brisbane - Perth	21.3	16.1	-24.3
44	Ballina - Melbourne	..	14.9	NA
45	Brisbane - Emerald	18.9	16.1	-14.9
46	Dubbo - Sydney	..	14.7	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	..	12.8	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	10.2	NA
49	Adelaide - Perth	33.3	..	NA (a)
50	Adelaide - Canberra	14.5	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	2 729.4	3 572.2	30.9

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	59.7	72.5	12.8
2	Brisbane - Sydney	74.4	75.9	1.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	53.3	72.2	18.9
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	62.7	82.8	20.1
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	82.7	82.1	-0.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	44.7	74.2	29.5
7	Adelaide - Sydney	72.8	70.3	-2.5
8	Hobart - Melbourne	60.9	79.5	18.6
9	Brisbane - Cairns	67.1	70.6	3.5
10	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	56.9	76.2	19.3
11	Brisbane - Townsville	68.6	70.0	1.4
12	Canberra - Melbourne	48.1	64.5	16.4
13	Launceston - Melbourne	55.6	79.2	23.6
14	Hobart - Sydney	67.2	71.6	4.4
15	Brisbane - Mackay	65.0	66.7	1.7
16	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	79.4	77.3	-2.1
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	69.3	73.8	4.5
18	Ballina - Sydney	75.5	80.1	4.6
19	Brisbane - Canberra	53.5	59.1	5.6
20	Karratha - Perth	39.3	50.1	10.8
21	Cairns - Melbourne	52.3	80.2	27.9
22	Perth - Port Hedland	46.7	57.9	11.2
23	Cairns - Sydney	69.6	77.8	8.2
24	Brisbane - Rockhampton	67.9	68.2	0.3
25	Newman - Perth	39.8	46.8	7.0
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	63.0	76.0	13.0
27	Canberra - Sydney	49.2	53.0	3.8
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	59.8	78.5	18.7
29	Kalgoorlie - Perth	49.9	52.0	2.1
30	Brisbane - Hobart	76.2	73.2	-3.0
31	Melbourne - Perth	34.0	65.3	31.3
32	Launceston - Sydney	60.9	76.4	15.5
33	Brisbane - Proserpine	76.0	79.1	3.1
34	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	68.0	NA
35	Brisbane - Darwin	65.9	69.9	4.0
36	Broome - Perth	40.4	41.9	1.5
37	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	54.2	61.3	7.1
38	Perth - Sydney	58.1	59.5	1.4
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	71.1	69.9	-1.2
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	72.1	78.5	6.4
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	75.2	64.0	-11.2
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	59.2	52.4	-6.8
43	Brisbane - Perth	69.4	63.3	-6.1
44	Ballina - Melbourne	..	64.0	NA
45	Brisbane - Emerald	51.7	55.3	3.6
46	Dubbo - Sydney	..	57.3	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	..	65.2	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	78.5	NA
49	Adelaide - Perth	48.1	..	NA (a)
50	Adelaide - Canberra	64.3	..	NA (a)
	Total domestic network	58.9	68.4	9.5

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(a) City pairs published in February 2021, data not available for release in February 2022.

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

	City-Pair	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	1 440	2 772	92.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	1 230	1 523	23.8
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	622	1 228	97.4
4	Gold Coast - Melbourne	409	882	115.6
5	Gold Coast - Sydney	482	909	88.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	459	821	78.9
7	Adelaide - Sydney	366	594	62.3
8	Hobart - Melbourne	393	492	25.2
9	Brisbane - Cairns	553	532	-3.8
10	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	184	319	73.4
11	Brisbane - Townsville	421	406	-3.6
12	Canberra - Melbourne	350	466	33.1
13	Launceston - Melbourne	358	425	18.7
14	Hobart - Sydney	200	280	40.0
15	Brisbane - Mackay	412	367	-10.9
16	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	165	252	52.7
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	341	281	-17.6
18	Ballina - Sydney	383	333	-13.1
19	Brisbane - Canberra	413	359	-13.1
20	Karratha - Perth	333	370	11.1
21	Cairns - Melbourne	125	208	66.4
22	Perth - Port Hedland	296	335	13.2
23	Cairns - Sydney	110	189	71.8
24	Brisbane - Rockhampton	388	369	-4.9
25	Newman - Perth	290	326	12.4
26	Brisbane - Newcastle	287	276	-3.8
27	Canberra - Sydney	393	603	53.4
28	Melbourne - Newcastle	99	166	67.7
29	Kalgoorlie - Perth	222	256	15.3
30	Brisbane - Hobart	152	150	-1.3
31	Melbourne - Perth	190	250	31.6
32	Launceston - Sydney	132	138	4.5
33	Brisbane - Proserpine	112	145	29.5
34	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	128	NA
35	Brisbane - Darwin	153	142	-7.2
36	Broome - Perth	190	202	6.3
37	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	233	348	49.4
38	Perth - Sydney	157	137	-12.7
39	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	114	98	-14.0
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	104	84	-19.2
41	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	336	430	28.0
42	Brisbane - Gladstone	236	244	3.4
43	Brisbane - Perth	117	89	-23.9
44	Ballina - Melbourne	..	83	NA
45	Brisbane - Emerald	290	239	-17.6
46	Dubbo - Sydney	..	337	NA
47	Brisbane - Launceston	..	76	NA
48	Canberra - Gold Coast	..	67	NA
49	Adelaide - Perth	218	..	NA (b)
50	Adelaide - Canberra	90	..	NA (b)
	Total domestic network	26 186	32 297	23.3

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(a) Includes RPT cargo flights

(b) City pairs published in February 2021, data not available for release in February 2022.

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TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

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

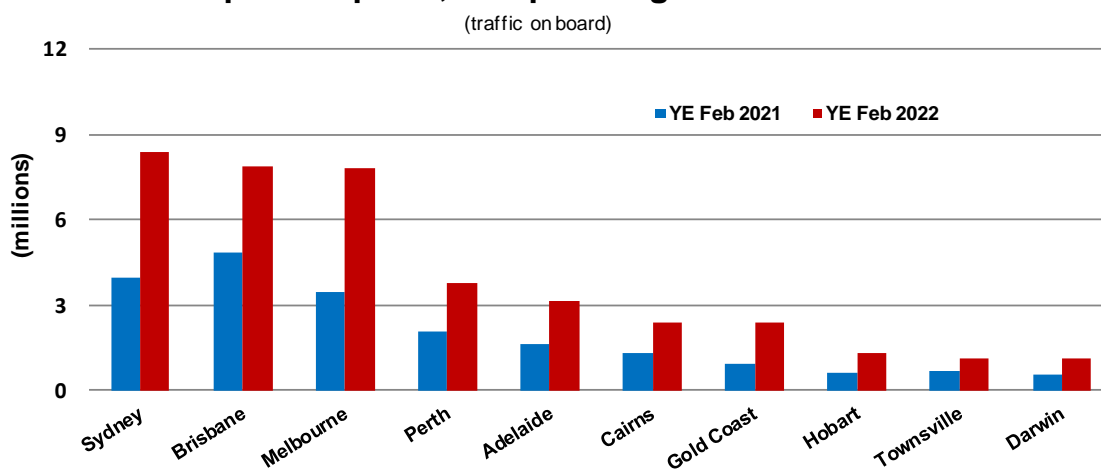
Airport	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	595.7	1 009.3	69.4	20.7
2 Melbourne	403.2	1 007.0	149.8	20.7
3 Brisbane	598.6	708.2	18.3	14.5
4 Gold Coast	159.9	303.0	89.5	6.2
5 Adelaide	195.3	277.3	42.0	5.7
6 Perth	183.5	204.4	11.4	4.2
7 Cairns	122.7	148.9	21.3	3.1
8 Hobart	98.4	130.6	32.7	2.7
9 Canberra	92.8	113.0	21.7	2.3
10 Sunshine Coast	43.6	84.2	93.2	1.7
Total top ten airports	2 493.7	3 985.8	59.8	81.8
Total domestic network	3 248.2	4 870.2	49.9	100.0

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

Airport	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	3 980.7	8 355.7	109.9	16.6
2 Brisbane	4 875.4	7 893.1	61.9	15.6
3 Melbourne	3 475.2	7 841.9	125.7	15.5
4 Perth	2 099.3	3 802.6	81.1	7.5
5 Adelaide	1 642.3	3 144.6	91.5	6.2
6 Cairns	1 305.7	2 383.6	82.5	4.7
7 Gold Coast	955.0	2 374.4	148.6	4.7
8 Hobart	595.0	1 319.5	121.8	2.6
9 Townsville	679.0	1 108.7	63.3	2.2
10 Darwin	573.3	1 097.7	91.5	2.2
Total top ten airports	20 180.9	39 321.9	94.8	77.9
Total domestic network	26 513.8	50 469.8	90.4	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

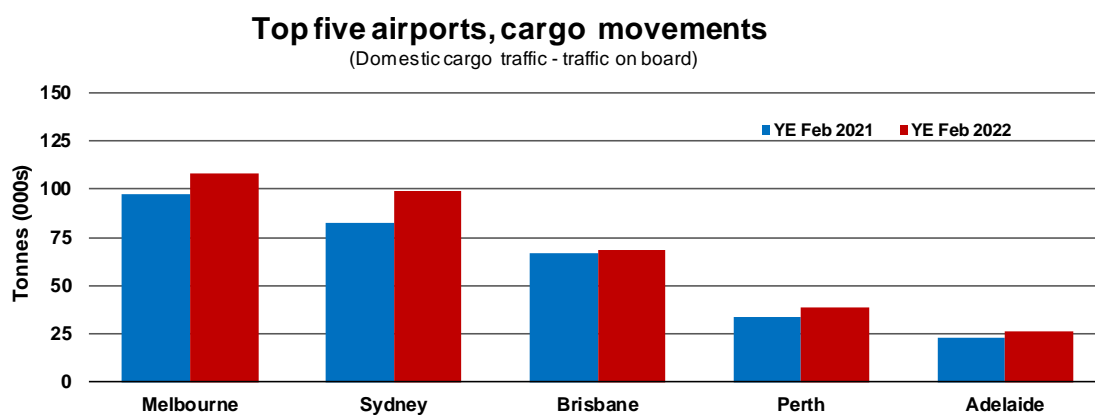
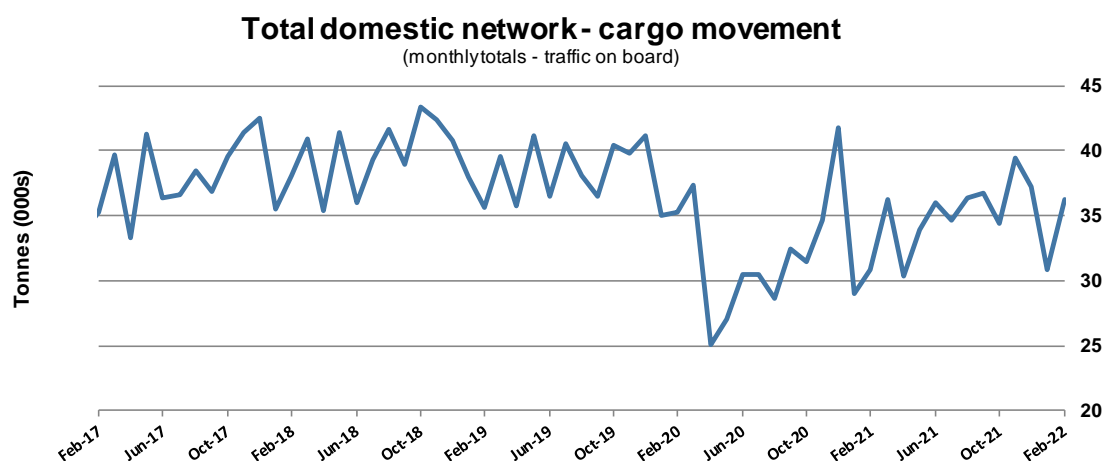
Table 8: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - monthly activity

Airport	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.5	9.1	21.5	25.2
2 Sydney	6.9	8.4	21.2	23.1
3 Brisbane	5.3	6.0	14.4	16.6
4 Perth	2.6	3.1	20.1	8.6
5 Adelaide	1.9	2.3	16.7	6.3
Total top five airports	24.2	28.9	19.3	79.7
Total domestic network	30.8	36.2	17.7	100.0

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

Airport	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	97.7	108.1	10.7	25.6
2 Sydney	82.8	99.2	19.8	23.5
3 Brisbane	67.0	68.7	2.6	16.3
4 Perth	33.7	38.9	15.4	9.2
5 Adelaide	23.1	26.4	14.5	6.2
Total top five airports	304.3	341.4	12.2	80.8
Total domestic network	378.8	422.6	11.6	100.0

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



TOP TEN ROUTES

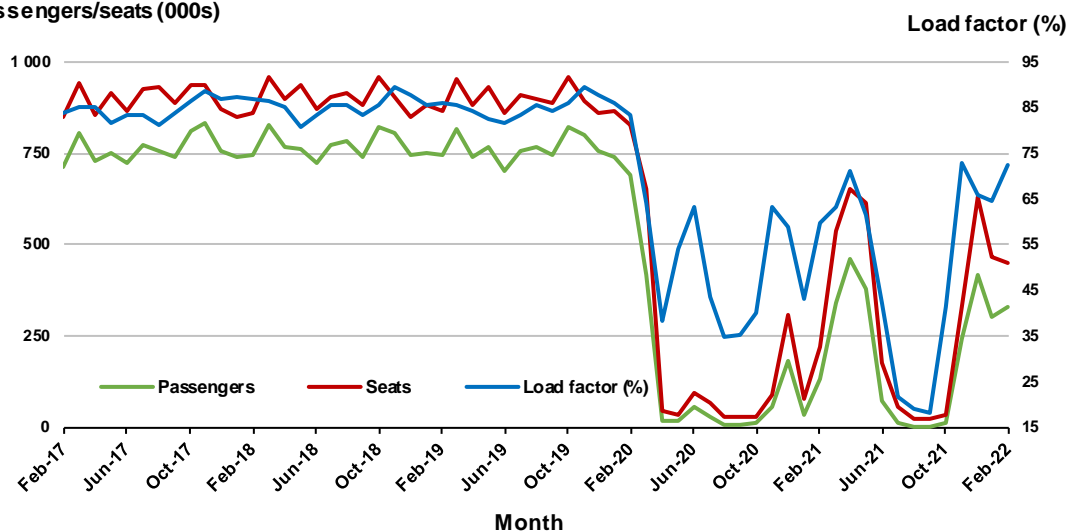
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	132.1	328.0	148.2
Seats (000s)	220.9	452.9	105.0
Load factor %	59.7	72.5	12.8 *
Aircraft trips	1 440	2 772	92.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

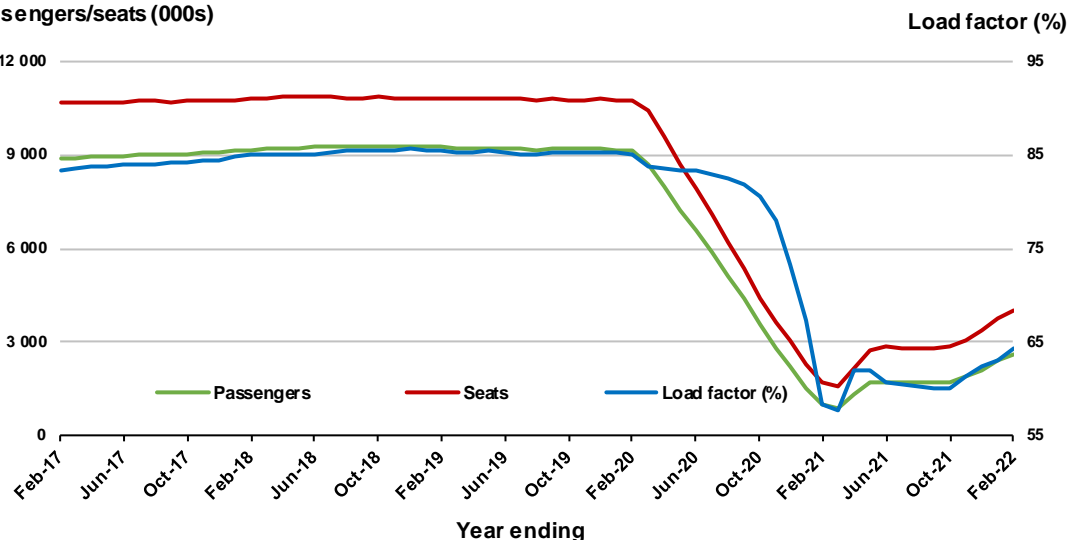


Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	980.6	2 584.5	163.6
Seats (000s)	1 679.4	4 014.6	139.0
Load factor %	58.4	64.4	6.0 *
Aircraft trips	11 577	25 122	117.0

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

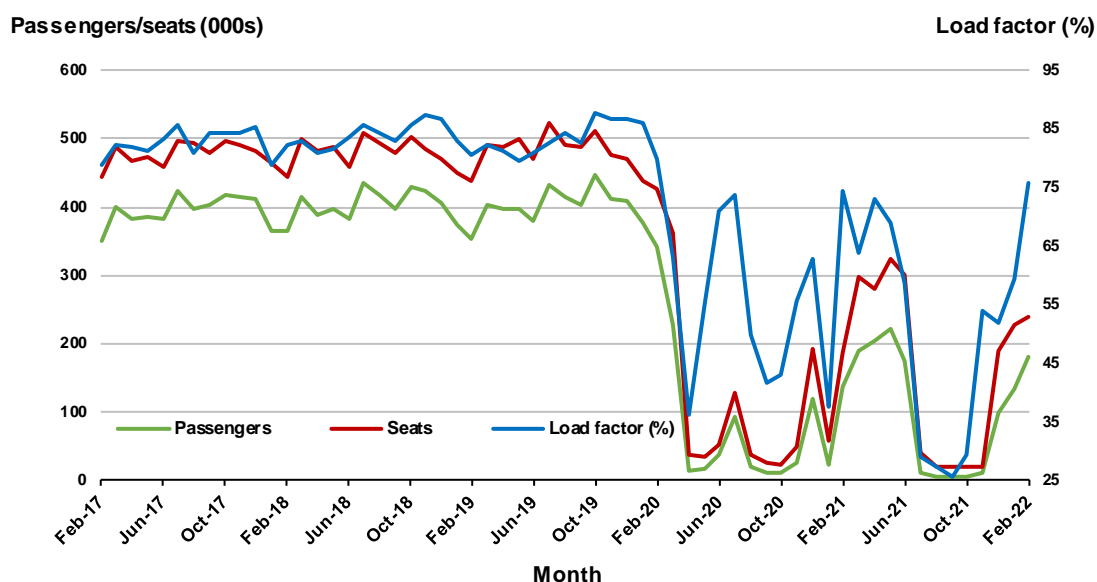


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	138.1	181.9	31.7
Seats (000s)	185.6	239.7	29.2
Load factor %	74.4	75.9	1.5 *
Aircraft trips	1 230	1 523	23.8

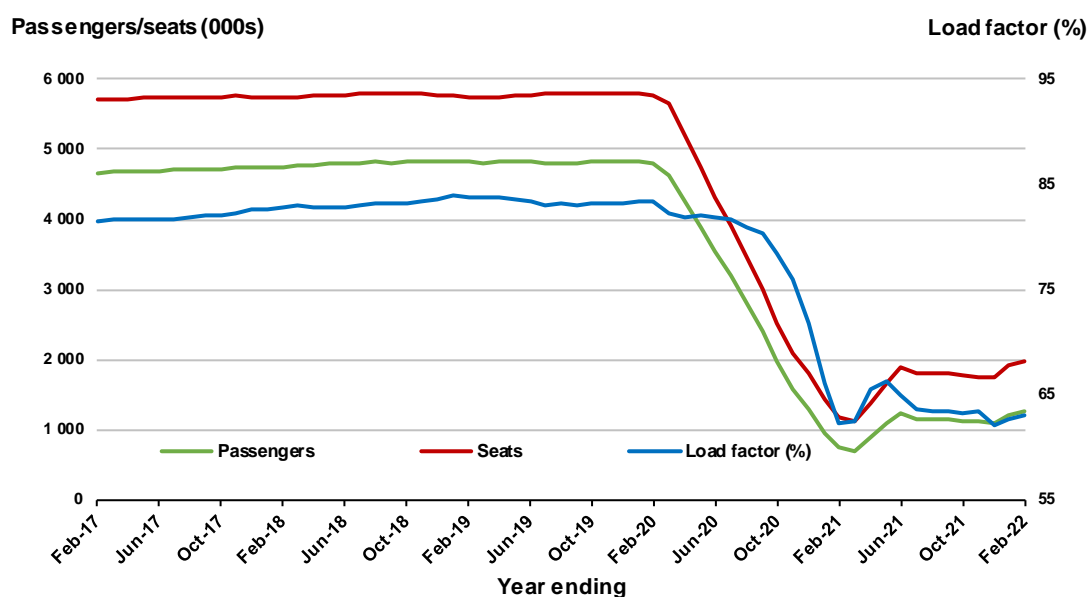
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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	741.2	1 250.3	68.7
Seats (000s)	1 188.4	1 982.0	66.8
Load factor %	62.4	63.1	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 049	13 532	49.5

* percentage point difference

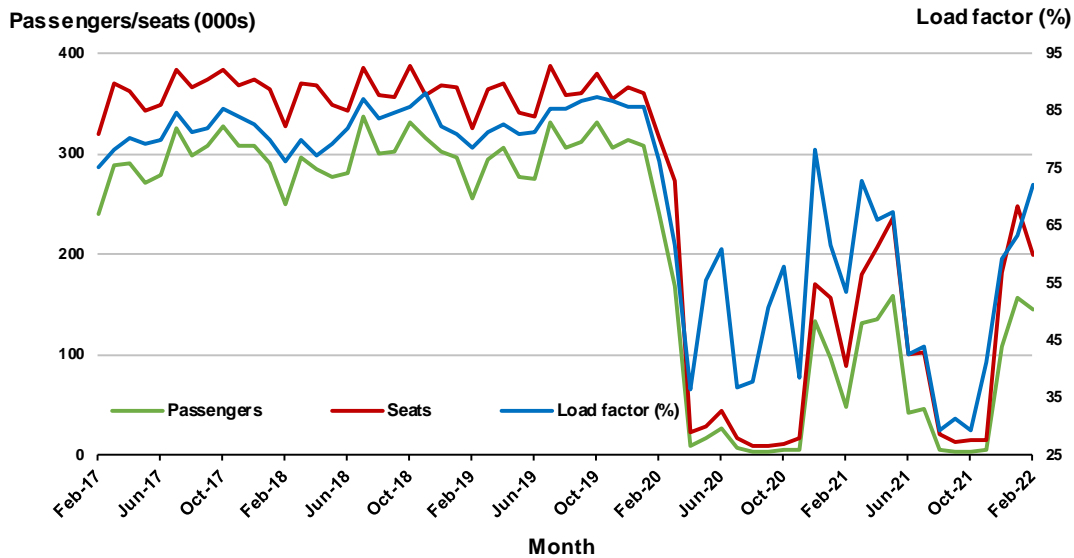


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	47.3	144.7	205.9
Seats (000s)	88.8	200.3	125.5
Load factor %	53.3	72.2	18.9 *
Aircraft trips	622	1 228	97.4

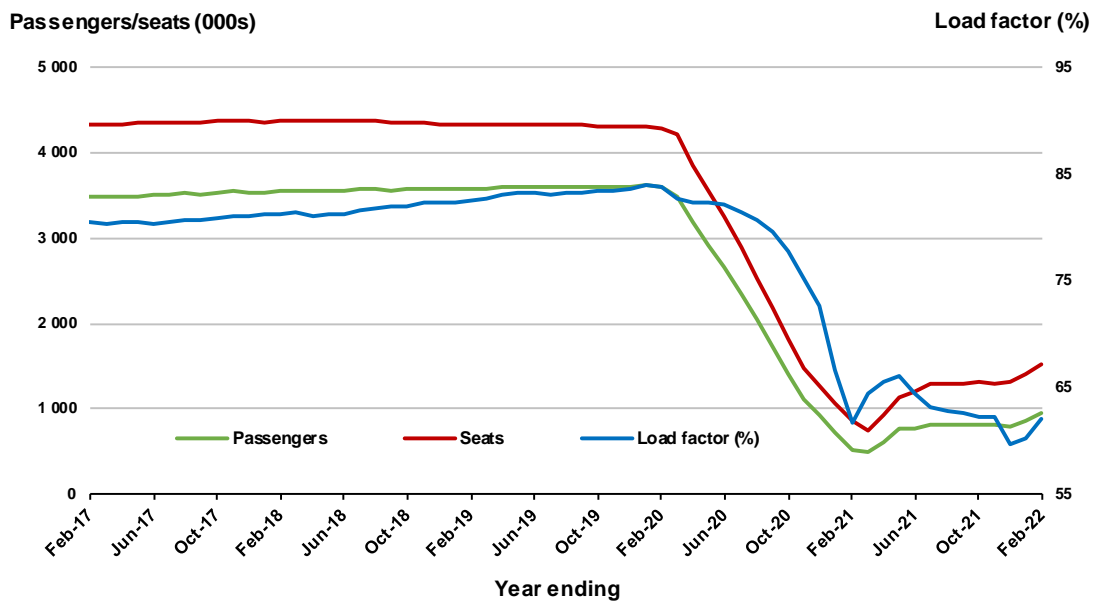
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Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	671.8	1 001.7	49.1
Seats (000s)	891.1	1 419.8	59.3
Load factor %	75.4	70.6	-4.8 *
Aircraft trips	6 333	8 951	41.3

* percentage point difference



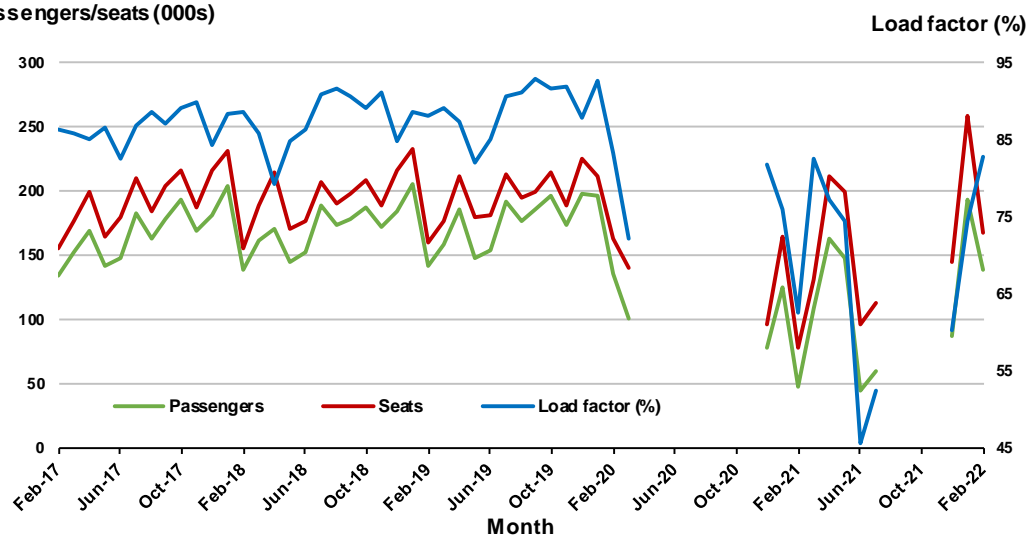
4. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	48.9	138.7	183.5
Seats (000s)	78.0	167.6	114.9
Load factor %	62.7	82.8	20.1 *
Aircraft trips	409	882	115.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



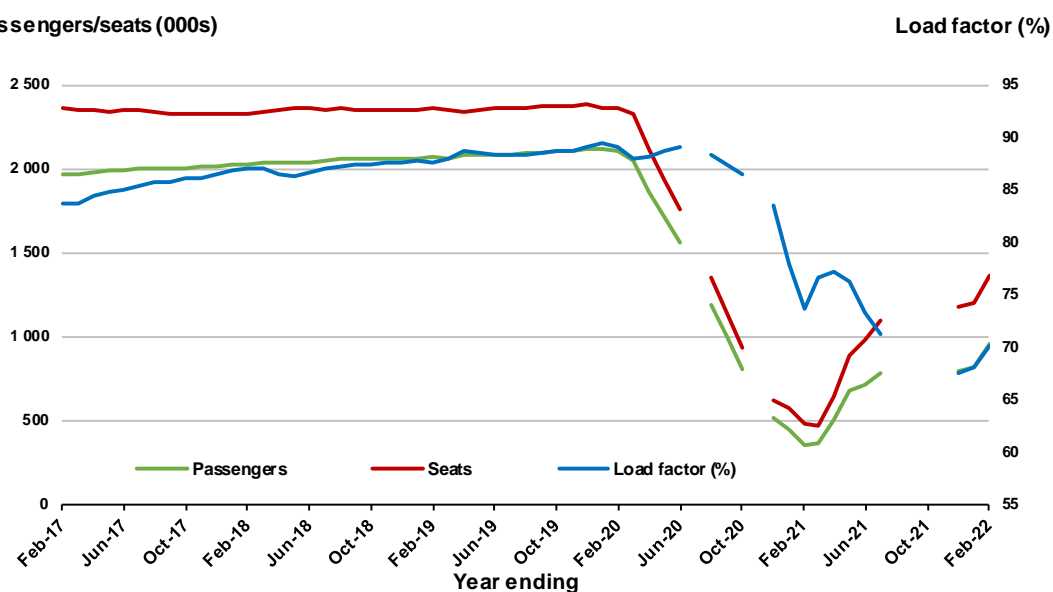
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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	355.9	952.4	167.6
Seats (000s)	483.4	1 359.2	181.2
Load factor %	73.6	70.1	-3.5 *
Aircraft trips	2 549	7 227	183.5

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



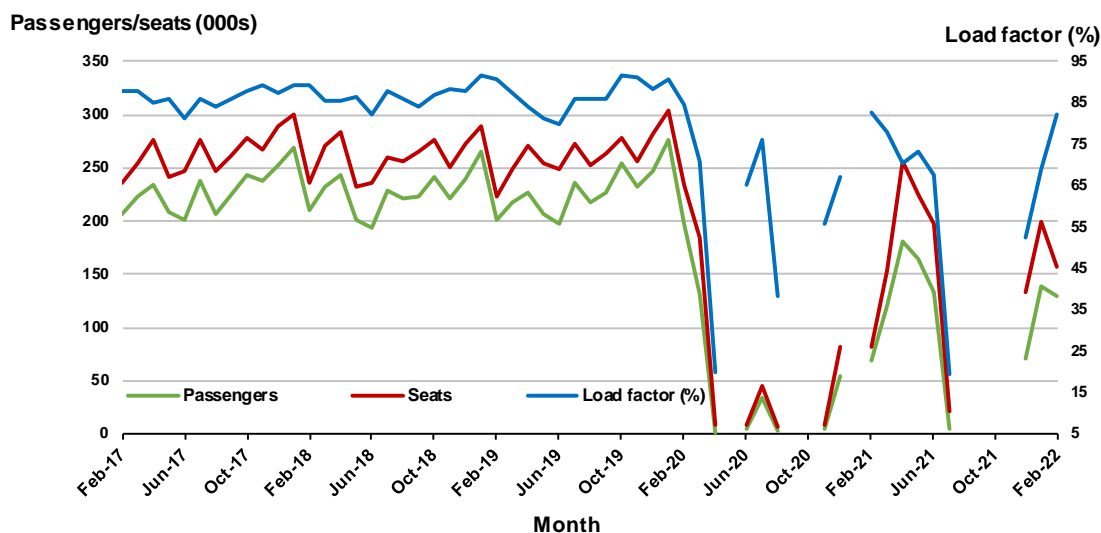
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5. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	68.1	129.1	89.6
Seats (000s)	82.4	157.2	90.9
Load factor %	82.7	82.1	-0.6 *
Aircraft trips	482	909	88.6

* percentage point difference

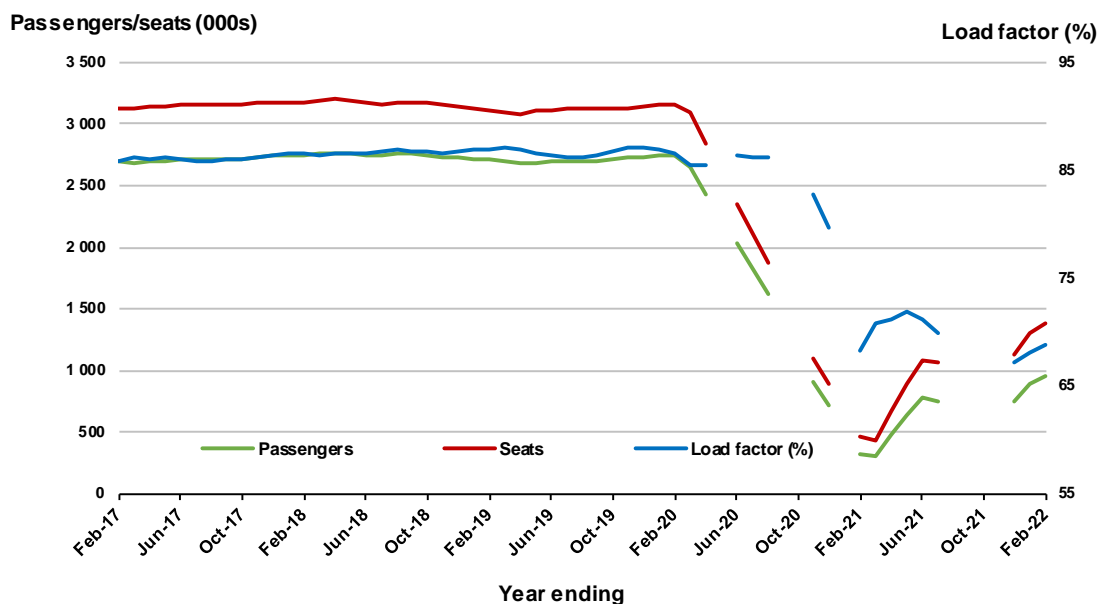


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Moving annual data

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	314.0	947.0	201.6
Seats (000s)	459.4	1 377.4	199.8
Load factor %	68.3	68.8	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	2 734	7 990	192.2

* percentage point difference



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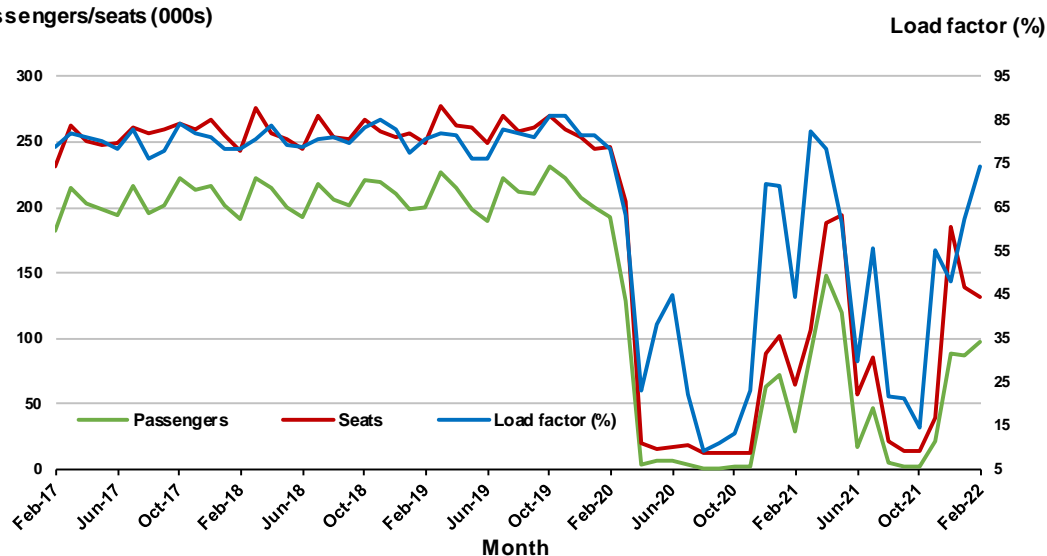
6. Adelaide - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	29.1	97.6	235.8
Seats (000s)	65.0	131.6	102.4
Load factor %	44.7	74.2	29.5 *
Aircraft trips	459	821	78.9

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

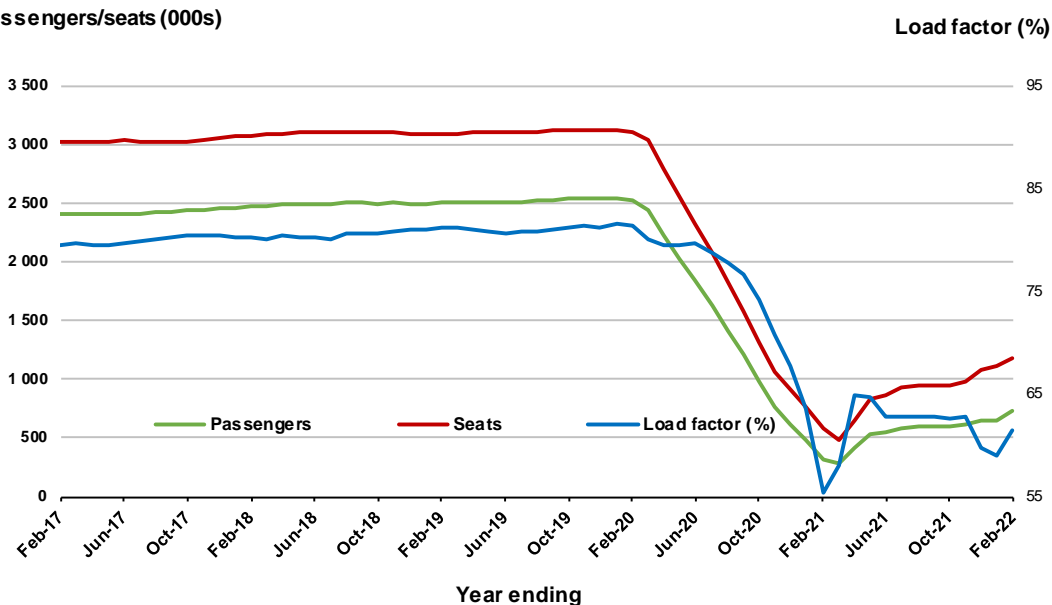


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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	523.5	945.6	80.6
Seats (000s)	848.4	1 521.5	79.3
Load factor %	61.7	62.1	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	6 220	10 104	62.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

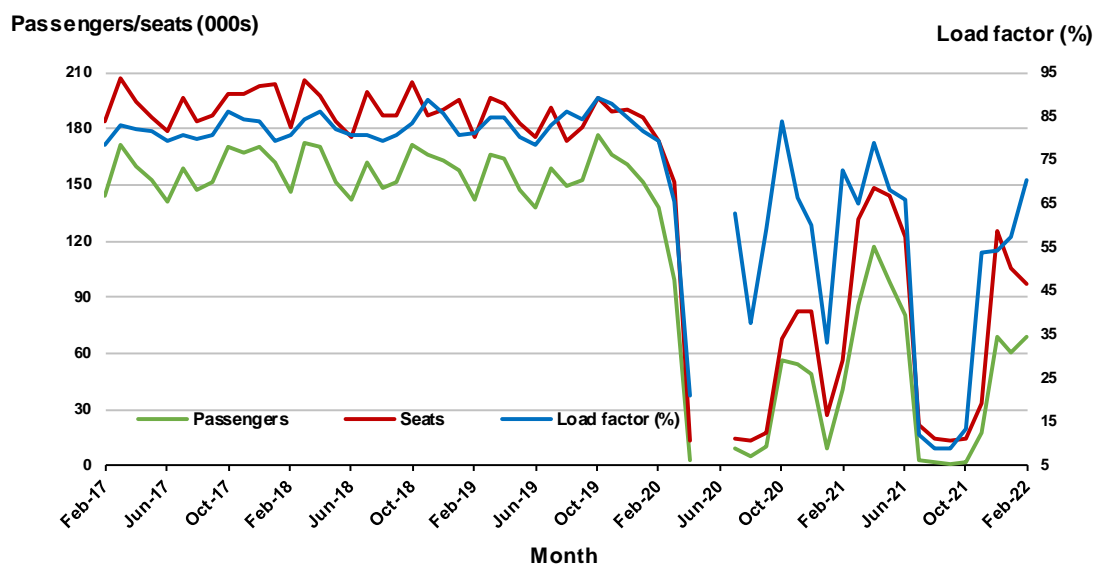


7. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	41.0	68.4	67.0
Seats (000s)	56.3	97.3	73.0
Load factor %	72.8	70.3	-2.5 *
Aircraft trips	366	594	62.3

* percentage point difference

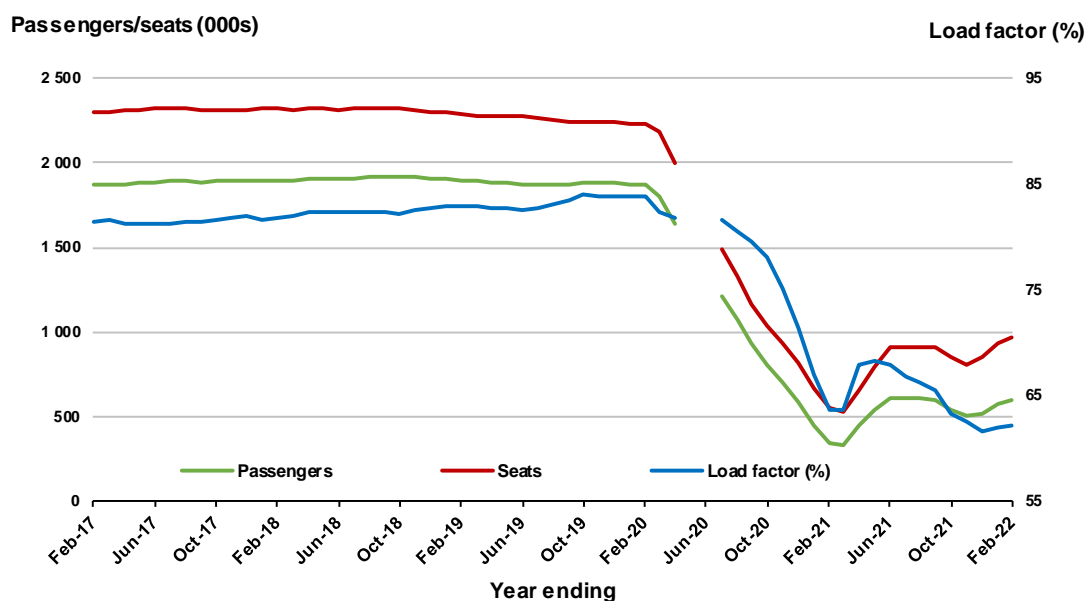


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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	322.2	724.6	124.9
Seats (000s)	582.3	1 177.5	102.2
Load factor %	55.3	61.5	6.2 *
Aircraft trips	4 493	7 762	72.8

* percentage point difference



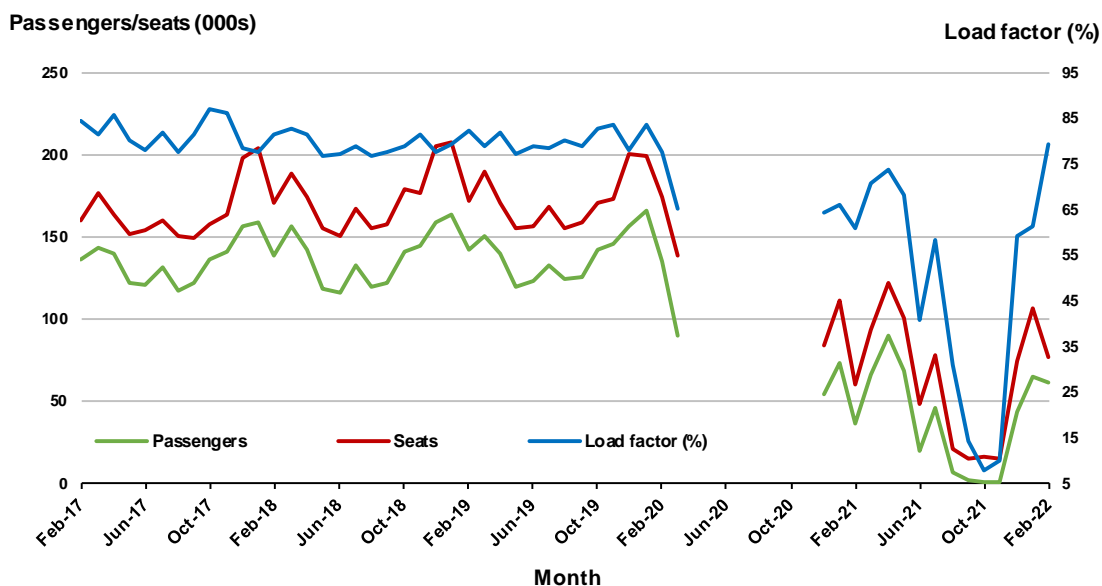
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8. Hobart - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	37.1	61.4	65.2
Seats (000s)	61.0	77.2	26.5
Load factor %	60.9	79.5	18.6 *
Aircraft trips	393	492	25.2

* percentage point difference

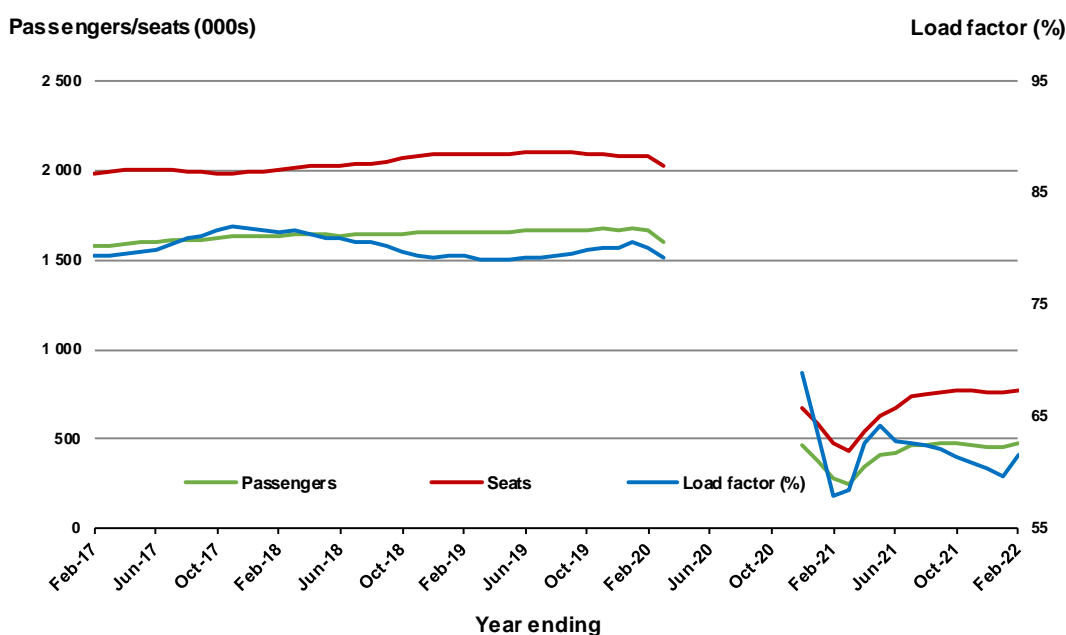


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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	457.5	681.6	49.0
Seats (000s)	660.5	1 031.7	56.2
Load factor %	69.3	66.1	-3.2 *
Aircraft trips	4 289	6 315	47.2

* percentage point difference



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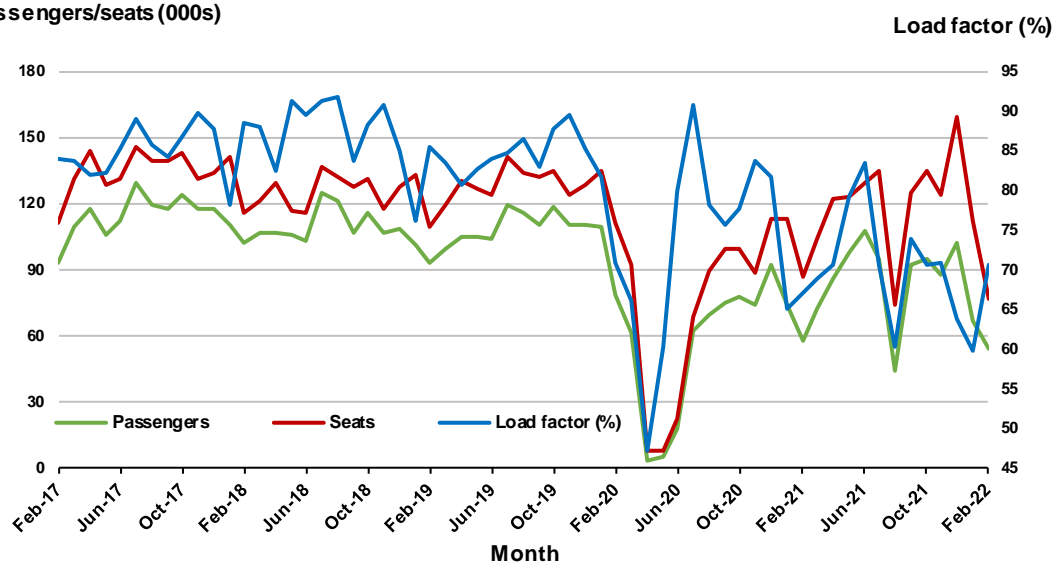
9. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	58.0	54.0	-6.9
Seats (000s)	86.4	76.5	-11.5
Load factor %	67.1	70.6	3.5 *
Aircraft trips	553	532	-3.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

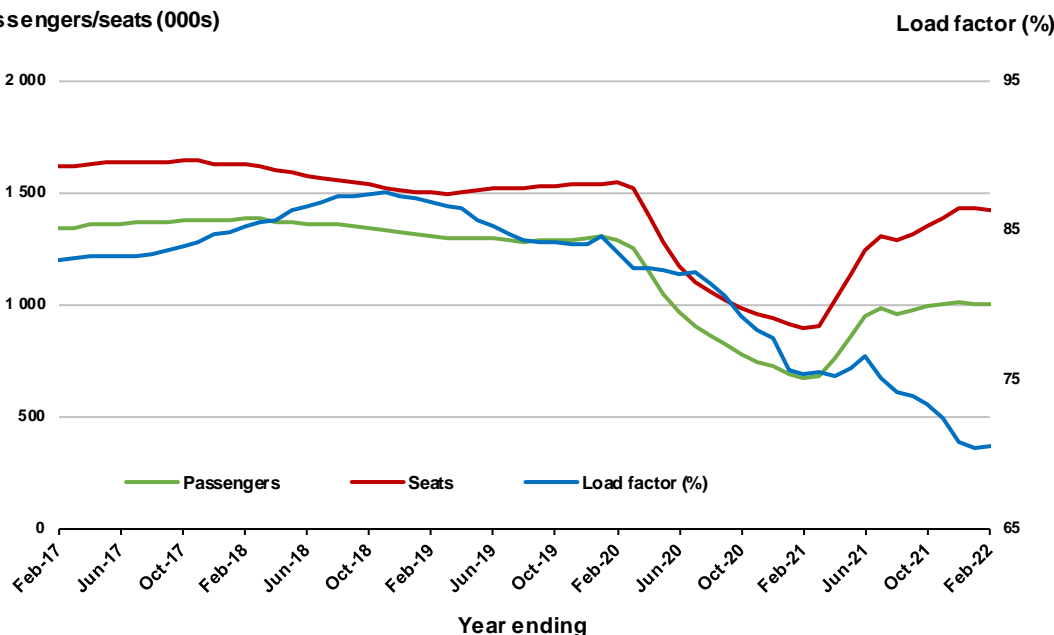


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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	349.6	603.5	72.6
Seats (000s)	548.7	971.0	77.0
Load factor %	63.7	62.2	-1.6 *
Aircraft trips	3 687	6 004	62.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

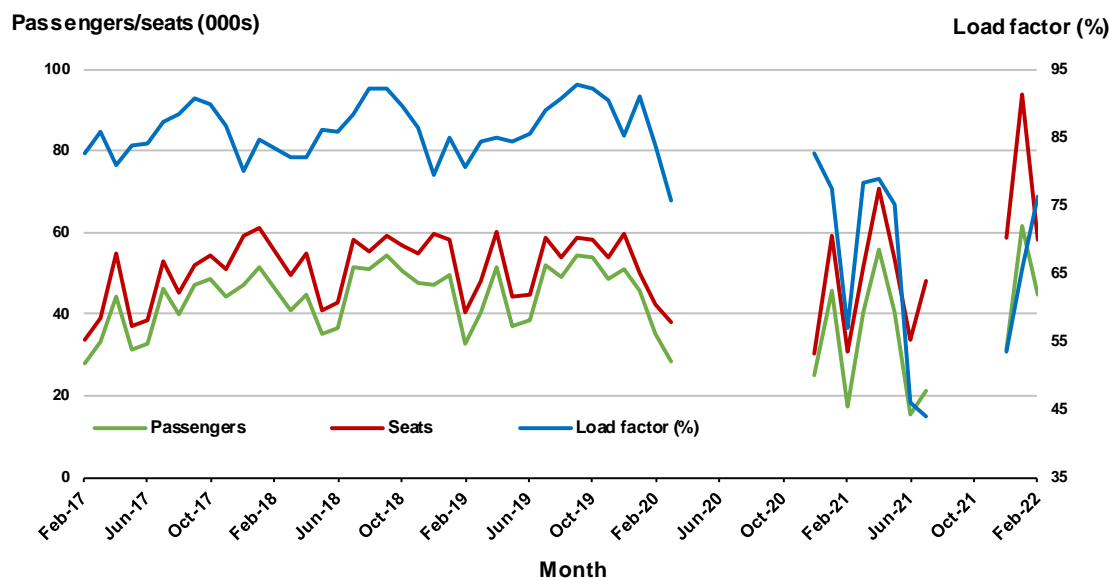


10. Melbourne - Sunshine Coast ^(a)

Monthly data

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	17.4	44.5	155.7
Seats (000s)	30.6	58.4	90.9
Load factor %	56.9	76.2	19.3 *
Aircraft trips	184	319	73.4

* percentage point difference

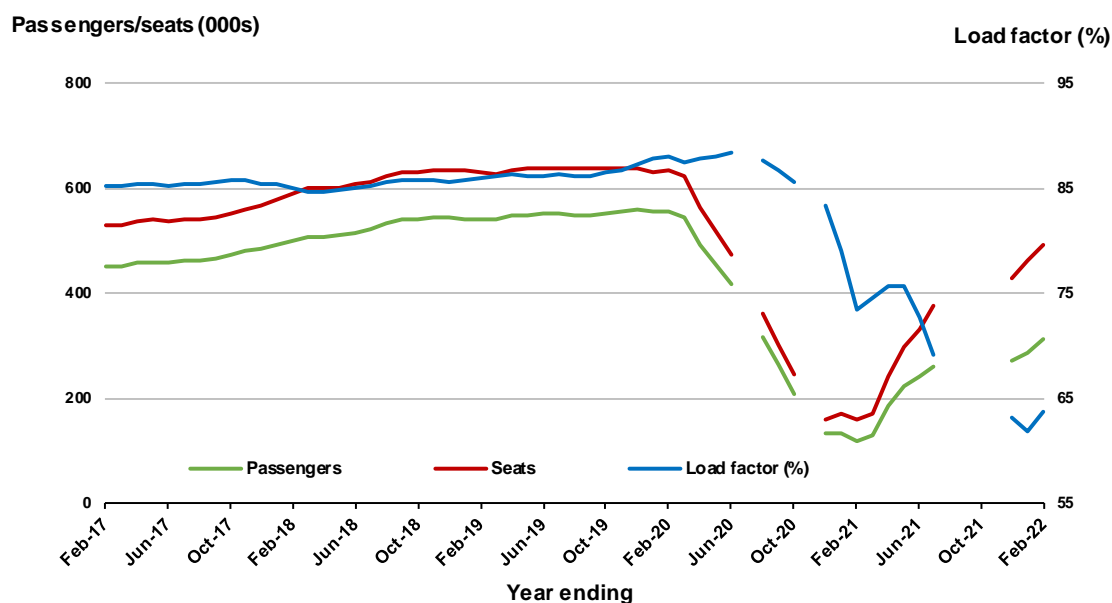


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	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	347.1	534.7	54.0
Seats (000s)	556.1	846.2	52.2
Load factor %	62.4	63.2	0.8 *
Aircraft trips	4 181	5 612	34.2

* percentage point difference



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TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	122.7	148.9	21.3
2 Hobart	98.4	130.6	32.7
3 Townsville	72.4	76.0	5.0
4 Darwin	56.5	67.4	19.2
5 Launceston	50.5	66.1	30.8
6 Newcastle	47.6	54.5	14.5
7 Mackay	45.7	42.8	- 6.4
8 Ballina	49.4	42.1	- 14.7
9 Hamilton Island	22.4	32.6	45.4
10 Karratha	21.2	30.8	44.9
11 Port Hedland	19.4	29.8	54.0
12 Proserpine	20.5	27.1	32.3
13 Rockhampton	29.0	27.1	- 6.7
14 Newman	19.1	24.6	29.0
15 Kalgoorlie	14.7	19.2	30.1
16 Coffs Harbour	10.0	15.9	59.2
17 Broome	12.2	14.7	20.5
18 Paraburdoo	11.9	14.5	21.8
19 Alice Springs	17.2	13.8	- 19.9
20 Mount Isa	13.4	13.0	- 2.6
21 Dubbo	9.2	11.8	28.2
22 Port Lincoln	10.1	11.0	8.4
23 Gladstone	10.7	10.5	- 1.4
24 Albury	5.8	10.1	73.8
25 Emerald	9.8	9.7	- 0.5
26 Mildura	5.0	9.3	85.6
27 Wagga Wagga	5.8	8.2	40.4
28 Port Macquarie	5.0	7.8	54.4
29 Hervey Bay	3.0	6.5	114.5
30 Olympic Dam	4.7	6.5	40.1
31 Moranbah	5.3	6.4	22.4
32 Tamworth	4.7	6.1	29.5
33 Bundaberg	5.2	5.5	4.4
34 Devonport	3.3	5.3	59.5
35 Geraldton	3.4	5.3	54.4
36 Orange	3.2	5.3	64.8
37 Armidale	3.3	5.3	57.3
38 Thursday Island	5.0	4.8	- 3.6
39 Narrandera	1.9	4.6	138.7
40 Weipa	4.4	4.4	0.4
41 King Island	3.6	4.4	21.7
42 Cloncurry	2.5	4.1	66.3
43 Ayers Rock	4.0	4.0	1.2
44 Kununurra	4.3	3.9	- 8.9
45 Gove	3.5	3.8	11.1
46 Mount Gambier	1.6	3.7	128.8
47 Albany	2.4	3.7	53.5
48 Griffith	1.6	3.6	130.3
49 Esperance	2.3	3.6	59.5
50 Burnie	1.4	3.6	159.9
Total top 50 regional airports	890.4	1 074.5	20.7
Total regional airports	960.8	1 140.5	18.7
Total domestic network	3 248.2	4 870.2	49.9

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 Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
1 Cairns	1 305.7	2 383.6	82.5
2 Hobart	595.0	1 319.5	121.8
3 Townsville	679.0	1 108.7	63.3
4 Darwin	573.3	1 097.7	91.5
5 Launceston	311.1	651.3	109.4
6 Mackay	407.7	645.2	58.2
7 Ballina	417.7	529.9	26.9
8 Newcastle	267.7	482.7	80.3
9 Karratha	247.3	437.5	76.9
10 Broome	231.0	417.3	80.6
11 Rockhampton	245.5	398.5	62.3
12 Port Hedland	192.9	377.8	95.9
13 Hamilton Island	156.9	345.5	120.2
14 Proserpine	182.2	327.7	79.9
15 Newman	154.3	324.4	110.3
16 Kalgoorlie	147.5	263.0	78.3
17 Alice Springs	189.0	246.1	30.2
18 Paraburdoo	105.3	195.8	86.0
19 Mount Isa	137.0	186.2	35.9
20 Coffs Harbour	80.4	156.9	95.2
21 Emerald	84.9	145.9	71.9
22 Port Lincoln	79.8	142.1	78.2
23 Gladstone	91.8	141.4	54.0
24 Kununurra	53.5	105.8	97.5
25 Dubbo	68.2	104.9	53.9
26 Learmonth	55.8	93.3	67.2
27 Thursday Island	59.4	90.9	53.0
28 Olympic Dam	39.4	89.8	128.0
29 Albury	43.5	86.1	97.8
30 Mildura	37.6	84.9	125.6
31 Moranbah	38.2	84.4	121.1
32 Geraldton	33.7	78.4	132.7
33 Weipa	40.5	75.2	85.7
34 Bundaberg	43.1	73.8	71.0
35 Port Macquarie	37.8	72.9	92.9
36 Wagga Wagga	42.1	72.9	72.9
37 Ayers Rock	43.4	70.5	62.6
38 Tamworth	33.3	62.4	87.5
39 Hervey Bay	22.9	59.7	160.6
40 Gove	46.3	54.9	18.5
41 Cloncurry	26.4	54.1	105.3
42 Albany	28.5	50.3	76.5
43 Esperance	27.7	48.4	74.8
44 Roma	32.2	48.2	49.8
45 Whyalla	23.9	47.2	97.7
46 Armidale	23.7	46.3	95.0
47 Orange	19.6	44.3	125.9
48 King Island	28.1	44.2	57.3
49 Groote Eylandt	17.5	43.6	148.6
50 Mount Gambier	14.9	42.9	188.6
Total top 50 regional airports	7 864.2	14 154.9	80.0
Total regional airports	8 521.5	15 093.5	77.1
Total domestic network	26 513.8	50 469.8	90.4

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.

DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

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

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	243 995	259 824	6.5
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5 028	4 976	-1.0

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

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

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3 175 969	3 363 400	5.9
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	67 019	63 143	-5.8

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Feb 2021	Feb 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	487 990	519 648	6.5
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	10 056	9 952	-1.0
Perth airport charter passenger movements	175 414	194 203	10.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3 267	3 448	5.5

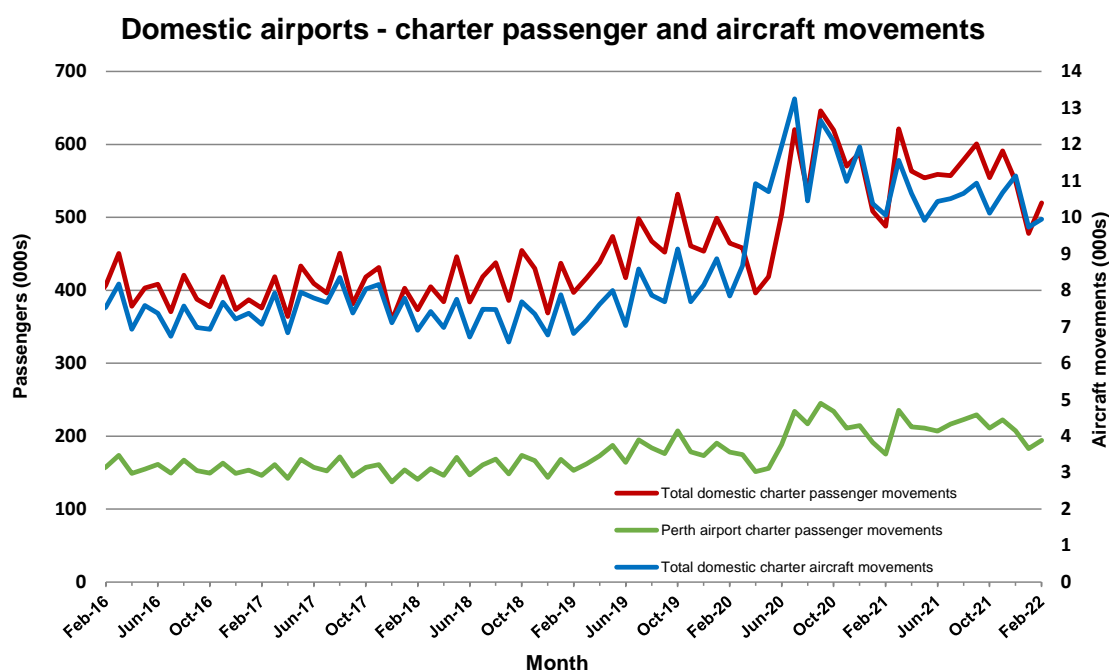
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Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Feb 2021	YE Feb 2022	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6 351 938	6 726 800	5.9
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	134 038	126 286	-5.8
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2 391 969	2 552 096	6.7
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	44 265	43 434	-1.9

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



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.