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FOREWORD

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

Bonza Aviation has been reporting monthly data since May 2023 and Nexus Airlines since September 2023.

Information on the total network for the month of September 2023 and on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the month of September 2023 is presented on page 2, with estimates for the year ended September 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 5.31 million passengers carried on Australian domestic commercial aviation (including charter operations) in September 2023, an increase of 6.4 per cent on September 2022.

4.99 million passengers were carried on RPT flights in September 2023, an increase of 6.5 per cent compared to September 2022.

For the month of September 2023, there were 51,643 RPT aircraft trips, up 7.4 per cent compared to September 2022.

For the year ending September 2023 there were 56.21 million RPT passengers, an increase of 36.3 per cent on the year ending September 2022.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 6.02 billion for the month, compared with 5.68 billion in September 2022 (up 5.9 per cent).

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased to 7.37 billion in September 2023 compared to 6.63 billion in September 2022 (up 11.2 per cent).

The industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 85.7 per cent in September 2022 to 81.6 per cent in September 2023. The highest load factor (92.4 per cent) was recorded on the Brisbane - Proserpine route while the lowest load factor (57.5 per cent) was recorded on the Brisbane – Moranbah route.

For the month of September 2023, Melbourne – Sydney was Australia's busiest RPT route with 645,676 passengers, followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 382,006 passengers and Brisbane – Melbourne with 300,430 passengers.

Sydney was Australia's busiest domestic airport with 2.10 million passenger movements in September 2023, followed by Melbourne with 2.01 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 1.45 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 25,595 tonnes in September 2023, a decrease of 10.3 per cent compared with September 2022.

In September 2023, there were 2.15 million domestic passenger movements through regional airports, compared to 2.05 million in September 2022, an increase of 5.0 per cent. Out of the top 50 regional airports, the strongest increase was recorded at Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport (up 158.3 per cent on September 2022), while the largest decrease was recorded at Mount Gambier Airport (down 12.9 per cent on September 2022).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 329,214 passengers in September 2023, an increase of 5.7 per cent compared with September 2022. Perth Airport accounted for 37.4 per cent of all charter passengers in Australia.

TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of monthly commercial aviation activity

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.99	5.31	6.4
Aircraft trips (000s)	53.7	57.4	7.0

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

RPT NETWORK

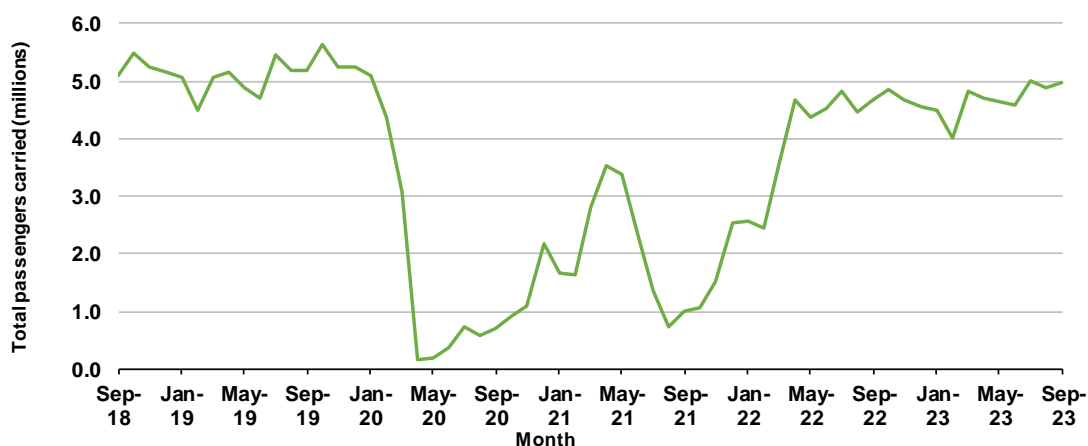
Summary of monthly RPT activity

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	4.68	4.99	6.5
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	5.68	6.02	5.9
Available seats (millions)	5.62	6.23	10.9
Available seat kilometres (billions)	6.63	7.37	11.2
Load factor %	85.7	81.6	-4.1 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	48.1	51.6	7.4

* percentage point difference

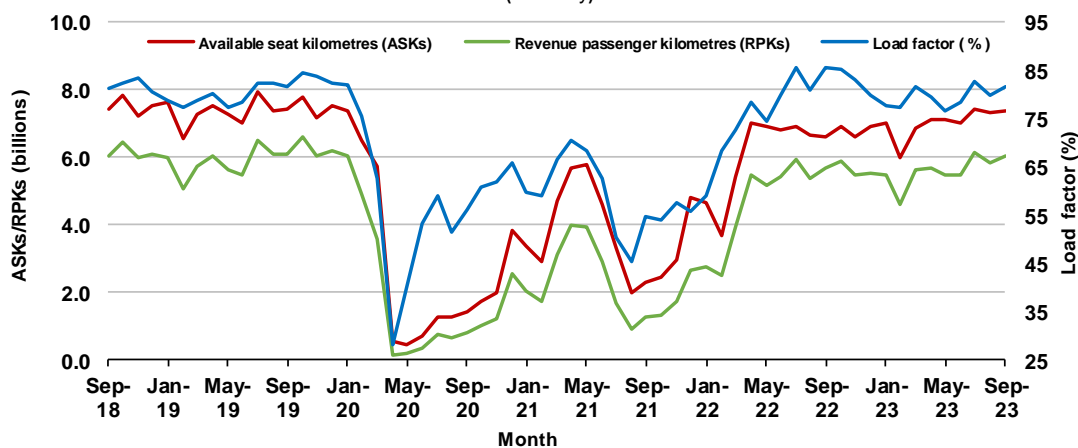
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(monthly)



RPT Network utilisation

(monthly)



TOTAL NETWORK

Summary of annual commercial aviation activity

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	44.71	60.14	34.5
Aircraft trips (000s)	563.5	673.5	19.5

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

RPT NETWORK

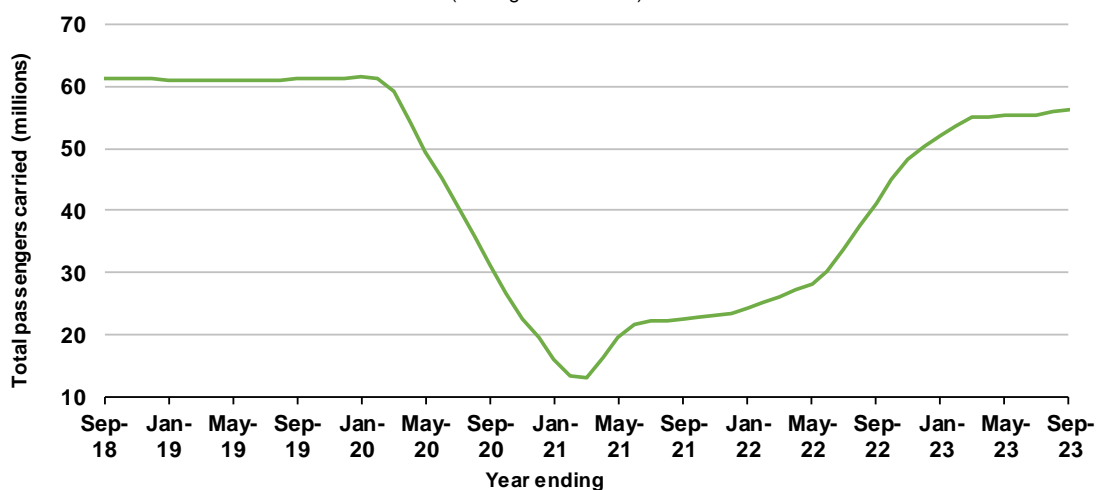
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	41.24	56.21	36.3
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	48.00	67.24	40.1
Available seats (millions)	57.29	71.94	25.6
Available seat kilometres (billions)	64.91	83.68	28.9
Load factor %	74.0	80.4	6.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	498.4	605.1	21.4

* percentage point difference

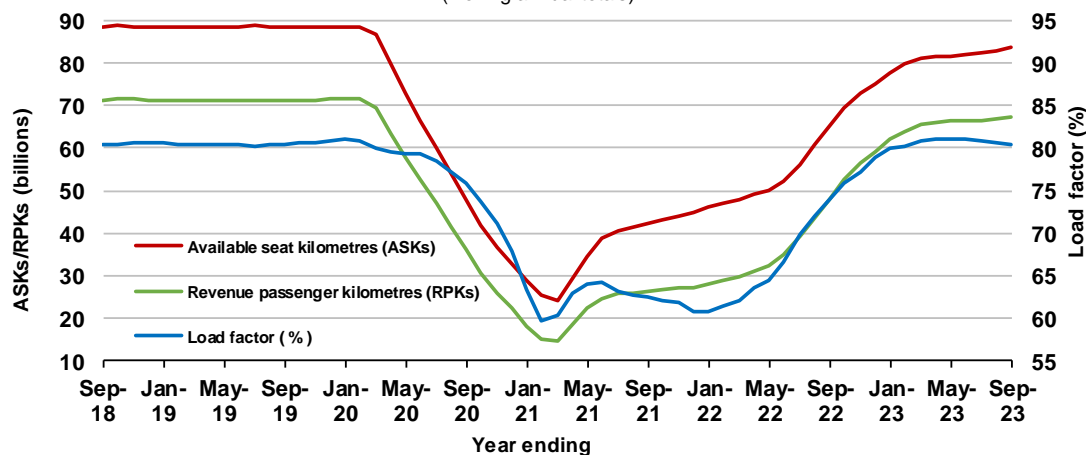
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	%Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	5,409.9	7,423.8	37.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2,686.2	4,150.7	54.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2,140.5	3,227.2	50.8
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1,732.4	2,423.7	39.9
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	1,516.7	2,421.0	59.6
6	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1,787.1	2,229.2	24.7
7	Melbourne - Perth	886.7	1,849.5	108.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1,079.4	1,677.9	55.4
9	Perth - Sydney	734.3	1,545.4	110.4
10	Hobart - Melbourne	815.1	1,346.0	65.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1,109.3	1,238.3	11.6
12	Brisbane - Perth	555.8	994.5	78.9
13	Canberra - Melbourne	676.5	980.3	44.9
14	Cairns - Sydney	604.3	895.6	48.2
15	Brisbane - Townsville	782.0	867.5	10.9
16	Cairns - Melbourne	645.3	801.8	24.3
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	623.0	801.3	28.6
18	Launceston - Melbourne	508.4	791.4	55.7
19	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	512.7	743.4	45.0
20	Brisbane - Mackay	644.8	733.0	13.7
21	Hobart - Sydney	490.0	719.9	46.9
22	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	577.6	681.5	18.0
23	Adelaide - Perth	401.4	637.2	58.7
24	Brisbane - Canberra	456.0	632.4	38.7
25	Canberra - Sydney	420.3	592.6	41.0
26	Ballina - Sydney	499.5	539.4	8.0
27	Karratha - Perth	476.3	534.7	12.2
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	418.8	497.2	18.7
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	338.1	495.9	46.7
30	Perth - Port Hedland	434.1	478.3	10.2
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	325.2	408.8	25.7
32	Newman - Perth	335.0	370.0	10.4
33	Broome - Perth	379.8	363.2	-4.4
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	291.1	346.2	18.9
35	Brisbane - Darwin	314.9	324.1	2.9
36	Launceston - Sydney	211.6	314.7	48.7
37	Brisbane - Hobart	298.3	296.2	-0.7
38	Darwin - Melbourne	254.6	284.7	11.8
39	Brisbane - Proserpine	299.1	274.6	-8.2
40	Adelaide - Gold Coast	192.2	254.5	32.4
41	Hamilton Island - Sydney	170.7	250.2	46.6
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	221.1	NA
43	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	185.1	216.1	16.8
44	Brisbane - Gladstone	179.2	208.1	16.1
45	Adelaide - Canberra	118.0	191.8	62.6
46	Dubbo - Sydney	121.9	186.6	53.1
47	Brisbane - Emerald	149.8	181.3	21.0
48	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	162.4	175.7	8.1
49	Canberra - Gold Coast	107.0	173.3	62.0
50	Darwin - Perth	141.7	171.0	20.7

continued

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

	City-Pair	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
51	Port Macquarie - Sydney	114.6	164.7	43.8
52	Albury - Sydney	123.9	164.6	32.8
53	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	197.0	163.5	-17.0
54	Melbourne - Mildura	115.5	161.1	39.5
55	Adelaide - Cairns	..	158.7	NA
56	Brisbane - Launceston	176.5	158.0	-10.5
57	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	110.8	152.9	37.9
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	128.7	143.5	11.5
59	Adelaide - Alice Springs	91.0	114.2	25.4
60	Devonport - Melbourne	..	110.4	NA
61	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	108.5	NA
62	Armidale - Sydney	77.1	105.6	37.1
63	Brisbane - Bundaberg	..	87.4	NA
	Total domestic network	37,554.9	55,911.1	48.9

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	618.3	645.7	4.4
2	Brisbane - Sydney	339.8	382.0	12.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	256.3	300.4	17.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	195.8	212.1	8.3
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	197.0	197.2	0.1
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	175.4	188.3	7.4
7	Melbourne - Perth	153.0	155.4	1.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	124.3	152.3	22.5
9	Perth - Sydney	118.5	137.7	16.3
10	Brisbane - Cairns	109.2	111.9	2.4
11	Hobart - Melbourne	88.0	96.8	9.9
12	Canberra - Melbourne	80.5	85.3	5.9
13	Cairns - Sydney	77.9	84.6	8.6
14	Brisbane - Perth	82.4	84.5	2.5
15	Cairns - Melbourne	84.6	83.5	-1.3
16	Brisbane - Townsville	77.1	74.4	-3.4
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	67.2	68.3	1.6
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	64.6	66.0	2.0
19	Brisbane - Mackay	65.2	65.6	0.6
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	65.0	60.4	-7.0
21	Launceston - Melbourne	55.7	60.1	8.0
22	Hobart - Sydney	56.3	59.8	6.2
23	Brisbane - Canberra	57.5	56.8	-1.3
24	Adelaide - Perth	52.8	53.6	1.4
25	Canberra - Sydney	51.1	52.4	2.5
26	Karratha - Perth	45.8	46.7	1.9
27	Ballina - Sydney	41.1	46.1	12.1
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	37.8	45.5	20.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	40.9	43.0	5.0
30	Perth - Port Hedland	40.6	39.2	-3.4
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	32.1	36.9	15.0
32	Broome - Perth	38.9	35.8	-7.9
33	Newman - Perth	31.7	31.2	-1.4
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	27.7	30.7	10.6
35	Brisbane - Darwin	29.4	29.3	-0.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	25.2	28.2	11.8
37	Launceston - Sydney	21.9	26.8	22.6
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	26.2	23.3	-10.9
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	16.7	22.6	35.4
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	21.1	22.5	6.9
41	Brisbane - Hobart	23.1	22.1	-4.4
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	19.3	NA
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	17.3	19.0	9.8
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	19.4	18.4	-5.1
45	Adelaide - Canberra	15.5	17.4	12.2
46	Darwin - Perth	17.6	16.4	-6.7
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	16.1	16.1	-0.1
48	Dubbo - Sydney	14.3	15.9	10.9
49	Brisbane - Emerald	15.3	15.7	2.9
50	Canberra - Gold Coast	13.8	15.2	10.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
51	Melbourne - Mildura	12.9	15.1	16.4
52	Albury - Sydney	15.2	14.4	-5.3
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	13.8	14.3	3.7
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	15.2	14.3	-6.3
55	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	12.9	13.9	7.6
56	Adelaide - Cairns	14.2	13.8	-3.0
57	Brisbane - Launceston	13.6	13.1	-3.6
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	12.9	12.9	0.3
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	..	11.8	NA
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	9.9	10.6	7.3
61	Armidale - Sydney	8.7	9.2	5.7
62	Devonport - Melbourne	..	9.1	NA
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	8.9	NA
	Total domestic network	4,462.8	4,888.0	9.5

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	710.6	788.9	11.0
2	Brisbane - Sydney	388.9	452.7	16.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	282.8	351.4	24.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	212.4	241.0	13.5
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	210.4	213.8	1.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	215.6	234.8	8.9
7	Melbourne - Perth	173.0	191.4	10.7
8	Adelaide - Sydney	136.5	187.5	37.3
9	Perth - Sydney	131.7	166.5	26.5
10	Brisbane - Cairns	119.0	124.8	4.9
11	Hobart - Melbourne	102.1	116.4	14.0
12	Canberra - Melbourne	104.6	117.8	12.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	85.0	94.0	10.5
14	Brisbane - Perth	92.2	102.6	11.3
15	Cairns - Melbourne	91.9	92.9	1.1
16	Brisbane - Townsville	90.2	84.5	-6.3
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	77.1	80.6	4.6
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	78.3	75.9	-3.0
19	Brisbane - Mackay	81.3	76.6	-5.8
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	72.1	65.6	-9.0
21	Launceston - Melbourne	70.1	78.3	11.7
22	Hobart - Sydney	66.0	78.1	18.2
23	Brisbane - Canberra	71.9	72.2	0.4
24	Adelaide - Perth	61.8	67.2	8.7
25	Canberra - Sydney	71.2	83.0	16.6
26	Karratha - Perth	58.3	64.4	10.3
27	Ballina - Sydney	47.0	55.7	18.6
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	42.4	54.5	28.6
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	54.8	54.3	-0.9
30	Perth - Port Hedland	52.3	59.2	13.2
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	37.5	45.5	21.4
32	Broome - Perth	49.1	44.7	-9.0
33	Newman - Perth	51.4	53.6	4.3
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	38.0	48.6	27.9
35	Brisbane - Darwin	33.8	36.4	7.6
36	Darwin - Melbourne	28.9	35.3	22.3
37	Launceston - Sydney	24.6	35.9	46.2
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	30.4	25.2	-17.1
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	18.5	24.9	34.4
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	27.6	29.7	7.7
41	Brisbane - Hobart	26.4	25.8	-2.2
42	Adelaide - Darwin	0.0	25.1	NA
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	24.6	28.5	15.8
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	24.4	23.6	-3.1
45	Adelaide - Canberra	19.1	25.6	33.7
46	Darwin - Perth	21.1	22.4	6.2
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	20.2	20.7	2.7
48	Dubbo - Sydney	23.9	23.0	-3.7
49	Brisbane - Emerald	22.6	21.5	-4.9
50	Canberra - Gold Coast	15.6	17.1	9.9

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
51	Melbourne - Mildura	18.1	21.1	16.3
52	Albury - Sydney	21.0	20.1	-4.5
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	20.8	20.6	-0.7
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	22.9	22.3	-2.8
55	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	19.3	20.9	7.9
56	Adelaide - Cairns	15.9	16.0	0.9
57	Brisbane - Launceston	16.1	15.3	-5.4
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	18.3	19.1	4.3
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	0.0	17.6	NA
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	12.8	14.3	11.9
61	Armidale - Sydney	16.1	15.3	-4.9
62	Devonport - Melbourne	0.0	13.1	NA
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	0.0	15.5	NA
	Total domestic network	5,700.5	6,281.4	10.2

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Table 4: Load factors (%) — monthly activity

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Point diff
1	Melbourne - Sydney	87.0	81.9	-5.1
2	Brisbane - Sydney	87.4	84.4	-3.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	90.6	85.5	-5.1
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	92.2	88.0	-4.2
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	93.6	92.3	-1.3
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	81.3	80.2	-1.1
7	Melbourne - Perth	88.4	81.2	-7.2
8	Adelaide - Sydney	91.1	81.2	-9.9
9	Perth - Sydney	90.0	82.7	-7.3
10	Brisbane - Cairns	91.8	89.6	-2.2
11	Hobart - Melbourne	86.3	83.2	-3.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	77.0	72.4	-4.6
13	Cairns - Sydney	91.6	90.0	-1.6
14	Brisbane - Perth	89.3	82.3	-7.0
15	Cairns - Melbourne	92.1	89.9	-2.2
16	Brisbane - Townsville	85.5	88.1	2.6
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	87.1	84.6	-2.5
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	82.5	86.9	4.4
19	Brisbane - Mackay	80.2	85.6	5.4
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	90.1	92.1	2.0
21	Launceston - Melbourne	79.4	76.7	-2.7
22	Hobart - Sydney	85.2	76.6	-8.6
23	Brisbane - Canberra	80.0	78.7	-1.3
24	Adelaide - Perth	85.5	79.7	-5.8
25	Canberra - Sydney	71.8	63.2	-8.6
26	Karratha - Perth	78.5	72.5	-6.0
27	Ballina - Sydney	87.5	82.8	-4.7
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	89.1	83.6	-5.5
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	74.6	79.1	4.5
30	Perth - Port Hedland	77.5	66.2	-11.3
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	85.7	81.2	-4.5
32	Broome - Perth	79.2	80.2	1.0
33	Newman - Perth	61.7	58.3	-3.4
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	73.0	63.1	-9.9
35	Brisbane - Darwin	87.0	80.5	-6.5
36	Darwin - Melbourne	87.2	79.7	-7.5
37	Launceston - Sydney	89.0	74.6	-14.4
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	86.1	92.4	6.3
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	90.2	90.8	0.6
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	76.4	75.8	-0.6
41	Brisbane - Hobart	87.5	85.5	-2.0
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	76.9	NA
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	70.6	66.9	-3.7
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	79.5	77.8	-1.7
45	Adelaide - Canberra	80.9	67.9	-13.0
46	Darwin - Perth	83.4	73.3	-10.1
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	79.7	77.5	-2.2
48	Dubbo - Sydney	60.0	69.2	9.2
49	Brisbane - Emerald	67.7	73.3	5.6
50	Canberra - Gold Coast	88.5	88.7	0.2

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Point diff
51	Melbourne - Mildura	71.3	71.4	0.1
52	Albury - Sydney	72.4	71.7	-0.7
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	66.6	69.5	2.9
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	66.5	64.1	-2.4
55	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	66.7	66.5	-0.2
56	Adelaide - Cairns	89.4	85.9	-3.5
57	Brisbane - Launceston	84.0	85.5	1.5
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	70.3	67.6	-2.7
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	..	67.4	NA
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	77.0	73.9	-3.1
61	Armidale - Sydney	54.0	60.0	6.0
62	Devonport - Melbourne	..	69.6	NA
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	57.5	NA
	Total domestic network	85.7	81.6	-4.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	4,052	4,548	12.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	2,387	2,766	15.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	1,748	2,122	21.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	1,241	1,393	12.2
5	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1,195	1,152	-3.6
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	1,326	1,436	8.3
7	Melbourne - Perth	949	1,043	9.9
8	Adelaide - Sydney	843	1,130	34.0
9	Perth - Sydney	689	832	20.8
10	Brisbane - Cairns	752	863	14.8
11	Hobart - Melbourne	631	700	10.9
12	Canberra - Melbourne	745	858	15.2
13	Cairns - Sydney	434	475	9.4
14	Brisbane - Perth	530	595	12.3
15	Cairns - Melbourne	486	468	-3.7
16	Brisbane - Townsville	611	670	9.7
17	Adelaide - Brisbane	458	694	51.5
18	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	429	426	-0.7
19	Brisbane - Mackay	566	589	4.1
20	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	424	357	-15.8
21	Launceston - Melbourne	580	683	17.8
22	Hobart - Sydney	407	488	19.9
23	Brisbane - Canberra	522	588	12.6
24	Adelaide - Perth	358	372	3.9
25	Canberra - Sydney	1,191	1,324	11.2
26	Karratha - Perth	388	385	-0.8
27	Ballina - Sydney	351	394	12.3
28	Brisbane - Rockhampton	470	650	38.3
29	Brisbane - Newcastle	503	502	-0.2
30	Perth - Port Hedland	346	366	5.8
31	Melbourne - Newcastle	243	299	23.0
32	Broome - Perth	328	278	-15.2
33	Newman - Perth	328	331	0.9
34	Kalgoorlie - Perth	276	324	17.4
35	Brisbane - Darwin	237	227	-4.2
36	Darwin - Melbourne	163	213	30.7
37	Launceston - Sydney	148	222	50.0
38	Brisbane - Proserpine	188	182	-3.2
39	Adelaide - Gold Coast	104	128	23.1
40	Hamilton Island - Sydney	157	168	7.0
41	Brisbane - Hobart	158	168	6.3
42	Adelaide - Darwin	..	193	NA
43	Brisbane - Gladstone	307	348	13.4
44	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	466	419	-10.1
45	Adelaide - Canberra	172	237	37.8
46	Darwin - Perth	120	128	6.7
47	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	116	120	3.4
48	Dubbo - Sydney	465	438	-5.8
49	Brisbane - Emerald	329	324	-1.5
50	Canberra - Gold Coast	94	96	2.1

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

	City-Pair	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
51	Melbourne - Mildura	432	432	0.0
52	Albury - Sydney	425	392	-7.8
53	Port Macquarie - Sydney	390	361	-7.4
54	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	569	540	-5.1
55	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	404	380	-5.9
56	Adelaide - Cairns	88	90	2.3
57	Brisbane - Launceston	92	88	-4.3
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	172	169	-1.7
59	Brisbane - Bundaberg	..	290	NA
60	Adelaide - Alice Springs	154	170	10.4
61	Armidale - Sydney	324	267	-17.6
62	Devonport - Melbourne	..	284	NA
63	Brisbane - Moranbah	..	206	NA
	Total domestic network	49,366	52,971	7.3

(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

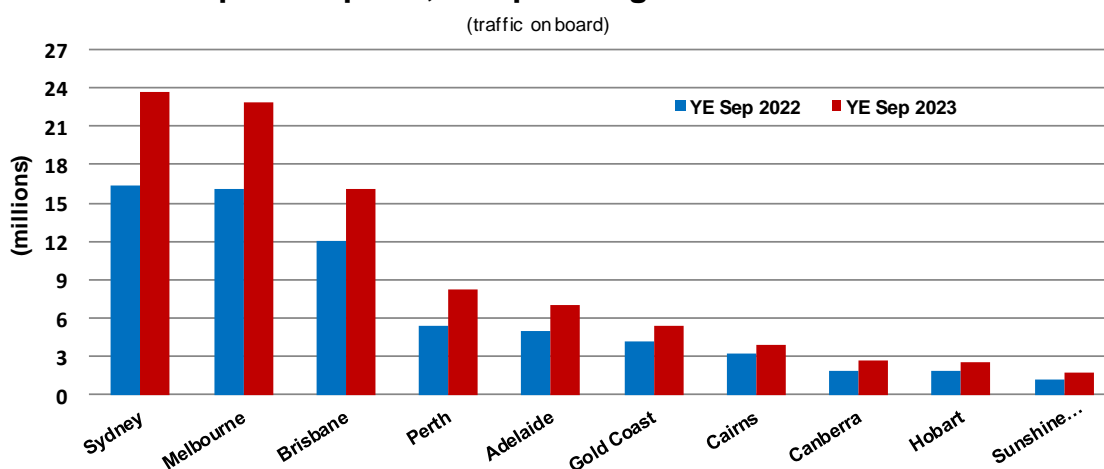
Airport	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	1,959.7	2,100.8	7.2	21.1
2 Melbourne	1,896.7	2,005.6	5.7	20.1
3 Brisbane	1,345.9	1,450.2	7.7	14.5
4 Perth	687.7	715.4	4.0	7.2
5 Adelaide	548.8	597.7	8.9	6.0
6 Gold Coast	462.9	483.3	4.4	4.8
7 Cairns	364.1	378.0	3.8	3.8
8 Canberra	233.8	242.5	3.7	2.4
9 Hobart	185.9	197.9	6.4	2.0
10 Sunshine Coast	135.2	166.2	22.9	1.7
Total top ten airports	7,820.7	8,337.5	6.6	83.6
Total domestic network	9,364.1	9,971.3	6.5	100.0

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

Airport	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	16,398.9	23,708.4	44.6	21.1
2 Melbourne	16,084.0	22,875.5	42.2	20.3
3 Brisbane	12,079.3	16,102.2	33.3	14.3
4 Perth	5,460.4	8,218.3	50.5	7.3
5 Adelaide	4,990.9	6,965.4	39.6	6.2
6 Gold Coast	4,172.9	5,439.8	30.4	4.8
7 Cairns	3,233.9	3,961.7	22.5	3.5
8 Canberra	1,896.7	2,736.8	44.3	2.4
9 Hobart	1,894.8	2,521.6	33.1	2.2
10 Sunshine Coast	1,178.9	1,731.1	46.8	1.5
Total top ten airports	67,390.5	94,260.9	39.9	83.8
Total domestic network	82,478.2	112,441.0	36.3	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	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	7.8	6.9	-11.5	26.8
2 Sydney	6.5	5.8	-10.8	22.5
3 Brisbane	4.9	4.5	-7.8	17.5
4 Perth	2.9	2.7	-5.5	10.7
5 Adelaide	1.5	1.4	-11.4	5.3
Total top five airports	23.5	21.2	-9.8	82.9
Total domestic network	28.5	25.6	-10.3	100.0

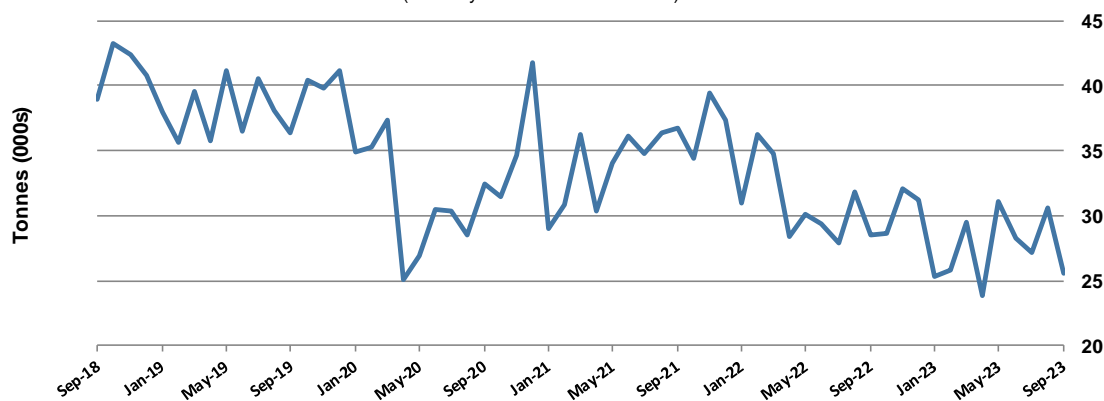
Table 9: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change	% of Total
1 Melbourne	100.4	91.3	-9.0	26.9
2 Sydney	89.3	75.9	-15.0	22.4
3 Brisbane	65.6	59.2	-9.7	17.5
4 Perth	35.1	35.3	0.8	10.4
5 Adelaide	24.5	18.8	-23.3	5.5
Total top five airports	314.9	280.6	-10.9	82.8
Total domestic network	389.3	339.0	-12.9	100.0

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

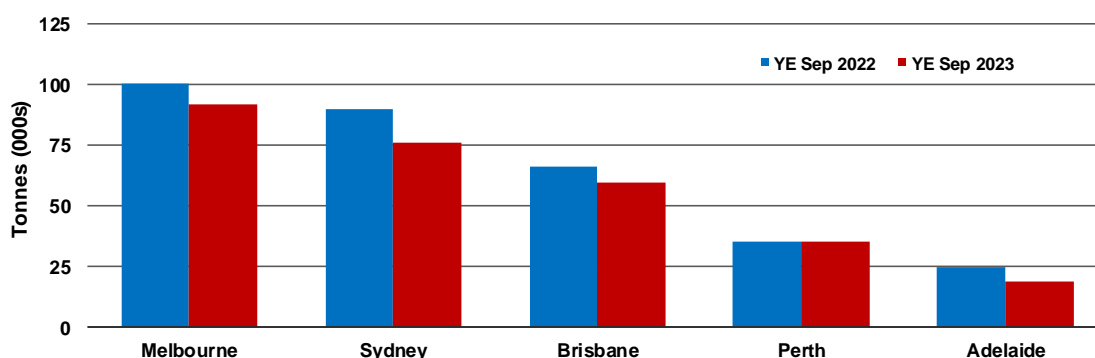
Total domestic network - cargo movement

(monthly totals - traffic on board)



Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic cargo traffic - traffic on board)



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

TOP TEN ROUTES

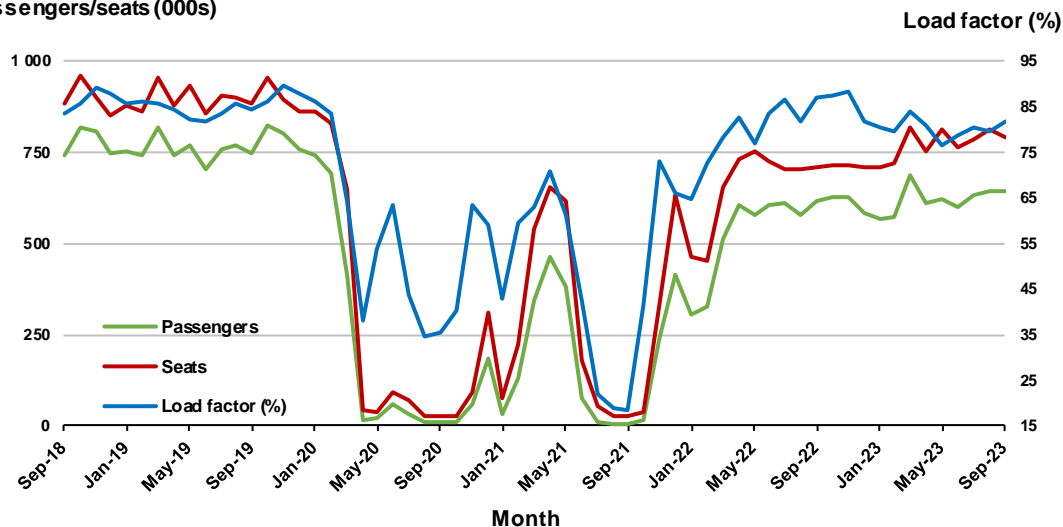
1. Melbourne - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	618.3	645.7	4.4
Seats (000s)	710.6	788.9	11.0
Load factor %	87.0	81.9	-5.1 *
Aircraft trips	4,052	4,548	12.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

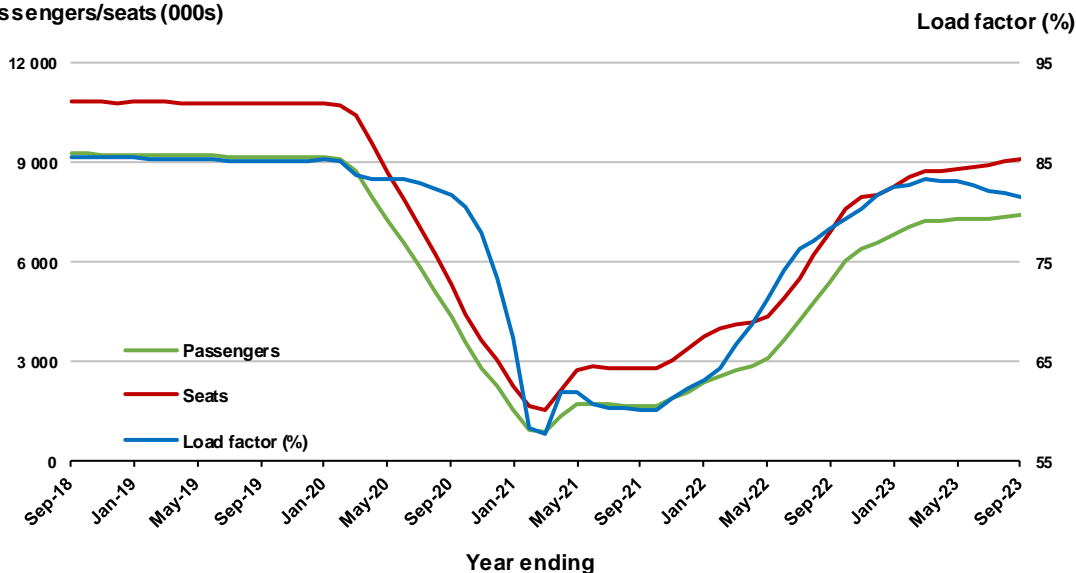


Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	5,409.9	7,423.8	37.2
Seats (000s)	6,903.1	9,105.8	31.9
Load factor %	78.4	81.5	3.2 *
Aircraft trips	40,841	52,599	28.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

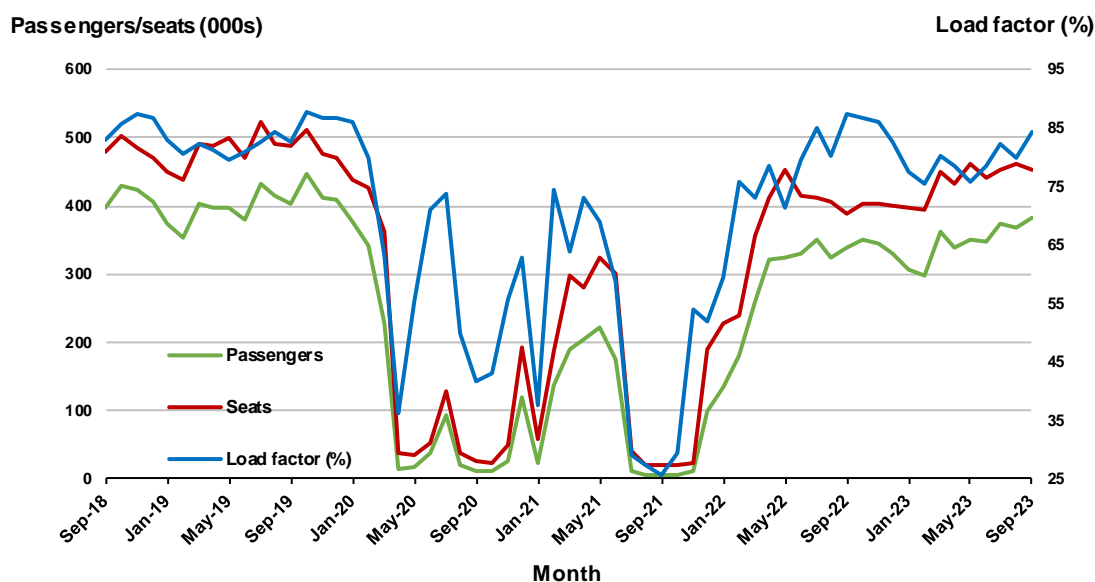


2. Brisbane - Sydney

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	339.8	382.0	12.4
Seats (000s)	388.9	452.7	16.4
Load factor %	87.4	84.4	-3.0 *
Aircraft trips	2,387	2,766	15.9

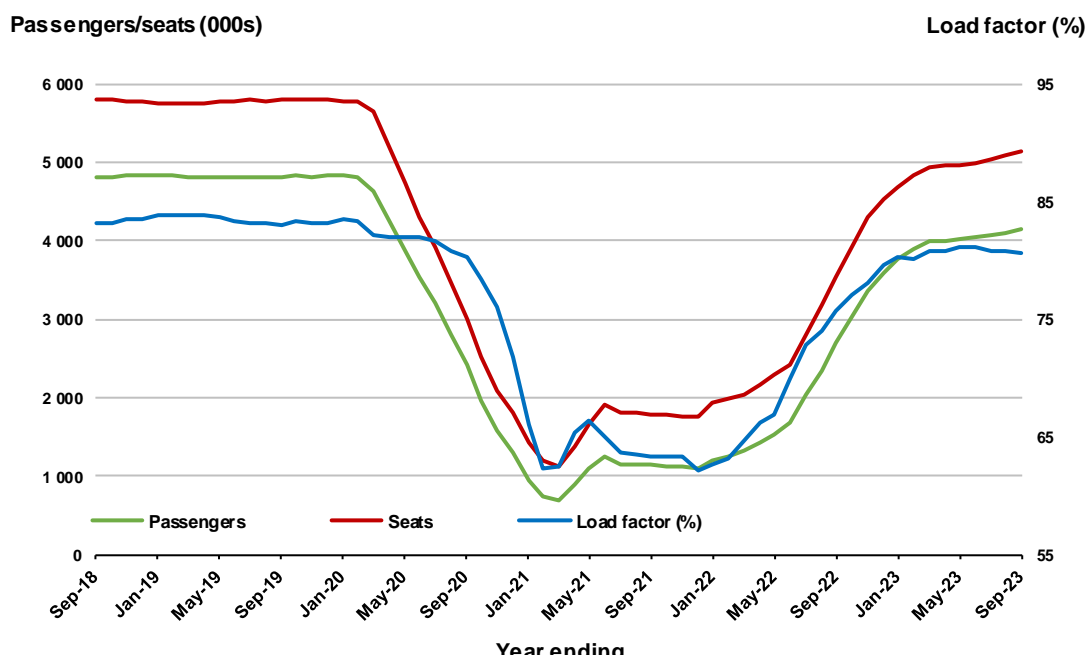
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	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,686.2	4,150.7	54.5
Seats (000s)	3,546.9	5,147.6	45.1
Load factor %	75.7	80.6	4.9 *
Aircraft trips	22,403	31,610	41.1

* percentage point difference

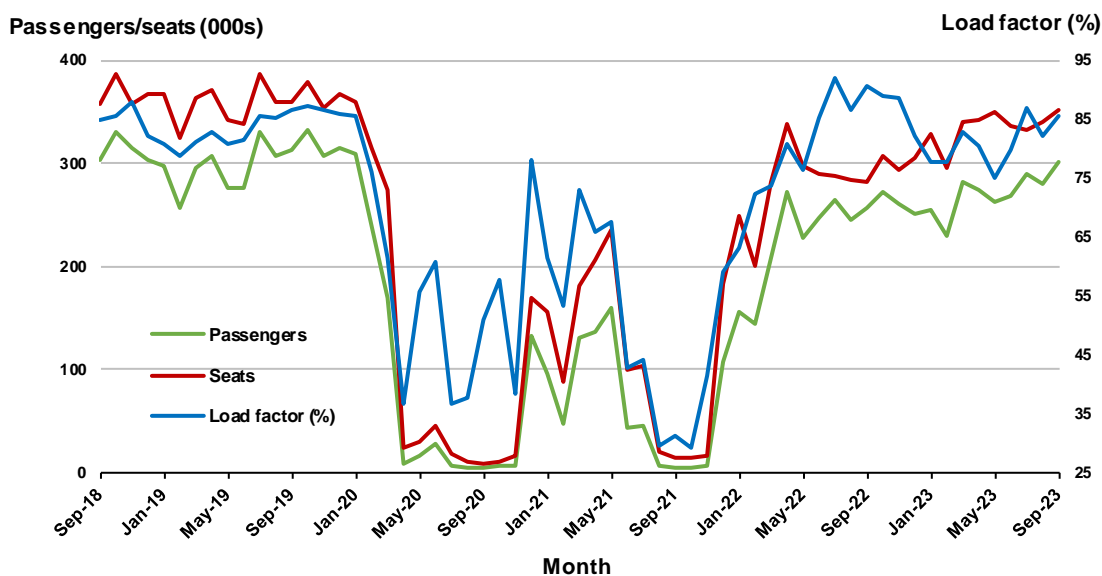


3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	256.3	300.4	17.2
Seats (000s)	282.8	351.4	24.3
Load factor %	90.6	85.5	-5.1 *
Aircraft trips	1,748	2,122	21.4

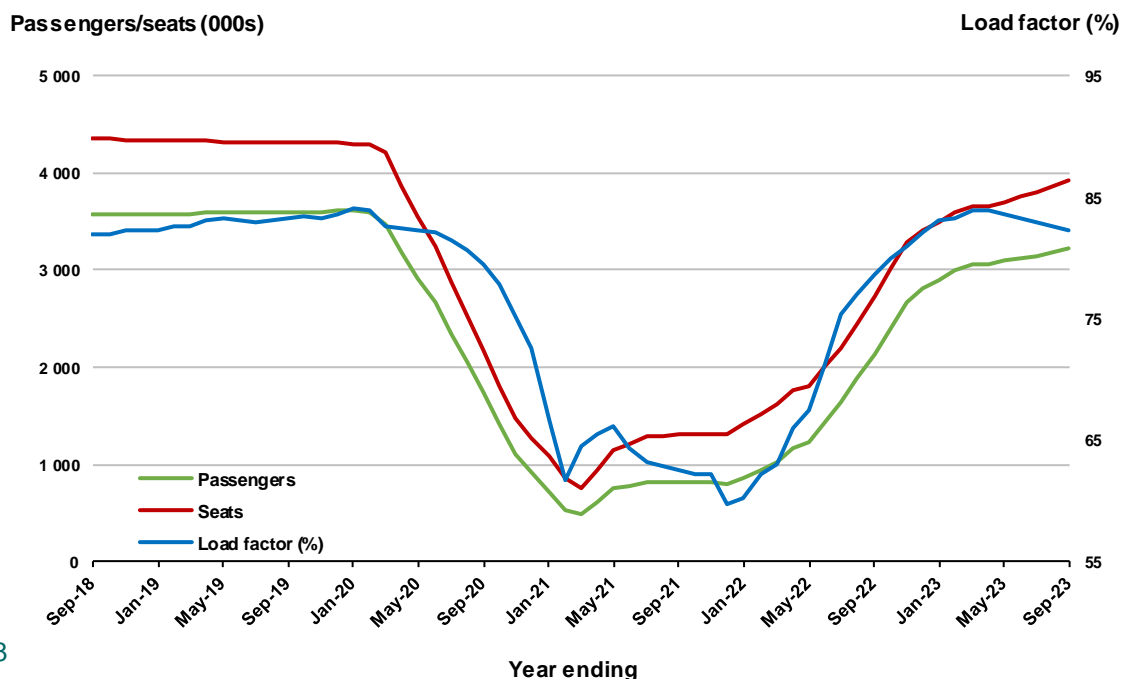
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	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2,140.5	3,227.2	50.8
Seats (000s)	2,722.1	3,923.3	44.1
Load factor %	78.6	82.3	3.6 *
Aircraft trips	16,971	23,869	40.6

* percentage point difference



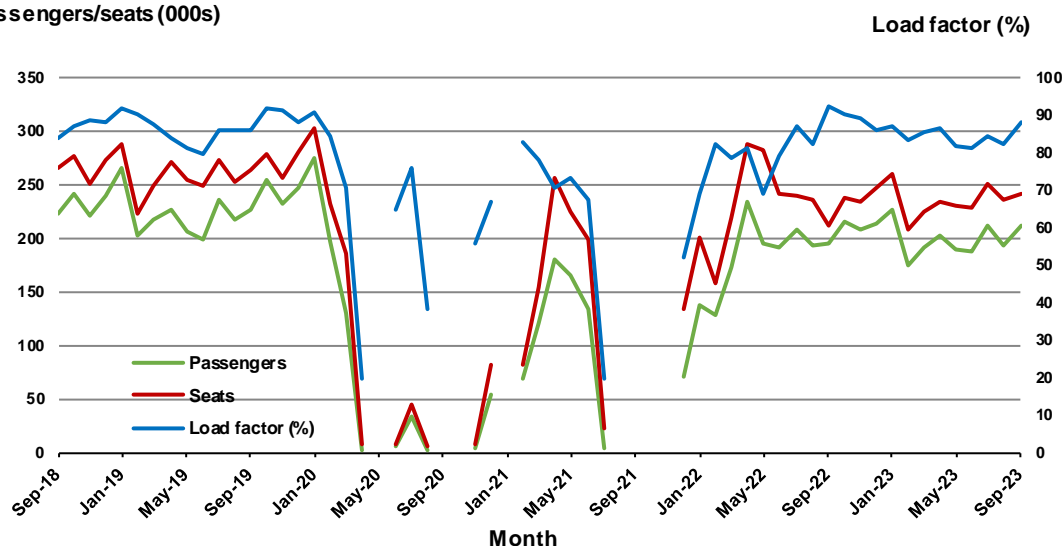
4. Gold Coast - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	195.8	212.1	8.3
Seats (000s)	212.4	241.0	13.5
Load factor %	92.2	88.0	-4.2 *
Aircraft trips	1,241	1,393	12.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



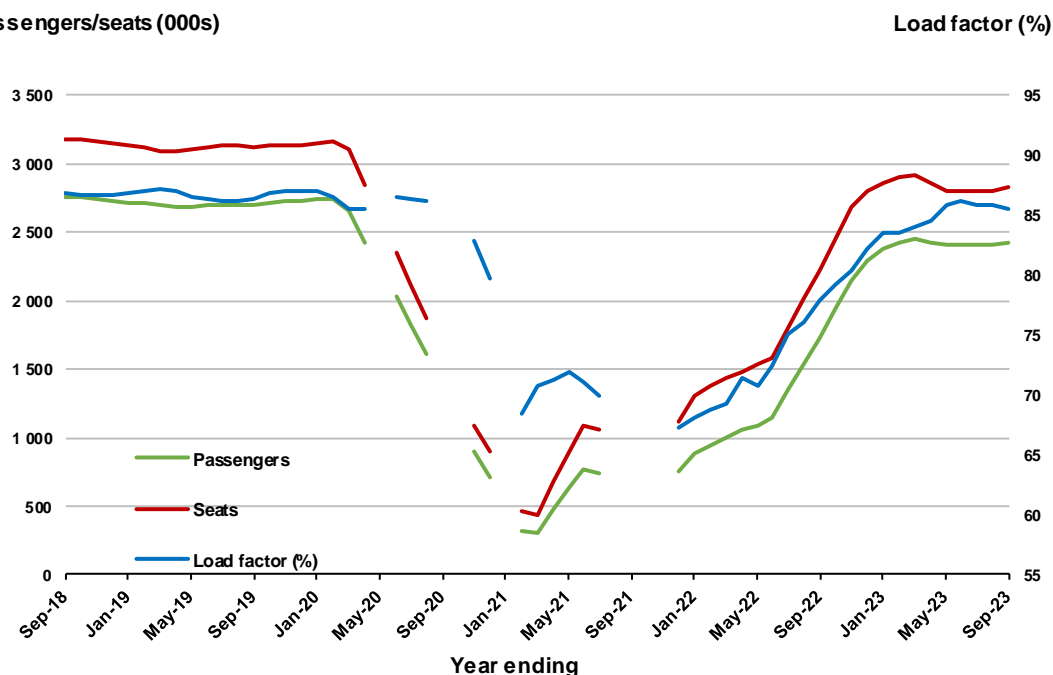
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,732.4	2,423.7	39.9
Seats (000s)	2,225.3	2,833.5	27.3
Load factor %	77.9	85.5	7.7 *
Aircraft trips	12,927	16,334	26.4

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



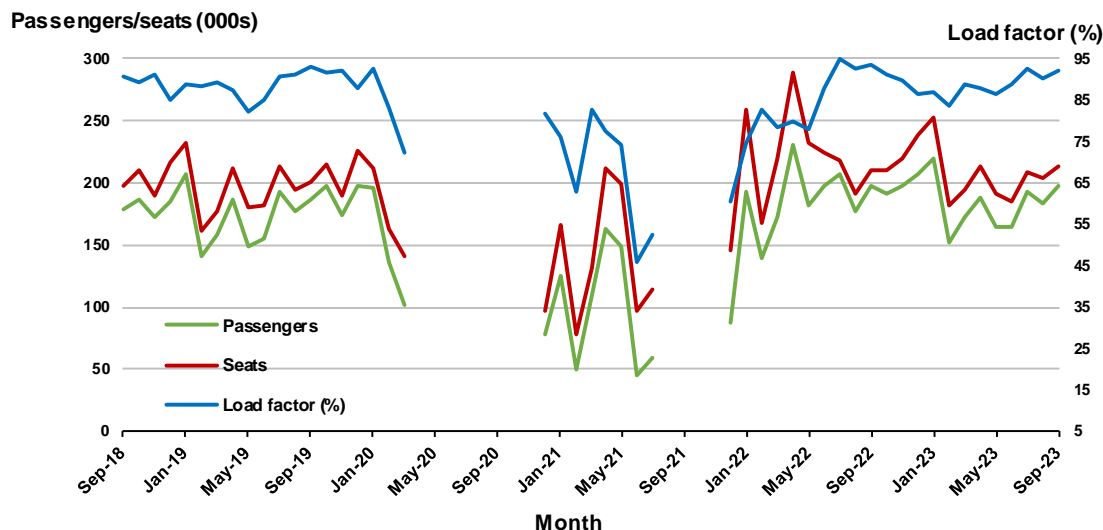
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5. Gold Coast - Melbourne ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	197.0	197.2	.1
Seats (000s)	210.4	213.8	1.6
Load factor %	93.6	92.3	-1.3 *
Aircraft trips	1,195	1,152	-3.6

* percentage point difference

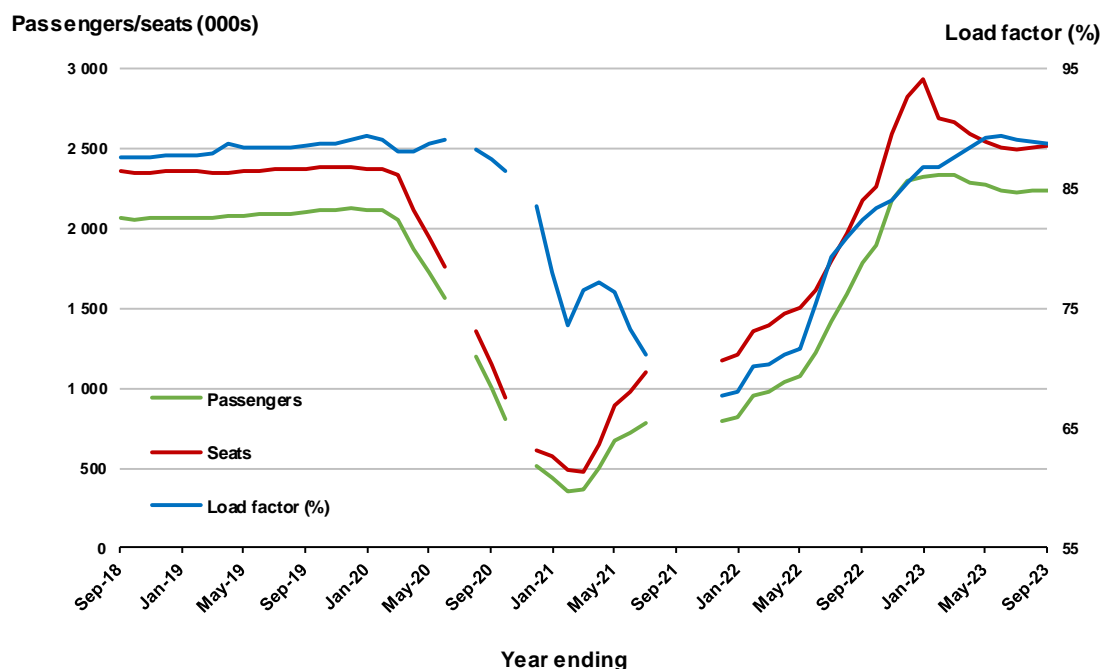


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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,787.1	2,229.2	24.7
Seats (000s)	2,172.4	2,511.2	15.6
Load factor %	82.3	88.8	6.5 *
Aircraft trips	11,897	13,656	14.8

* percentage point difference



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6. Adelaide - Melbourne

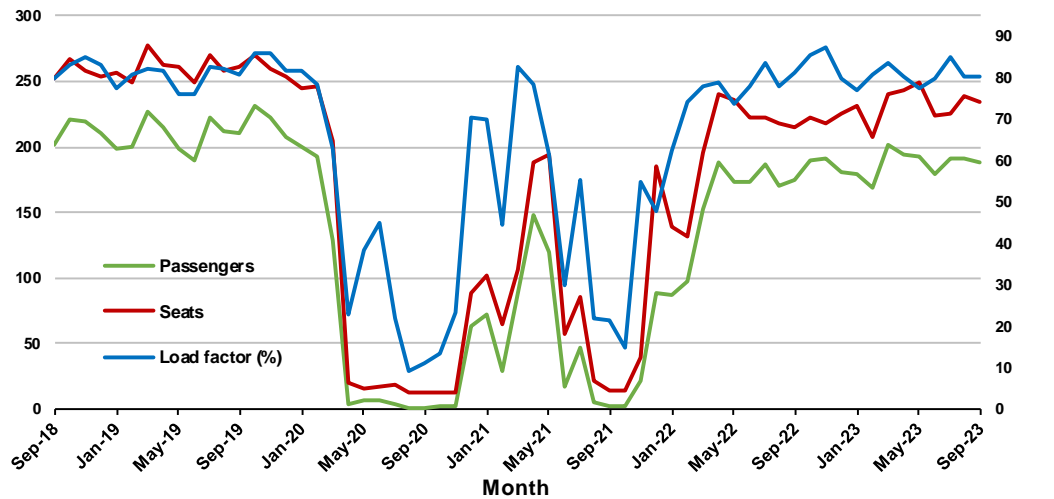
Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	175.4	188.3	7.4
Seats (000s)	215.6	234.8	8.9
Load factor %	81.3	80.2	-1.1 *
Aircraft trips	1,326	1,436	8.3

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)



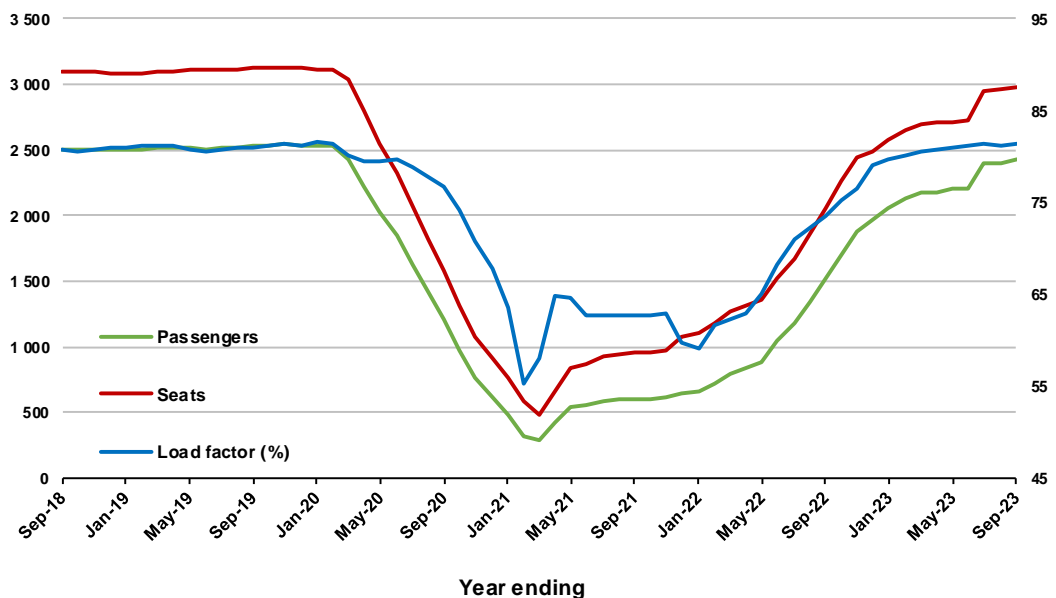
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	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,516.7	2,421.0	59.6
Seats (000s)	2,060.6	2,976.4	44.4
Load factor %	73.6	81.3	7.7 *
Aircraft trips	12,779	18,249	42.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

Load factor (%)

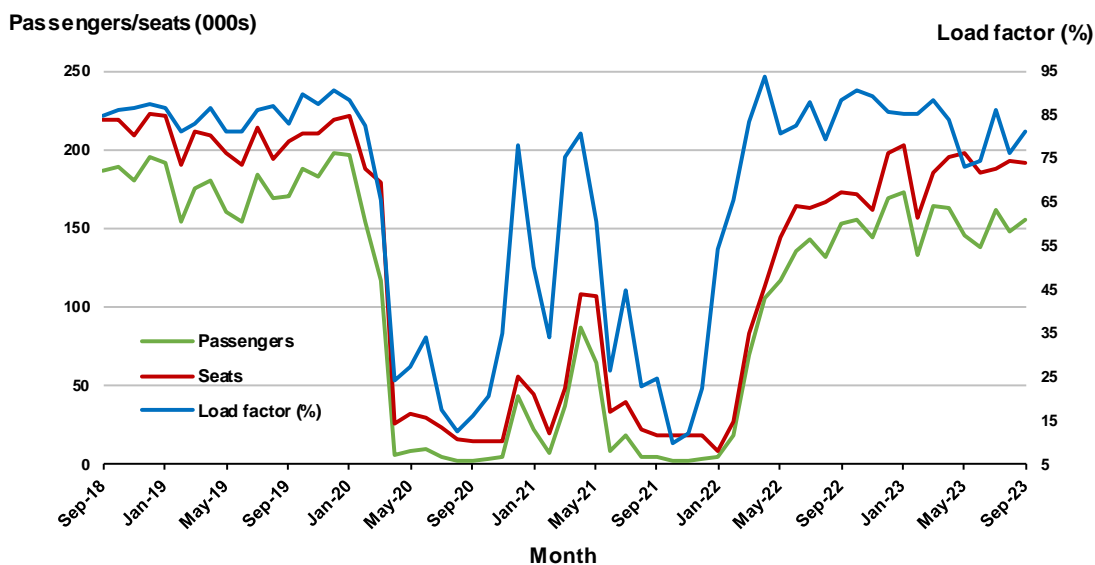


7. Melbourne - Perth

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	153.0	155.4	1.6
Seats (000s)	173.0	191.4	10.7
Load factor %	88.4	81.2	-7.2 *
Aircraft trips	949	1,043	9.9

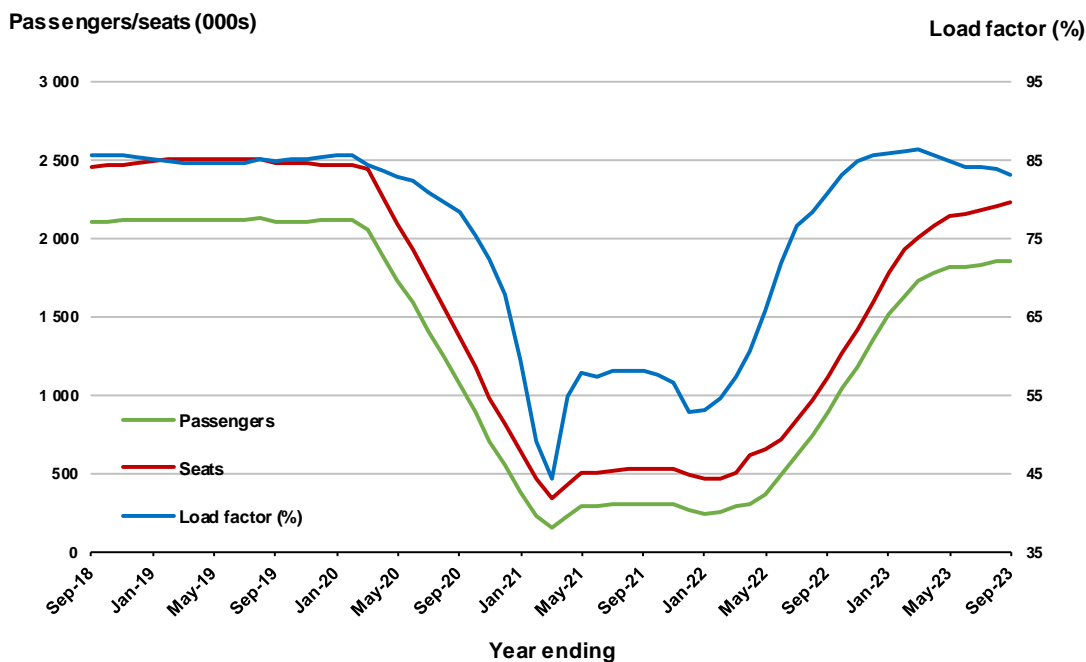
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	886.7	1,849.5	108.6
Seats (000s)	1,116.7	2,225.4	99.3
Load factor %	80.7	83.1	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	6,668	12,404	86.0

* percentage point difference



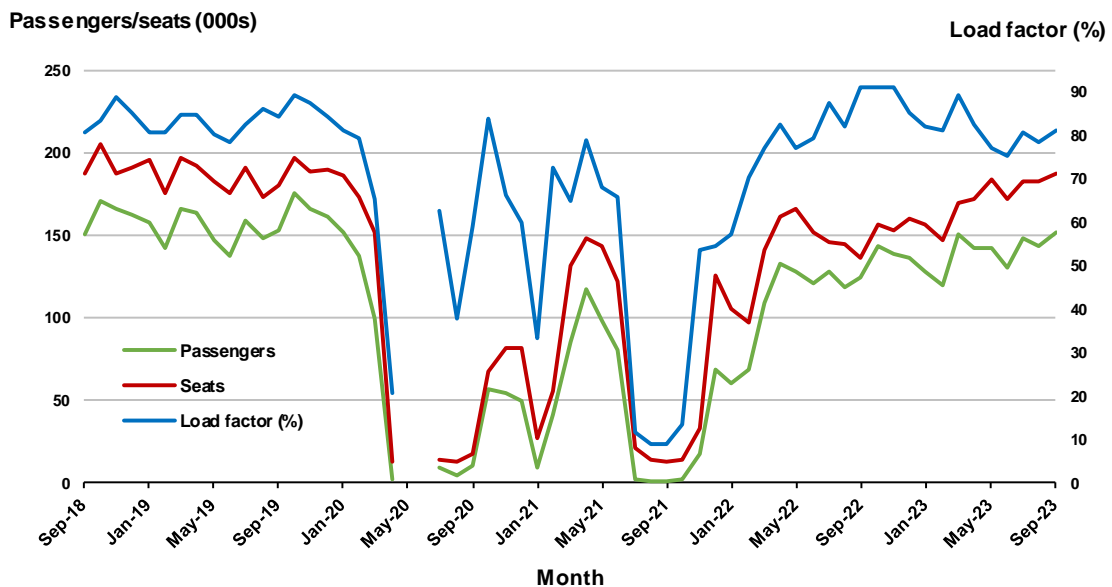
8. Adelaide - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	124.3	152.3	22.5
Seats (000s)	136.5	187.5	37.3
Load factor %	91.1	81.2	-9.9 *
Aircraft trips	843	1,130	34.0

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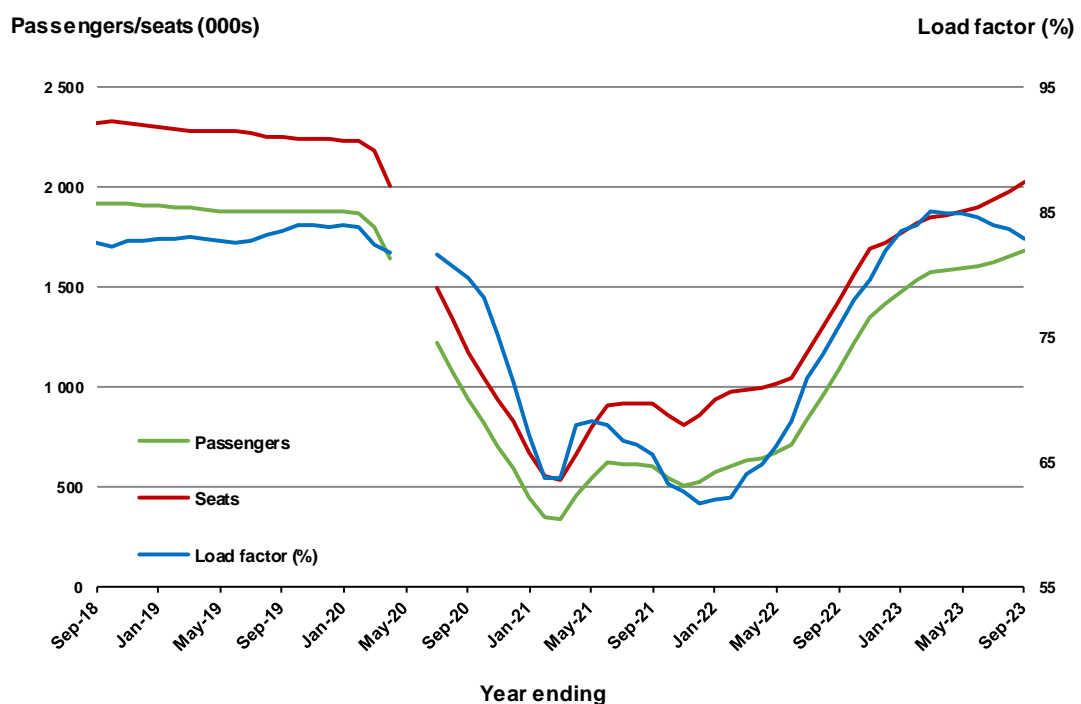
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	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,079.4	1,677.9	55.4
Seats (000s)	1,423.3	2,026.0	42.3
Load factor %	75.8	82.8	7.0 *
Aircraft trips	8,796	12,336	40.2

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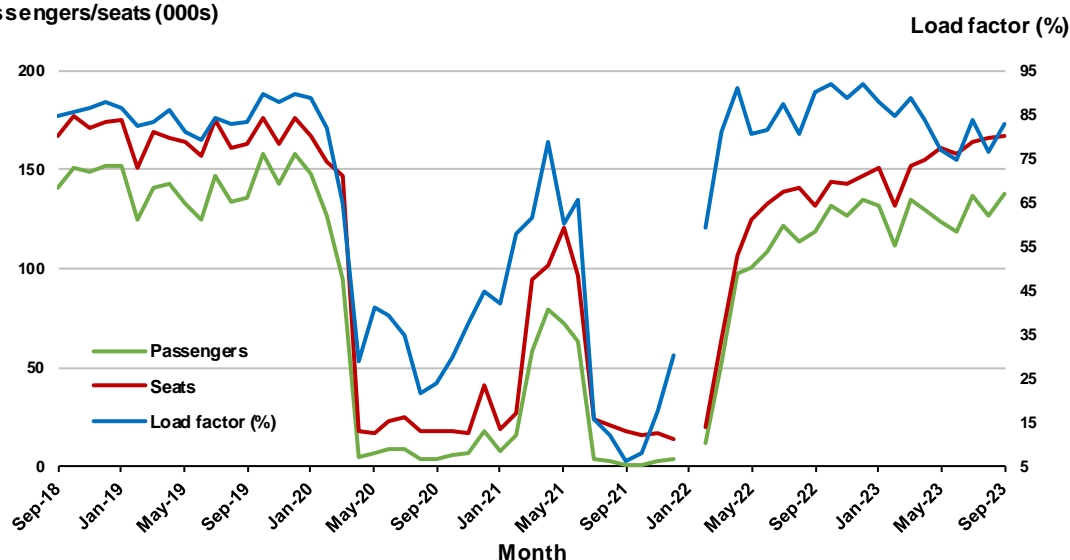
9. Perth - Sydney ^(a)

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	118.5	137.7	16.3
Seats (000s)	131.7	166.5	26.5
Load factor %	90.0	82.7	-7.3 *
Aircraft trips	689	832	20.8

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



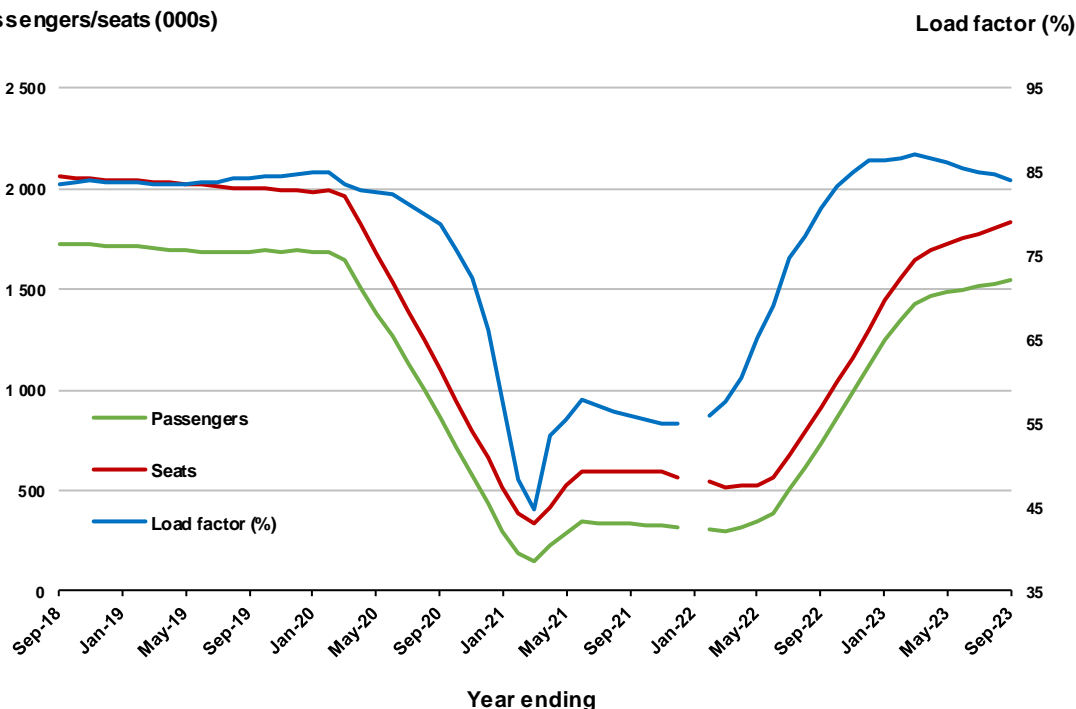
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	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	734.3	1,545.4	110.4
Seats (000s)	910.5	1,837.9	101.9
Load factor %	80.7	84.1	3.4 *
Aircraft trips	4,833	9,532	97.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



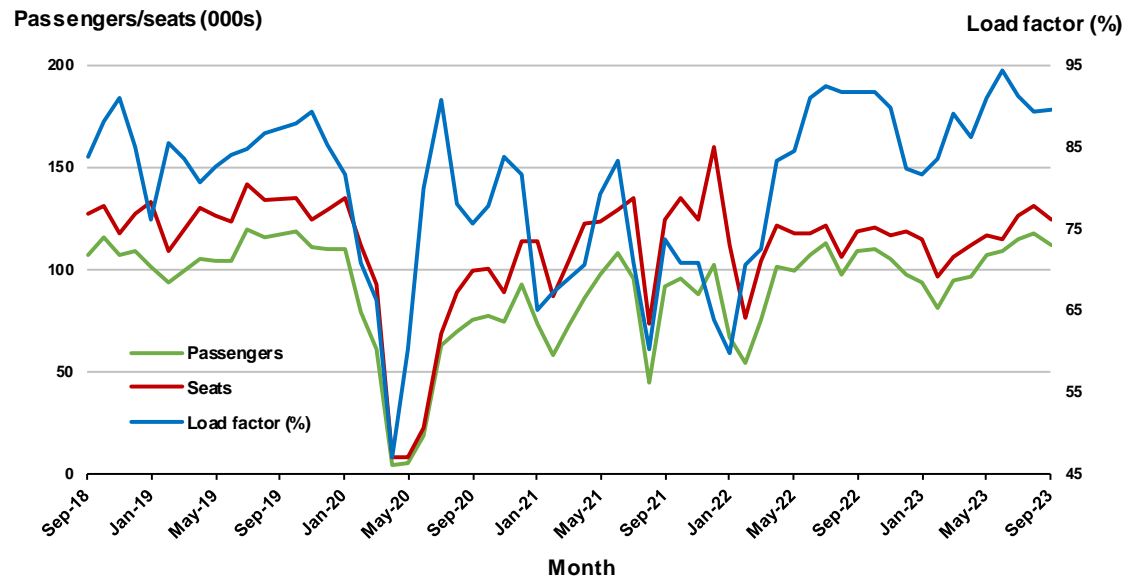
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10. Brisbane - Cairns

Monthly data

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	109.2	111.9	2.4
Seats (000s)	119.0	124.8	4.9
Load factor %	91.8	89.6	-2.2 *
Aircraft trips	752	863	14.8

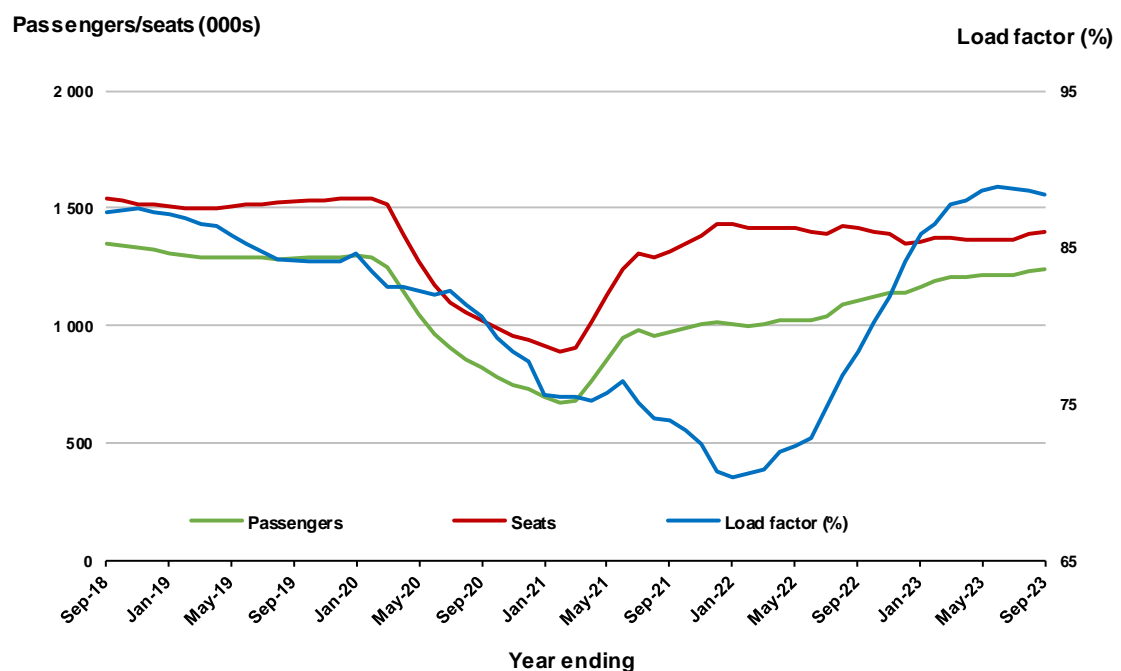
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Moving annual data

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1,109.3	1,238.3	11.6
Seats (000s)	1,415.8	1,400.5	-1.1
Load factor %	78.4	88.4	10.1 *
Aircraft trips	9,137	9,421	3.1

* percentage point difference



TOP FIFTY REGIONAL AIRPORTS

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

Airport	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
1 Cairns	364.1	378.0	3.8
2 Hobart	185.9	197.9	6.4
3 Darwin	157.6	153.5	-2.6
4 Townsville	146.0	145.3	-0.4
5 Newcastle	93.1	104.9	12.6
6 Launceston	92.5	101.6	9.8
7 Mackay	77.2	82.1	6.4
8 Rockhampton	42.0	57.7	37.1
9 Ballina	50.0	55.1	10.1
10 Hamilton Island	45.4	48.0	5.7
11 Karratha	46.0	47.4	3.2
12 Broome	47.0	45.2	-3.9
13 Proserpine	42.7	44.8	4.8
14 Port Hedland	40.6	40.2	-0.8
15 Alice Springs	36.0	32.4	-10.0
16 Newman	31.8	31.4	-1.4
17 Kalgoorlie	27.7	30.7	10.9
18 Ayers Rock	24.3	26.0	6.9
19 Coffs Harbour	24.1	23.6	-1.9
20 Albury	20.5	23.4	14.1
21 Paraburdoo	20.2	21.6	7.3
22 Gladstone	17.3	21.3	22.9
23 Mildura	17.2	20.6	19.6
24 Mount Isa	20.6	20.2	-1.7
25 Port Macquarie	15.4	19.5	26.8
26 Dubbo	17.7	19.0	7.5
27 Wagga Wagga	16.9	17.6	3.9
28 Emerald	16.1	16.6	3.4
29 Tamworth	12.9	15.2	17.7
30 Bundaberg	8.2	14.6	78.2
31 Port Lincoln	15.3	14.3	-6.7
32 Kununurra	12.5	13.0	4.1
33 Hervey Bay	12.0	12.5	4.7
34 Thursday Island	10.2	10.8	6.5
35 Armidale	9.2	9.9	7.7
36 Learmonth	9.8	9.9	1.0
37 Orange	8.9	9.3	3.9
38 Geraldton	6.7	9.3	37.9
39 Devonport	10.5	9.2	-12.5
40 Moranbah	9.1	8.9	-1.6
41 Toowoomba Wellcamp	3.3	8.5	158.3
42 Olympic Dam	7.8	8.4	8.1
43 Gove	8.0	7.7	-4.3
44 Weipa	7.4	7.6	2.4
45 Burnie	6.7	6.5	-3.8
46 Griffith	6.4	6.4	-0.1
47 Mount Gambier	7.0	6.1	-12.9
48 Norfolk Island	6.1	6.1	-0.9
49 Merimbula	6.5	5.9	-10.0
50 Roma	4.9	5.4	11.2
Total top 50 regional airports	1,925.1	2,030.8	5.5
Total regional airports	2,046.5	2,148.9	5.0
Total domestic network	9,364.1	9,971.3	6.5

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 Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
1 Cairns	3,233.9	3,961.7	22.5
2 Hobart	1,894.8	2,521.6	33.1
3 Townsville	1,402.1	1,671.1	19.2
4 Darwin	1,485.4	1,623.1	9.3
5 Launceston	954.7	1,318.9	38.1
6 Newcastle	815.2	1,127.0	38.2
7 Mackay	768.9	899.6	17.0
8 Ballina	660.7	644.1	-2.5
9 Rockhampton	460.1	600.0	30.4
10 Karratha	479.0	537.8	12.3
11 Hamilton Island	440.2	499.9	13.6
12 Proserpine	437.8	489.7	11.9
13 Port Hedland	435.4	481.2	10.5
14 Broome	447.6	435.4	-2.7
15 Newman	337.0	370.6	10.0
16 Alice Springs	308.2	352.7	14.4
17 Kalgoorlie	292.6	346.7	18.5
18 Coffs Harbour	246.8	285.3	15.6
19 Ayers Rock	153.1	257.8	68.3
20 Albury	168.1	245.9	46.3
21 Paraburdoo	205.3	234.5	14.2
22 Mount Isa	212.7	230.8	8.5
23 Mildura	145.7	218.7	50.1
24 Gladstone	179.6	216.2	20.4
25 Dubbo	155.5	206.7	33.0
26 Port Macquarie	131.6	206.7	57.1
27 Wagga Wagga	136.9	196.8	43.7
28 Emerald	159.8	191.9	20.1
29 Port Lincoln	162.6	175.7	8.1
30 Tamworth	108.0	161.8	49.9
31 Hervey Bay	103.7	139.5	34.5
32 Bundaberg	95.6	135.1	41.3
33 Kununurra	119.8	132.6	10.6
34 Devonport	69.9	121.2	73.4
35 Armidale	82.2	112.6	37.0
36 Moranbah	94.5	108.6	14.9
37 Thursday Island	97.0	104.9	8.2
38 Learmonth	97.2	104.3	7.3
39 Orange	73.9	102.9	39.1
40 Olympic Dam	89.5	102.1	14.1
41 Geraldton	81.5	87.7	7.6
42 Gove	74.3	87.6	18.0
43 Weipa	82.5	85.5	3.7
44 Burnie	57.2	83.2	45.4
45 Griffith	57.2	76.2	33.2
46 Mount Gambier	64.6	74.3	15.1
47 Merimbula	52.3	73.4	40.4
48 Norfolk Island	59.0	69.4	17.6
49 Toowoomba Wellcamp	46.8	63.1	34.7
50 Roma	52.5	62.5	19.1
Total top 50 regional airports	18,570.4	22,636.6	21.9
Total regional airports	19,795.9	24,035.2	21.4
Total domestic network	82,478.2	112,441.0	36.3

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

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	311,516	329,214	5.7
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	5,561	5,740	3.2

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

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

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	3,471,307	3,926,971	13.1
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	65,119	68,373	5.0

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

Table 14: Domestic airports - charter activity - monthly

	Sep 2022	Sep 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	623,032	658,428	5.7
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	11,122	11,480	3.2
Perth airport charter passenger movements	230,948	246,051	6.5
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	3,680	3,891	5.7

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

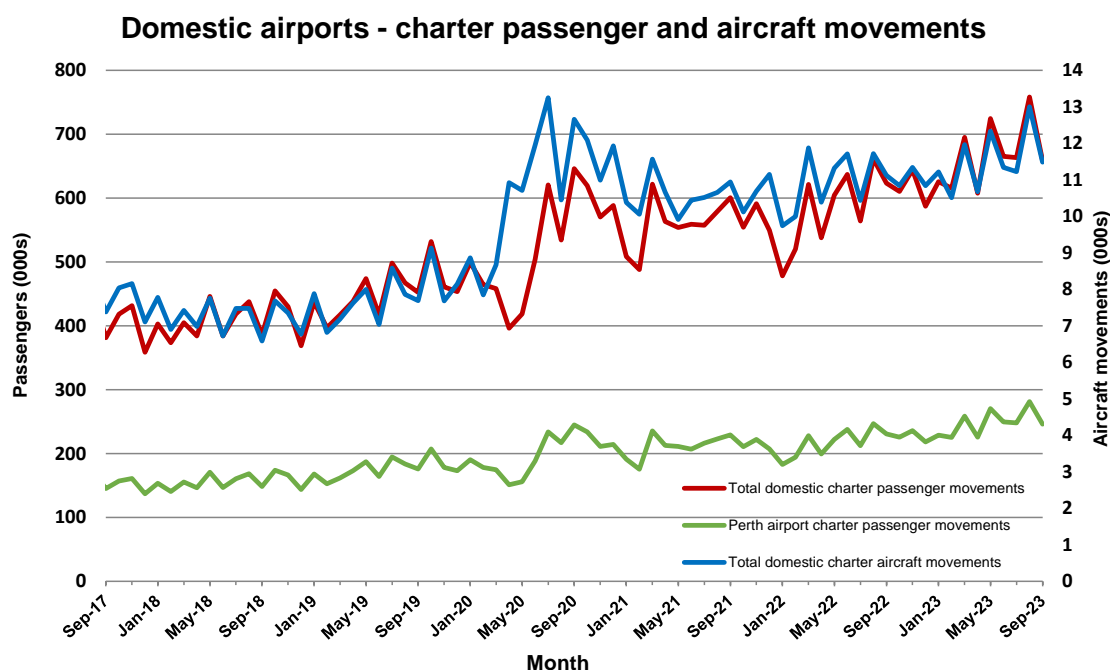
Charter passenger and aircraft movement numbers are the sum of arrivals and departures at each airport.

Table 15: Domestic airports - charter activity - annual

	YE Sep 2022	YE Sep 2023	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	6,942,614	7,853,942	13.1
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	130,238	136,746	5.0
Perth airport charter passenger movements	2,594,960	2,913,485	12.3
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	44,349	46,109	4.0

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.
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NA	Not applicable.