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## FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including regional) airline activity in Australia for the year ending December 2009.

The data covers revenue passengers carried by Australian-registered operators of scheduled regular public transport services over Australian flight stages, including passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights operated by these carriers. The passengers carried refer to traffic on board by stages. These statistics may not match the passenger numbers shown in other spreadsheets available for download from the BITRE web site where passengers carried between domestic airports on international flights are excluded.

Charter aircraft flights are not included in these statistics.

Individual routes shown are restricted to those with an average exceeding 8 000 passengers per month where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the year ending December 2009 there were 54 such routes: 50 routes met these criteria for all twelve months of the year while four routes did so for a period shorter than one year.

Information on the total network for the year ending December 2009 is presented on page 2. Detailed information on the top 54 individual routes can be found in the summary pages 3 –10 of this publication. Top ten airport passenger movements are shown on page 11 and long-term trends for the top 20 competitive routes are presented graphically on pages 12–21. A list of definitions can be found on page 22.

The report was prepared by the Aviation Statistics Section of the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics with data provided by airlines.

Estimates are included where data is 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 50.46 million passengers carried on Australian domestic airlines (including regional operations) in the year ending December 2009, the same number as carried in the previous year. In 2009, there were six months (January, April, September, November and December) with higher domestic passenger numbers than the corresponding months of the previous year while the other six months had lower passenger numbers.

Revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) were 57.78 billion for the year, up 0.2 per cent on the year ending December 2008.

The number of aircraft trips decreased by 1.9 per cent, from 559 874 for the year ending December 2008 to 549 378 for the year ending December 2009.

The number of available seats also declined, to 64.80 million, a decrease of 2.4 per cent compared to the previous year.

Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), decreased by 2.1 per cent to a total of 72.46 billion.

With capacity decreasing and passenger traffic almost unchanged, the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) increased from 77.9 per cent for the year ending December 2008 to 79.7 per cent for the year ending December 2009. Seat utilisation on individual routes increased on 36 of the 50 routes for which data is available in both years.

For the year ending December 2009, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest route with 7.09 million passengers, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared with the year ending December 2008. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.30 million passengers (down 0.2 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 2.71 million passengers (up 0.7 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in air traffic, compared to the year ending December 2008, was on the Adelaide – Gold Coast route (up 32.3 per cent). There was strong traffic growth on a number of other routes, including Melbourne – Mildura (up 19.0 per cent), Cairns – Townsville (up 13.6 per cent), Adelaide – Canberra (up 11.8 per cent) and Brisbane – Darwin (up 11.7 per cent).

Routes with traffic decreases during the year included Kalgoorlie – Perth (down 20.1 per cent), Cairns – Melbourne (down 19.1 per cent), Darwin – Melbourne (down 13.0 per cent), Melbourne – Newcastle (down 11.5 per cent) and Cairns – Sydney (down 11.4 per cent).

For the year ending December 2009, Sydney remained Australian busiest domestic airport with 22.65 million passenger movements, a decrease of 0.2 per cent compared to the previous year, followed by Melbourne with 19.95 million passenger movements (down 0.2 per cent) and Brisbane with 14.72 million passenger movements (up 0.1 per cent).

# TOTAL NETWORK

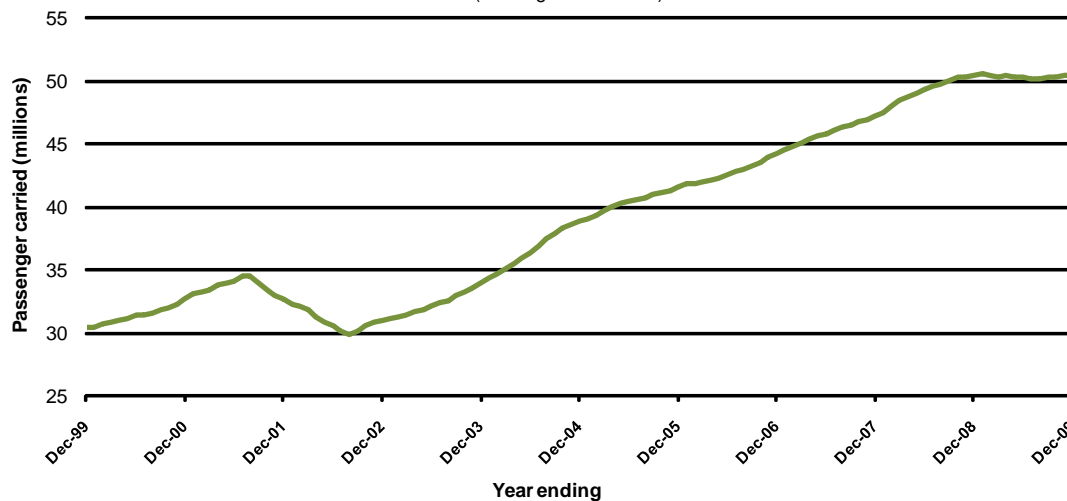
## Summary of annual activity

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Total passenger carried (millions)	50.46	50.46	0.0
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	57.68	57.78	0.2
Available seats (millions)	66.38	64.80	-2.4
Available seat kilometres (billions)	74.00	72.46	-2.1
Load factor %	77.9	79.7	1.8 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	559.9	549.4	-1.9

\* percentage point difference

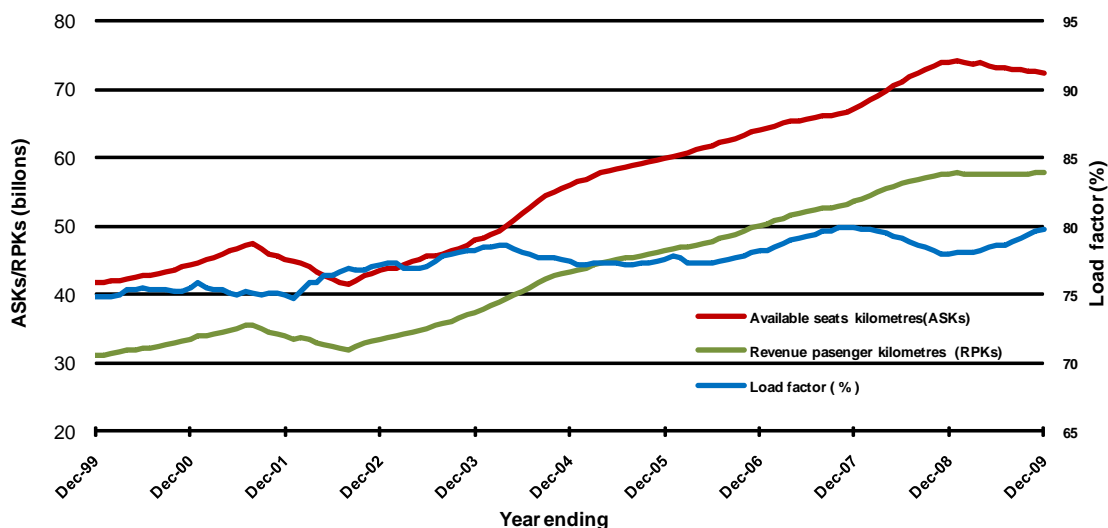
### Domestic passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



### Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)





## TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 008.0	7 088.6	1.2
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 306.5	4 295.8	-0.2
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	2 688.5	2 706.2	0.7
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 164.8	2 148.0	-0.8
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 122.7	2 103.8	-0.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	1 772.2	1 724.9	-2.7
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 673.5	1 615.8	-3.4
8	Adelaide - Sydney	1 589.1	1 600.2	0.7
9	Perth - Sydney	1 439.2	1 465.1	1.8
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 157.8	1 202.3	3.8
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 196.5	1 154.8	-3.5
12	Canberra - Melbourne	1 068.5	1 093.8	2.4
13	Canberra - Sydney	959.5	1 021.8	6.5
14	Brisbane - Townsville	968.7	942.6	-2.7
15	Cairns - Sydney	940.3	832.9	-11.4
16	Launceston - Melbourne	842.9	832.8	-1.2
17	Brisbane - Mackay	727.1	735.9	1.2
18	Brisbane - Perth	683.4	718.0	5.1
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	660.3	637.0	-3.5
20	Adelaide - Perth	577.6	626.0	8.4
21	Brisbane - Canberra	609.5	604.5	-0.8
22	Brisbane - Rockhampton	569.6	600.6	5.4
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	529.3	564.3	6.6
24	Karratha - Perth	116.6	518.3	NA (a)
25	Hobart - Sydney	458.7	490.3	6.9
26	Maroochydore - Sydney	477.6	446.7	-6.5
27	Maroochydore - Melbourne	452.1	412.3	-8.8
28	Cairns - Melbourne	482.2	389.8	-19.1
29	Brisbane - Darwin	341.6	381.6	11.7
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	416.8	369.0	-11.5
31	Broome - Perth	298.2	318.5	6.8
32	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	309.0	296.8	-4.0
33	Adelaide - Gold Coast	207.4	274.2	32.3
34	Ballina - Sydney	270.2	271.6	0.5
35	Darwin - Melbourne	277.5	241.4	-13.0
36	Albury - Sydney	224.2	237.5	5.9
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	216.3	220.9	2.1
38	Adelaide - Canberra	192.6	215.4	11.8
39	Launceston - Sydney	208.8	211.2	1.1
40	Kalgoorlie - Perth	253.7	202.6	-20.1
41	Port Macquarie - Sydney	151.3	192.1	NA (b)
42	Melbourne - Mildura	159.7	190.1	19.0
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	179.2	185.7	3.6
44	Newman - Perth	45.3	178.7	NA (c)
45	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	181.0	175.5	-3.0

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
46	Dubbo - Sydney	181.1	172.0	-5.0
47	Sydney - Townsville	170.4	169.5	-0.5
48	Cairns - Townsville	144.3	164.0	13.6
49	Gold Coast - Newcastle	61.1	141.8	NA (d)
50	Alice Springs - Melbourne	91.5	140.3	NA (e)
51	Perth - Port Hedland	..	115.2	NA (f)
52	Darwin - Perth	..	109.4	NA (g)
53	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	98.8	NA (h)
54	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	97.3	NA (i)
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>50 461.4</b>	<b>50 462.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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(e) Alice Springs - Melbourne route included from May 2008, prior data not shown.

(f) Perth - Port Hedland route included from August 2009, prior data not shown.

(g) Darwin - Perth route included from May 2009, prior data not shown.

(h) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2009, prior data not shown.

(i) Hamilton Island - Sydney route included from July 2009, prior data not shown.

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>%Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	8 768.7	8 688.9	-0.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5 581.8	5 221.3	-6.5
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 442.1	3 260.1	-5.3
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 635.3	2 546.0	-3.4
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 804.8	2 487.9	-11.3
6	Melbourne - Perth	2 199.0	2 055.9	-6.5
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	2 046.2	1 850.4	-9.6
8	Adelaide - Sydney	2 009.4	1 953.8	-2.8
9	Perth - Sydney	1 691.1	1 796.8	6.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 512.2	1 426.2	-5.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 554.0	1 350.7	-13.1
12	Canberra - Melbourne	1 598.7	1 611.9	0.8
13	Canberra - Sydney	1 680.7	1 689.8	0.5
14	Brisbane - Townsville	1 255.8	1 221.4	-2.7
15	Cairns - Sydney	1 255.7	958.6	-23.7
16	Launceston - Melbourne	1 083.7	1 039.2	-4.1
17	Brisbane - Mackay	924.5	910.3	-1.5
18	Brisbane - Perth	842.9	853.1	1.2
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	788.2	759.6	-3.6
20	Adelaide - Perth	732.1	828.9	13.2
21	Brisbane - Canberra	882.4	836.1	-5.3
22	Brisbane - Rockhampton	742.6	771.0	3.8
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	675.5	735.5	8.9
24	Karratha - Perth	187.8	839.1	NA (a)
25	Hobart - Sydney	570.3	598.3	4.9
26	Maroochydore - Sydney	587.8	532.6	-9.4
27	Maroochydore - Melbourne	560.8	473.9	-15.5
28	Cairns - Melbourne	596.0	460.2	-22.8
29	Brisbane - Darwin	429.8	488.1	13.6
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	529.5	454.0	-14.3
31	Broome - Perth	409.5	445.1	8.7
32	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	381.2	368.4	-3.4
33	Adelaide - Gold Coast	241.8	323.9	34.0
34	Ballina - Sydney	331.5	336.1	1.4
35	Darwin - Melbourne	345.0	308.7	-10.5
36	Albury - Sydney	327.0	346.6	6.0
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	252.3	252.8	0.2
38	Adelaide - Canberra	269.3	297.8	10.6
39	Launceston - Sydney	257.4	251.3	-2.4
40	Kalgoorlie - Perth	369.6	336.7	-8.9
41	Port Macquarie - Sydney	209.6	266.0	NA (b)
42	Melbourne - Mildura	216.7	255.7	18.0
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	241.2	244.6	1.4
44	Newman - Perth	71.4	322.5	NA (c)
45	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	232.3	250.1	7.7

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>%Change</b>
46	Dubbo - Sydney	233.8	238.9	2.2
47	Sydney - Townsville	209.8	211.9	1.0
48	Cairns - Townsville	214.1	266.3	24.4
49	Gold Coast - Newcastle	74.9	176.9	NA (d)
50	Alice Springs - Melbourne	120.1	178.9	NA (e)
51	Perth - Port Hedland	..	170.2	NA (f)
52	Darwin - Perth	..	183.1	NA (g)
53	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	135.1	NA (h)
54	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	124.0	NA (i)
<b>Total domestic network</b>		<b>66 383.3</b>	<b>64 795.6</b>	<b>-2.4</b>

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(e) Alice Springs - Melbourne route included from May 2008, prior data not shown.

(f) Perth - Port Hedland route included from August 2009, prior data not shown.

(g) Darwin - Perth route included from May 2009, prior data not shown.

(h) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2009, prior data not shown.

(i) Hamilton Island - Sydney route included from July 2009, prior data not shown.

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>% Point diff</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	79.9	81.6	1.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	77.2	82.3	5.1
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	78.1	83.0	4.9
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	82.1	84.4	2.2
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	75.7	84.6	8.8
6	Melbourne - Perth	80.6	83.9	3.3
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	81.8	87.3	5.5
8	Adelaide - Sydney	79.1	81.9	2.8
9	Perth - Sydney	85.1	81.5	-3.6
10	Hobart - Melbourne	76.6	84.3	7.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	77.0	85.5	8.5
12	Canberra - Melbourne	66.8	67.9	1.0
13	Canberra - Sydney	57.1	60.5	3.4
14	Brisbane - Townsville	77.1	77.2	0.0
15	Cairns - Sydney	74.9	86.9	12.0
16	Launceston - Melbourne	77.8	80.1	2.4
17	Brisbane - Mackay	78.7	80.8	2.2
18	Brisbane - Perth	81.1	84.2	3.1
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	83.8	83.9	0.1
20	Adelaide - Perth	78.9	75.5	-3.4
21	Brisbane - Canberra	69.1	72.3	3.2
22	Brisbane - Rockhampton	76.7	77.9	1.2
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	78.4	76.7	-1.6
24	Karratha - Perth	62.1	61.8	NA (a)
25	Hobart - Sydney	80.4	82.0	1.5
26	Maroochydore - Sydney	81.3	83.9	2.6
27	Maroochydore - Melbourne	80.6	87.0	6.4
28	Cairns - Melbourne	80.9	84.7	3.8
29	Brisbane - Darwin	79.5	78.2	-1.3
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	78.7	81.3	2.6
31	Broome - Perth	72.8	71.6	-1.2
32	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	81.1	80.6	-0.5
33	Adelaide - Gold Coast	85.8	84.7	-1.1
34	Ballina - Sydney	81.5	80.8	-0.7
35	Darwin - Melbourne	80.4	78.2	-2.2
36	Albury - Sydney	68.6	68.5	0.0
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	85.7	87.4	1.6
38	Adelaide - Canberra	71.5	72.3	0.8
39	Launceston - Sydney	81.1	84.0	2.9
40	Kalgoorlie - Perth	68.6	60.2	-8.5
41	Port Macquarie - Sydney	72.2	72.2	NA (b)
42	Melbourne - Mildura	73.7	74.3	0.7
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	74.3	75.9	1.6
44	Newman - Perth	63.4	55.4	NA (c)
45	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	77.9	70.2	-7.7

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

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>%Point diff</b>
46	Dubbo - Sydney	77.4	72.0	-5.4
47	Sydney - Townsville	81.2	80.0	-1.2
48	Cairns - Townsville	67.4	61.6	-5.9
49	Gold Coast - Newcastle	81.6	80.2	NA (d)
50	Alice Springs - Melbourne	76.2	78.4	NA (e)
51	Perth - Port Hedland	..	67.7	NA (f)
52	Darwin - Perth	..	59.8	NA (g)
53	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	73.1	NA (h)
54	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	78.5	NA (i)
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>

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(e) Alice Springs - Melbourne route included from May 2008, prior data not shown.

(f) Perth - Port Hedland route included from August 2009, prior data not shown.

(g) Darwin - Perth route included from May 2009, prior data not shown.

(h) Adelaide - Alice Springs route included from April 2009, prior data not shown.

**Table 4: Aircraft movements — annual activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>%Change</b>
1	Melbourne - Sydney	45 593	45 000	-1.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	30 939	28 561	-7.7
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	20 356	19 666	-3.4
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	15 681	14 502	-7.5
5	Adelaide - Melbourne	17 447	16 069	-7.9
6	Melbourne - Perth	10 181	10 186	0.0
7	Gold Coast - Melbourne	11 556	10 165	-12.0
8	Adelaide - Sydney	12 353	11 800	-4.5
9	Perth - Sydney	7 015	8 562	22.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	8 856	8 318	-6.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	9 094	8 208	-9.7
12	Canberra - Melbourne	11 673	11 880	1.8
13	Canberra - Sydney	18 989	18 546	-2.3
14	Brisbane - Townsville	7 904	8 012	1.4
15	Cairns - Sydney	7 027	5 210	-25.9
16	Launceston - Melbourne	7 452	7 267	-2.5
17	Brisbane - Mackay	6 492	6 997	7.8
18	Brisbane - Perth	4 062	4 375	7.7
19	Adelaide - Brisbane	5 271	5 189	-1.6
20	Adelaide - Perth	4 616	5 598	21.3
21	Brisbane - Canberra	6 692	6 669	-0.3
22	Brisbane - Rockhampton	7 225	8 024	11.1
23	Brisbane - Newcastle	4 488	5 442	21.3
24	Karratha - Perth	1 360	5 961	NA (a)
25	Hobart - Sydney	3 405	3 585	5.3
26	Maroochydore - Sydney	3 393	3 108	-8.4
27	Maroochydore - Melbourne	3 214	2 742	-14.7
28	Cairns - Melbourne	3 245	2 533	-21.9
29	Brisbane - Darwin	2 142	2 474	15.5
30	Melbourne - Newcastle	3 204	2 653	-17.2
31	Broome - Perth	3 156	3 666	16.2
32	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	4 352	4 367	0.3
33	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 449	2 052	41.6
34	Ballina - Sydney	3 660	3 530	-3.6
35	Darwin - Melbourne	1 944	1 672	-14.0
36	Albury - Sydney	6 669	6 645	-0.4
37	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 454	1 455	0.1
38	Adelaide - Canberra	1 879	2 173	15.6
39	Launceston - Sydney	1 497	1 458	-2.6
40	Kalgoorlie - Perth	2 931	2 732	-6.8
41	Port Macquarie - Sydney	3 528	3 963	NA (b)
42	Melbourne - Mildura	5 379	5 245	-2.5
43	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 460	1 455	-0.3
44	Newman - Perth	637	2 881	NA (c)
45	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	5 697	6 003	5.4

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**Table 4 (continued): Aircraft movements — annual activity**

	<b>City-Pair</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>
46	Dubbo - Sydney	6 370	5 999	-5.8
47	Sydney - Townsville	1 252	1 255	0.2
48	Cairns - Townsville	4 113	4 137	0.6
49	Gold Coast - Newcastle	432	1 029	NA (d)
50	Alice Springs - Melbourne	704	1 043	NA (e)
51	Perth - Port Hedland	..	1 285	NA (f)
52	Darwin - Perth	..	1 056	NA (g)
53	Adelaide - Alice Springs	..	788	NA (h)
54	Hamilton Island - Sydney	..	728	NA (i)
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>559 874</b>	<b>549 378</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

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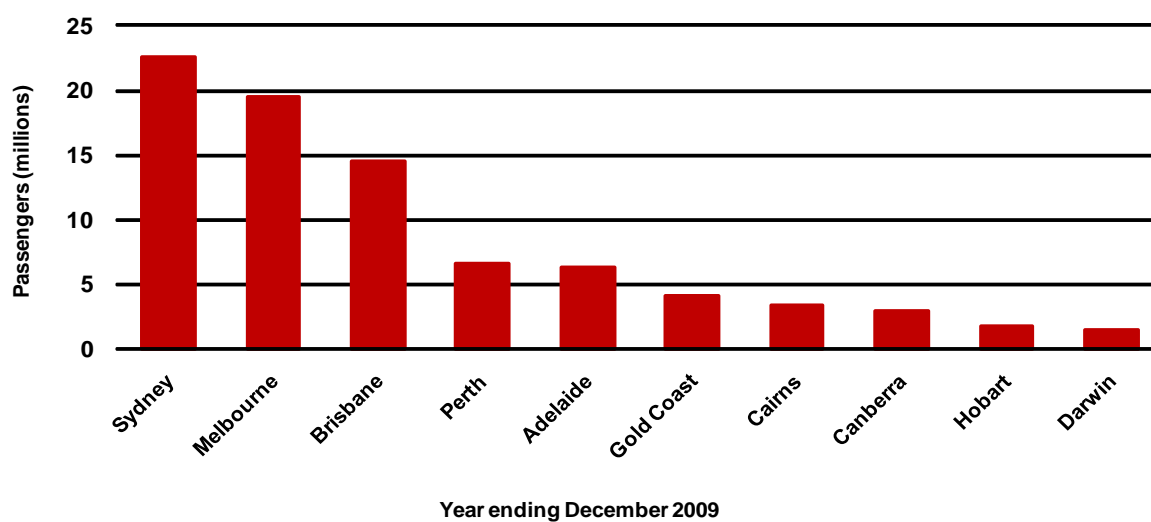
## TOP TEN AIRPORTS

**Table 5: Top ten airport passenger movements (000s) — annual activity**

	<b>Airport</b>	<b>YE December 2008</b>	<b>YE December 2009</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
1	Sydney	22 700.1	22 647.6	-0.2	22.4
2	Melbourne	19 989.6	19 950.9	-0.2	19.8
3	Brisbane	14 704.5	14 717.3	0.1	14.6
4	Perth	6 707.8	6 841.6	2.0	6.8
5	Adelaide	6 315.8	6 382.7	1.1	6.3
6	Gold Coast	4 209.1	4 316.1	2.5	4.3
7	Cairns	3 433.5	3 241.7	-5.6	3.2
8	Canberra	2 984.1	3 149.2	5.5	3.1
9	Hobart	1 830.9	1 874.4	2.4	1.9
10	Darwin	1 600.2	1 734.1	8.4	1.7
	<b>Total top ten airports</b>	<b>84 475.7</b>	<b>84 855.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>84.1</b>
	<b>Total domestic network</b>	<b>100 922.8</b>	<b>100 925.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Top ten airport passenger movements

(Domestic and regional passenger traffic - traffic on board)



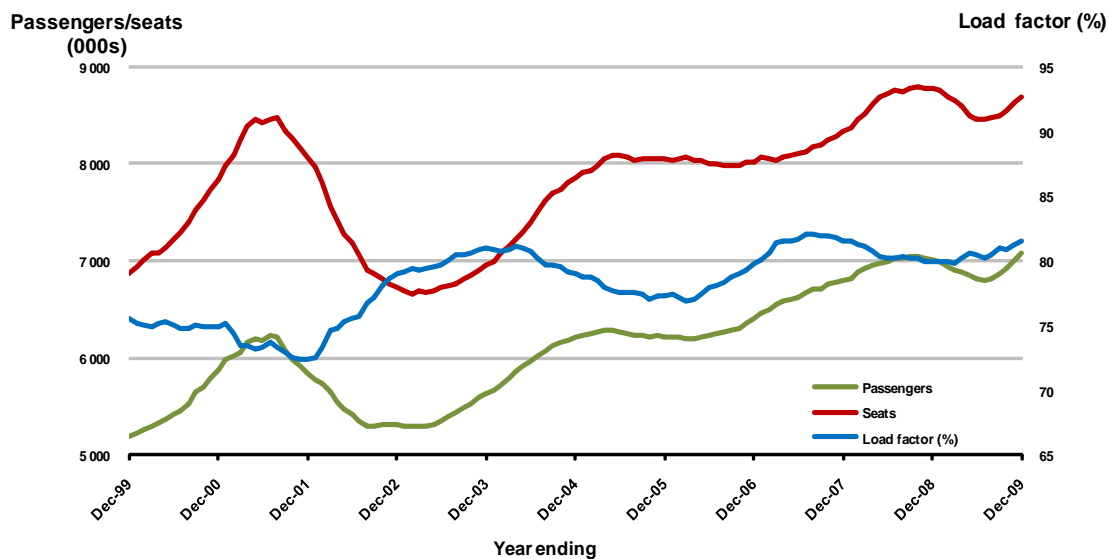
## TOP TWENTY ROUTES

### 1. Melbourne - Sydney

#### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 008.0	7 088.6	1.2
Seats (000s)	8 768.7	8 688.9	-0.9
Load factor %	79.9	81.6	1.7 *
Aircraft trips	45 593	45 000	-1.3

\* percentage point difference

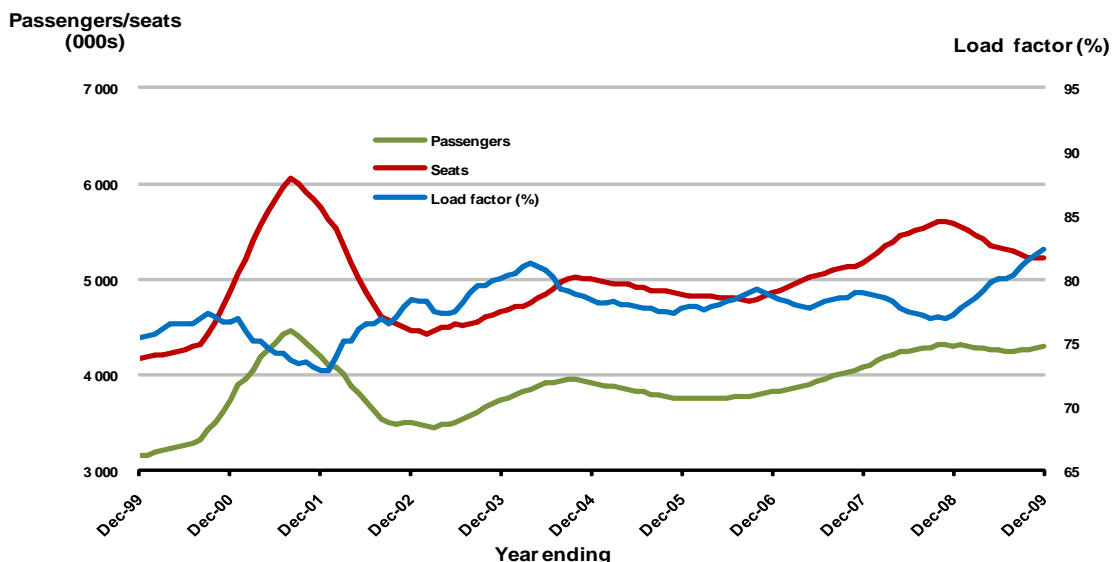


### 2. Brisbane - Sydney

#### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 306.5	4 295.8	-0.2
Seats (000s)	5 581.8	5 221.3	-6.5
Load factor %	77.2	82.3	5.1 *
Aircraft trips	30 939	28 561	-7.7

\* percentage point difference

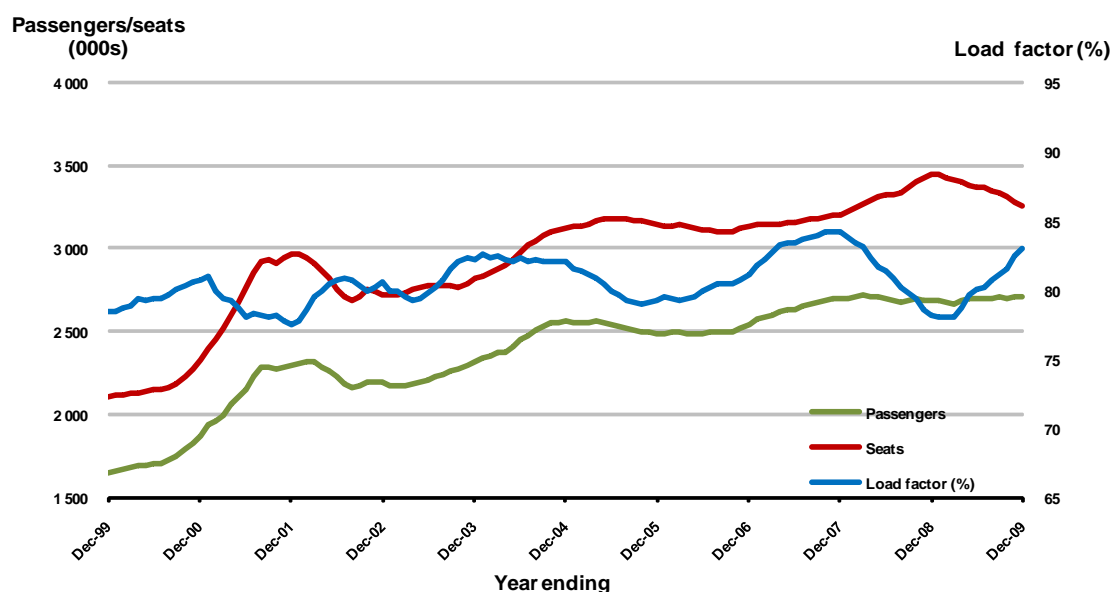


### 3. Brisbane - Melbourne

#### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 688.5	2 706.2	0.7
Seats (000s)	3 442.1	3 260.1	-5.3
Load factor %	78.1	83.0	4.9 *
Aircraft trips	20 356	19 666	-3.4

\* percentage point difference

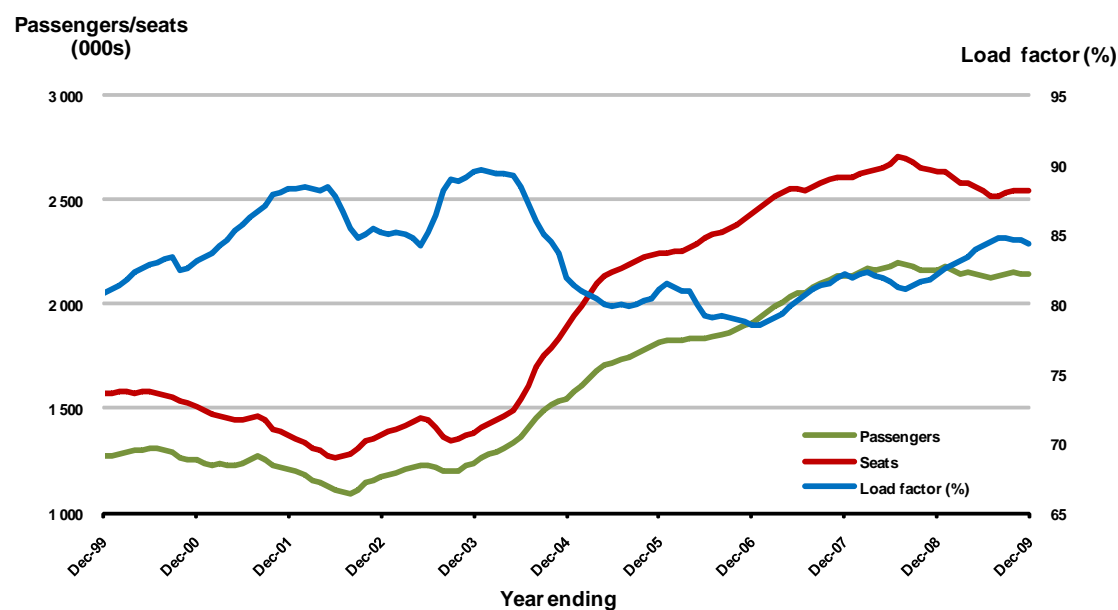


### 4. Gold Coast - Sydney

#### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 164.8	2 148.0	-0.8
Seats (000s)	2 635.3	2 546.0	-3.4
Load factor %	82.1	84.4	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	15 681	14 502	-7.5

\* percentage point difference

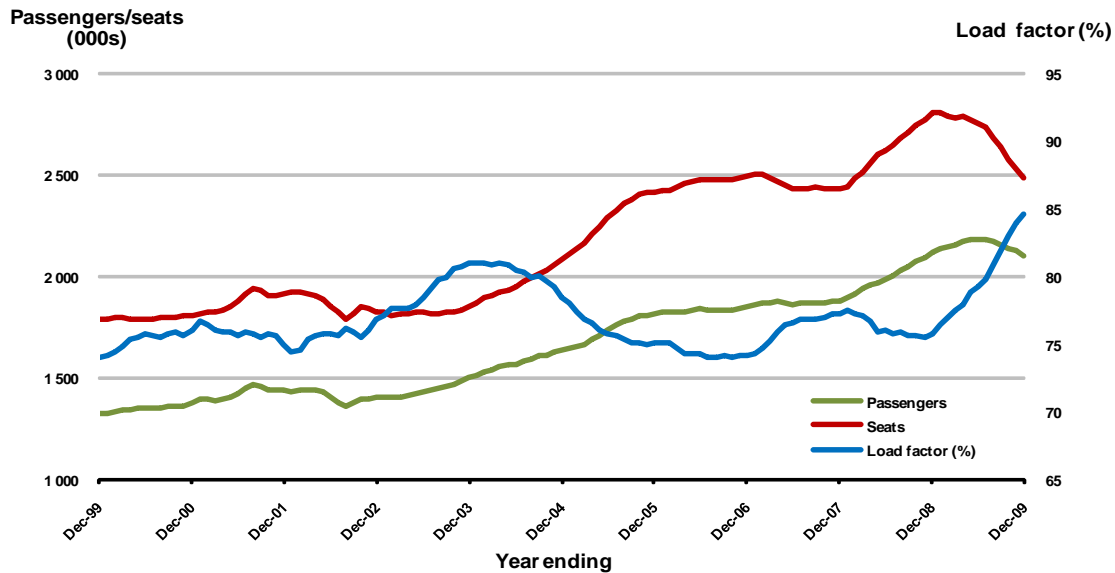


## 5. Adelaide - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 122.7	2 103.8	-0.9
Seats (000s)	2 804.8	2 487.9	-11.3
Load factor %	75.7	84.6	8.8 *
Aircraft trips	17 447	16 069	-7.9

\* percentage point difference

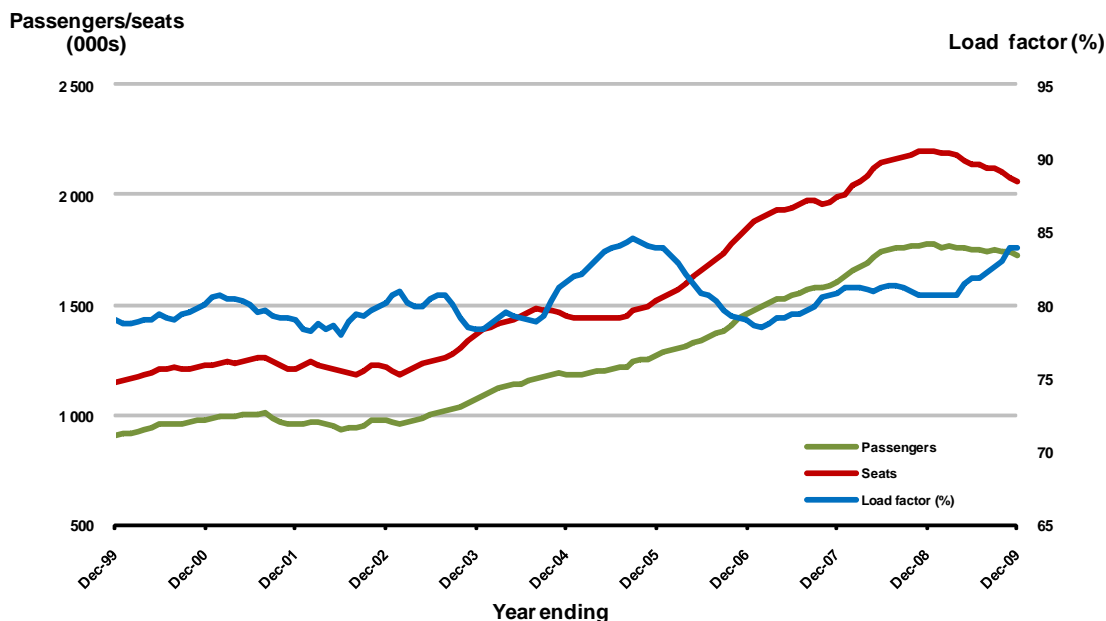


## 6. Melbourne - Perth

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 772.2	1 724.9	-2.7
Seats (000s)	2 199.0	2 055.9	-6.5
Load factor %	80.6	83.9	3.3 *
Aircraft trips	10 181	10 186	0.0

\* percentage point difference

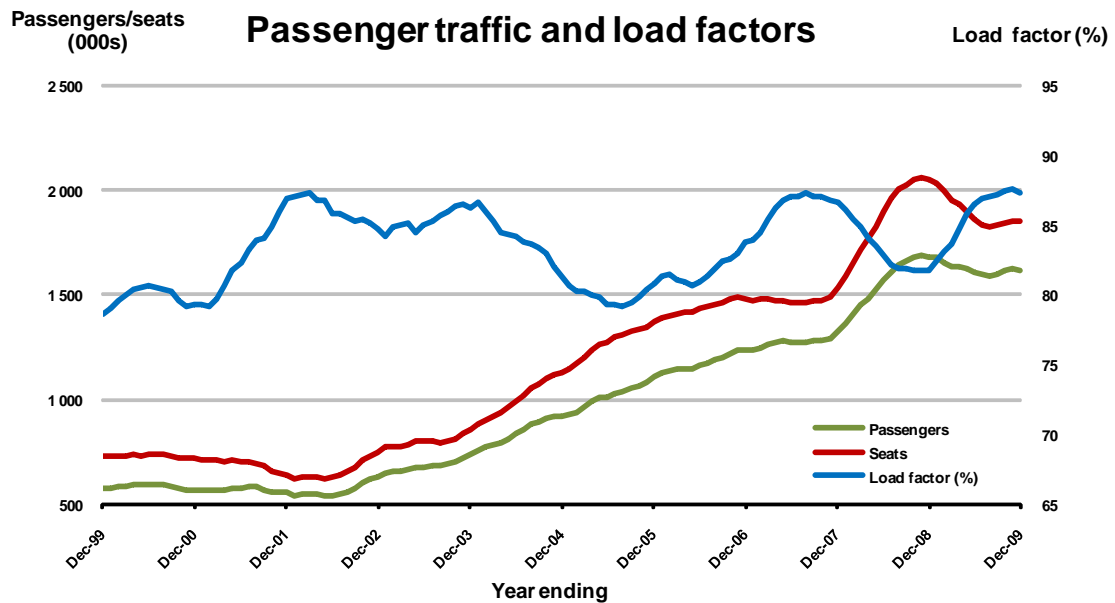


## 7. Gold Coast - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 673.5	1 615.8	-3.4
Seats (000s)	2 046.2	1 850.4	-9.6
Load factor %	81.8	87.3	5.5 *
Aircraft trips	11 556	10 165	-12.0

\* percentage point difference

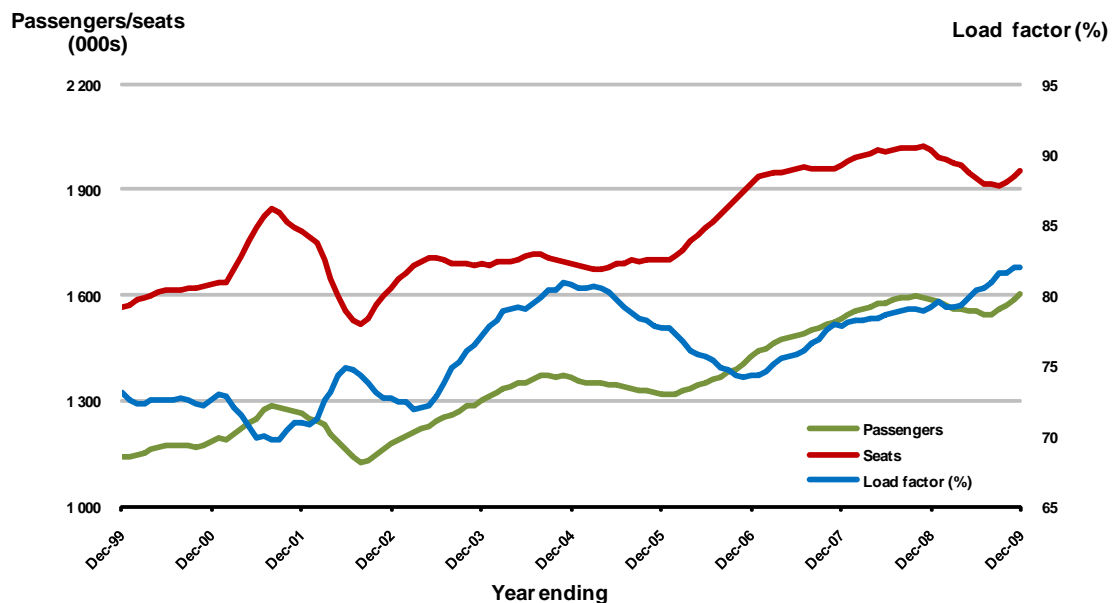


## 8. Adelaide - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 589.1	1 600.2	0.7
Seats (000s)	2 009.4	1 953.8	-2.8
Load factor %	79.1	81.9	2.8 *
Aircraft trips	12 353	11 800	-4.5

\* percentage point difference

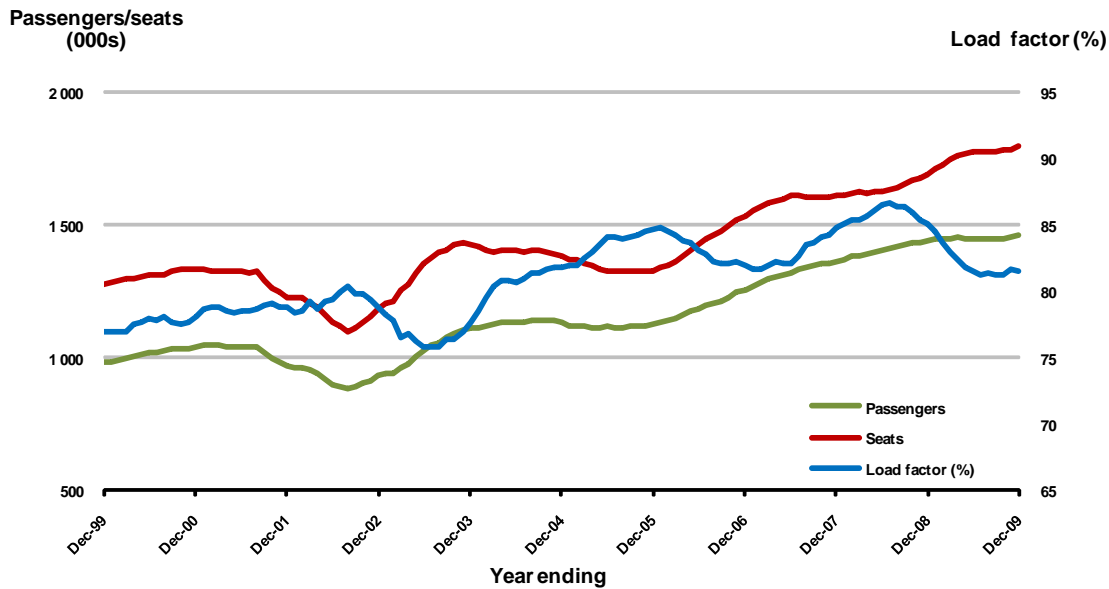


## 9. Perth - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 439.2	1 465.1	1.8
Seats (000s)	1 691.1	1 796.8	6.2
Load factor %	85.1	81.5	-3.6 *
Aircraft trips	7 015	8 562	22.1

\* percentage point difference

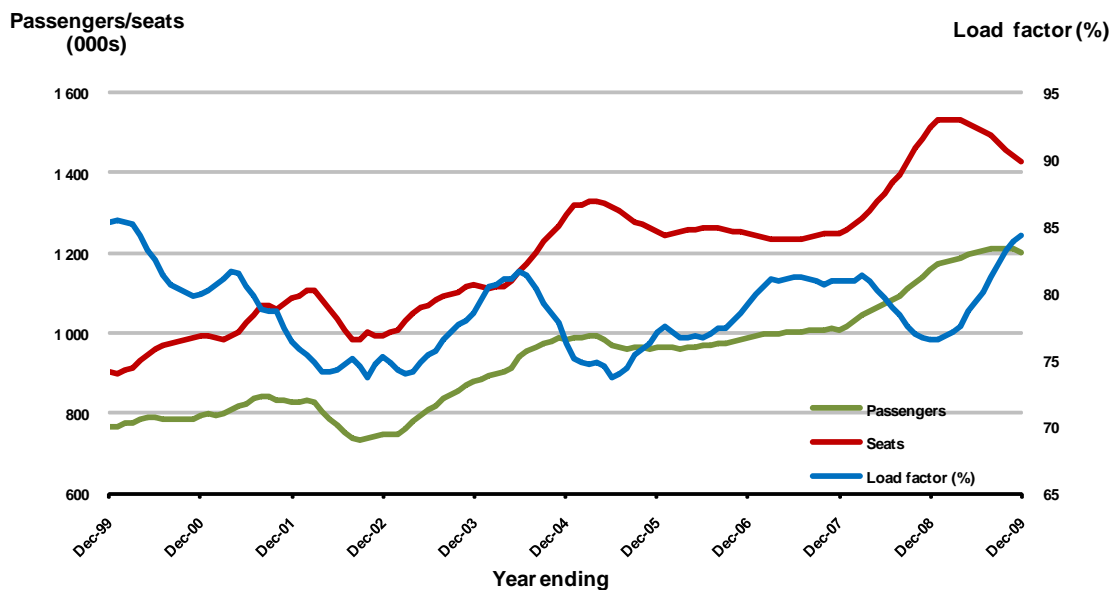


## 10. Hobart - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 157.8	1 202.3	3.8
Seats (000s)	1 512.2	1 426.2	-5.7
Load factor %	76.6	84.3	7.7 *
Aircraft trips	8 856	8 318	-6.1

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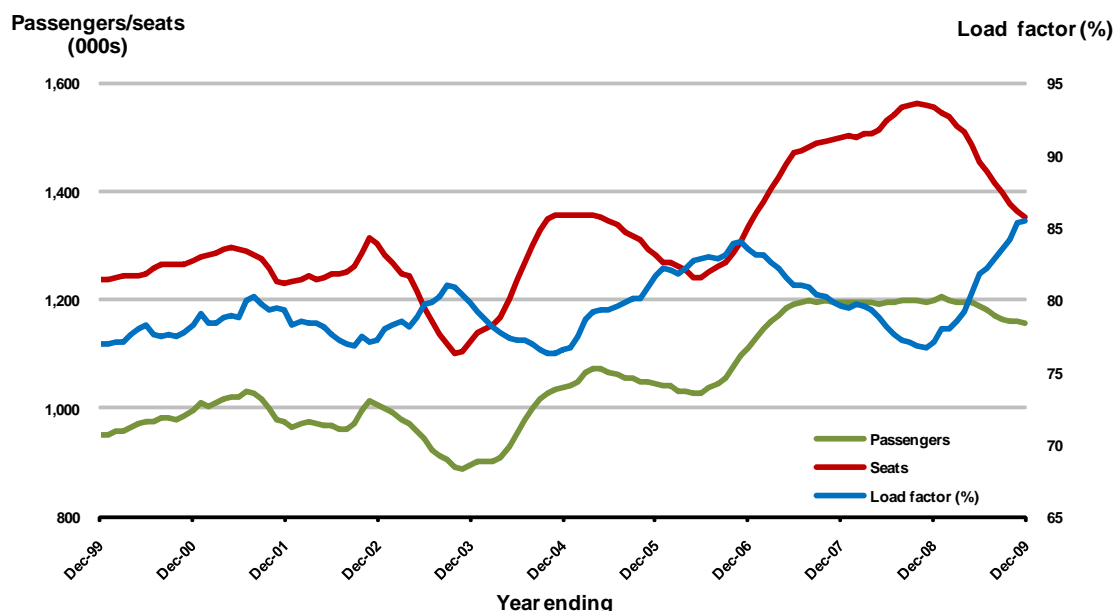


## 11. Brisbane - Cairns

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 196.5	1 154.8	-3.5
Seats (000s)	1 554.0	1 350.7	-13.1
Load factor %	77.0	85.5	8.5 *
Aircraft trips	9 094	8 208	-9.7

\* percentage point difference

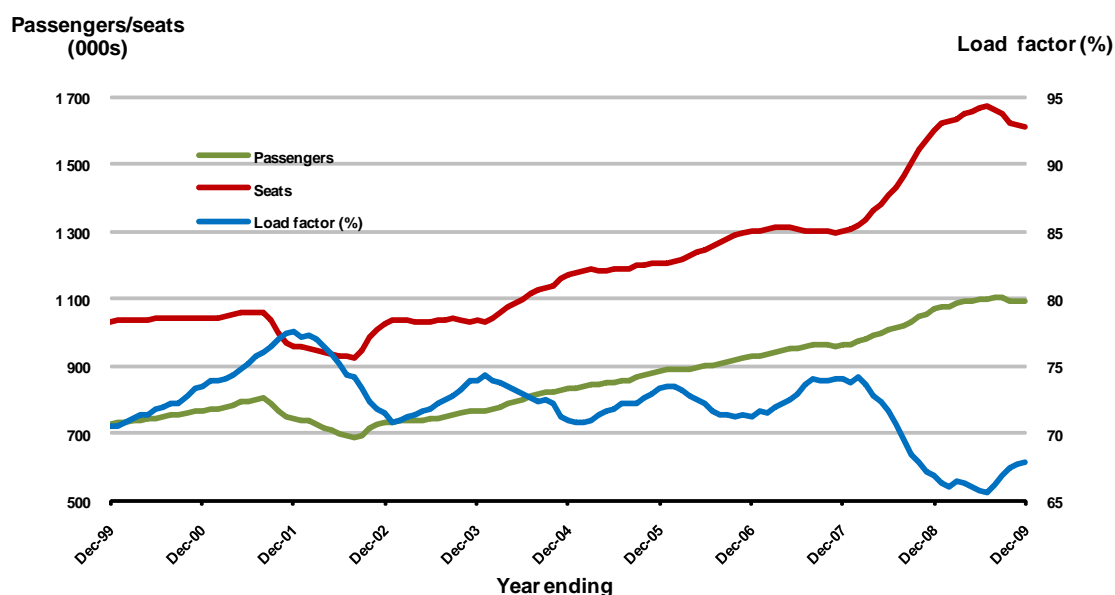


## 12. Canberra - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 068.5	1 093.8	2.4
Seats (000s)	1 598.7	1 611.9	0.8 *
Load factor %	66.8	67.9	1.0 *
Aircraft trips	11 673	11 880	1.8

\* percentage point difference

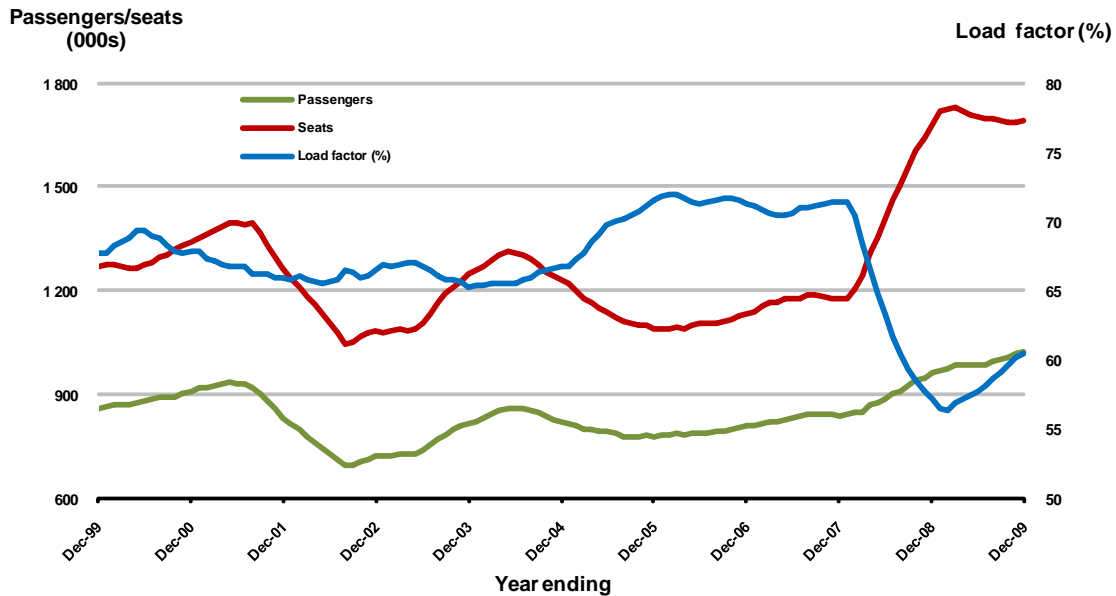


### 13. Canberra - Sydney

**Moving annual data**

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	959.5	1 021.8	6.5
Seats (000s)	1 680.7	1 689.8	0.5
Load factor %	57.1	60.5	3.4 *
Aircraft trips	18 989	18 546	-2.3

\* percentage point difference

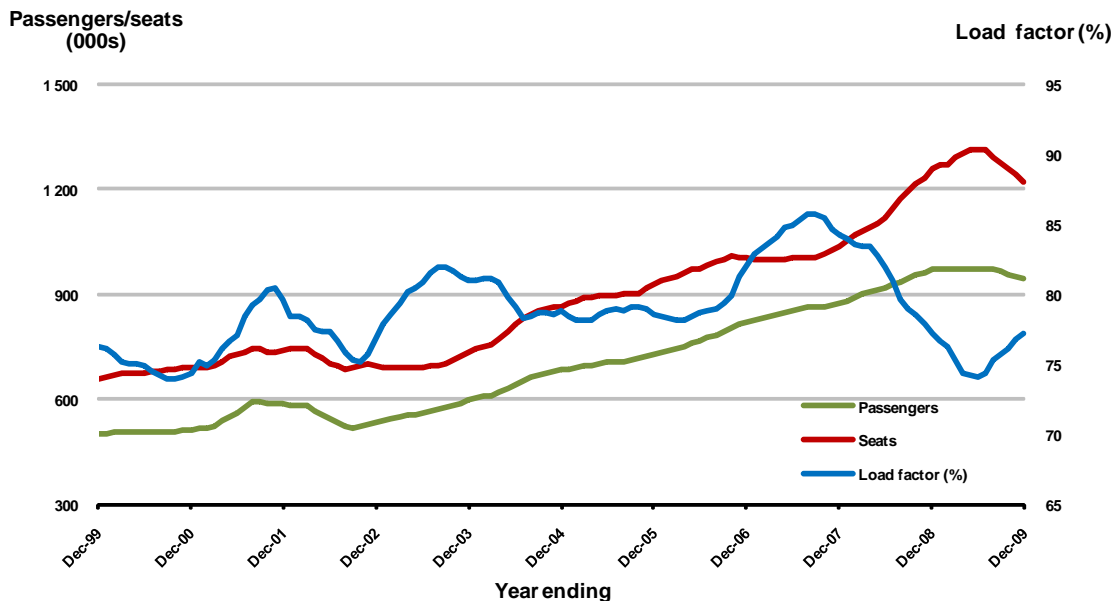


### 14. Brisbane - Townsville

**Moving annual data**

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	968.7	942.6	-2.7
Seats (000s)	1 255.8	1 221.4	-2.7
Load factor %	77.1	77.2	0.0 *
Aircraft trips	7 904	8 012	1.4

\* percentage point difference



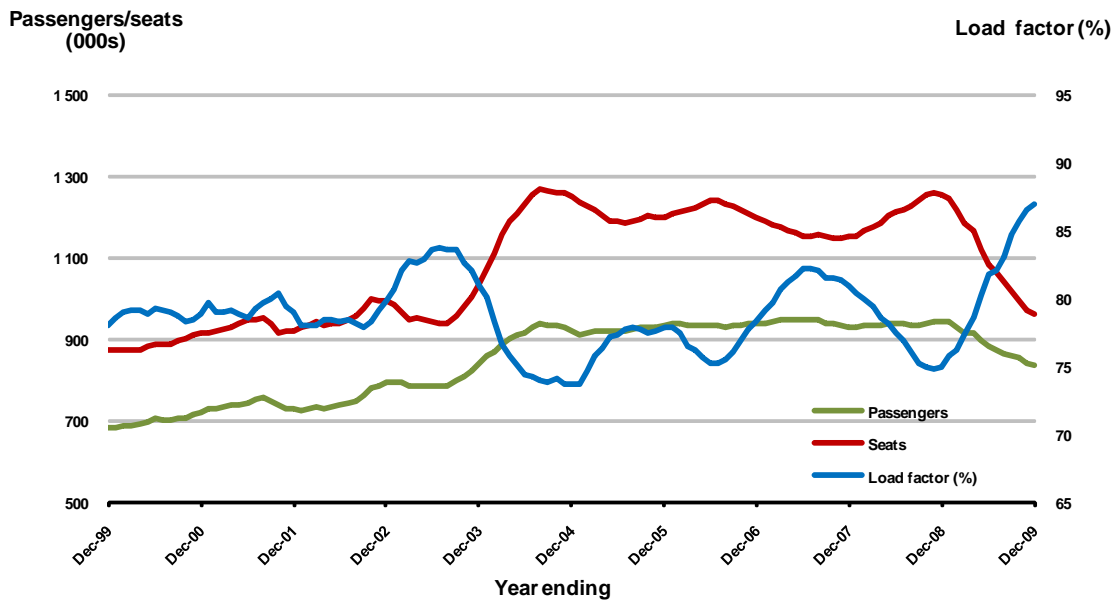


## 15. Cairns - Sydney

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	940.3	832.9	-11.4
Seats (000s)	1 255.7	958.6	-23.7
Load factor %	74.9	86.9	12.0 *
Aircraft trips	7 027	5 210	-25.9

\* percentage point difference

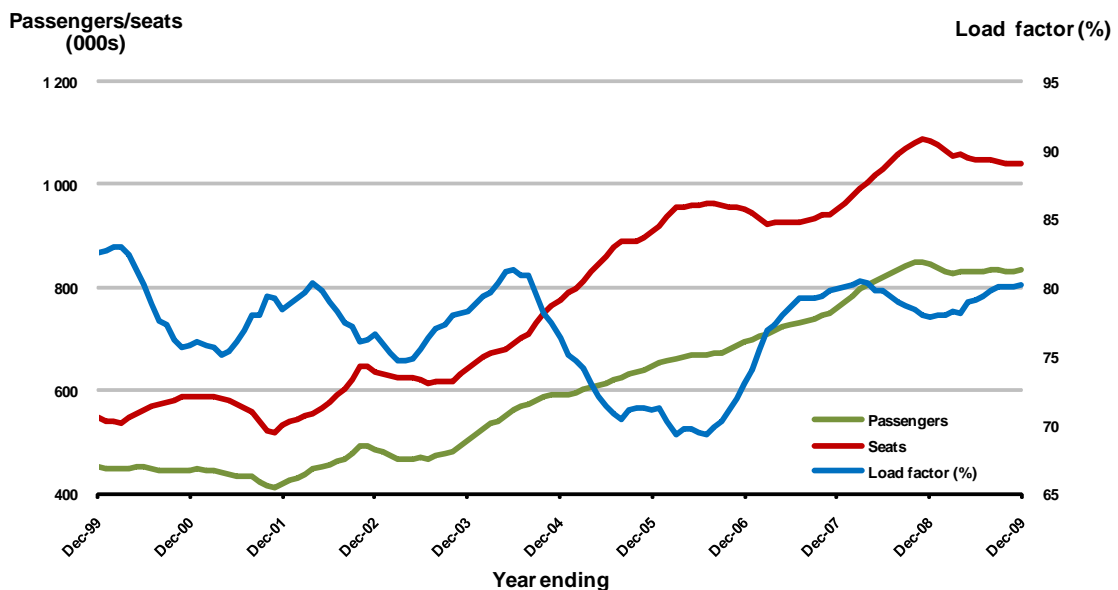


## 16. Launceston - Melbourne

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	842.9	832.8	-1.2
Seats (000s)	1 083.7	1 039.2	-4.1
Load factor %	77.8	80.1	2.4 *
Aircraft trips	7 452	7 267	-2.5

\* percentage point difference

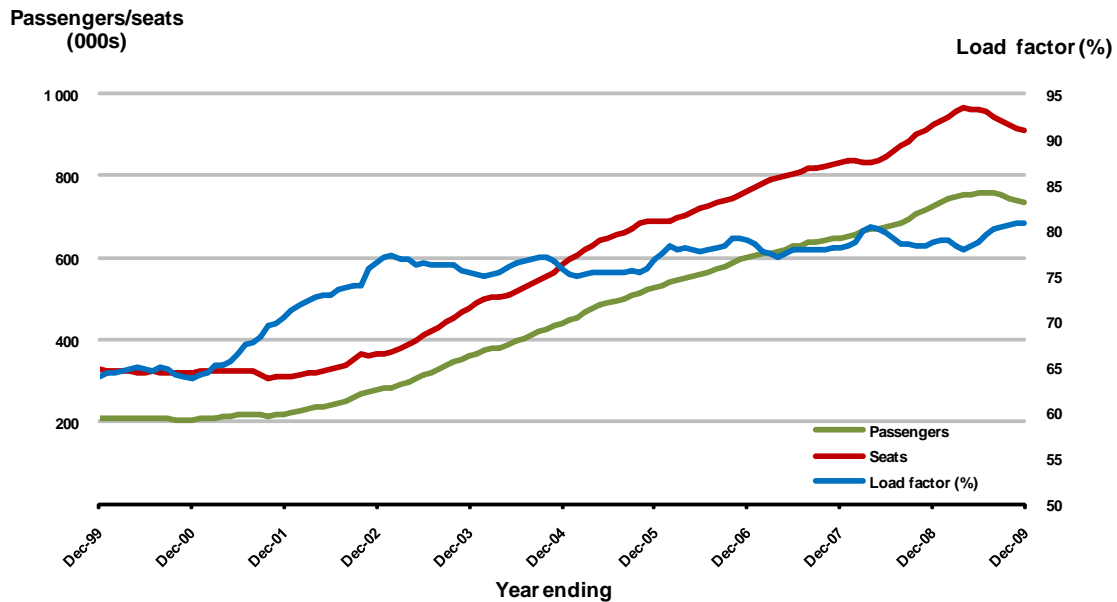


## 17. Brisbane - Mackay

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	727.1	735.9	1.2
Seats (000s)	924.5	910.3	-1.5
Load factor %	78.7	80.8	2.2 *
Aircraft trips	6 492	6 997	7.8

\* percentage point difference

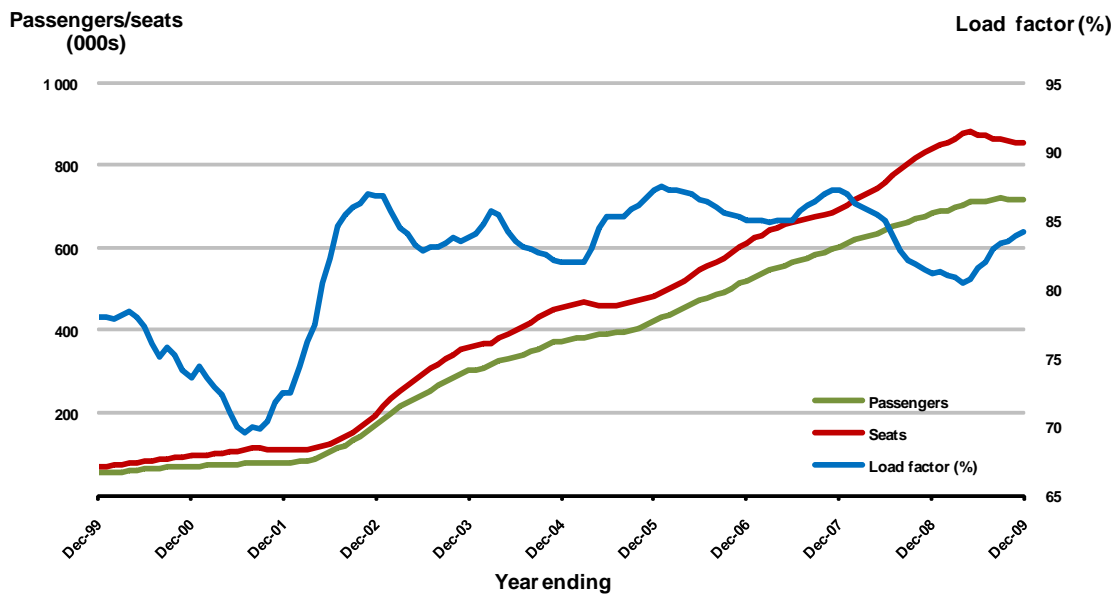


## 18. Brisbane - Perth

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	683.4	718.0	5.1
Seats (000s)	842.9	853.1	1.2
Load factor %	81.1	84.2	3.1 *
Aircraft trips	4 062	4 375	7.7

\* percentage point difference

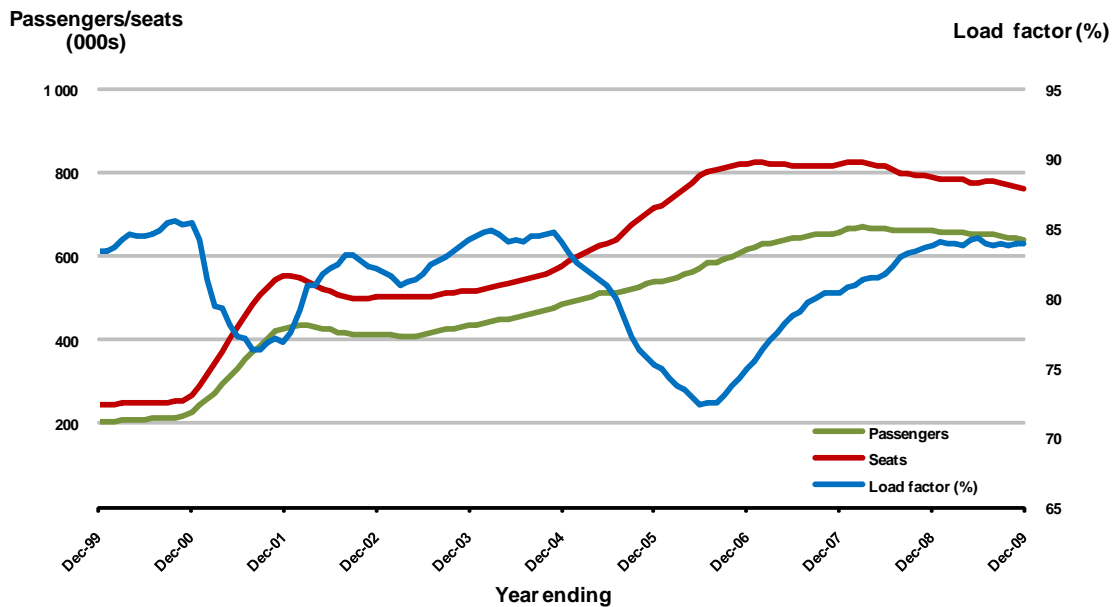


## 19. Adelaide - Brisbane

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	660.3	637.0	-3.5
Seats (000s)	788.2	759.6	-3.6
Load factor %	83.8	83.9	0.1 *
Aircraft trips	5 271	5 189	-1.6

\* percentage point difference

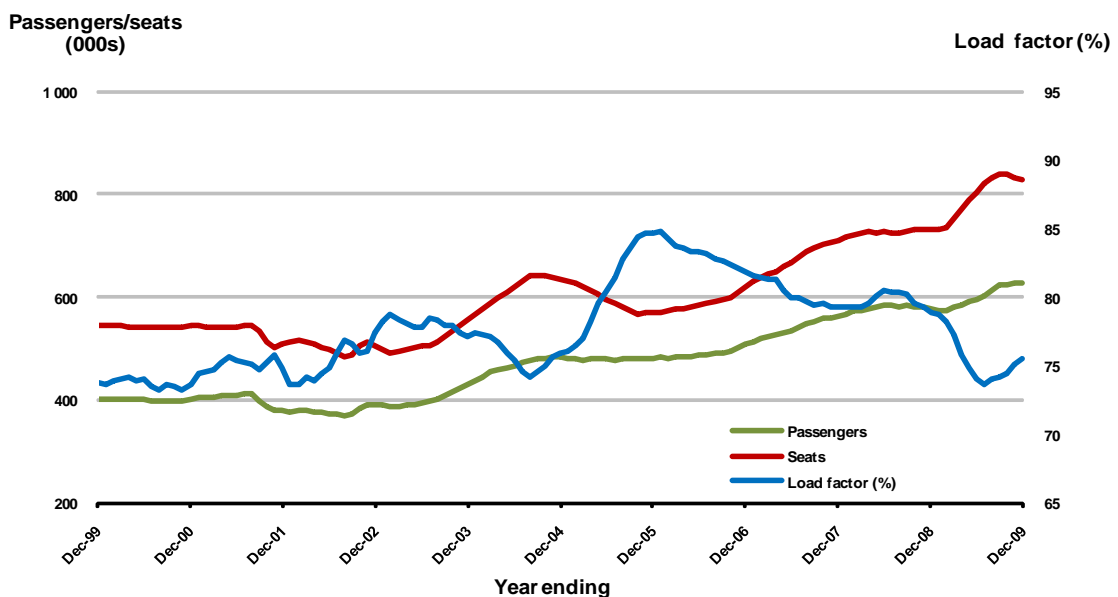


## 20. Adelaide - Perth

### Moving annual data

	YE December 2008	YE December 2009	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	577.6	626.0	8.4
Seats (000s)	732.1	828.9	13.2
Load factor %	78.9	75.5	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	4 616	5 598	21.3

\* percentage point difference



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## DEFINITIONS

Aircraft Trips	The number of flight stages. A return flight counts as two aircraft trips.
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.
Passenger Carried	Revenue passengers carried.
Revenue Passengers	All passengers paying any fare. Frequent flyer redemption travellers are regarded as revenue passengers.
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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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