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FOREWORD

This report provides an overview of domestic (including regional and charter) commercial aviation activity in Australia for the year ending December 2012.

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.

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 where two or more airlines operate in competition. For the year ending December 2012 there were 58 such routes: 55 routes met these criteria for all twelve months of the year while three routes did so for a period shorter than one year.

Information on the Regular Public Transport (RPT) network for the year ending December 2012 is presented on page 2.

Detailed information on the 58 individual routes can be found in the RPT summary pages 3–10 of this publication.

The top ten airports in terms of RPT passenger movements are shown on page 11. Data on domestic RPT cargo movements at the top five cargo airports are provided on page 12. The table includes cargo carried on passenger flights operated by the Qantas group (including Jetstar), Virgin Australia, Air North, Skippers and Skytrans as well as the cargo carried by dedicated freighter aircraft operated by Australian Air Express and Toll Priority.

The long-term trends for the top twenty competitive RPT routes are presented graphically on pages 13–22.

Tables providing estimates of domestic charter aviation activity are shown on page 23. BITRE confidentiality standards restrict publication of detailed airport-level estimates for all 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, Transport and Regional 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 56.55 million RPT passengers carried on Australian domestic aviation in the year ending December 2012, an increase of 4.1 per cent on the year ending December 2011.

RPT revenue passenger kilometres (RPKs) performed were 66.39 billion for the year, up 5.0 per cent on the year ending December 2011. Capacity, measured by available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased 6.9 per cent compared with the year ending December 2011 to a total of 85.66 billion.

The number of available seats rose to 74.79 million, an increase of 7.0 per cent compared to the previous year.

The number of aircraft trips increased by 4.5 per cent, from 606 736 for the year ending December 2011 to 634 009 for the year ending December 2012.

With RPT capacity increasing at a faster rate than passenger traffic, the industry wide load factor (RPKs/ASKs) decreased from 78.9 per cent for the year ending December 2011 to 77.5 per cent for the year ending December 2012. Seats utilisation on individual routes decreased on 32 of the 53 RPT routes for which data is available in both years.

For the year ending December 2012, Melbourne – Sydney remained Australia's busiest RPT route with 8.06 million passengers, an increase of 4.3 per cent compared with the year ending December 2011. It was followed by Brisbane – Sydney with 4.39 million passengers (down 0.4 per cent) and Brisbane – Melbourne with 3.19 million passengers (up 3.2 per cent).

The greatest percentage increase in RPT passenger numbers, compared to the year ending December 2011, was on the Newman – Perth route (up 48.9 per cent). There were large increases on a number of other routes, including Perth – Port Hedland (up 33.6 per cent), Cairns – Melbourne (up 15.3 per cent), Melbourne – Perth (up 14.8 per cent), Brisbane – Proserpine (up 13.4 per cent), Karratha – Perth (up 12.3 per cent) and Hamilton Island – Sydney (up 10.9 per cent).

RPT routes with traffic decreases in the year ending December 2012 compared with the year ending December 2011, included Melbourne – Sunshine Coast (down 15.0 per cent), Brisbane – Hamilton Island (down 8.9 per cent), Canberra – Melbourne (down 5.8 per cent) and Adelaide – Canberra (down 5.6 per cent).

For the year ending December 2012, Sydney remained Australia's busiest domestic airport with 24.93 million passengers movements, followed by Melbourne with 22.30 million passenger movements and Brisbane with 16.74 million passenger movements.

Total cargo movements at Australian airports on domestic RPT flights were 451.1 thousand tonnes in the year ending December 2012, a decrease of 8.5 per cent compared to previous year. For the year ending December 2012, Sydney was the busiest airport in terms of cargo movements (122.4 thousand tonnes, down 9.1 per cent compared to the year ending December 2011), followed by Melbourne (115.9 thousand tonnes, down 5.7 per cent) and Brisbane (71.3 thousand tonnes, down 12.0 per cent).

Fixed-wing charter operators carried 2.19 million passengers for the year ending December 2012. More than one third of all charter passengers in Australia took flights either to or from Perth Airport.

RPT NETWORK

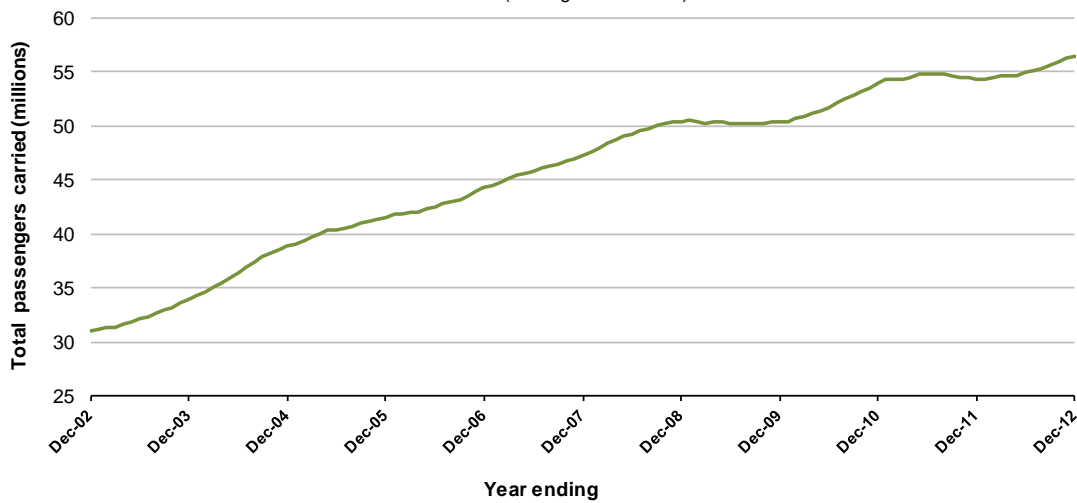
Summary of annual RPT activity

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Total passengers carried (millions)	54.32	56.55	4.1
Revenue passenger kilometres (billions)	63.22	66.39	5.0
Available seats (millions)	69.90	74.79	7.0
Available seat kilometres (billions)	80.11	85.66	6.9
Load factor %	78.9	77.5	-1.4 *
Aircraft trips (000s)	606.7	634.0	4.5

* percentage point difference

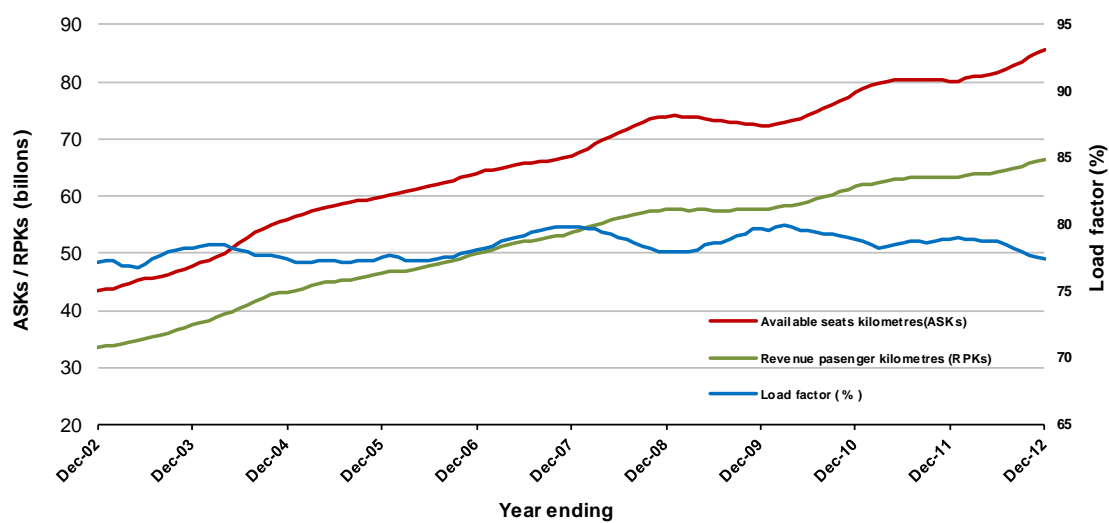
Domestic RPT passenger traffic

(moving annual totals)



RPT Network utilisation

(moving annual totals)



TOP COMPETITIVE ROUTES

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	7 727.5	8 056.0	4.3
2	Brisbane - Sydney	4 406.0	4 390.4	-0.4
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 090.4	3 189.4	3.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 244.8	2 442.9	8.8
5	Melbourne - Perth	1 855.9	2 130.7	14.8
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 186.7	2 085.2	-4.6
7	Perth - Sydney	1 731.7	1 811.4	4.6
8	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 671.3	1 790.8	7.2
9	Adelaide - Sydney	1 722.7	1 751.2	1.7
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 157.9	1 239.6	7.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 108.0	1 187.2	7.1
12	Canberra - Sydney	1 069.1	1 053.2	-1.5
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 065.2	1 003.1	-5.8
14	Brisbane - Townsville	977.4	994.2	1.7
15	Brisbane - Mackay	908.9	964.7	6.1
16	Brisbane - Perth	867.5	951.5	9.7
17	Cairns - Sydney	894.3	937.6	4.8
18	Launceston - Melbourne	790.5	835.6	5.7
19	Karratha - Perth	679.3	762.5	12.3
20	Adelaide - Brisbane	679.8	729.2	7.3
21	Brisbane - Rockhampton	606.4	644.4	6.3
22	Adelaide - Perth	592.5	621.7	4.9
23	Brisbane - Canberra	620.5	605.4	-2.4
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	582.2	591.8	1.6
25	Cairns - Melbourne	504.8	581.8	15.3
26	Perth - Port Hedland	370.1	494.4	33.6
27	Hobart - Sydney	472.8	477.9	1.1
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	475.1	463.6	-2.4
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	429.7	425.2	-1.0
30	Brisbane - Gladstone	209.8	411.6	NA (a)
31	Brisbane - Darwin	366.0	375.9	2.7
32	Newman - Perth	250.0	372.2	48.9
33	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	382.0	324.8	-15.0
34	Broome - Perth	310.0	324.3	4.6
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	308.1	320.2	3.9
36	Darwin - Melbourne	295.6	295.5	0.0
37	Ballina - Sydney	262.9	280.7	6.7
38	Brisbane - Emerald	..	264.3	NA (b)
39	Darwin - Sydney	..	263.9	NA (c)
40	Albury - Sydney	241.9	247.3	2.2
41	Kalgoorlie - Perth	242.9	241.0	-0.8
42	Brisbane - Proserpine	204.8	232.3	13.4
43	Launceston - Sydney	223.1	222.7	-0.2
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	180.8	200.5	10.9
45	Melbourne - Mildura	193.8	200.4	3.4

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
46	Port Macquarie - Sydney	206.4	197.9	-4.1
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	197.5	196.0	-0.8
48	Sydney - Townsville	179.5	189.6	5.6
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	182.1	181.6	-0.2
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	180.0	181.0	0.5
51	Cairns - Townsville	188.8	179.8	-4.8
52	Adelaide - Canberra	185.4	174.9	-5.6
53	Dubbo - Sydney	173.6	174.3	0.4
54	Darwin - Perth	155.3	161.9	4.2
55	Ayers Rock - Sydney	150.3	153.5	2.2
56	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	168.1	153.1	-8.9
57	Geraldton - Perth	10.6	139.5	NA (d)
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	59.9	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	54 315.1	56 548.4	4.1

(a) Brisbane - Gladstone route included from May 2011, prior data not shown.

(b) Brisbane - Emerald route included from February 2012, prior data not shown.

(c) Darwin - Sydney route included from May 2012, prior data not shown.

(d) Geraldton - Perth route included from December 2011, prior data not shown.

(e) Brisbane - Mount Isa route included from September 2012, prior data not shown.

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	9 339.9	10 170.6	8.9
2	Brisbane - Sydney	5 391.6	5 502.1	2.0
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	3 821.9	4 017.5	5.1
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	2 644.3	3 008.8	13.8
5	Melbourne - Perth	2 249.3	2 739.2	21.8
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	2 602.8	2 589.4	-0.5
7	Perth - Sydney	2 203.0	2 283.6	3.7
8	Gold Coast - Melbourne	1 972.0	2 131.2	8.1
9	Adelaide - Sydney	2 073.7	2 220.3	7.1
10	Hobart - Melbourne	1 349.2	1 566.3	16.1
11	Brisbane - Cairns	1 327.8	1 474.6	11.1
12	Canberra - Sydney	1 628.7	1 629.4	0.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	1 509.7	1 495.1	-1.0
14	Brisbane - Townsville	1 213.2	1 273.1	4.9
15	Brisbane - Mackay	1 108.6	1 254.3	13.1
16	Brisbane - Perth	1 087.2	1 140.3	4.9
17	Cairns - Sydney	1 096.9	1 144.7	4.4
18	Launceston - Melbourne	982.3	1 108.9	12.9
19	Karratha - Perth	1 023.0	1 217.7	19.0
20	Adelaide - Brisbane	814.5	910.2	11.8
21	Brisbane - Rockhampton	752.2	871.1	15.8
22	Adelaide - Perth	711.5	763.2	7.3
23	Brisbane - Canberra	831.3	827.6	-0.4
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	707.8	719.0	1.6
25	Cairns - Melbourne	601.3	701.2	16.6
26	Perth - Port Hedland	579.2	757.3	30.7
27	Hobart - Sydney	574.0	599.2	4.4
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	608.8	566.6	-6.9
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	563.0	554.5	-1.5
30	Brisbane - Gladstone	182.6	278.5	NA (a)
31	Brisbane - Darwin	451.5	456.9	1.2
32	Newman - Perth	389.8	587.7	50.8
33	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	458.1	375.5	-18.0
34	Broome - Perth	419.3	427.6	2.0
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	408.6	432.3	5.8
36	Darwin - Melbourne	367.7	381.6	3.8
37	Ballina - Sydney	334.2	353.2	5.7
38	Brisbane - Emerald	..	422.6	NA (b)
39	Darwin - Sydney	..	344.7	NA (c)
40	Albury - Sydney	368.6	372.1	0.9
41	Kalgoorlie - Perth	370.7	404.2	9.0
42	Brisbane - Proserpine	247.3	285.7	15.5
43	Launceston - Sydney	281.2	292.2	3.9
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	241.3	253.8	5.2
45	Melbourne - Mildura	283.1	292.4	3.3

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
46	Port Macquarie - Sydney	299.4	279.7	-6.6
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	337.4	331.3	-1.8
48	Sydney - Townsville	217.6	228.3	4.9
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	216.9	222.7	2.7
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	279.6	271.5	-2.9
51	Cairns - Townsville	302.3	304.5	0.7
52	Adelaide - Canberra	246.7	251.2	1.8
53	Dubbo - Sydney	254.4	256.8	0.9
54	Darwin - Perth	222.0	226.2	1.9
55	Ayers Rock - Sydney	211.3	202.2	-4.3
56	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	229.3	196.9	-14.1
57	Geraldton - Perth	19.9	221.7	NA (d)
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	92.1	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	69 896.3	74 790.5	7.0 (e)

(a) Brisbane - Gladstone route included from May 2011, prior data not shown.

(b) Brisbane - Emerald route included from February 2012, prior data not shown.

(c) Darwin - Sydney route included from May 2012, prior data not shown.

(d) Geraldton - Perth route included from December 2011, prior data not shown.

(e) Brisbane - Mount Isa route included from September 2012, prior data not shown.

Table 3: Load factors (%) — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	82.7	79.2	-3.5
2	Brisbane - Sydney	81.7	79.8	-1.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	80.9	79.4	-1.5
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	84.9	81.2	-3.7
5	Melbourne - Perth	82.5	77.8	-4.7
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	84.0	80.5	-3.5
7	Perth - Sydney	78.6	79.3	0.7
8	Gold Coast - Melbourne	84.7	84.0	-0.7
9	Adelaide - Sydney	83.1	78.9	-4.2
10	Hobart - Melbourne	85.8	79.1	-6.7
11	Brisbane - Cairns	83.4	80.5	-2.9
12	Canberra - Sydney	65.6	64.6	-1.0
13	Canberra - Melbourne	70.6	67.1	-3.5
14	Brisbane - Townsville	80.6	78.1	-2.5
15	Brisbane - Mackay	82.0	76.9	-5.1
16	Brisbane - Perth	79.8	83.4	3.7
17	Cairns - Sydney	81.5	81.9	0.4
18	Launceston - Melbourne	80.5	75.4	-5.1
19	Karratha - Perth	66.4	62.6	-3.8
20	Adelaide - Brisbane	83.5	80.1	-3.4
21	Brisbane - Rockhampton	80.6	74.0	-6.6
22	Adelaide - Perth	83.3	81.5	-1.8
23	Brisbane - Canberra	74.6	73.1	-1.5
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	82.3	82.3	0.1
25	Cairns - Melbourne	83.9	83.0	-1.0
26	Perth - Port Hedland	63.9	65.3	1.4
27	Hobart - Sydney	82.4	79.8	-2.6
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	78.0	81.8	3.8
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	76.3	76.7	0.3
30	Brisbane - Gladstone	74.6	67.4	NA (a)
31	Brisbane - Darwin	81.1	82.3	1.2
32	Newman - Perth	64.1	63.3	-0.8
33	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	83.4	86.5	3.1
34	Broome - Perth	73.9	75.8	1.9
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	75.4	74.1	-1.3
36	Darwin - Melbourne	80.4	77.4	-3.0
37	Ballina - Sydney	78.7	79.5	0.8
38	Brisbane - Emerald	..	62.6	NA (b)
39	Darwin - Sydney	..	76.5	NA (c)
40	Albury - Sydney	65.6	66.5	0.8
41	Kalgoorlie - Perth	65.5	59.6	-5.9
42	Brisbane - Proserpine	82.8	81.3	-1.5
43	Launceston - Sydney	79.4	76.2	-3.2
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	74.9	79.0	4.1
45	Melbourne - Mildura	68.5	68.5	0.1

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

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
46	Port Macquarie - Sydney	68.9	70.8	1.8
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	58.5	59.1	0.6
48	Sydney - Townsville	82.5	83.0	0.5
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	83.9	81.6	-2.4
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	64.4	66.7	2.3
51	Cairns - Townsville	62.4	59.0	-3.4
52	Adelaide - Canberra	75.2	69.6	-5.5
53	Dubbo - Sydney	68.2	67.9	-0.4
54	Darwin - Perth	70.0	71.6	1.6
55	Ayers Rock - Sydney	71.1	75.9	4.8
56	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	73.3	77.7	4.4
57	Geraldton - Perth	53.6	63.0	NA (d)
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	65.1	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	78.9	77.5	-1.4

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(b) Brisbane - Emerald route included from February 2012, prior data not shown.

(c) Darwin - Sydney route included from May 2012, prior data not shown.

(d) Geraldton - Perth route included from December 2011, prior data not shown.

(e) Brisbane - Mount Isa route included from September 2012, prior data not shown.

Table 4: Aircraft movements — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
1	Melbourne - Sydney	49 332	53 645	8.7
2	Brisbane - Sydney	29 612	30 754	3.9
3	Brisbane - Melbourne	22 805	23 545	3.2
4	Gold Coast - Sydney	15 452	17 088	10.6
5	Melbourne - Perth	10 713	12 287	14.7
6	Adelaide - Melbourne	16 726	16 372	-2.1
7	Perth - Sydney	9 444	9 203	-2.6
8	Gold Coast - Melbourne	11 045	11 795	6.8
9	Adelaide - Sydney	12 441	12 802	2.9
10	Hobart - Melbourne	8 032	9 072	12.9
11	Brisbane - Cairns	8 442	9 217	9.2
12	Canberra - Sydney	17 822	18 226	2.3
13	Canberra - Melbourne	11 120	10 706	-3.7
14	Brisbane - Townsville	7 995	8 075	1.0
15	Brisbane - Mackay	8 469	8 972	5.9
16	Brisbane - Perth	5 072	5 300	4.5
17	Cairns - Sydney	6 129	6 275	2.4
18	Launceston - Melbourne	7 304	7 821	7.1
19	Karratha - Perth	7 218	8 215	13.8
20	Adelaide - Brisbane	5 339	5 798	8.6
21	Brisbane - Rockhampton	7 850	9 125	16.2
22	Adelaide - Perth	4 805	4 928	2.6
23	Brisbane - Canberra	6 500	6 311	-2.9
24	Brisbane - Newcastle	5 673	5 862	3.3
25	Cairns - Melbourne	3 341	3 865	15.7
26	Perth - Port Hedland	4 093	5 145	25.7
27	Hobart - Sydney	3 812	3 897	2.2
28	Sunshine Coast - Sydney	3 590	3 230	-10.0
29	Melbourne - Newcastle	3 249	3 172	-2.4
30	Brisbane - Gladstone	4 007	7 857	NA (a)
31	Brisbane - Darwin	2 235	2 294	2.6
32	Newman - Perth	3 081	4 078	32.4
33	Melbourne - Sunshine Coast	2 643	2 153	-18.5
34	Broome - Perth	3 455	3 432	-0.7
35	Coffs Harbour - Sydney	4 864	4 828	-0.7
36	Darwin - Melbourne	1 947	2 042	4.9
37	Ballina - Sydney	3 306	2 673	-19.1
38	Brisbane - Emerald	..	5 510	NA (b)
39	Darwin - Sydney	..	1 860	NA (c)
40	Albury - Sydney	6 647	6 629	-0.3
41	Kalgoorlie - Perth	2 555	2 906	13.7
42	Brisbane - Proserpine	1 426	1 864	30.7
43	Launceston - Sydney	1 643	1 693	3.0
44	Hamilton Island - Sydney	1 420	1 451	2.2
45	Melbourne - Mildura	4 845	4 819	-0.5

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Table 4 (continued): Aircraft movements — annual activity

	City-Pair	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
46	Port Macquarie - Sydney	4 540	4 567	0.6
47	Adelaide - Port Lincoln	7 222	7 050	-2.4
48	Sydney - Townsville	1 298	1 344	3.5
49	Adelaide - Gold Coast	1 437	1 453	1.1
50	Sydney - Wagga Wagga	5 651	5 345	-5.4
51	Cairns - Townsville	4 875	4 902	0.6
52	Adelaide - Canberra	1 843	1 888	2.4
53	Dubbo - Sydney	6 399	6 398	0.0
54	Darwin - Perth	1 369	1 383	1.0
55	Ayers Rock - Sydney	1 451	1 458	0.5
56	Brisbane - Hamilton Island	1 364	1 160	-15.0
57	Geraldton - Perth	292	3 444	NA (d)
58	Brisbane - Mount Isa	..	622	NA (e)
	Total domestic network	606 736	634 009	4.5

(a) Brisbane - Gladstone route included from May 2011, prior data not shown.

(b) Brisbane - Emerald route included from February 2012, prior data not shown.

(c) Darwin - Sydney route included from May 2012, prior data not shown.

(d) Geraldton - Perth route included from December 2011, prior data not shown.

(e) Brisbane - Mount Isa route included from September 2012, prior data not shown.

TOP TEN AIRPORTS – PASSENGER MOVEMENTS

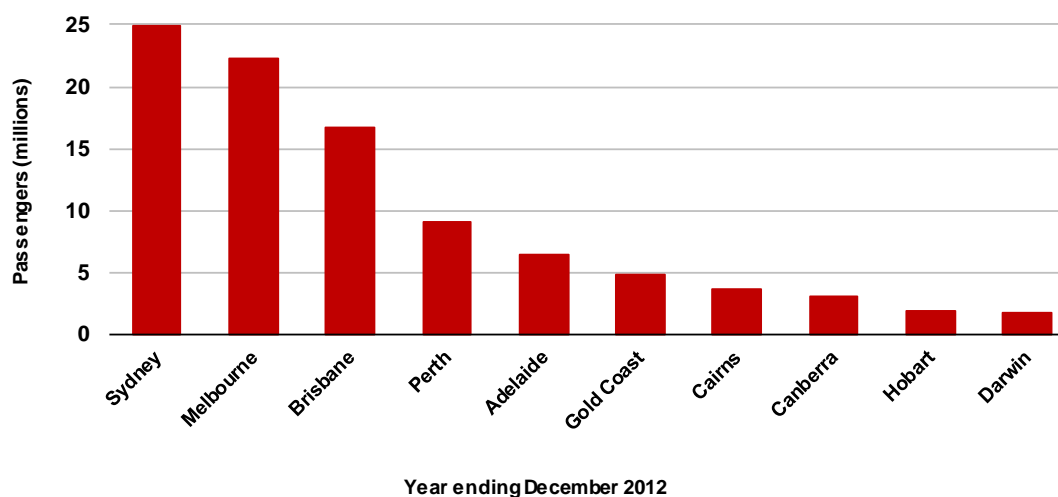
Table 5: Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements (000s) — annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	24 169.2	24 929.8	3.1	22.0
2 Melbourne	21 353.2	22 295.7	4.4	19.7
3 Brisbane	15 984.2	16 743.6	4.8	14.8
4 Perth	8 021.9	9 000.9	12.2	8.0
5 Adelaide	6 454.6	6 450.0	-0.1	5.7
6 Gold Coast	4 583.6	4 888.4	6.7	4.3
7 Cairns	3 505.5	3 652.1	4.2	3.2
8 Canberra	3 208.3	3 066.6	-4.4	2.7
9 Hobart	1 844.8	1 919.0	4.0	1.7
10 Darwin	1 834.9	1 803.3	-1.7	1.6
Total top ten airports	90 960.3	94 749.5	4.2	83.8
Total domestic network	108 630.2	113 096.8	4.1	100.0

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

Top ten airports, RPT passenger movements

(Domestic and regional passenger traffic - traffic on board)



TOP FIVE AIRPORTS – CARGO MOVEMENTS

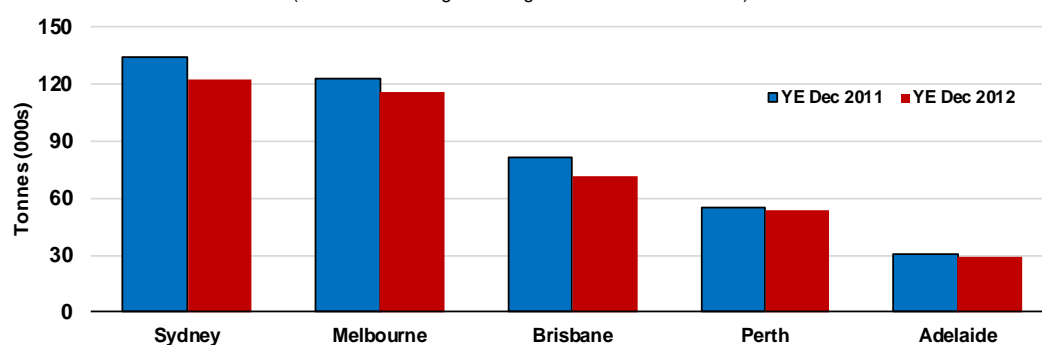
Table 6: Top five airports, domestic RPT cargo movements (000s tonnes) - annual activity

Airport	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change	% of Total
1 Sydney	134.6	122.4	-9.1	27.1
2 Melbourne	122.9	115.9	-5.7	25.7
3 Brisbane	81.1	71.3	-12.0	15.8
4 Perth	55.5	53.2	-4.1	11.8
5 Adelaide	30.2	29.3	-3.0	6.5
Total top five airports	424.3	392.0	-7.6	86.9
Total domestic network	493.2	451.1	-8.5	100.0

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

Top five airports, cargo movements

(Domestic and regional cargo traffic - traffic on board)



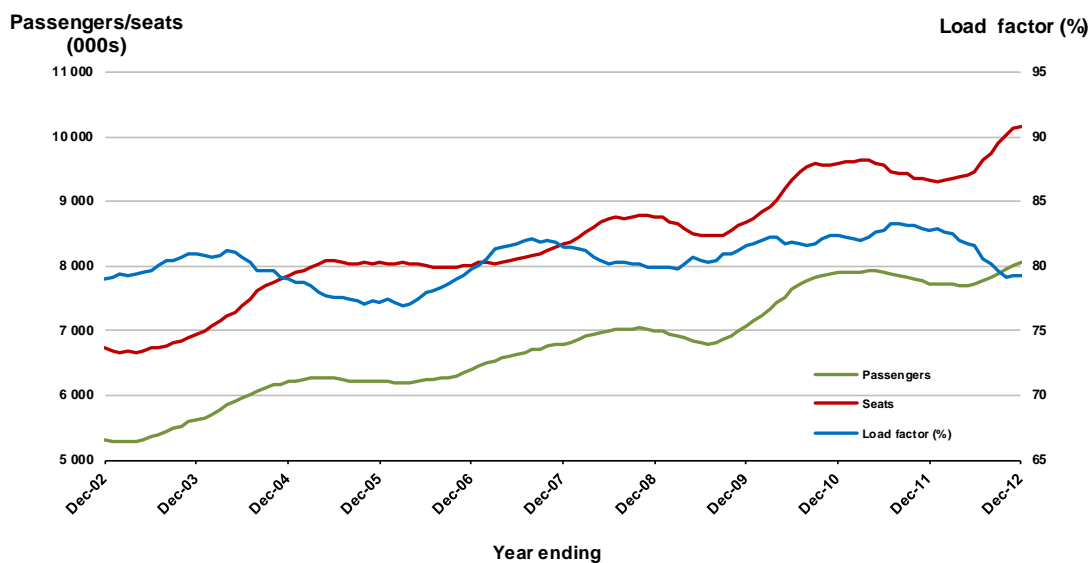
TOP TWENTY ROUTES

1. Melbourne - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	7 727.5	8 056.0	4.3
Seats (000s)	9 339.9	10 170.6	8.9
Load factor %	82.7	79.2	-3.5 *
Aircraft trips	49 332	53 645	8.7

* percentage point difference

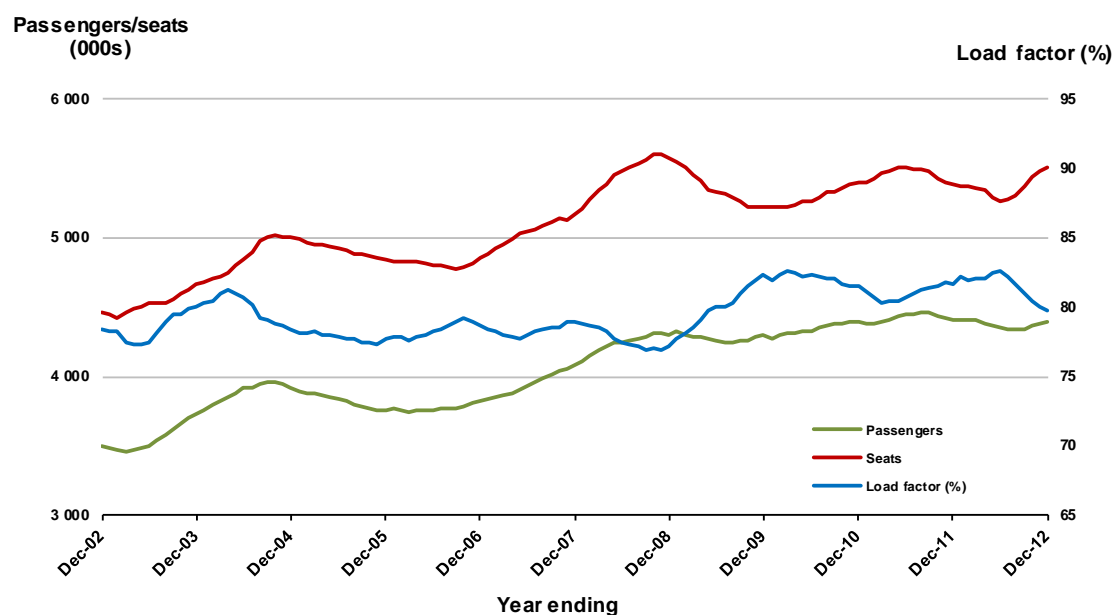


2. Brisbane - Sydney

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	4 406.0	4 390.4	-0.4
Seats (000s)	5 391.6	5 502.1	2.0
Load factor %	81.7	79.8	-1.9 *
Aircraft trips	29 612	30 754	3.9

* percentage point difference



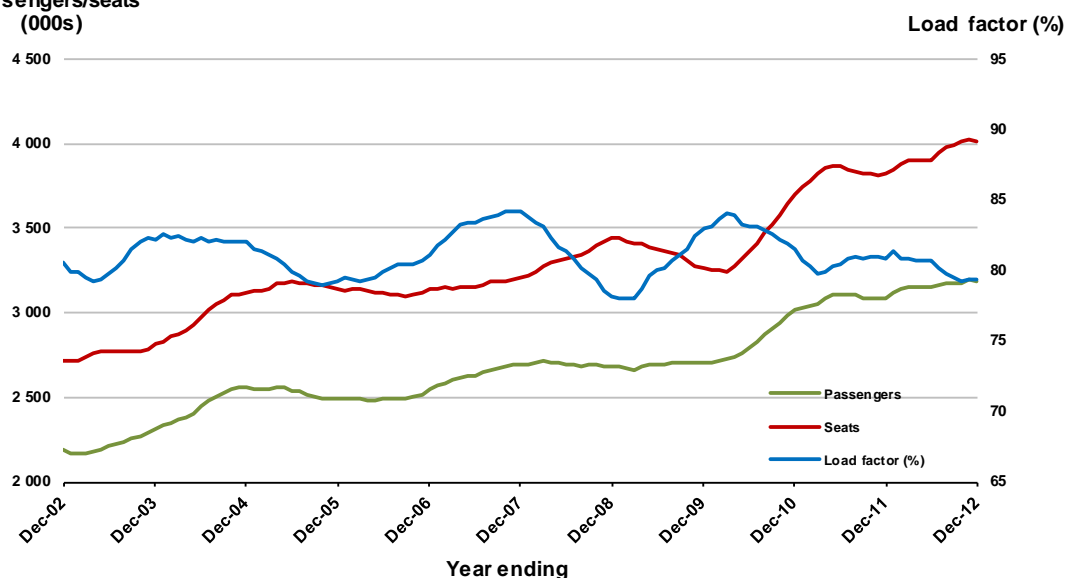
3. Brisbane - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	3 090.4	3 189.4	3.2
Seats (000s)	3 821.9	4 017.5	5.1
Load factor %	80.9	79.4	-1.5 *
Aircraft trips	22 805	23 545	3.2

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)



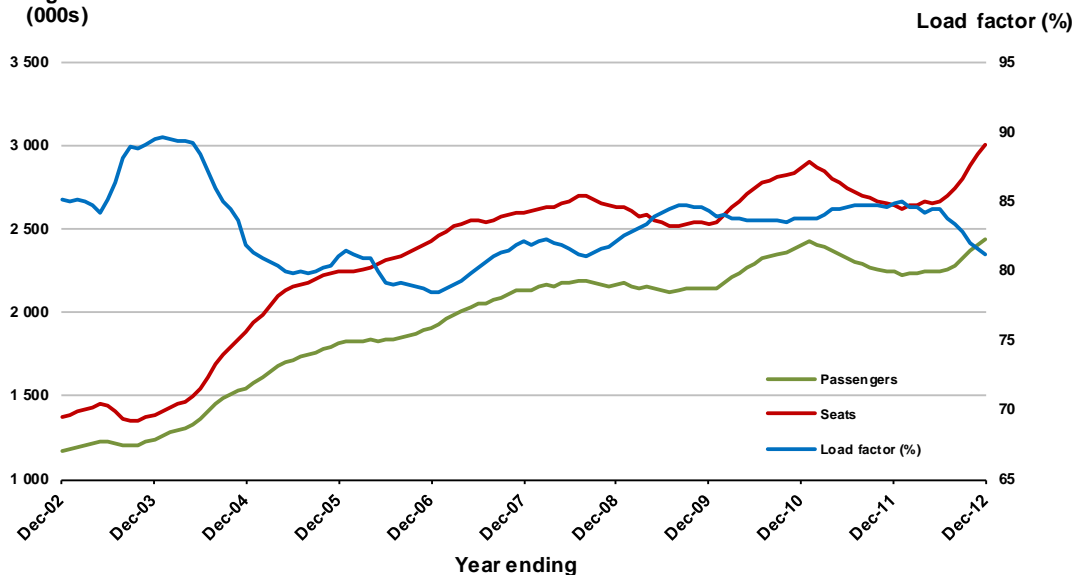
4. Gold Coast - Sydney

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 244.8	2 442.9	8.8
Seats (000s)	2 644.3	3 008.8	13.8
Load factor %	84.9	81.2	-3.7 *
Aircraft trips	15 452	17 088	10.6

* percentage point difference

Passengers/seats (000s)

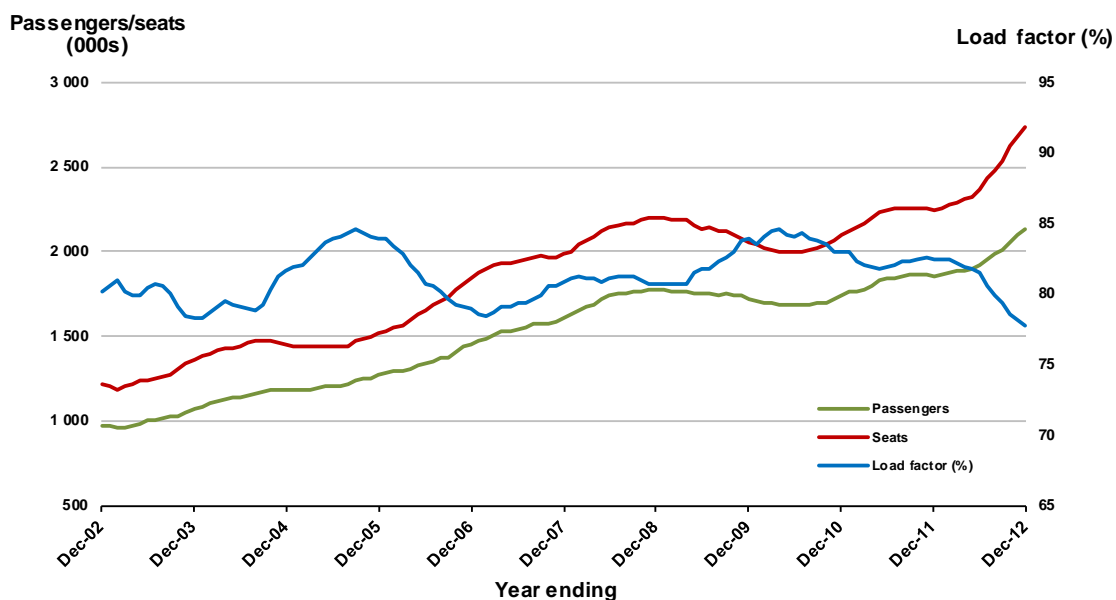


5. Melbourne - Perth

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 855.9	2 130.7	14.8
Seats (000s)	2 249.3	2 739.2	21.8
Load factor %	82.5	77.8	-4.7 *
Aircraft trips	10 713	12 287	14.7

* percentage point difference

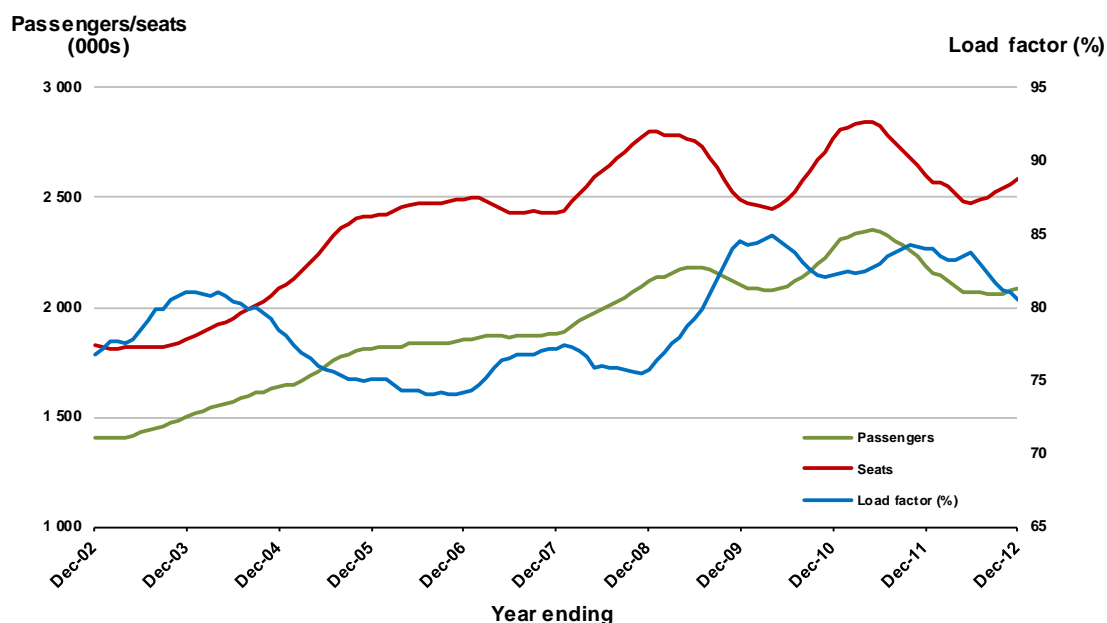


6. Adelaide - Melbourne

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	2 186.7	2 085.2	-4.6
Seats (000s)	2 602.8	2 589.4	-0.5 *
Load factor %	84.0	80.5	-3.5 *
Aircraft trips	16 726	16 372	-2.1

* percentage point difference

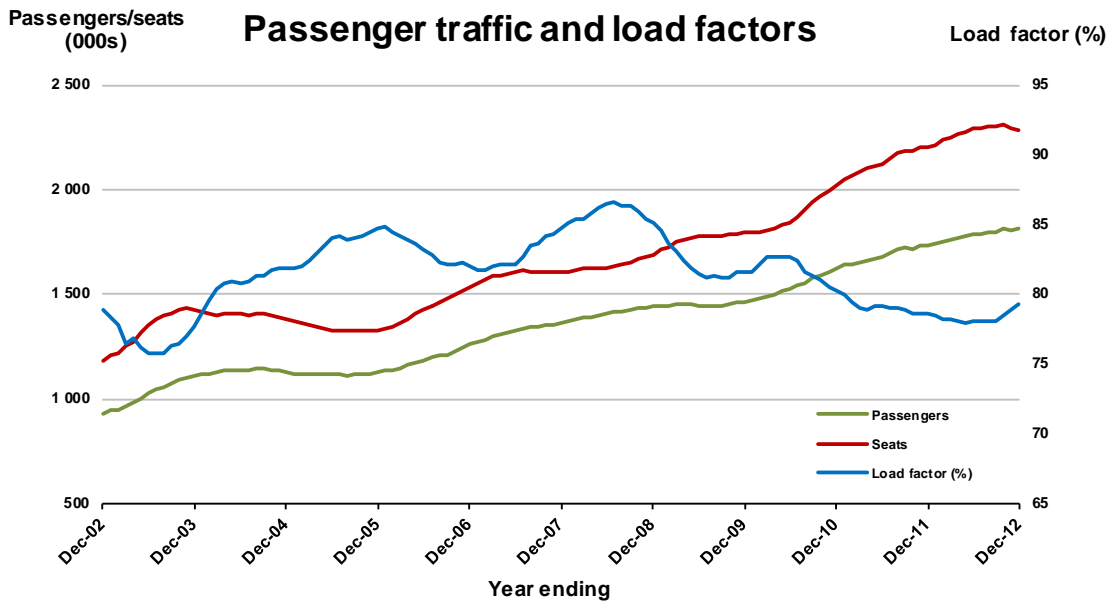


7. Perth - Sydney

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 731.7	1 811.4	4.6
Seats (000s)	2 203.0	2 283.6	3.7
Load factor %	78.6	79.3	0.7 *
Aircraft trips	9 444	9 203	-2.6

* percentage point difference

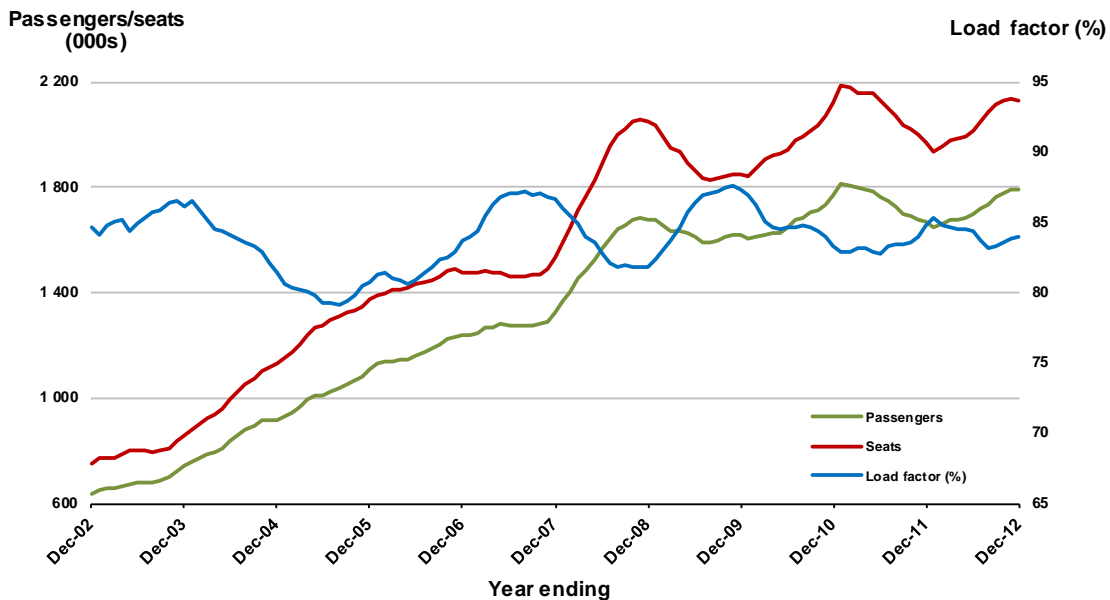


8. Gold Coast - Melbourne

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 671.3	1 790.8	7.2
Seats (000s)	1 972.0	2 131.2	8.1
Load factor %	84.7	84.0	-0.7 *
Aircraft trips	11 045	11 795	6.8

* percentage point difference

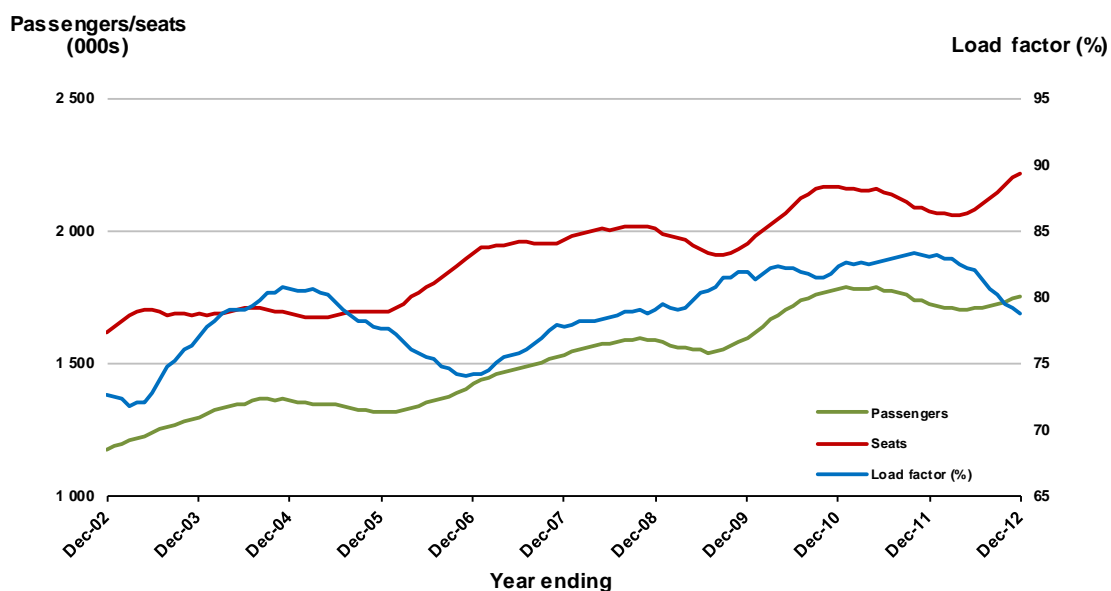


9. Adelaide - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 722.7	1 751.2	1.7
Seats (000s)	2 073.7	2 220.3	7.1
Load factor %	83.1	78.9	-4.2 *
Aircraft trips	12 441	12 802	2.9

* percentage point difference

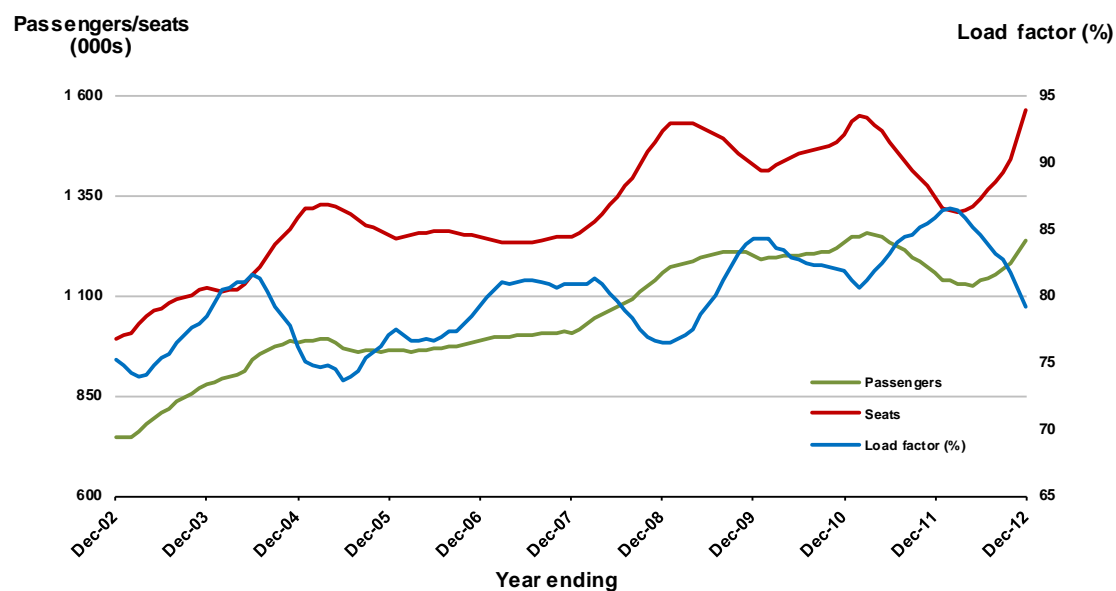


10. Hobart - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 157.9	1 239.6	7.1
Seats (000s)	1 349.2	1 566.3	16.1
Load factor %	85.8	79.1	-6.7 *
Aircraft trips	8 032	9 072	12.9

* percentage point difference

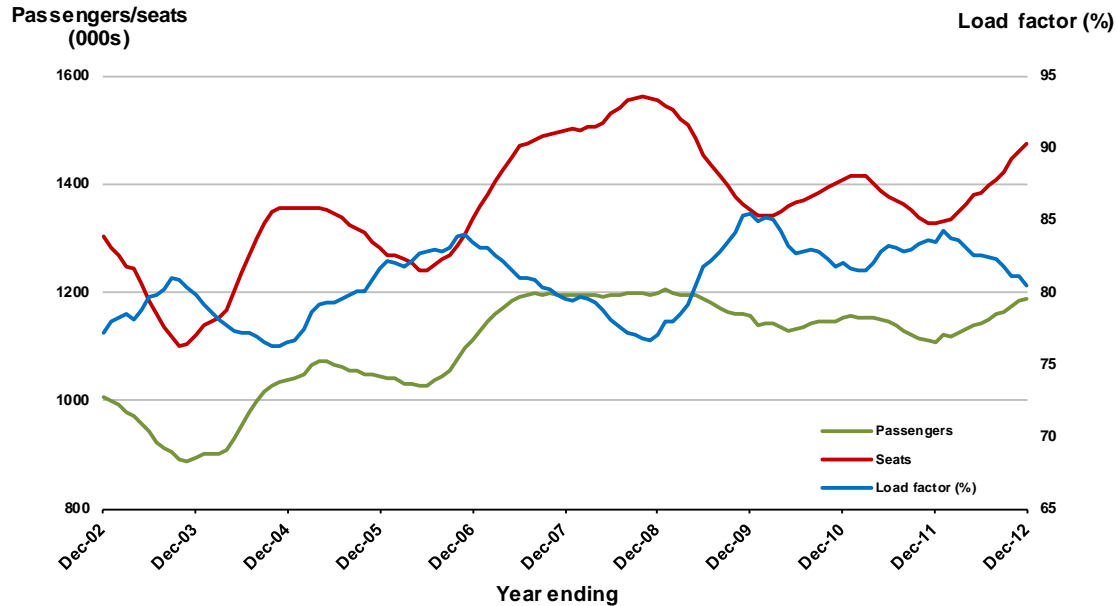


11. Brisbane - Cairns

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 108.0	1 187.2	7.1
Seats (000s)	1 327.8	1 474.6	11.1
Load factor %	83.4	80.5	-2.9 *
Aircraft trips	8 442	9 217	9.2

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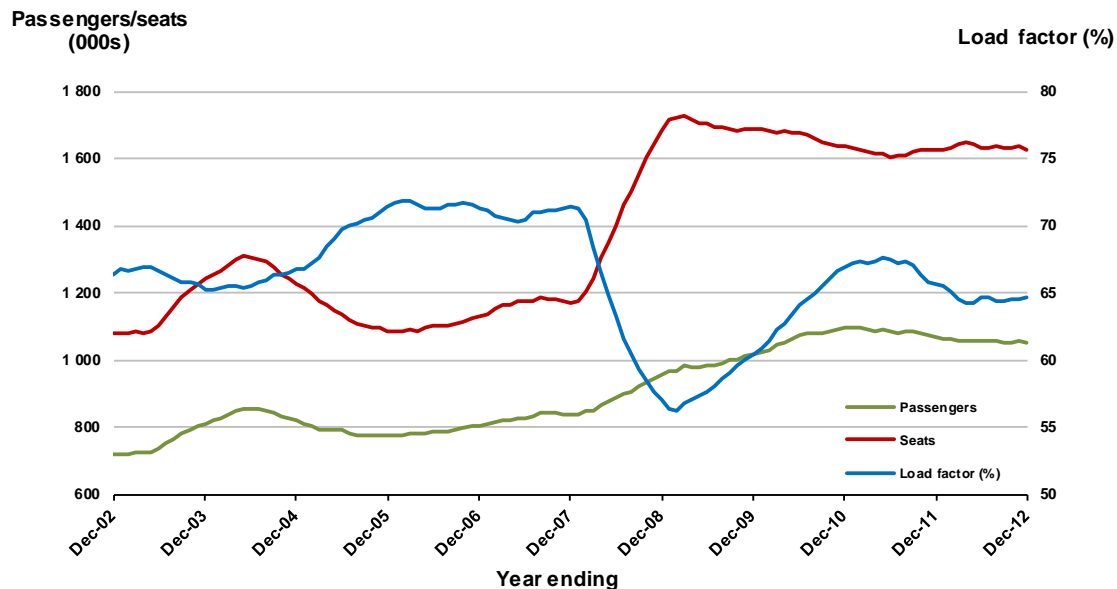


12. Canberra - Sydney

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 069.1	1 053.2	-1.5
Seats (000s)	1 628.7	1 629.4	0.0
Load factor %	65.6	64.6	-1.0 *
Aircraft trips	17 822	18 226	2.3

* percentage point difference

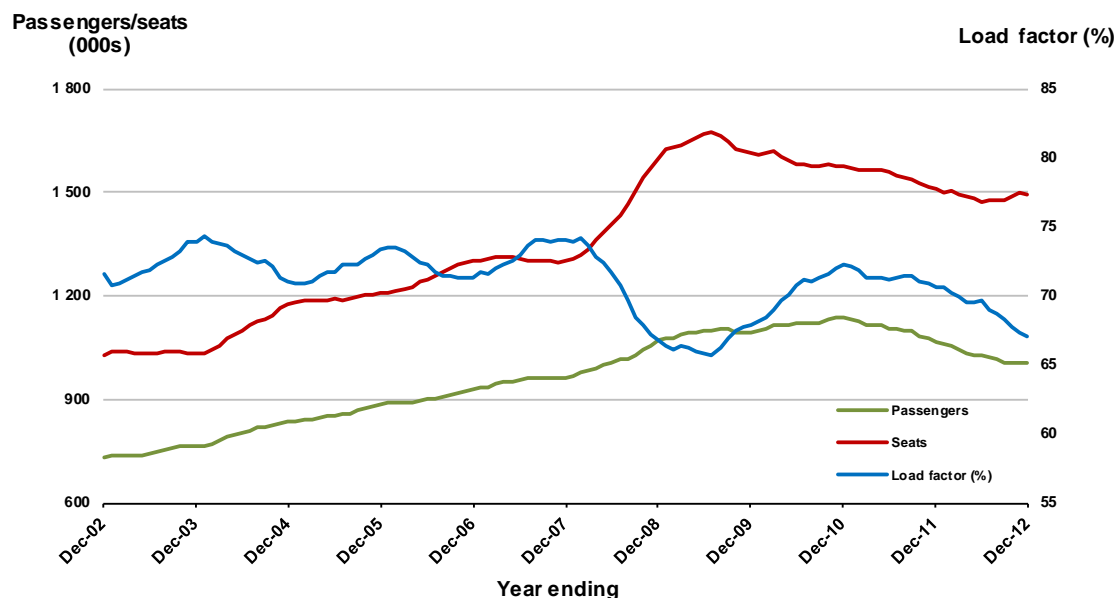


13. Canberra - Melbourne

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	1 065.2	1 003.1	-5.8
Seats (000s)	1 509.7	1 495.1	-1.0
Load factor %	70.6	67.1	-3.5 *
Aircraft trips	11 120	10 706	-3.7

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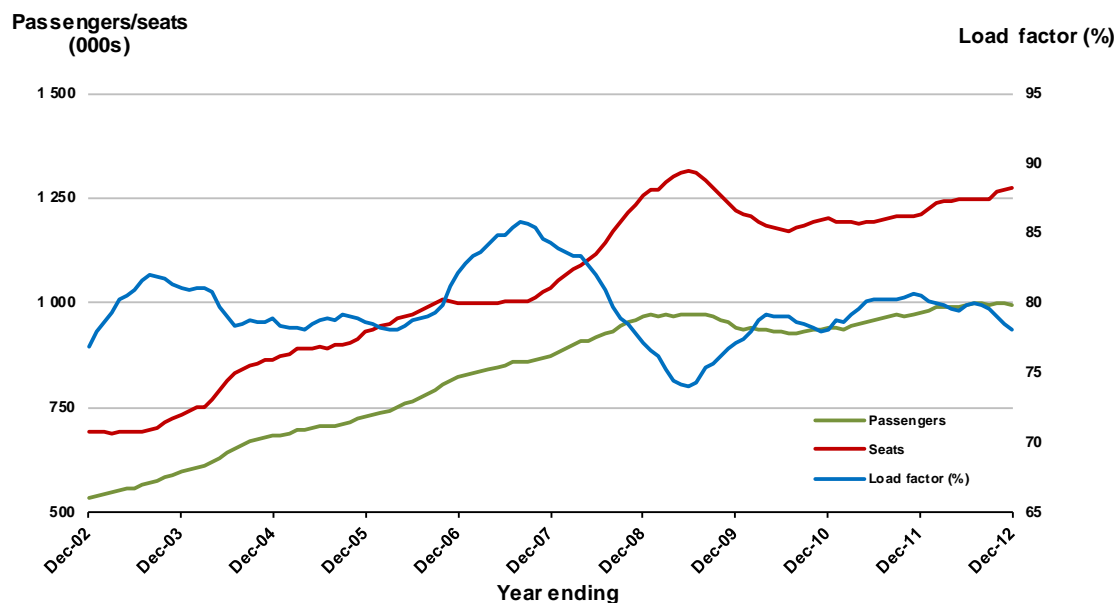


14. Brisbane - Townsville

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	977.4	994.2	1.7
Seats (000s)	1 213.2	1 273.1	4.9
Load factor %	80.6	78.1	-2.5 *
Aircraft trips	7 995	8 075	1.0

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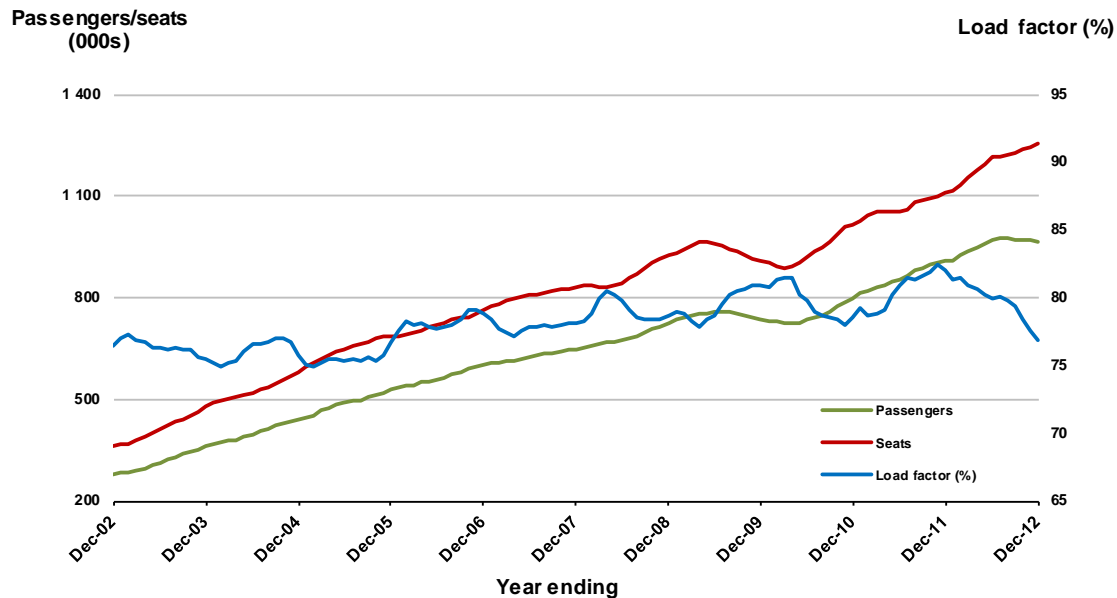


15. Brisbane - Mackay

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	908.9	964.7	6.1
Seats (000s)	1 108.6	1 254.3	13.1
Load factor %	82.0	76.9	-5.1 *
Aircraft trips	8 469	8 972	5.9

* percentage point difference

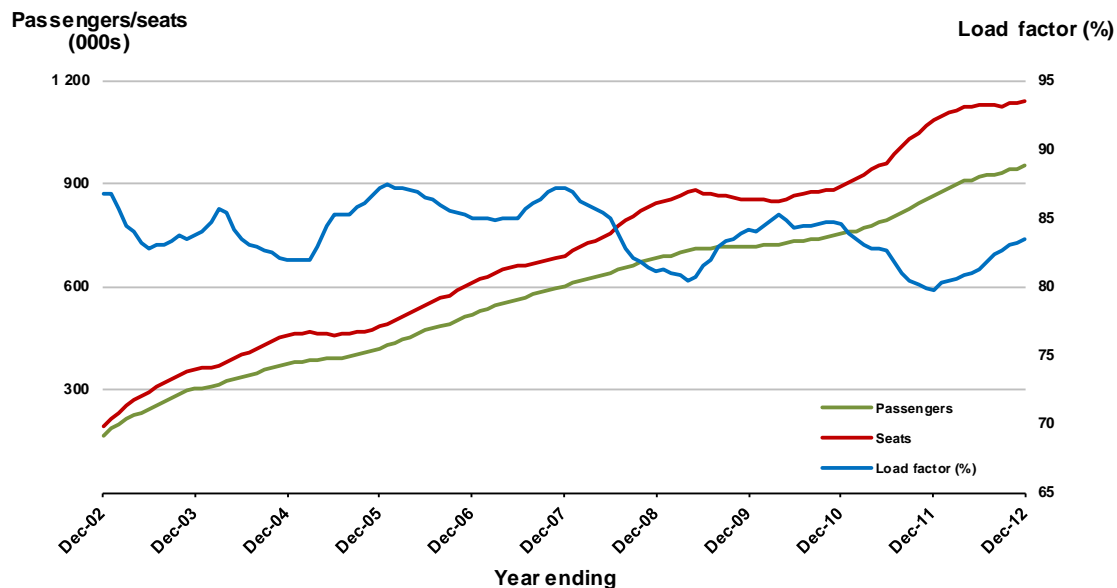


16. Brisbane - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	867.5	951.5	9.7
Seats (000s)	1 087.2	1 140.3	4.9
Load factor %	79.8	83.4	3.7 *
Aircraft trips	5 072	5 300	4.5

* percentage point difference

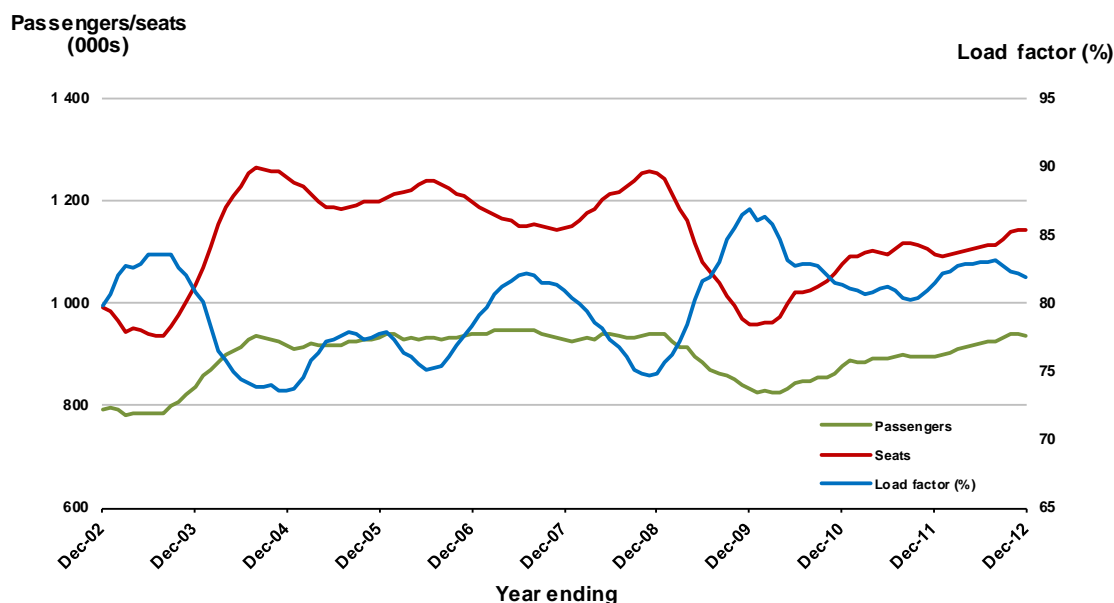


17. Cairns - Sydney

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	894.3	937.6	4.8
Seats (000s)	1 096.9	1 144.7	4.4
Load factor %	81.5	81.9	0.4 *
Aircraft trips	6 129	6 275	2.4

* percentage point difference

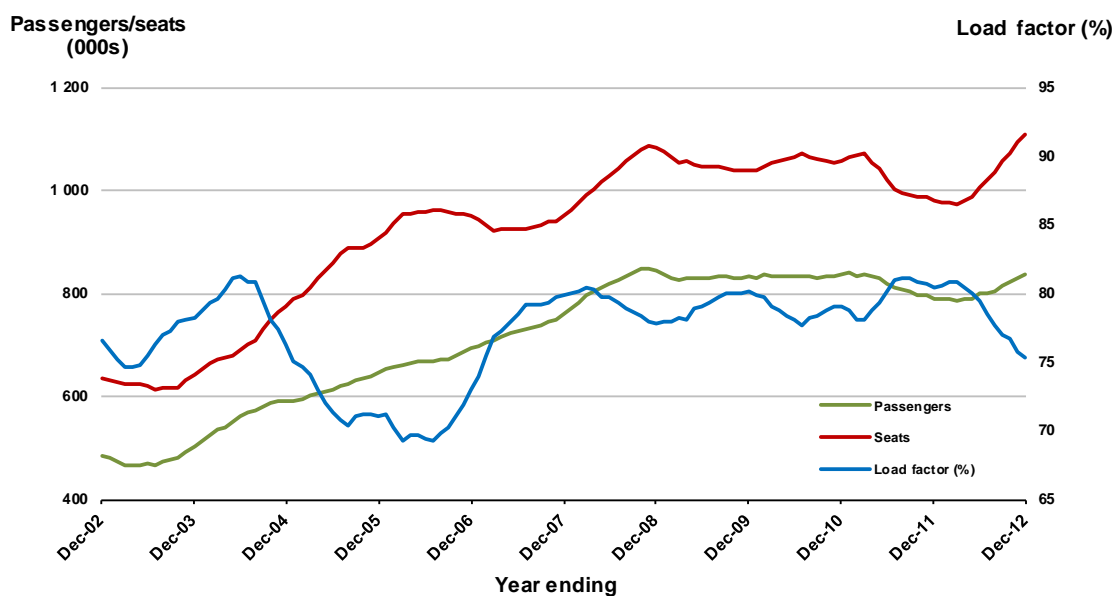


18. Launceston - Melbourne

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	790.5	835.6	5.7
Seats (000s)	982.3	1 108.9	12.9
Load factor %	80.5	75.4	-5.1 *
Aircraft trips	7 304	7 821	7.1

* percentage point difference

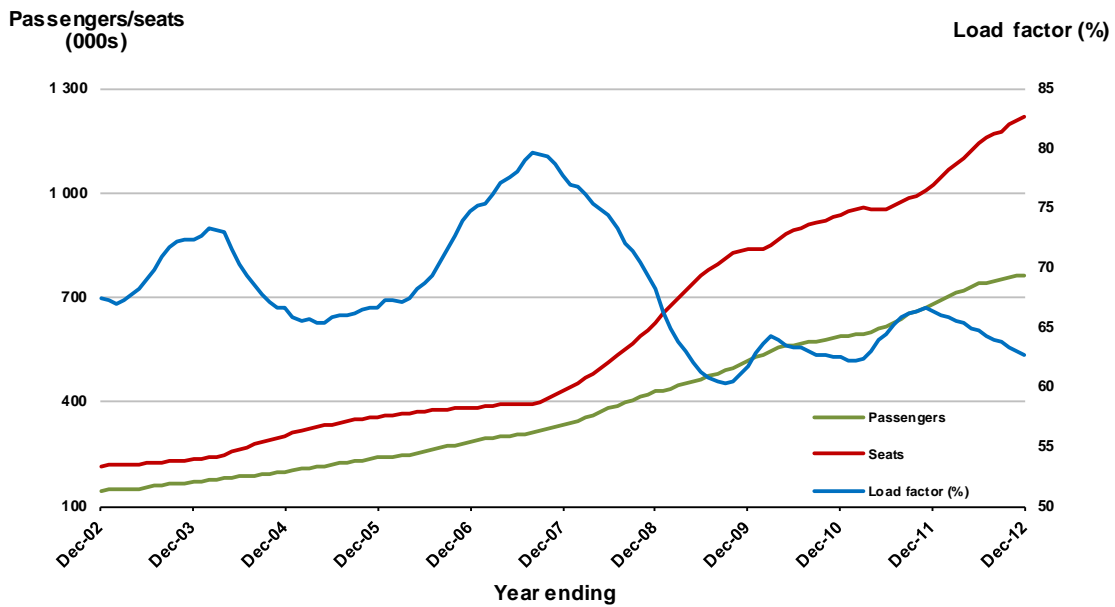


19. Karratha - Perth

Moving annual data

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	679.3	762.5	12.3
Seats (000s)	1 023.0	1 217.7	19.0
Load factor %	66.4	62.6	-3.8 *
Aircraft trips	7 218	8 215	13.8

* percentage point difference

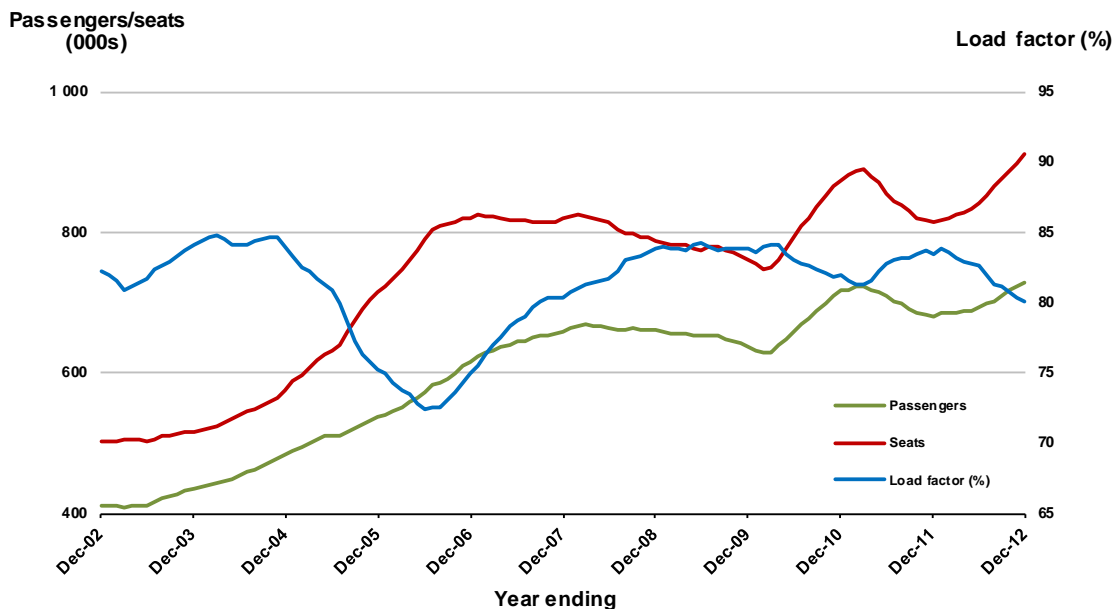


20. Adelaide - Brisbane

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	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Passengers carried (000s)	679.8	729.2	7.3
Seats (000s)	814.5	910.2	11.8
Load factor %	83.5	80.1	-3.4 *
Aircraft trips	5 339	5 798	8.6

* percentage point difference



DOMESTIC CHARTER ACTIVITY

Table 7: Domestic charter passengers carried and aircraft trips

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Total domestic charter passengers	NA	2 190 213	NA
Total domestic charter aircraft trips	NA	56 102	NA

Note: data prior July 2011 not available, helicopter and leisure charter flights not included.

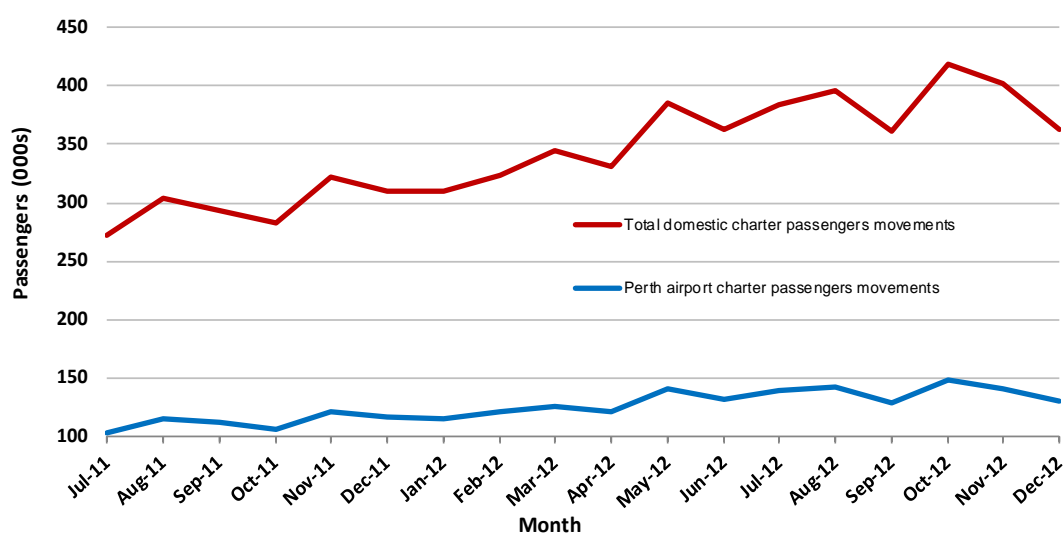
Table 8: Domestic airports - charter passengers and aircraft movements

	YE Dec 2011	YE Dec 2012	% Change
Total domestic charter passenger movements	NA	4 380 426	NA
Total domestic charter aircraft movements	NA	112 204	NA
Perth airport charter passenger movements	NA	1 582 541	NA
Perth airport charter aircraft movements	NA	39 041	NA

Note: data prior July 2011 not available, helicopter and leisure charter flights not included.

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

Domestic airports - charter passenger movements



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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 passenger departure at Melbourne and as a passenger 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 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.
..	Data not included
NA	Not applicable