

December 2008 Monthly traffic update

-5.2% Domestic passengers were down against December 2007 in line with the drop in domestic aircraft movements. Qantas reduced domestic services in December.

10.3% Arrivals from Australia were significantly up against last December. However, generally, long-haul arrivals such as those from UK and US declined.

12.2% YTD transits and transfers were up against the previous financial YTD, despite December transits being down, reflecting better flight schedules for connectivity.

-10.3% Business/conference travellers were down while all other types of travellers increased compared to last December.

	Current month (Dec 08)	Previous years period (Dec 07)	% Change (month)	Financial YTD (Dec 08)	Previous financial YTD (Dec 07)	% Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	% Change in rolling total
Passenger Movements									
International arrivals	316,448	307,878	2.8%	1,649,451	1,667,484	-1.1%	3,247,350	3,223,519	0.7%
International departures	300,185	307,329	-2.3%	1,578,054	1,600,020	-1.4%	3,245,936	3,251,186	-0.2%
Transits and transfers	83,552	89,002	-6.1%	530,536	472,778	12.2%	987,156	891,978	10.7%
Total international passengers	700,185	704,209	-0.6%	3,758,041	3,740,282	0.5%	7,480,442	7,366,683	1.5%
Total domestic passengers *	491,951	518,727	-5.2%	2,872,775	2,759,261	4.1%	5,853,603	5,290,034	10.7%

Aircraft Movements

International aircraft movements	3,598	3,418	5.3%	20,528	19,403	5.8%	40,178	38,282	5.0%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,913	10,453	-5.2%	60,000	59,426	1.0%	121,148	117,380	3.2%
Total aircraft movements	13,511	13,871	-2.6%	80,528	78,829	2.2%	161,326	155,662	3.6%

Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence

New Zealand	85,475	83,146	2.8%	786,614	799,679	-1.6%	1,487,867	1,475,341	0.8%
Australia	77,887	70,617	10.3%	286,503	274,222	4.5%	549,145	524,838	4.6%
United Kingdom	35,055	36,061	-2.8%	106,986	111,441	-4.0%	245,289	247,812	-1.0%
United States of America	18,388	19,927	-7.7%	73,156	79,457	-7.9%	165,924	174,701	-5.0%
China, People's Republic of (excl. Hong Kong)	13,337	12,472	6.9%	49,496	58,348	-15.2%	108,676	113,909	-4.6%
Germany	7,298	6,342	15.1%	25,969	23,630	9.9%	48,136	44,726	7.6%
Canada	5,696	5,847	-2.6%	19,314	19,028	1.5%	44,609	40,990	8.8%
Japan	5,685	6,275	-9.4%	34,515	39,308	-12.2%	70,443	78,299	-10.0%
Fiji	4,510	3,727	21.0%	13,951	11,570	20.6%	24,240	21,710	11.7%
Korea, Republic of	4,333	5,951	-27.2%	27,564	35,251	-21.8%	60,056	74,032	-18.9%

Purpose of visit

Business/Conference	30,895	34,443	-10.3%	247,851	259,706	-4.6%	490,584	498,957	-1.7%
Holiday/Vacation	97,686	95,499	2.3%	356,653	376,647	-5.3%	752,303	775,069	-2.9%
Education/Medical	3,877	3,794	2.2%	38,251	37,779	1.2%	79,632	79,535	0.1%
Visit Friends/Relatives	102,411	96,444	6.2%	276,271	261,072	5.8%	538,620	507,979	6.0%
Other (incl Not Stated/Not Captured)	81,068	77,420	4.7%	723,020	729,302	-0.9%	1,374,316	1,353,224	1.6%