

March 2024 Monthly traffic update

12%
increase year on year

For March 2024, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport increased by 12% compared to March 2023. International passengers (excl. transits) increased by 22%, transit passengers were up 30% and domestic passengers increased by 2% compared to March 2023. Total passenger volumes in March 2024 of 1.69 million were also up on the 1.60 million in February 2024

Key Points:

- International load factors were in line with last year at 81% as international seat capacity increased 24% compared to the prior year;
- March 2024 is the last month of the IATA Northern Winter season (November to March) and saw some airlines complete their seasonal services to Auckland, namely American Airlines (Dallas and Los Angeles), United Airlines (Los Angeles), Hawaiian Airlines (Honolulu), and Air Canada (Vancouver). Load factors on the departing flights were strongest at 84% due to the returning North American passengers;
- During the Northern Winter season 0.5 million United States nationals departed or arrived through the international terminal, 40% up compared to last year and represents growth of 8% on FY19 levels;
- Capacity on direct routes to and from mainland China increased by 144% during March 2024 compared to the prior year with five airlines operating to six Chinese destinations. Load factors continued to strengthen with total passengers to and from mainland China up by 169% over the same period;
- Passenger demand on the short-haul international routes increased 10% on last year due, in part, to the Easter weekend;
- Domestic passenger numbers increased by 2% on March 2023 with load factors reaching 88% on capacity that was 1% up on the prior year; and
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers in March 2024 increased 12% on the year prior and domestic passengers increased 7% on the same month last year.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT	Current month		Financial year to date		Rolling 12-month total	
	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year
Passenger Movements						
Total international passengers	835,708	22%	7,206,322	38%	9,151,931	51%
Transit movements	58,908	30%	562,332	31%	732,662	47%
Total international passengers	894,616	22%	7,768,654	37%	9,884,593	51%
Total domestic passengers	795,616	2%	6,484,764	6%	8,455,427	9%
Total passengers	1,690,232	12%	14,253,418	21%	18,340,020	28%
Aircraft Movements						
International aircraft movements	4,562	18%	40,695	34%	52,807	46%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,544	0%	80,024	4%	105,440	6%
Total aircraft movements	14,106	5%	120,719	13%	158,247	16%
MCTOW (tonnes) ¹						
International MCTOW	460,338	22%	4,017,199	38%	5,151,051	47%
Domestic MCTOW	193,172	1%	1,621,450	7%	2,131,817	8%
Total MCTOW	653,510	15%	5,638,648	27%	7,282,868	33%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT						
Passenger Movements						
Total international passengers	70,118	12%	689,107	18%	840,481	38%
Total domestic passengers	157,409	7%	1,264,178	-1%	1,623,058	1%
Total passengers	227,527	9%	1,953,285	5%	2,463,539	11%
Aircraft Movements						
International aircraft movements	484	-2%	5,082	16%	6,368	39%
Domestic aircraft movements	1,086	4%	9,152	0%	11,868	0%
Total aircraft movements	1,570	2%	14,234	5%	18,236	11%