

May 2025 Monthly traffic update

Key points:

- In May 2025, there was a total of 765k international passenger movements in the month, a 4% increase compared to the same month in 2024. Excluding transits, international passenger movements for the month of May 2025 increased by 6%. International seat capacity was flat on the same month last year resulting in average load factors of 80%, a 3.3 percentage point improvement on the year prior;
- Reviewing the five largest nationalities for non-transit international passengers showed that New Zealanders made up 52% of international passenger movements in the month, an increase of 6% on prior year and 3% ahead of May 2019. Australian nationals increased by 5% on the prior year and account for 10% of all international passengers. Chinese nationals increased by 7%, USA nationals increased by 13% with Indian nationals decreasing by 2%, but 31% ahead of May 2019;
- Load factors across the short-haul international network reached 82%, 2.1 percentage points higher than the year prior. Long-haul international load factors improved by 4.8 percentage points to 77%. Departing long-haul international load factors were elevated at 84%. With the transition into the winter season, the seasonal shift drove higher outbound demand as travellers seek warmer destinations abroad;
- Domestic passenger movements increased 1% in the month of May 2025 when compared to the same month in the prior year, with seat capacity increasing 2%, resulting in domestic load factors declining by 0.9 percentage points to 81%. Domestic trunk passengers and seat capacity increased by 3% and 4% year on year respectively resulting in load factors of 82%; and
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers in May 2025 increased 15% on the year prior and domestic passengers decreased 1% 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						
International passengers	709,902	6%	8,923,642	3%	9,595,198	3%
Transit movements	54,940	-12%	631,422	-7%	704,650	-6%
Total international passengers	764,842	4%	9,555,064	3%	10,299,848	3%
Domestic passengers	667,484	1%	7,802,388	-1%	8,417,048	-1%
Total passengers	1,432,326	3%	17,357,452	1%	18,716,896	1%
Aircraft Movements						
International aircraft movements	4,088	1%	48,177	-2%	52,185	-2%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,578	1%	97,071	0%	104,865	-1%
Total aircraft movements	12,666	1%	145,248	-1%	157,050	-1%
MCTOW (tonnes)¹						
International MCTOW	392,401	-1%	4,773,454	-1%	5,162,192	-1%
Domestic MCTOW	176,907	2%	1,980,387	0%	2,140,911	0%
Total MCTOW	569,308	0%	6,753,842	-1%	7,303,103	-1%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT						
Passenger Movements						
International passengers	49,465	15%	884,120	10%	940,792	10%
Domestic passengers	113,627	-1%	1,543,517	2%	1,654,477	1%
Total passengers	163,092	4%	2,427,637	5%	2,595,269	5%
International aircraft movements	365	8%	6,172	4%	6,591	4%
Domestic aircraft movements	867	-7%	11,402	3%	12,329	3%
Total aircraft movements	1,232	-3%	17,574	3%	18,920	3%

Notes:

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