

20 November 2014

Sydney Airport Traffic Performance October 2014

Pax (‘000s) ¹	Monthly performance			Year to date performance		
	Oct-14	Oct-13	Growth (%)	YTD-14	YTD-13	Growth (%)
Domestic	2,350	2,274	+3.3%	20,992	20,710	+1.4%
International ²	1,116	1,098	+1.7%	10,771	10,472	+2.9%
DOC ³	3	7	-60.9%	36	59	-39.1%
Total	3,469	3,380	+2.6%	31,799	31,241	+1.8%

¹ Contains estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics to be included in the year to date results in future months.

² International excludes Domestic-On-Carriage.

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CEO Kerrie Mather said, “Passenger numbers continued to rise at Sydney Airport in October with strong growth in the domestic market at 3.3% and the international market at 1.7%, compared to the prior corresponding period (pcp).

“Load factors improved with a 2.1 percentage point increase on domestic routes, reaching the highest levels seen in three years. In addition, domestic carriers delivered higher capacity in response to healthy demand for Australian domestic travel.

“International passenger demand remained strong as load factors improved an impressive 3.0 percentage points on the pcp. China, Malaysia and Philippine nationalities grew particularly strongly in October at +24.2%, +17.2% and +14.6% respectively. Given the ongoing strong performance of the Chinese market, we welcome the recent expansion of economic cooperation with China, including the signing of a free trade agreement.

“The US market also showed strong growth in October, with passenger numbers up 9.0%. USA and Australian travellers alike benefited from the increased dedicated seat capacity to Los Angeles and San Francisco after United Airlines moved to direct services to and from Sydney in October.

“New Zealand remains our largest foreign nationality market and passengers increased 5.4% in October. Seven airlines now offer direct flights from Sydney Airport to five cities including Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Queenstown and Rotorua. Competitive trans-Tasman services and increased focus on direct routes stimulated passenger growth during the month. The Queenstown route has been particularly successful with passengers up over 28.4% in October and 21.1% year to date.”

Key Points

- Average load factors improved in both domestic and international markets with 2.1 and 3.0 percentage point increases respectively.
- Travellers to and from the USA benefited from increased dedicated seat capacity from United Airlines on Los Angeles and San Francisco services.
- New Zealand passengers remain Sydney Airport’s largest foreign nationality and grew 5.4% in October. Queenstown to Sydney route passengers grew by 28.4% during the month.
- Total passenger traffic for September is estimated to have increased 2.6% on the pcpc, with domestic traffic estimated to be up 3.3% on the pcpc and international traffic (excluding domestic on-carriage) up 1.7% on the pcpc.

Top 10 Nationalities Travelling Through Sydney Airport

Rank	Nationality	Sep-14	YTD-14	Rank	Nationality	Sep-14	YTD-14
1	Australia	+0.8%	+1.4%	6	Japan	-6.0%	+1.5%
2	New Zealand	+5.4%	+0.9%	7	Korea	-1.8%	+2.7%
3	China	+24.2%	+15.4%	8	India	+5.0%	+13.0%
4	UK	-1.8%	-1.5%	9	Malaysia	+17.1%	+14.0%
5	USA	+9.0%	+5.0%	10	Germany	-2.2%	+1.1%

Last 12 Months Traffic Data

('000s)	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	Total	Total	Growth
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov-13 - Oct-14	Nov-12 - Oct-13	%
Dom	2,147	2,183	2,125	1,898	2,116	2,080	2,021	1,949	2,190	2,132	2,130	2,350	25,322	25,021	+1.2%
Int	1,048	1,233	1,285	1,019	1,027	1,083	973	1,013	1,116	1,067	1,073	1,116	13,052	12,654	+3.1%
DOC	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	5	3	47	76	-37.4%
Total	3,201	3,421	3,415	2,920	3,146	3,167	2,996	2,967	3,308	3,202	3,209	3,469	38,421	37,751	+1.8%

All data is for arriving and departing passengers.

All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision.

All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures and not based on rounded balances.

Contains estimates with adjustments made to preliminary data in later months.

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