

August 2023 Monthly traffic update

29%

increase year on year

In August 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport increased by 29% compared to August 2022 and were 87% of the August 2018 pre-COVID equivalent, the last full year not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) increased by 59% versus August 2022 and represent 85% of the August 2018 equivalent. Transit passengers were up 69% compared to August 2022, representing 78% of August 2018. Domestic passengers for August 2023 increased by 7% compared to August 2022 and represented 90% of August 2018 pre-COVID equivalent.

Key Points:

- Total passenger numbers reached 1.45m for August 2023, slightly down on the 1.48m passenger movements seen in July 2023 as August is a quieter off-peak season month;
- New Zealand passport holders accounted for 52% of all international passengers in the month, up significantly on August 2022 as the propensity to travel recovers. The largest growth in international passengers was from holders of passports from Asian countries, with Chinese, Indian and Japanese nationals significantly up on the prior year;
- Batik Air Malaysia commenced services between Auckland and Perth in August, offering one-stop flights to Kuala Lumpur. Qatar Airways re-commenced direct Auckland to Doha services, switching from indirect services via Adelaide, offering seamless one-stop connections to nearly 50 European destinations;
- Passengers on the domestic trunk network increased during the month by 7% on 14% more capacity. Capacity increases were focused on Auckland to Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington with capacity to Queenstown decreasing by 6% compared to August 2022. Regional domestic capacity also grew, increasing 7% on last year;
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers increased 29% on the year prior, and domestic passengers decreased 10% on the same month last year.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT

	Current month	Previous year period	Change (month)	Financial YTD	Previous financial YTD	Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	Change in rolling total
Passenger Movements									
Total international (excl. Transits)	687,561	433,142	59%	1,418,739	874,494	62%	7,718,716	1,972,781	291%
Transit movements	66,610	39,306	69%	137,770	82,528	67%	654,326	169,430	286%
Total international passengers	754,171	472,448	60%	1,556,509	957,022	63%	8,373,042	2,142,211	291%
Total domestic passengers	698,007	650,275	7%	1,373,393	1,328,208	3%	8,132,894	4,504,779	81%
Total passengers	1,452,178	1,122,723	29%	2,929,902	2,285,230	28%	16,505,936	6,646,990	148%

Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence

New Zealand	190,072	137,728	38%	422,737	269,028	57%	1,913,776	546,617	250%
Australia	45,710	44,461	3%	91,808	90,281	2%	681,305	224,381	204%
China, People's Republic of	16,544	2,232	641%	33,578	4,715	612%	107,241	9,824	992%
United States of America	15,167	5,655	168%	39,767	12,207	226%	245,133	25,986	843%
India	9,128	1,278	614%	15,830	2,573	515%	80,138	8,397	854%
Japan	6,196	1,704	264%	10,908	3,309	230%	40,326	5,022	703%
United Kingdom	5,397	3,773	43%	10,875	8,054	35%	141,636	24,910	469%
Fiji	3,164	1,512	109%	5,723	2,883	99%	36,231	5,472	562%
Malaysia	2,681	1,218	120%	3,823	2,043	87%	21,074	3,867	445%
Korea, Republic of	2,676	881	204%	6,156	2,374	159%	36,868	4,379	742%

Aircraft Movements

International aircraft movements	4,250	2,823	51%	8,701	5,660	54%	45,464	20,998	117%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,752	7,973	10%	17,385	15,963	9%	103,420	69,783	48%
Total aircraft movements	13,002	10,796	20%	26,086	21,623	21%	148,884	90,781	64%

MCTOW (tonnes) 1

International MCTOW	410,014	266,121	54%	834,354	535,353	56%	4,342,719	2,303,382	89%
Domestic MCTOW	184,044	162,295	13%	366,403	326,739	12%	2,067,865	1,373,811	51%
Total MCTOW	594,058	428,416	39%	1,200,757	862,092	39%	6,410,584	3,677,193	74%

Cargo (tonnes)

International Export	5,730	6,506	-12%	10,923	12,669	-14%	79,618	84,350	-6%
International Import	7,333	7,941	-8%	14,338	15,322	-6%	83,120	95,020	-13%
Total Cargo	13,063	14,447	-10%	25,261	27,991	-10%	162,738	179,370	-9%
Total Cargo Value NZ\$(000)	2,137,808	2,265,204	-5.6%	4,515,979	4,550,982	-0.8%	29,155,259	27,000,463	8.0%

QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT

	Current month	Previous year period	Change (month)	Financial YTD	Previous financial YTD	Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	Change in rolling total
Passenger Movements									
Total international passengers	85,638	66,544	29%	171,451	133,516	28%	774,796	158,445	389%
Total domestic passengers	128,038	142,288	-10%	254,436	293,749	-13%	1,594,146	1,129,756	41%
Total passengers	213,676	208,832	2%	425,887	427,265	0%	2,368,942	1,288,201	84%
International aircraft movements	615	478	29%	1,238	956	29%	5,961	1,149	419%
Domestic aircraft movements	959	982	-2%	1,970	2,007	-2%	11,803	9,478	25%
Total aircraft movements	1,574	1,460	8%	3,208	2,963	8%	17,764	10,627	67%

Notes:

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September 2023 Monthly traffic preview

26%

increase year on year

For September 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport increased by 26% compared to September 2022 and were 90% of the September 2018 pre-COVID equivalent, the last full year not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) increased by 58% versus September 2022 and represent 91% of the September 2018 equivalent. Transit passengers were up 32% compared to September 2022, representing 70% of September 2018 equivalent. Domestic passengers for September 2023 increased by 4% compared to September 2022 and represented 91% of September 2018 pre-COVID equivalent.

Key Points:

- International passengers (excl. transits) continued to recover in the month reaching 91% of the pre-COVID equivalent, up on the 85% recovery in August 2023 and now exceeding the domestic passenger recovery of 90.8%;
- Strong inbound holiday demand drove the increase in international passengers with Australian school holidays commencing mid to late September and China's mid-Autumn public holiday 29th and 30th September leading into the Golden Week (1st to 7th October). New Zealand outbound demand was robust with the school holidays starting on 22nd September;
- New Zealand nationals accounted for 55% of all international passengers during September and represents a 96% recovery relative to September 2018 (albeit partially due to the timing of the school holidays being earlier in the month this year). Australian passport holders accounted for 11% of all international passengers and a relative recovery of 92% and the third largest nationality was Chinese with a share of 7% and a recovery of 76%;
- Passenger volume on the Pacific Island routes recovered to the same levels as September 2018 with 118k passengers travelling, improving load factors by +4ppts. The Tasman route was most popular with 317k passengers, followed by Asia 213k and Americas 80k;
- Passengers on the domestic network increased by 4% compared to September 2022, with an average of 23k passengers traveling daily in the month;
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers increased 28% on the year prior and domestic passengers decreased 7% on the same month last year.

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Passenger Movements									
Total international (excl. Transits)	729,640	462,687	58%	2,148,379	1,337,181	61%	7,985,669	2,421,375	230%
Transit movements	62,228	47,034	32%	199,998	129,562	54%	669,520	215,464	211%
Total international passengers	791,868	509,721	55%	2,348,377	1,466,743	60%	8,655,189	2,636,839	228%
Total domestic passengers	691,971	666,209	4%	2,065,364	1,994,417	4%	8,158,656	5,156,207	58%
Total passengers	1,483,839	1,175,930	26%	4,413,741	3,461,160	28%	16,813,845	7,793,046	116%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,165	2,818	48%	12,866	8,478	52%	46,811	22,619	107%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,317	8,115	2%	25,702	24,078	7%	103,622	76,831	35%
Total aircraft movements	12,482	10,933	14%	38,568	32,556	18%	150,433	99,450	51%
MCTOW (tonnes) 1									
International MCTOW	394,462	270,285	46%	1,228,816	805,637	53%	4,466,896	2,428,838	84%
Domestic MCTOW	172,012	159,915	8%	538,415	486,654	11%	2,079,963	1,512,171	38%
Total MCTOW	566,474	430,199	32%	1,767,232	1,292,291	37%	6,546,859	3,941,009	66%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements	Current month	Previous year period	Change (month)	Financial YTD	Previous financial YTD	Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	Change in rolling total
Total international passengers	78,872	61,819	28%	250,323	195,335	28%	791,849	220,264	259%
Total domestic passengers	124,852	133,963	-7%	379,288	427,712	-11%	1,585,035	1,232,170	29%
Total passengers	203,724	195,782	4%	629,611	623,047	1%	2,376,884	1,452,434	64%
International aircraft movements	569	447	27%	1,807	1,403	29%	6,083	1,596	281%
Domestic aircraft movements	918	951	-3%	2,888	2,958	-2%	11,770	10,138	16%
Total aircraft movements	1,487	1,398	6%	4,695	4,361	8%	17,853	11,734	52%

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