

September 2023 Monthly traffic update

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, the same as the domestic passenger recovery of 91%;
- 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;
- 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.

AUCKLAND 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 (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%

Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence

New Zealand	202,590	136,733	48%	625,327	405,761	54%	1,979,633	680,355	191%
Australia	60,593	54,414	11%	152,401	144,695	5%	687,484	278,552	147%
China, People's Republic of	19,240	3,122	516%	52,818	7,837	574%	123,359	12,707	871%
United States of America	10,744	6,643	62%	50,511	18,850	168%	249,234	32,337	671%
India	8,393	2,062	307%	24,223	4,635	423%	86,469	9,950	769%
United Kingdom	6,065	5,392	12%	16,940	13,446	26%	142,309	29,406	384%
Korea, Republic of	3,759	1,240	203%	9,915	3,614	174%	39,387	5,582	606%
Japan	3,498	1,414	147%	14,406	4,723	205%	42,410	6,382	565%
Taiwan	3,310	615	438%	8,451	1,713	393%	25,921	2,619	890%
Fiji	3,284	1,833	79%	9,007	4,716	91%	37,682	7,276	418%

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%

Cargo (tonnes)

International Export	5,261	6,542	-20%	16,397	19,211	-15%	78,550	84,093	-7%
International Import	6,850	8,125	-16%	21,179	23,447	-10%	81,837	95,562	-14%
Total Cargo	12,111	14,667	-17%	37,576	42,658	-12%	160,387	179,655	-11%
Total Cargo Value NZ\$(000)	2,280,136	2,871,924	-20.6%	7,097,680	7,422,906	-4.4%	28,864,946	27,876,351	3.5%

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%

Notes:

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October 2023 Monthly traffic preview

20%
increase year on year

For October 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport increased by 20% compared to October 2022 and were 86% of the October 2018 pre-COVID equivalent, the last full year not impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) increased by 43% versus October 2022 and represent 87% of the October 2018 equivalent. Transit passengers were up 33% compared to October 2022, representing 71% of October 2018 equivalent. Domestic passengers for October 2023 increased by 1% compared to October 2022 and represented 87% of October 2018 pre-COVID equivalent.

Key Points:

- International passengers (excl. transits) increased by 5% compared to the prior month. The recovery relative to pre-COVID levels decreased from 91% in September 2023 to 87% due to the timing of the New Zealand school holidays which started 23rd September this year compared with almost all of the school holidays occurring within October in 2018, starting on 29th September;
- In late October, seasonal services from North America returned with Air Canada on Vancouver, American Airlines on Dallas (Los Angeles services to resume in December 2023), and United Airlines on Los Angeles. Delta also commenced year-round Los Angeles services with daily services until March 2024 and then decreasing to three per week during the New Zealand winter months;
- Passenger numbers on the mainland China route benefited from the Amway China distributor programme being held in New Zealand with close to 10k passengers expected to visit over October, November, and December;
- Passengers on the domestic network increased by 1% compared to October 2022, with load factors remaining elevated on the domestic routes compared to historic levels, at 87% across the entire network during October 2023. Demand on the Auckland to Wellington route is subdued because of a reduction in Government related travel both during and post-election. Auckland to Wellington route achieved a relative recovery of 82% compared to October 2018 whilst the three other trunk routes recovered to 89%;
- Total passenger movements on the domestic network increased by 23k on the prior month, but declined to 87% of the pre-COVID level;
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers increased 25% 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)	766,645	534,815	43%	2,915,024	1,871,996	56%	8,217,499	2,938,085	180%
Transit movements	61,370	46,300	33%	261,368	175,862	49%	684,590	261,008	162%
Total international passengers	828,015	581,115	42%	3,176,392	2,047,858	55%	8,902,089	3,199,093	178%
Total domestic passengers	714,510	707,388	1%	2,779,874	2,701,805	3%	8,165,778	5,840,774	40%
Total passengers	1,542,525	1,288,503	20%	5,956,266	4,749,663	25%	17,067,867	9,039,867	89%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,272	3,091	38%	17,138	11,569	48%	47,992	24,408	97%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,853	8,738	1%	34,555	32,816	5%	103,737	84,263	23%
Total aircraft movements	13,125	11,829	11%	51,693	44,385	16%	151,729	108,671	40%
MCTOW (tonnes) 1									
International MCTOW	408,950	295,952	38%	1,637,766	1,101,590	49%	4,579,894	2,575,827	78%
Domestic MCTOW	176,618	167,984	5%	715,034	654,638	9%	2,088,597	1,656,204	26%
Total MCTOW	585,568	463,936	26%	2,352,800	1,756,227	34%	6,668,491	4,232,031	58%
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	63,745	50,884	25%	314,068	246,219	28%	804,710	271,148	197%
Total domestic passengers	121,311	135,519	-10%	500,599	563,231	-11%	1,570,827	1,313,109	20%
Total passengers	185,056	186,403	-1%	814,667	809,450	1%	2,375,537	1,584,257	50%
International aircraft movements	518	389	33%	2,325	1,792	30%	6,212	1,985	213%
Domestic aircraft movements	909	960	-5%	3,797	3,918	-3%	11,719	10,634	10%
Total aircraft movements	1,427	1,349	6%	6,122	5,710	7%	17,931	12,619	42%

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