

February 2009 Monthly traffic update

-6.9%

International passengers were down against February 2008, however when adjusted for the extra day in last year's leap year, the decline is 3.6%.

3.1%

Arrivals from Australia continue to show positive growth in the trans-Tasman market.

-7.8%

Domestic passengers were down against February 2008, however when adjusted for last year's leap year, the decline is 4.5%.

-13.1%

Holiday travellers and vacationers were down against last February, particularly from long-haul destinations, reflecting the international economic crisis.

	Current month (Feb 09)	Previous years period (Feb 08)	% Change (month)	Financial YTD (Feb 09)	Previous financial YTD (Feb 08)	% Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	% Change in rolling total
Passenger Movements									
International arrivals	279,258	304,608	-8.3%	2,253,511	2,300,493	-2.0%	3,218,401	3,250,359	-1.0%
International departures	247,417	266,713	-7.2%	2,132,837	2,173,474	-1.9%	3,227,265	3,270,780	-1.3%
Transits and transfers	65,860	64,972	1.4%	684,368	629,100	8.8%	984,666	906,054	8.7%
Total international passengers	592,535	636,293	-6.9%	5,070,716	5,103,067	-0.6%	7,430,332	7,427,193	0.0%
Total domestic passengers *	462,473	501,764	-7.8%	3,765,480	3,716,983	1.3%	5,782,823	5,430,059	6.5%

Aircraft Movements

International aircraft movements	3,177	3,191	-0.4%	27,327	26,054	4.9%	40,326	38,637	4.4%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,178	10,305	-10.9%	78,738	80,095	-1.7%	119,217	118,975	0.2%
Total aircraft movements	12,355	13,496	-8.5%	106,065	106,149	-0.1%	159,543	157,612	1.2%

Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence

New Zealand	95,788	101,555	-5.7%	1,029,458	1,051,510	-2.1%	1,478,880	1,485,940	-0.5%
Australia	49,705	48,201	3.1%	383,478	366,926	4.5%	553,416	533,036	3.8%
United Kingdom	33,352	39,933	-16.5%	172,073	186,035	-7.5%	235,782	247,844	-4.9%
United States of America	19,272	24,087	-20.0%	107,995	121,839	-11.4%	158,381	176,530	-10.3%
China, People's Republic of (excl. Hong Kong)	12,241	15,250	-19.7%	75,409	83,888	-10.1%	109,049	115,817	-5.8%
Germany	6,673	6,909	-3.4%	38,947	36,505	6.7%	48,239	45,039	7.1%
Canada	6,229	7,566	-17.7%	30,904	33,105	-6.6%	42,122	43,264	-2.6%
Japan	6,212	7,015	-11.4%	45,826	52,285	-12.4%	68,777	76,145	-9.7%
Korea, Republic of	3,996	5,224	-23.5%	36,548	48,332	-24.4%	55,959	72,291	-22.6%
Netherlands	3,179	3,426	-7.2%	16,981	17,888	-5.1%	20,489	20,917	-2.0%

Purpose of visit to NZ

Business/Conference	34,946	41,095	-15.0%	305,921	328,713	-6.9%	479,647	501,237	-4.3%
Holiday/Vacation	85,744	98,693	-13.1%	530,793	564,689	-6.0%	738,401	780,470	-5.4%
Education/Medical	9,913	10,834	-8.5%	57,172	55,971	2.1%	80,361	77,936	3.1%
Visit Friends/Relatives	55,890	58,213	-4.0%	384,941	368,092	4.6%	540,270	513,367	5.2%
Other (incl Not Stated/Not Captured)	92,255	94,166	-2.0%	965,914	976,908	-1.1%	1,369,604	1,366,107	0.3%