



March 2023 Monthly traffic update

81%
of pre-COVID
equivalent

In March 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport were 81% of the March 2019 pre-COVID equivalent¹ in the last full financial year not impacted by the COVID pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) were 76% of March 2019, with transit and domestic passengers at 58% and 88% respectively

Key Points:

- Passenger recovery during March 2023 increased from the prior month to 81% with 1.51m passengers traveling, volumes not seen since February 2020;
- International passenger recovery improved by 5ppts from the prior month to 76%, with short-haul international routes recovering to 85% and long-haul international routes reaching 65% compared to March 2019. Asia routes recovered to 56%, a 10ppt improvement on prior month, partially driven by three airlines operating to and from mainland China helping the China route to recover to 30% of March 2019;
- Capacity on the North American route will decrease from the end of March 2023 for the New Zealand winter months as American Airlines and Air Canada end their seasonal services and United Airlines operates a reduced schedule. Capacity will return at the end of October 2023 when seasonal schedules resume. North American routes performed well over the Northern Winter 22 / 23 season, with passenger volumes recovering to 93% driven by load factor improvements of 6ppts;
- Domestic passenger recovery during March 2023 increased to 88% with 779k domestic passengers traveling. Only one month since the start of the pandemic had a higher recovery percentage, July 2021, at 90%. The last month with higher passenger volume was December 2019; and
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 113% of March 2019, and domestic 94% of March 2019.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT	Current month	Pre-COVID equivalent	% of pre-COVID equivalent	Financial YTD	Pre-COVID financial YTD	% of pre-COVID equivalent	Rolling 12 month total	Pre-COVID 12 month total	% of pre-COVID equivalent
Passenger Movements									
Total international (excl. Transits)	686,168	903,485	76%	5,228,862	8,139,301	64%	6,042,991	10,466,007	58%
Transit movements	45,442	78,484	58%	428,754	785,230	55%	497,494	1,028,598	48%
Total international passengers	731,610	981,969	75%	5,657,616	8,924,531	63%	6,540,485	11,494,605	57%
Total domestic passengers	778,754	887,343	88%	6,117,046	7,288,295	84%	7,791,880	9,526,351	82%
Total passengers	1,510,364	1,869,312	81%	11,774,662	16,212,826	73%	14,332,365	21,020,956	68%
Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence									
New Zealand	125,195	151,714	83%	1,253,704	1,862,087	67%	1,473,052	2,418,282	61%
Australia	60,322	76,387	79%	526,515	681,468	77%	634,991	861,556	74%
United States of America	30,350	39,336	77%	174,581	240,699	73%	184,362	287,826	64%
United Kingdom	14,792	17,501	85%	123,414	163,916	75%	131,759	184,949	71%
China, People's Republic of	9,849	34,424	29%	46,049	288,665	16%	49,330	374,626	13%
India	9,083	5,309	171%	39,288	44,094	89%	42,115	61,813	68%
Canada	6,321	8,307	76%	41,488	53,536	77%	44,018	61,431	72%
Japan	5,432	11,925	46%	24,852	78,615	32%	26,118	91,965	28%
Germany	4,289	7,509	57%	34,360	68,695	50%	35,458	76,096	47%
Korea, Republic of	3,744	5,948	63%	24,125	57,272	42%	25,740	69,328	37%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	3,880	4,808	81%	30,311	43,888	69%	36,201	57,132	63%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,588	11,171	86%	76,582	93,329	82%	99,755	121,740	82%
Total aircraft movements	13,468	15,979	84%	106,893	137,217	78%	135,956	178,872	76%
MCTOW (tonnes) 2									
International MCTOW	377,434	510,423	74%	2,909,865	4,577,890	64%	3,511,409	5,902,207	59%
Domestic MCTOW	192,068	216,257	89%	1,517,834	1,808,275	84%	1,975,632	2,381,208	83%
Total MCTOW	569,502	726,680	78%	4,427,699	6,386,166	69%	5,487,041	8,283,415	66%
Cargo (tonnes)									
International Export	7,402	8,964	83%	63,072	72,851	87%	82,750	91,750	90%
International Import	7,018	7,544	93%	64,136	75,890	85%	88,389	100,118	88%
Total Cargo	14,420	16,508	87%	127,208	148,741	86%	171,139	191,868	89%
Total Cargo Value NZ\$(000)	2,637,754	1,862,209	142%	22,530,129	16,097,687	140%	29,506,860	21,023,008	140%

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Passenger Movements									
Total international passengers	62,353	55,237	113%	585,487	527,593	111%	610,416	640,783	95%
Total domestic passengers	147,325	157,565	94%	1,274,579	1,295,067	98%	1,606,848	1,655,024	97%
Total passengers	209,678	212,802	99%	1,860,066	1,822,660	102%	2,217,264	2,295,807	97%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	493	420	117%	4,393	4,006	110%	4,586	4,864	94%
Domestic aircraft movements	1,046	1,164	90%	9,124	9,876	92%	11,866	12,646	94%
Total aircraft movements	1,539	1,584	97%	13,517	13,882	97%	16,452	17,510	94%

Notes:

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April 2023 Monthly traffic preview

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In April 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport were 80% of the April 2019 pre-COVID equivalent¹ in the last full financial year not impacted by the COVID pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) were 79% of April 2019, with transit and domestic passengers at 71% and 82% respectively.

Key Points:

- Total passenger numbers declined in April 2023 to 1.4m or 80% of the pre-COVID equivalent, down on the 1.5m passengers seen in March 2023;
- The international passenger recovery improved for the 15th consecutive month to 79% of April 2019, a 3ppts improvement on the prior month;
- School and Easter holiday demand resulted in strong passenger demand on the Pacific Island routes, recovering to 94% during April 2023 with 101k passengers traveling. Fiji was the most popular island destination with 42k passengers representing a 106% recovery, followed by the Cook Islands with 20k passengers and an 88% recovery. Australian flights were also highly sought after during the holiday period with 333k passengers traveling during the month representing a 83% recovery;
- Long-haul routes experienced another spike in recovery, improving 6ppts to 71%. The main driver in performance was the increase in direct mainland China capacity, improving to 58% of April 2019 compared to 36% for the month prior;
- Domestic recovery fell during April to 82% from 88% in the prior month.
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 121% of April 2019, and domestic 92% of April 2019.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT

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Passenger Movements									
Total international (excl. Transits)	692,338	872,997	79%	5,921,200	9,012,298	66%	6,514,570	10,486,018	62%
Transit movements	48,162	67,594	71%	476,916	852,824	56%	524,230	1,020,272	51%
Total international passengers	740,500	940,591	79%	6,398,116	9,865,122	65%	7,038,800	11,506,290	61%
Total domestic passengers	679,404	826,504	82%	6,796,450	8,114,799	84%	7,969,405	9,545,353	83%
Total passengers	1,419,904	1,767,095	80%	13,194,566	17,979,921	73%	15,008,205	21,051,643	71%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,008	4,571	88%	34,319	48,459	71%	38,468	57,171	67%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,696	10,463	83%	85,278	103,792	82%	101,191	122,365	83%
Total aircraft movements	12,704	15,034	85%	119,597	152,251	79%	139,659	179,536	78%
MCTOW (tonnes) 2									
International MCTOW	369,564	460,473	80%	3,279,429	5,038,364	65%	3,695,899	5,913,360	63%
Domestic MCTOW	171,308	199,131	86%	1,689,142	2,007,406	84%	2,005,062	2,381,674	84%
Total MCTOW	540,872	659,604	82%	4,968,571	7,045,770	71%	5,700,961	8,295,034	69%

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Passenger Movements									
Total international passengers	63,674	52,811	121%	649,161	580,404	112%	674,090	648,631	104%
Total domestic passengers	135,339	147,101	92%	1,409,918	1,442,168	98%	1,627,728	1,658,847	98%
Total passengers	199,013	199,912	100%	2,059,079	2,022,572	102%	2,301,818	2,307,478	100%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	516	408	126%	4,909	4,414	111%	5,102	4,936	103%
Domestic aircraft movements	988	1,054	94%	10,112	10,930	93%	11,896	12,682	94%
Total aircraft movements	1,504	1,462	103%	15,021	15,344	98%	16,998	17,618	96%

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