

# Monthly traffic update for August 2008

	Current Month (Aug 08)	Prior Corresponding Period (Aug 07)	% Change (Month)	Financial Year to Date (Aug 08)	Previous Financial Year to Date (Aug 07)	% Change Financial Year to Date	Rolling 12 Month Total	% Change in Rolling Total
<b>Passenger movements</b>								
International arrivals	247,874	241,249	2.7%	527,149	529,962	-0.5%	3,262,670	2.0%
International departures	259,219	261,637	-0.9%	523,376	518,136	1.0%	3,273,142	1.5%
Total international passengers *	507,093	502,886	0.8%	1,050,525	1,047,998	0.2%	6,535,812	1.7%
Total domestic passengers **	454,967	427,138	6.5%	936,069	864,758	8.2%	5,811,400	13.6%
<b>Aircraft movements</b>								
International aircraft movements	3,419	3,225	6.0%	6,877	6,519	5.5%	39,411	2.9%
Domestic aircraft movements	10,002	9,754	2.5%	19,755	19,324	2.3%	121,025	3.7%
Total aircraft movements	13,421	12,979	3.4%	26,652	25,843	3.1%	160,436	3.5%

- International passenger volumes increased 0.8% in August 2008 over the same month last year. On a 12 month rolling basis, international passenger volumes are up 1.7%.
- International arrivals increased 2.7% in August, with departures down 0.9%. On a 12 month rolling basis, international arrivals and departures are up 2.0% and 1.5%, respectively.
- New Zealand resident arrivals increased by 5.3% in August. On a 12 month rolling basis New Zealand resident arrivals are up 4.0%.
- Major inbound markets were once again mixed. Arrivals from Australia are up 4.3%. However, these were offset by reduced arrivals for the month from the United Kingdom and United States which were down 4.9% and 6.3%, respectively.
- Chinese arrivals dropped in August, down 24.8% due to the attraction of the Olympic Games in Beijing. On a 12 month rolling basis, Chinese arrivals are up 3.1%. Reversing a declining trend, Japanese arrivals were up 5.4% in August, but on a 12 month rolling basis were down 7.3%.
- Domestic passenger volumes continued the upward trend, up 6.5% compared with the same month last year and up 13.6% on a 12 month rolling basis. Competition in the domestic market continues to drive strong growth.
- International aircraft movements and domestic aircraft movements increased in August by 6.0% and 2.5%, respectively. Financial year to date international aircraft movements were up 5.5% on the same period last year, and domestic movements were up 2.3%.

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<b>Demographics</b>								
<b>Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence</b>								
New Zealand	136,270	129,406	5.3%	290,848	296,658	-2.0%	1,495,122	4.0%
Australia	38,745	37,163	4.3%	77,300	76,043	1.7%	538,121	3.2%
United Kingdom	11,349	11,940	-4.9%	23,707	24,187	-2.0%	249,264	-2.4%
United States of America	8,815	9,403	-6.3%	21,547	21,929	-1.7%	171,843	-3.4%
Japan	7,361	6,984	5.4%	14,564	13,443	8.3%	76,357	-7.3%
China, People's Republic of	6,466	8,603	-24.8%	13,122	16,098	-18.5%	114,552	3.1%
Korea, Republic of	5,049	4,738	6.6%	11,674	11,615	0.5%	67,802	-15.4%
Germany	2,274	2,206	3.1%	5,304	4,985	6.4%	46,116	3.7%
Fiji	2,134	1,534	39.1%	3,769	2,868	31.4%	22,760	3.5%
Canada	1,959	1,820	7.6%	4,638	4,062	14.2%	44,899	12.0%
<b>Purpose of Visit</b>								
Business/ Conference	43,838	46,694	-6.1%	86,544	88,822	-2.6%	500,161	-0.3%
Holiday/Vacation	42,064	44,528	-5.5%	89,272	93,008	-4.0%	768,561	-2.4%
Education/Medical	5,496	4,512	21.8%	18,126	17,882	1.4%	79,404	0.8%
Visit Friends/Relatives	31,504	28,710	9.7%	64,408	59,574	8.1%	528,255	4.8%
Other (Incl. Not Stated/ Not Captured)	124,228	115,588	7.5%	267,731	269,722	-0.7%	1,378,607	4.5%