

Monthly traffic update for September 2008

	Current Month (Sep 08)	Prior Corresponding Period (Sep 07)	% Change (Month)	Financial Year to Date (Sep 08)	Previous Financial Year to Date (Sep 07)	% Change Financial Year to Date	Rolling 12 Month Total	% Change in Rolling Total
Passenger movements								
International arrivals	241,381	255,330	-5.5%	768,530	785,192	-2.1%	3,248,721	1.3%
International departures	245,513	262,290	-6.4%	768,889	780,426	-1.5%	3,256,365	0.7%
Total international passengers *	486,894	517,620	-5.9%	1,537,419	1,565,618	-1.8%	6,505,086	1.0%
Total domestic passengers **	492,575	448,339	9.9%	1,427,661	1,313,097	8.7%	5,854,653	13.7%
Aircraft movements								
International aircraft movements	3,254	3,146	3.4%	10,131	9,665	4.8%	39,519	3.5%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,890	9,300	6.3%	29,665	28,624	3.6%	121,615	4.6%
Total aircraft movements	13,144	12,446	5.6%	39,796	38,289	3.9%	161,134	4.3%

- The impact of the financial crisis on the world economic outlook affected international passenger volumes in September with a 5.9% decrease over the same month last year, although international passenger volumes are up 1.0% on a 12 month rolling basis.
- New Zealand resident arrivals decreased by 8,779 in September. Impacting on the arrivals was the school holidays overlapping into October by a week this year, compared to last year were they were in September. On a 12 month rolling basis New Zealand resident arrivals are up 19,046.
- Major markets showing a downward trend were the United States, United Kingdom, China and Korea.
- Chinese arrivals dropped by 2,137 in August and 2,588 in September, due to the Olympic Games, the Sichuan earthquake, and travel bans for government officials.
- Arrivals from Australia are up 3.1% for September, with the Trans Tasman market having increased with new carrier capacity starting late in September, and increased short haul-travel as long-haul becomes more expensive.
- India and Germany show a continuing upward trend with September arrivals up 6.0% and 20.8% respectively, and on a 12 month rolling basis arrival volumes were up 2,748 and 2,488 respectively.
- Domestic passenger volumes continued the upward trend, up 44,236 compared with the same month last year. Competition in the domestic market continues to drive strong growth.
- International aircraft movements and domestic aircraft movements increased in September by 3.4% and 6.3%, respectively, a result of new carriers and smaller planes being utilised in the shorter sectors. Financial year to date international aircraft movements were up 3.5% on the same period last year, and domestic movements were up 4.6%.

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Demographics								
Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence								
New Zealand	131,697	140,476	-6.2%	422,545	437,134	-3.3%	1,486,343	2.7%
Australia	44,554	43,230	3.1%	121,854	119,273	2.2%	539,445	3.7%
United Kingdom	10,335	11,355	-9.0%	34,042	35,542	-4.2%	248,244	-2.7%
United States of America	7,313	8,772	-16.6%	28,860	30,701	-6.0%	170,384	-4.0%
China, People's Republic of	5,396	7,984	-32.4%	18,518	24,082	-23.1%	111,964	0.3%
Japan	4,644	5,003	-7.2%	19,208	18,446	4.1%	75,998	-7.7%
Korea, Republic of	3,478	5,274	-34.1%	15,152	16,889	-10.3%	66,006	-16.5%
Germany	2,882	2,385	20.8%	8,186	7,370	11.1%	46,613	5.6%
Canada	1,807	1,786	1.2%	6,445	5,848	10.2%	44,920	12.2%
India	1,673	1,578	6.0%	5,428	4,433	22.4%	23,443	13.3%
Purpose of Visit								
Business/ Conference	42,138	42,516	-0.9%	128,682	131,338	-2.0%	499,783	-0.1%
Holiday/Vacation	42,021	47,104	-10.8%	131,293	140,112	-6.3%	763,478	-2.9%
Education/Medical	4,446	4,898	-9.2%	22,572	22,780	-0.9%	78,952	0.9%
Visit Friends/Relatives	31,694	32,499	-2.5%	96,102	92,073	4.4%	527,450	4.4%
Other (Incl. Not Stated/ Not Captured)	118,373	127,714	-7.3%	386,104	397,436	-2.9%	1,369,266	3.1%