

January 2009 Monthly traffic update

-0.9% International passengers were down slightly against January 2008 despite an increase of 162 international aircraft movements for the month.

32.9%

Chinese arrivals were up against last January due to Chinese New Year falling earlier this year than last year when it fell in February.

-7.8% Domestic aircraft movements were lower than January 2008. This was mainly due to decreased Qantas services and fewer smaller regional aircraft movements.

22.4%

Travel for education/medical purposes was up significantly compared to January 2008. This has been attributed to the weaker NZ dollar assisting the attractiveness of New Zealand to foreign students.

	Current month (Jan 09)	Previous years period (Jan 08)	% Change (month)	Financial YTD (Jan 09)	Previous financial YTD (Jan 08)	% Change financial YTD	Rolling 12 month total	Previous 12 month total	% Change in rolling total
Passenger Movements									
International arrivals	324,802	328,401	-1.1%	1,974,253	1,995,885	-1.1%	3,243,751	3,229,791	0.4%
International departures	307,366	306,741	0.2%	1,885,420	1,906,761	-1.1%	3,246,561	3,254,898	-0.3%
Transits and transfers	87,972	91,350	-3.7%	618,508	564,128	9.6%	983,778	894,478	10.0%
Total international passengers	720,140	726,492	-0.9%	4,478,181	4,466,774	0.3%	7,474,090	7,379,167	1.3%
Total domestic passengers *	427,158	461,721	-7.5%	3,299,933	3,215,219	2.6%	5,819,040	5,353,360	8.7%

Aircraft Movements

International aircraft movements	3,622	3,460	4.7%	24,150	22,863	5.6%	40,340	38,403	5.0%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,560	10,364	-7.8%	69,560	69,790	-0.3%	120,344	118,110	1.9%
Total aircraft movements	13,182	13,824	-4.6%	93,710	92,653	1.1%	160,684	156,513	2.7%

Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence

New Zealand	147,056	150,276	-2.1%	933,670	949,955	-1.7%	1,484,647	1,478,189	0.4%
Australia	47,270	44,503	6.2%	333,773	318,725	4.7%	551,912	527,878	4.6%
United Kingdom	31,735	34,661	-8.4%	138,721	146,102	-5.1%	242,363	246,329	-1.6%
United States of America	15,567	18,295	-14.9%	88,723	97,752	-9.2%	163,196	175,401	-7.0%
China, People's Republic of (excl. Hong Kong)	13,672	10,290	32.9%	63,168	68,638	-8.0%	112,058	115,027	-2.6%
Germany	6,305	5,966	5.7%	32,274	29,596	9.0%	48,475	44,841	8.1%
Canada	5,361	6,511	-17.7%	24,675	25,539	-3.4%	43,459	41,799	4.0%
Japan	5,099	5,962	-14.5%	39,614	45,270	-12.5%	69,580	76,982	-9.6%
Korea, Republic of	4,988	7,857	-36.5%	32,552	43,108	-24.5%	57,187	72,704	-21.3%
Netherlands	3,486	3,588	-2.8%	13,802	14,462	-4.6%	20,736	20,808	-0.3%

Purpose of visit

Business/Conference	23,124	27,912	-17.2%	270,975	287,618	-5.8%	485,796	500,367	-2.9%
Holiday/Vacation	88,396	89,349	-1.1%	445,049	465,996	-4.5%	751,350	777,618	-3.4%
Education/Medical	9,008	7,358	22.4%	47,259	45,137	4.7%	81,282	78,415	3.7%
Visit Friends/Relatives	52,780	48,807	8.1%	329,051	309,879	6.2%	542,593	507,870	6.8%
Other (incl Not Stated/Not Captured)	150,639	153,440	-1.8%	873,659	882,742	-1.0%	1,371,515	1,355,939	1.1%

