



# January 2023 Monthly traffic update

**73%**  
of pre-COVID  
equivalent

In January 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport were 73% of the January 2019 pre-COVID equivalent<sup>1</sup> in the last full financial year not impacted by the COVID pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) were 69% of January 2019 numbers with transit passengers and domestic passengers at 58% and 81% respectively.

## Key Points:

- January passenger numbers were impacted by the flooding event that occurred in Auckland on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> January, with domestic services resuming at midday on 28 January and international services from 5am on 29 January;
- Short-haul international passenger movements were 80% of the pre-COVID equivalent, with Australia 78% and Pacific Islands 89%. Long-haul international passenger movements were 56% of the pre-COVID equivalent, with North American routes recovering to 93%;
- Domestic recovery reduced from 84% for December 2022 to 81% for January 2023. Prior to the 27 January flooding event, domestic passenger recovery was similar to December 2022; and
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 126% of January 2019, and domestic demand increased from the prior month to 97% of January 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
<b>Passenger Movements</b>									
Total international (excl. Transits)	739,804	1,068,922	69%	3,922,983	6,363,429	62%	4,886,447	10,471,956	47%
Transit movements	56,908	98,804	58%	348,358	632,004	55%	428,246	1,028,656	42%
<b>Total international passengers</b>	<b>796,712</b>	<b>1,167,726</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>4,271,341</b>	<b>6,995,433</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>5,314,693</b>	<b>11,500,612</b>	<b>46%</b>
Total domestic passengers	631,276	781,955	81%	4,734,392	5,598,661	85%	7,046,786	9,484,962	74%
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>1,427,988</b>	<b>1,949,681</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>9,005,733</b>	<b>12,594,094</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>12,361,479</b>	<b>20,985,574</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence</b>									
New Zealand	188,539	261,690	72%	1,001,513	1,557,100	64%	1,256,936	2,400,465	52%
Australia	58,135	79,879	73%	412,625	532,258	78%	539,674	872,909	62%
United States of America	26,411	30,641	86%	112,627	162,155	69%	124,189	283,093	44%
United Kingdom	20,125	28,527	71%	86,685	118,785	73%	98,099	190,641	51%
Canada	6,667	8,272	81%	26,590	35,015	76%	29,812	60,660	49%
China, People's Republic of	6,648	36,137	18%	28,489	213,161	13%	32,335	394,836	8%
Germany	5,862	10,330	57%	23,975	50,660	47%	25,367	75,622	34%
Korea, Republic of	4,210	11,229	37%	16,107	43,076	37%	17,874	68,812	26%
India	3,535	3,989	89%	23,677	32,981	72%	27,366	61,985	44%
Fiji	2,989	2,445	122%	17,275	18,714	92%	19,502	29,405	66%
<b>Aircraft Movements</b>									
International aircraft movements	3,931	5,471	72%	23,064	34,572	67%	31,757	56,976	56%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,375	10,251	82%	59,178	72,026	82%	94,794	120,760	78%
<b>Total aircraft movements</b>	<b>12,306</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82,242</b>	<b>106,598</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>126,551</b>	<b>177,736</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>MCTOW (tonnes) 2</b>									
International MCTOW	379,100	576,918	66%	2,194,842	3,580,468	61%	3,148,638	5,901,516	53%
Domestic MCTOW	165,666	193,089	86%	1,166,911	1,396,242	84%	1,861,795	2,368,818	79%
<b>Total MCTOW</b>	<b>544,765</b>	<b>770,007</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>3,361,753</b>	<b>4,976,710</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>5,010,433</b>	<b>8,270,334</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Cargo (tonnes)</b>									
International Export	7,795	9,068	86%	48,649	56,405	86%	82,907	92,107	90%
International Import	5,643	6,472	87%	51,609	61,757	84%	92,608	101,057	92%
<b>Total Cargo</b>	<b>13,438</b>	<b>15,540</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>100,258</b>	<b>118,162</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>175,515</b>	<b>193,164</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Total Cargo Value NZ\$(000)</b>	<b>2,412,643</b>	<b>1,504,661</b>	<b>160%</b>	<b>17,730,095</b>	<b>12,582,186</b>	<b>141%</b>	<b>29,334,859</b>	<b>20,549,275</b>	<b>143%</b>
<b>QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT</b>									
Passenger Movements	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
Total international passengers	84,737	67,236	126%	463,532	423,025	110%	488,461	623,003	78%
Total domestic passengers	154,049	158,641	97%	999,265	988,598	101%	1,480,972	1,618,859	91%
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>238,786</b>	<b>225,877</b>	<b>106%</b>	<b>1,462,797</b>	<b>1,411,623</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>1,969,433</b>	<b>2,241,862</b>	<b>88%</b>
International aircraft movements	620	536	116%	3,453	3,212	108%	3,646	4,674	78%
Domestic aircraft movements	1,105	1,204	92%	7,149	7,610	94%	11,515	12,296	94%
<b>Total aircraft movements</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>10,602</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>15,161</b>	<b>16,970</b>	<b>89%</b>

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## February 2023 Monthly traffic preview

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### Key Points:

- Passenger recovery during February 2023 decreased slightly from prior month to 72% due to the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle disrupting passenger travel;
- Despite this, international passenger demand continued to improve, recovering to 71% compared to February 2019 with noticeably higher load factors on international services during the beginning and end of the month as travel plans were adjusted due to the recent weather events. It was pleasing to see eight international airlines carried more passengers during February 2023 than they did in February 2019;
- North American routes continue to improve, recovering to 96% for the month with passenger demand to and from Canada exceeding February 2019 levels and USA demand recovering to 88%;
- Short haul Pacific Island routes have recovered the most, at 93% of February 2019 numbers. Fiji and Cook Islands lead the recovery with passenger numbers on these two routes combined exceeding pre-COVID levels. The Tasman route is also improving with seven airlines operating to seven Australian ports. Traffic has recovered to 82% of February 2019, an impressive result considering that seat capacity has only recovered to 75% causing passenger load factors to increase by 7ppts;
- Domestic passenger recovery during February 2023 decreased to 75% from 81% during January 2023 because of Cyclone Gabrielle disrupting passenger travel; and
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 121% of February 2019, and domestic were 86% of February 2019.

### AUCKLAND AIRPORT

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<b>Passenger Movements</b>									
Total international (excl. Transits)	619,711	872,387	71%	4,542,694	7,235,816	63%	5,466,879	10,471,935	52%
Transit movements	34,954	74,742	47%	383,312	706,746	54%	459,288	1,031,026	45%
<b>Total international passengers</b>	<b>654,665</b>	<b>947,129</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>4,926,006</b>	<b>7,942,562</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>5,926,167</b>	<b>11,502,961</b>	<b>52%</b>
Total domestic passengers	603,900	802,291	75%	5,338,292	6,400,952	83%	7,322,771	9,517,100	77%
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>1,258,565</b>	<b>1,749,420</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>10,264,298</b>	<b>14,343,514</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>13,248,938</b>	<b>21,020,061</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Aircraft Movements</b>									
International aircraft movements	3,367	4,508	75%	26,431	39,080	68%	33,873	57,025	59%
Domestic aircraft movements	7,816	10,132	77%	66,994	82,158	82%	96,456	121,454	79%
<b>Total aircraft movements</b>	<b>11,183</b>	<b>14,640</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>93,425</b>	<b>121,238</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>130,329</b>	<b>178,479</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>MCTOW (tonnes)<sup>2</sup></b>									
International MCTOW	337,603	486,999	69%	2,532,445	4,067,467	62%	3,326,846	5,895,172	56%
Domestic MCTOW	160,899	195,776	82%	1,327,810	1,592,019	83%	1,903,579	2,376,988	80%
<b>Total MCTOW</b>	<b>498,502</b>	<b>682,776</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>3,860,255</b>	<b>5,659,486</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>5,230,425</b>	<b>8,272,160</b>	<b>63%</b>

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<b>Passenger Movements</b>									
Total international passengers	59,602	49,331	121%	523,134	472,356	111%	548,063	628,940	87%
Total domestic passengers	127,989	148,904	86%	1,127,254	1,137,502	99%	1,532,418	1,632,611	94%
<b>Total passengers</b>	<b>187,591</b>	<b>198,235</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>1,650,388</b>	<b>1,609,858</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>2,080,481</b>	<b>2,261,551</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Aircraft Movements</b>									
International aircraft movements	447	374	120%	3,900	3,586	109%	4,093	4,746	86%
Domestic aircraft movements	929	1,102	84%	8,078	8,712	93%	11,653	12,440	94%
<b>Total aircraft movements</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>12,298</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>15,746</b>	<b>17,186</b>	<b>92%</b>

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