



May 2023 Monthly traffic update

83%
of pre-COVID
equivalent

In May 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport were 83% of the May 2019 pre-COVID equivalent¹ in the last full financial year not impacted by the COVID pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) were 82% of May 2019, with transit and domestic passengers at 73% and 85% respectively.

Key Points:

- Total passenger numbers declined month on month in May 2023 to 1.3m or 83% of the pre-COVID equivalent, down on the 1.4m passengers seen in April 2023;
- The international passenger recovery improved again achieving 81% of May 2019, a 2ppts improvement on the prior month;
- New Zealand passport holders accounted for 51% of total international arriving and departing travellers during May, an 87% recovery versus May 2019. 0.3m international Non-New Zealand passport holders travelled during the month, a recovery of 77% compared to May 2019 and a record high since COVID-19 related border restrictions were introduced in early 2020;
- Domestic recovery increased to 85% of May 2019 up from 82% of 2019 in the prior month;
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 117% of May 2019, and domestic 95% of May 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)	615,005	750,308	82%	6,536,205	9,762,606	67%	6,847,801	10,492,447	65%
Transit movements	55,348	76,056	73%	532,264	928,880	57%	558,140	1,015,520	55%
Total international passengers	670,353	826,364	81%	7,068,469	10,691,486	66%	7,405,941	11,507,967	64%
Total domestic passengers	650,627	769,718	85%	7,447,077	8,884,517	84%	8,062,415	9,570,155	84%
Total passengers	1,320,980	1,596,082	83%	14,515,546	19,576,003	74%	15,468,356	21,078,122	73%
Top 10 arrivals by country of last residence									
New Zealand	165,106	185,385	89%	1,588,266	2,238,960	71%	1,674,227	2,430,437	69%
Australia	44,964	58,560	77%	631,319	816,528	77%	670,530	873,503	77%
United States of America	12,176	15,031	81%	202,840	274,327	74%	207,224	289,895	71%
India	10,238	6,308	162%	58,361	54,982	106%	59,100	59,401	99%
China, People's Republic of	9,983	23,781	42%	68,467	344,023	20%	69,974	361,393	19%
United Kingdom	3,963	5,798	68%	135,348	182,755	74%	137,906	187,917	73%
Fiji	3,323	2,209	150%	30,248	28,743	105%	31,068	30,396	102%
Korea, Republic of	3,040	3,319	92%	30,658	64,628	47%	31,348	67,907	46%
Japan	2,556	3,532	72%	30,395	88,564	34%	30,964	92,379	34%
Singapore	2,226	2,675	83%	25,895	34,146	76%	27,141	36,574	74%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,040	4,353	93%	38,359	52,812	73%	40,480	57,173	71%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,462	9,254	91%	93,740	113,046	83%	101,654	122,013	83%
Total aircraft movements	12,502	13,607	92%	132,099	165,858	80%	142,134	179,186	79%
MCTOW (tonnes)²									
International MCTOW	381,603	429,487	89%	3,661,032	5,467,851	67%	3,870,389	5,908,494	66%
Domestic MCTOW	170,878	189,951	90%	1,860,020	2,197,357	85%	2,019,813	2,376,755	85%
Total MCTOW	552,481	619,438	89%	5,521,052	7,665,208	72%	5,890,202	8,285,249	71%
Cargo (tonnes)									
International Export	6,532	6,846	95%	76,244	86,912	88%	82,453	92,685	89%
International Import	7,106	7,827	91%	76,954	90,937	85%	84,426	99,339	85%
Total Cargo	13,638	14,673	93%	153,198	177,849	86%	166,879	192,024	87%
Total Cargo Value NZ\$ (000)	2,406,843	1,974,704	122%	26,952,869	19,746,891	136%	29,156,416	21,439,331	136%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT									
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	36,707	31,290	117%	685,868	611,694	112%	708,368	651,021	109%
Total domestic passengers	111,382	117,110	95%	1,521,300	1,559,278	98%	1,637,153	1,664,102	98%
Total passengers	148,089	148,400	100%	2,207,168	2,170,972	102%	2,345,521	2,315,123	101%
International aircraft movements	332	246	135%	5,241	4,660	112%	5,416	4,964	109%
Domestic aircraft movements	882	918	96%	10,994	11,848	93%	11,897	12,720	94%
Total aircraft movements	1,214	1,164	104%	16,235	16,508	98%	17,313	17,684	98%

Notes:

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June 2023 Monthly traffic preview

88%
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In June 2023, total passenger volumes at Auckland Airport were 88% of the June 2019 pre-COVID equivalent¹ in the last full financial year not impacted by the COVID pandemic. International passengers (excl. transits) were 86% of June 2019, with transit and domestic passengers at 81% and 90% respectively.

Key Points:

- Total passenger numbers improved slightly in June 2023 when compared to the prior month to 1.3m. Average daily passenger numbers increased through the month of June 2023 because of school holidays commencing at the end of the month. There were on average 46k daily passengers in the last week compared to 41k in the first week of June 2023;
- The international passenger recovery improved again achieving 85% of June 2019. During the final quarter of the financial year, load factors declined as capacity growth outstripped passenger growth. Pacific Island routes were the exception with passenger demand recovering to 97% compared to June 2019 on capacity recovery of 91%, increasing airline load factors on the routes by 5ppt's;
- New Zealand nationals made up 55% of all international passengers during June 2023 with a recovery rate of 90% compared to June 2019. Chinese passport holders were the third largest nationality travelling internationally (behind New Zealand and Australians) with 37k passengers which is a 69% recovery and an 18ppt improvement on May 2023;
- There are now five airlines operating direct services to and from mainland China, with passengers on the route recovering to 71% of June 2019 relative to a 78% capacity recovery. Whilst load factors are lower than historic levels, load factors have been increasing steadily since border restrictions were removed;
- Domestic recovery increased to 90% in June 2023, from 85% in the prior month and load factors remained above FY19 levels. Half of all domestic passengers were traveling on the Auckland to Christchurch or Auckland to Wellington routes. Queenstown was once again popular with 78k passengers on the route representing a 102% recovery relative to June 2019;
- Queenstown airport international passenger numbers were 116% of June 2019, and domestic 106% of June 2019.

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Passenger Movements									
Total international (excl. Transits)	638,266	744,054	86%	7,174,471	10,506,660	68%	7,174,471	10,506,660	68%
Transit movements	66,820	82,448	81%	599,084	1,011,328	59%	599,084	1,011,328	59%
Total international passengers	705,086	826,502	85%	7,773,555	11,517,988	67%	7,773,555	11,517,988	67%
Total domestic passengers	640,632	709,002	90%	8,087,709	9,593,519	84%	8,087,709	9,593,519	84%
Total passengers	1,345,718	1,535,504	88%	15,861,264	21,111,507	75%	15,861,264	21,111,507	75%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	4,064	4,299	95%	42,423	57,111	74%	42,423	57,111	74%
Domestic aircraft movements	8,258	8,709	95%	101,998	121,755	84%	101,998	121,755	84%
Total aircraft movements	12,322	13,008	95%	144,421	178,866	81%	144,421	178,866	81%
MCTOW (tonnes) 2									
International MCTOW	382,686	429,477	89%	4,043,717	5,897,328	69%	4,043,717	5,897,328	69%
Domestic MCTOW	168,181	176,103	96%	2,028,201	2,373,461	85%	2,028,201	2,373,461	85%
Total MCTOW	550,866	605,580	91%	6,071,918	8,270,788	73%	6,071,918	8,270,788	73%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT									
Passenger Movements									
Total international passengers	50,993	43,892	116%	736,861	655,586	112%	736,861	655,586	112%
Total domestic passengers	112,159	106,119	106%	1,633,459	1,665,397	98%	1,633,459	1,665,397	98%
Total passengers	163,152	150,011	109%	2,370,320	2,320,983	102%	2,370,320	2,320,983	102%
Aircraft Movements									
International aircraft movements	438	360	122%	5,679	5,020	113%	5,679	5,020	113%
Domestic aircraft movements	846	862	98%	11,840	12,710	93%	11,840	12,710	93%
Total aircraft movements	1,284	1,222	105%	17,519	17,730	99%	17,519	17,730	99%

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