



## September 2025 Monthly traffic update

## **Key points:**

- In September 2025 there was a total of 830k international passenger movements in the month, a 3% increase compared to the same month in 2024. Excluding transits, international passenger movements for the month of September 2025 increased by 5%. International seat capacity increased 3% on the same month last year resulting in average load factors of 84%, a 0.4 percentage point decline on the year prior;
- Passenger numbers and seat capacity on the short-haul international network both increased by 5% on the prior year with average load factors static at 84%. Long-haul international passenger numbers declined by 1% on 1% more seat capacity producing load factors of 83% a 1.2 percentage point decline compared to the same month in the prior year. New Zealand school holidays started a week earlier this year compared to the year prior (week commencing 15 September this year compared to week commencing 23 September last year) and this contributed to a 6% increase in New Zealand nationals traveling during the month of September this year compared to last;
- Domestic passenger movements increased by 7% in the month of September 2025 when compared to the same month in the prior year with seat capacity increasing 4%, resulting in a 2.2 percentage point increase in load factors to 86%. Passenger numbers on the domestic trunk routes grew 9% compared to the year prior with 5% more seat capacity lifting load factors by 2.8 percentage points to 87%; and
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers in September 2025 increased 8% on the year prior and domestic passengers increased 12% on the same month last year.

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AUCKLAND AIRPORT	Current	Current month		Financial year to date		Rolling 12-month total	
Passenger Movements	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	
International passengers	769,481	5%	2,259,010	2%	9,657,504	3%	
Transit movements	60,232	-19%	186,700	-13%	656,186	-15%	
Total international passengers	829,713	3%	2,445,710	0%	10,313,690	2%	
Domestic passengers	720,298	7%	2,123,892	4%	8,517,874	1%	
Total passengers	1,550,011	5%	4,569,602	2%	18,831,564	1%	
Aircraft Movements							
International aircraft movements	4,290	4%	12,972	2%	52,488	-1%	
Domestic aircraft movements	8,495	2%	25,472	2%	105,632	1%	
Total aircraft movements	12,785	3%	38,444	2%	158,120	1%	
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International MCTOW	405,619	3%	1,245,260	2%	5,186,293	0%	
Domestic MCTOW	179,242	4%	541,877	4%	2,168,715	2%	
Total MCTOW	584,862	3%	1,787,136	3%	7,355,008	1%	
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT	Current	Current month		Financial year to date		Rolling 12 month-total	
Passenger Movements	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	
International passengers	91,532	8%	302,682	9%	968,358	9%	
Domestic passengers	140,720	12%	432,662	8%	1,688,429	2%	
Total passengers	232,252	10%	735,344	8%	2,656,787	5%	
International aircraft movements	618	6%	2,031	5%	6,718	4%	
Domestic aircraft movements	967	1%	3,025	1%	12,313	1%	
Total aircraft movements	1,585	3%	5,056	2%	19,031	2%	