

August 2026 Monthly traffic update

Key points:

- In August 2026, total international passenger movements were 785k, in line with the same month in 2025. International seat capacity in August decreased 3% on the same month last year resulting in average load factors of 81%, a 2.6 percentage point increase on the prior year;
- Reviewing the top five nationalities for non-transit international passengers movements shows US nationals increased by 14%, Chinese nationals increased by 9%, Australian nationals decreased by 2%, New Zealand nationals decreased by 3%, and UK nationals decreased by 5% all compared to the prior year;
- Passenger volumes on short-haul international routes increased by 1% and seat capacity decreased by 1% compared with the prior year, with load factors of 80%, a 2.0 percentage point increase. Passenger movements on long-haul international routes decreased by 2% and seat capacity decreased by 6% compared with the prior year, resulting in load factors of 81%, a 3.5 percentage point increase;
- Domestic passenger movements in the month were down on the prior year reflecting the continued effects of capacity reductions during the month. Passenger movements in August decreased by 5% compared with the same month last year and seat capacity declined by 8% over the same period, resulting in a higher load factor of 86%, an increase of 2.7 percentage points year-on-year. Passenger movements on the domestic trunk routes in August decreased 4% and seat capacity declined 7%, with load factors of 87%, a 3.2 percentage point increase. Regional passenger movements in August declined 10% and seat capacity declined by 11% with load factors of 84%, a 1.4 percentage point increase; and
- Queenstown Airport passenger movements increased by 8% in August compared with the same month last year, with international movements up 18% and domestic movements up 1%.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT

Passenger Movements

International passengers

Transit movements

Total international passengers

Domestic passengers

Total passengers

Aircraft Movements

International aircraft movements

Domestic aircraft movements

Total aircraft movements

MCTOW (tonnes)¹

International MCTOW

Domestic MCTOW

Total MCTOW

QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT

Passenger Movements

International passengers

Domestic passengers

Total passengers

International aircraft movements

Domestic aircraft movements

Total aircraft movements

	Current month		Financial year to date		Rolling 12-month total	
	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year	Current year	Change vs prior year
International passengers	718,989	0%	1,523,054	2%	9,848,160	2%
Transit movements	65,712	3%	134,272	6%	666,702	-1%
Total international passengers	784,701	0%	1,657,326	3%	10,514,862	2%
Domestic passengers	667,072	-5%	1,355,980	-3%	8,520,654	1%
Total passengers	1,451,773	-3%	3,013,306	0%	19,035,516	1%
International aircraft movements	4,245	-1%	8,870	2%	54,486	4%
Domestic aircraft movements	7,572	-11%	15,416	-9%	101,759	-4%
Total aircraft movements	11,817	-8%	24,286	-5%	156,245	-1%
International MCTOW	416,280	0%	860,112	2%	5,276,776	2%
Domestic MCTOW	166,524	-8%	340,544	-6%	2,169,831	0%
Total MCTOW	582,803	-2%	1,200,656	0%	7,446,607	1%
International passengers	124,930	18%	252,960	20%	1,108,298	15%
Domestic passengers	148,963	1%	299,306	3%	1,762,499	5%
Total passengers	273,893	8%	552,266	10%	2,870,797	9%
International aircraft movements	799	13%	1,630	15%	7,409	11%
Domestic aircraft movements	1,033	2%	2,115	3%	12,540	2%
Total aircraft movements	1,832	6%	3,745	8%	19,949	5%

Notes:

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