



## December 2024 Monthly traffic update

## **Key points:**

- In December 2024, there was a total of 1,028k international passenger movements in the month, a 6% increase compared to the same month in 2023 and was the highest number of international passengers in a month since January 2020. International passengers, excluding transits, for the month of December 2024 increased by 7% compared to same month last year and represents a recovery to 93% of the pre-COVID equivalent which is the highest recovery rate post the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Australian and New Zealand passport holders accounted for 53% of all international passenger movements during the month with their numbers
  increasing by 7% on last year. New Zealand passenger numbers are now 4% ahead of pre-COVID levels. All other passport holders increased by
  8% compared to the same month last year with North American passport holders increasing by 12%, now exceeding pre-COVID levels, and
  European passports increasing by 10%;
- Whilst international passengers increased by 6% airline seat capacity decreased by 1% compared to the same month last year resulting in material
  improvement to airline load factors of 5.6 percentage points to 85.6%. Routes that improved most were North America, increasing by 8.4
  percentage points and the Chinese routes which improved by 17.1 percentage points. Transit movements declined 15% due to airlines focusing on
  New Zealand point to point demand at the expense of North and South America to Australia passenger flows;
- Domestic passenger movements were flat in the month of December 2024 when compared to the same month in prior year with seat capacity increasing by 2%. Domestic passengers on the jet routes increased by 1%, compared to a 4% decrease on regional routes; and
- Queenstown Airport international passenger numbers in December 2024 increased 11% on the year prior and domestic passengers increased 1% on the same month last year.

AUCKLAND AIRPORT	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	970,375	7%	4,788,774	4%	9,497,991	11%
Transit movements	58,070	-15%	397,128	3%	764,576	10%
Total international passengers	1,028,445	6%	5,185,902	4%	10,262,567	11%
Domestic passengers	745,352	0%	4,274,865	0%	8,474,705	3%
Total passengers	1,773,797	3%	9,460,767	2%	18,737,272	<b>7</b> %
Aircraft Movements						
International aircraft movements	4,991	0%	26,260	-1%	52,708	6%
Domestic aircraft movements	9,433	2%	52,835	0%	104,985	1%
Total aircraft movements	14,424	2%	79,095	-1%	157,693	2%
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International MCTOW	501,136	0%	2,579,659	0%	5,208,785	8%
Domestic MCTOW	185,873	2%	1,083,813	0%	2,138,382	2%
Total MCTOW	687,008	0%	3,663,472	0%	7,347,167	6%
QUEENSTOWN AIRPORT	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	92,477	11%	513,950	11%	906,349	10%
Domestic passengers	156,329	1%	829,056	4%	1,660,144	5%
Total passengers	248,806	4%	1,343,006	6%	2,566,493	6%
International aircraft movements	672	1%	3,599	4%	6,486	3%
Domestic aircraft movements	1,160	5%	6,249	5%	12,362	5%
Total aircraft movements	1,832	4%	9,848	5%	18,848	5%