NSW Intrastate Regional Aviation Statistics

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# About the Data

The data featured here are patronage statistics for all intrastate air services that fly to and from Sydney. This data is collected quarterly under the Air Transport Regulation 2016.

The patronage data dates back to 1996/97.

# Notes about the data

This section summarises the events in the industry that may be relevant in the understanding and interpretation of this dataset:

## Route related events

May 2000 Horizon Airlines withdraws from the Deniliquin-Sydney route.

January 2001 Yanda Airlines withdraws from Coonabarabran-Sydney, Gunnedah-Sydney, Maitland-Sydney, Scone-Sydney and Singleton-Sydney.

May 2001 Country Connection Airlines withdraws from Cootamundra-Sydney, Cowra-Sydney, Forbes-Sydney, Young-Sydney and West Wyalong-Sydney.

June 2001 QantasLink withdraws from the Kempsey-Sydney route.

July 2003 Horizon Airlines entered Grafton-Sydney and Kempsey-Sydney.

October 2003 MacAir Airlines takes over from Horizon Airlines on Grafton-Sydney, Kempsey-Sydney, Taree-Sydney, Williamtown-Sydney and Cooma-Sydney.

February 2004 Big Sky Express entered Inverell-Sydney, Gunnedah-Sydney and Coonabarabran-Sydney.

March 2004 MacAir Airlines withdraws from the Kempsey-Sydney route.

July 2004 MacAir Airlines withdraws from Grafton-Sydney and Taree-Sydney and is replaced by Big Sky Express on both routes.

September 2004 Regional Express (REX) entered the Armidale-Sydney route.

February 2005 Big Sky Express withdraws from the Coonabarabran-Sydney route.

April 2005 Aeropelican relocated all services from Newcastle-Belmont to Newcastle-Williamtown Airport.

May 2005 REX entered the West Wyalong-Sydney route.

June 2005 REX entered the Cooma-Sydney route.

July 2005 QantasLink withdraws from the Ballina-Sydney route. Jetstar enters the Ballina-Sydney route.

July 2006 REX withdraws from the Armidale-Sydney route

November 2006 Big Sky Express withdraws from Grafton-Sydney, Taree-Sydney, Inverell-Sydney and Gunnedah-Sydney.

February 2007 REX entered Grafton-Sydney and Taree-Sydney. Aeropelican Air Services entered the Inverell-Sydney route.

November 2007 REX withdraws from the Cooma-Sydney route.

February 2008 Virgin Blue entered Port Macquarie-Sydney and Albury-Sydney.

March 2008 QantasLink withdraws from the Newcastle-Sydney route.

December 2008 Air Link withdraws from Bourke-Sydney, Cobar-Sydney, Coonamble-Sydney, Mudgee-Sydney, Lightning Ridge-Sydney and Walgett-Sydney.

March 2009 Aeropelican Air Services withdraws from the Inverell-Sydney route. QantasLink withdraws from the Narrabri-Sydney route, and is replaced by Aeropelican Air Services.

October 2009 Aeropelican Air Services entered the Mudgee-Sydney route.

June 2010 Aeropelican Air Services entered the Cooma-Sydney route.

September 2010 Brindabella Airlines entered the Cobar-Sydney route.

October 2011 REX entered the Newcastle-Sydney route. Aeropelican moved to a winter only (June-October) Cooma-Sydney operation.

November 2011 Virgin Australia entered the Port Macquarie-Sydney route.

December 2012 Brindabella entered the Orange-Sydney route.

February 2013 Tiger Airways entered the Coffs Harbour-Sydney route.

March 2013 Brindabella Airlines replaced QantasLink on the Moree-Sydney route.

July 2013 Brindabella Airlines withdraws from the Orange-Sydney route.

December 2013 Brindabella Airlines withdraws from Moree-Sydney, Narrabri-Sydney, Mudgee-Sydney, Cobar-Sydney and Cooma-Sydney. QantasLink entered the Moree-Sydney route.

February 2014 Vincent Aviation entered the Narrabri-Sydney route.

March 2014 REX entered the Armidale-Sydney route.

May 2014 Vincent Aviation withdrew from the Narrabri-Sydney route.

May 2015 Virgin Australia entered the Tamworth-Sydney route.

June 2015 FlyPelican entered the Mudgee-Sydney route, and the Newcastle-Sydney route.

August 2015 Air Link entered the Cobar-Dubbo route.

December 2015 FlyPelican entered the Newcastle-Ballina route.

March 2016 REX entered the Cooma-Sydney route.

July 2016 FlyPelican entered Newcastle-Dubbo route.

October 2016 FlyPelican entered the Newcastle-Coffs Harbour route.

## Non-route related events

August 2002 Regional Express (REX) formed through the merger of Hazelton Airlines and Kendell Airlines.

May 2011 Virgin Blue re-branded as Virgin Australia.

September 2011 Aeropelican Air Services and Brindabella Airlines merged after Aeropelican Air Services’ parent company (Business Air Holdings Pty Ltd) acquires Brindabella Airlines.

July 2013 Tiger Airways re-branded as Tigerair.

May 2015 Order gazetted deregulating the Mudgee-Sydney route.

July 2015 Order gazetted deregulating the Cooma-Sydney route.

Order gazetted deregulating the Narrabri-Sydney route.

August 2015 Order gazetted deregulating the Cobar-Sydney route.

# Dataset description

**Data set name**

NSW Intrastate Regional Aviation Statistics

**Scope**

Sydney-linked intrastate air services in New South Wales

**Frequency**

Quarterly

**Reference period**

September 1996 – most recent

**Data producer**

Transport for NSW

**Unit(s) of measurement**

Passengers

**Key Variables/Indicators**

* Route to and from Sydney
* Quarter mm/yy