



# Sydney Airport Traffic Performance August 2023

A total of 3.25 million passengers passed through Sydney Airport in August 2023, representing an 88.6 per cent recovery compared to pre-pandemic August 2019.

This is the second month in a row that the international passenger recovery has been stronger than the domestic.

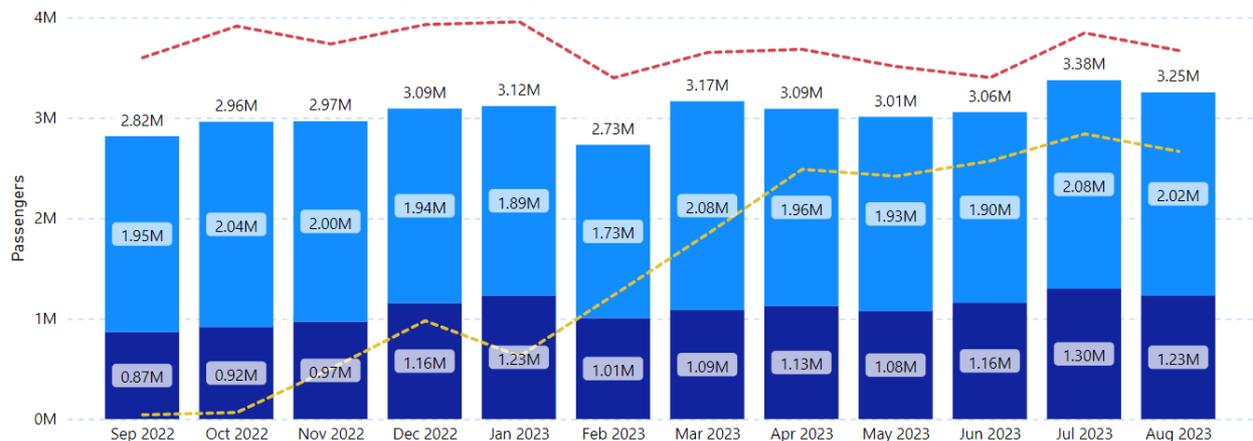
A total of 1.23 million travellers passed through Sydney Airport’s T1 international terminal in August, which is an 89.7 per cent recovery rate on August 2019.

The domestic passenger recovery rate was 88.0 per cent in August, with 2.02 million passengers coming through the T2 and T3 domestic terminals.

Passengers'	Monthly Performance			Year-to-date performance		
	Aug-23	Growth vs 2022	Growth vs 2019	YTD 2023	YTD v 2022	YTD v 2019
Domestic	2.02m	8.6%	-12.0%	15.59m	24.6%	-13.3%
International <sup>2</sup>	1.23m	53.1%	-10.3%	9.22m	120.3%	-17.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.25m</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>	<b>24.80m</b>	<b>48.6%</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>

Sydney Airport rolling 12 months passenger traffic

Domestic Group International Group 2019 passengers PCP passengers



## U.S. visitor numbers hit a milestone in August

For the first month since the international border reopened, the number of U.S. visitors has inched above pre-pandemic levels, with a 1 per cent increase on August 2019 numbers.

Two notable international markets experiencing a surge in visitor numbers are South Korea and Vietnam.

The number of South Korean passport holders was up 44 per cent on August 2019 levels, with strong capacity on the Seoul-Sydney route boosting tourism between the two countries.

## Sydney Airport

The number of Vietnamese passport holders coming through Sydney Airport was 29 per cent higher compared to August 2019, with four airlines now flying return flights from Sydney to Vietnam, two more than pre-pandemic.

Top 10 Nationalities travelling through Sydney Airport in August 2023 <sup>3</sup>					
Rank	Nationality	Growth vs 2019	Rank	Nationality	Growth vs 2019
1	Australia	-5%	6	United Kingdom	-18%
2	China	-33%	7	India	-8%
3	New Zealand	-15%	8	Japan	-29%
4	United States of America	1%	9	Philippines	13%
5	South Korea	44%	10	Vietnam	29%

Sydney Airport CEO, Geoff Culbert, said the domestic recovery remains flat while the international recovery is pressing ahead.

“Recent boosts to capacity from some of our international airlines has led to a surge in overseas visitors, especially from countries like South Korea, the Philippines and Vietnam, where the numbers are now higher than in 2019.”

“The Vietnamese market perfectly illustrates how strong competition and increasing capacity leads to greater demand.

“Leading up to the pandemic, Vietnam was our fastest growing market with two carriers offering direct flights. This growth has accelerated with newcomers, Vietjet and Bamboo Airways, also operating services between Sydney Airport and Ho Chi Minh City.

“We now have four airlines offering more than 5,000 seats a week to Vietnam and this increase in capacity has boosted tourism for both countries. In August, the number of Vietnamese passport holders flying through Sydney Airport was 29 per cent higher than before the pandemic, which is a terrific result.

“The domestic recovery continues to underwhelm, with the August result 12 per cent below 2019.”

### **Return flights between Sydney Airport and Vietnam**

#### **Direct flights to Ho Chi Minh City**

- **Vietnam Airlines** - 7 returns per week
- **Vietjet** – 4 returns per week
- **Jetstar** – 3 returns per week
- **Bamboo Airways** – 2 returns per week

#### **Direct flights to Hanoi**

- **Vietnam Airlines** - 2 returns per week

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1. Due to data availability, all international passenger numbers (including PCP, prior corresponding period comparisons) are based on Confirmed Airline Passenger (CAP) data. As per previous information releases, these figures may contain estimates with any adjustments to preliminary statistics included in the year-to-date results in future months
2. Includes Domestic-on-Carriage
3. All data is for arriving and departing international passengers. All data is taken from management accounts, is provisional and subject to revision. All data has been rounded to the nearest thousand and in some instances the total may not be equal to the sum of the parts. Percentage changes have been calculated based on actual figures

### **About Sydney Airport**

Sydney Airport is Australia's international gateway and at the heart of the country's domestic aviation network. Part of the social and economic fabric of Sydney for more than 100 years, Sydney Airport is continually striving to deliver on its purpose – to make Sydney proud every day. Prior to COVID, Sydney Airport welcomed more than 44 million passengers annually, generated more than \$42 billion in economic activity (equivalent to nearly 7% of NSW's Gross State Product), and directly and indirectly supported 336,000 jobs.

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