



Passenger Statistics

Q2 FY26

Adelaide Airport experiences boom in International Traffic

PAX ('000s)	Quarter to Date			Financial Year		
	Dec-25	Dec-24	Growth (%)	Dec-25	Dec-24	Growth (%)
Domestic <i>(Including regional)</i>	2,118	2,037	4.0%	4,069	3,937	3.3%
International	322	255	26.0%	627	493	27.2%
Total	2,439	2,292	6.4%	4,696	4,430	6.0%

Summary

Adelaide Airport has hit 9 million passengers for the first time in 2025, setting a new record for a calendar year. This represents a 4.1 per cent increase on 2024, with international passenger numbers growing by 20.7 per cent.

For Q2 FY26, Adelaide Airport welcomed more than 2.4 million passengers, representing 6.4 per cent growth year-on-year.

International traffic reached a record high of over 320,000 for the quarter, representing a 26 per cent increase compared with the prior year. Demand was particularly strong over the festive period with Adelaide Airport achieving the busiest day post-COVID in December. This performance was driven by the ongoing growth in international travel and significant network expansion, including the launch of United Airlines' San Francisco service, Qantas' Auckland services, Air New Zealand's Christchurch flights, the return of Cathay Pacific, and the commencement of China Southern's second season. At 31 December 2025, Adelaide Airport was served by 12 airlines across 11 international destinations. This will increase to 13 airlines to 12 destinations from mid-2026.

Domestic travel continued its strong growth trajectory, with more than 2.1 million passengers passing through the terminal, representing a 4.0 per cent increase. Demand was underpinned from the sustained growth across key trunk routes and from the basing of additional aircraft from Jetstar with capacity expanding on services to Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. Demand was further boosted from major events such as the Adelaide 500 Grand Final, the Beach Volleyball World Championships and Ashes Cricket.

Looking ahead, Adelaide Airport is now seeing the transition of seasonal international services to year-round operations with China Southern leading the way (see below). Domestically, Qantas will deploy Adelaide's first ever A220 aircraft on the Brisbane route, while Jetstar will commence services to Avalon from March 2026.

Highlights

United Airlines' San Francisco Commencement

United Airlines' inaugural flight touched down at Adelaide Airport on 13 December 2025, marking a significant milestone as the first-ever non-stop service between South Australia and the United States. The seasonal service operates three times weekly until March, utilising the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner.



Emirates Upgauged

Emirates' ultra-long-range A350-900 arrived in Adelaide on 1 December 2025, making Adelaide the first city in Emirates' global network to welcome this new-generation aircraft. Featuring a Premium Economy cabin, the aircraft offers enhanced comfort for passengers travelling on long-haul services to Europe and North America.



China Southern Going Year-round

China Southern's Guangzhou service will be operating year-round from March 2026 with three flights weekly and an additional fourth flight during peak season.



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- [Qantas brings next-gen A220 aircraft to South Australia](#)

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