



# Perth-Northern Goldfields Air Route Snapshot



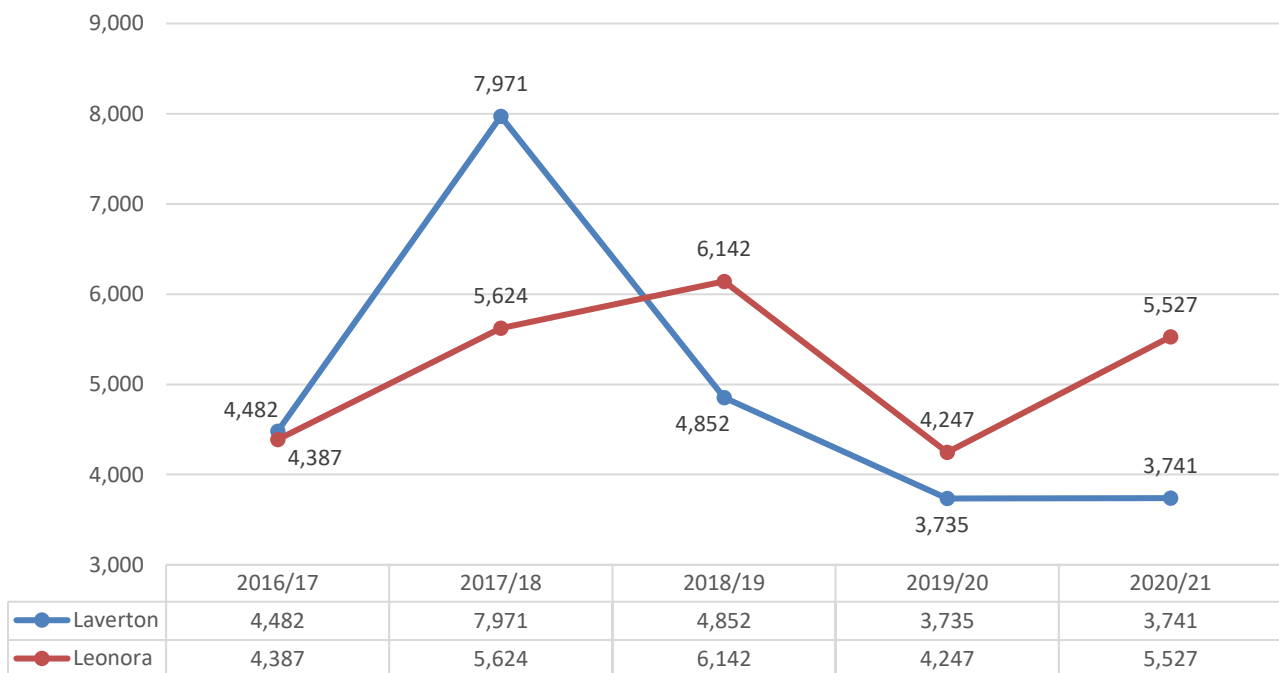
## Quick Facts

<b>Number of Services:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perth-Laverton-Leonora-Perth route:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– each town receives three return flights per week</li></ul></li><li>• Perth-Wiluna-Meekatharra-Mount Magnet-Perth route:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– each town receives three return flights per week</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Aircraft Used:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fairchild Metroliner (19 seats)</li><li>• Dash 8-100 (36 seats)</li><li>• Dash 8-300 (50 seats)</li></ul>
<b>Service Agreement:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The State Government has a five-year Deed of Agreement in place with Skippers to provide Regular Public Transport (RPT) air services between Perth and Laverton/Leonora and Meekatharra/Mount Magnet/Wiluna, until 30 June 2023.</li></ul>
<b>State Government's Role:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Under the Deed the Department of Transport (DoT) chairs two Aviation Community Consultation Group meetings in Leonora/Laverton and Meekatharra/Mount Magnet/Wiluna per year, where key stakeholders meet with DoT and Skippers to discuss airline performance, route initiatives and partnership arrangements in the interest of the air routes' long-term viability and to foster potential route growth.</li><li>• DoT engages with Skippers regularly in relation to any issues that may occur on the air routes.</li><li>• Under the Deed, Skippers is required to report monthly on key statistics such as passenger numbers, load factors, airfares and On Time Performance (OTP).</li></ul>

## Passenger Demand

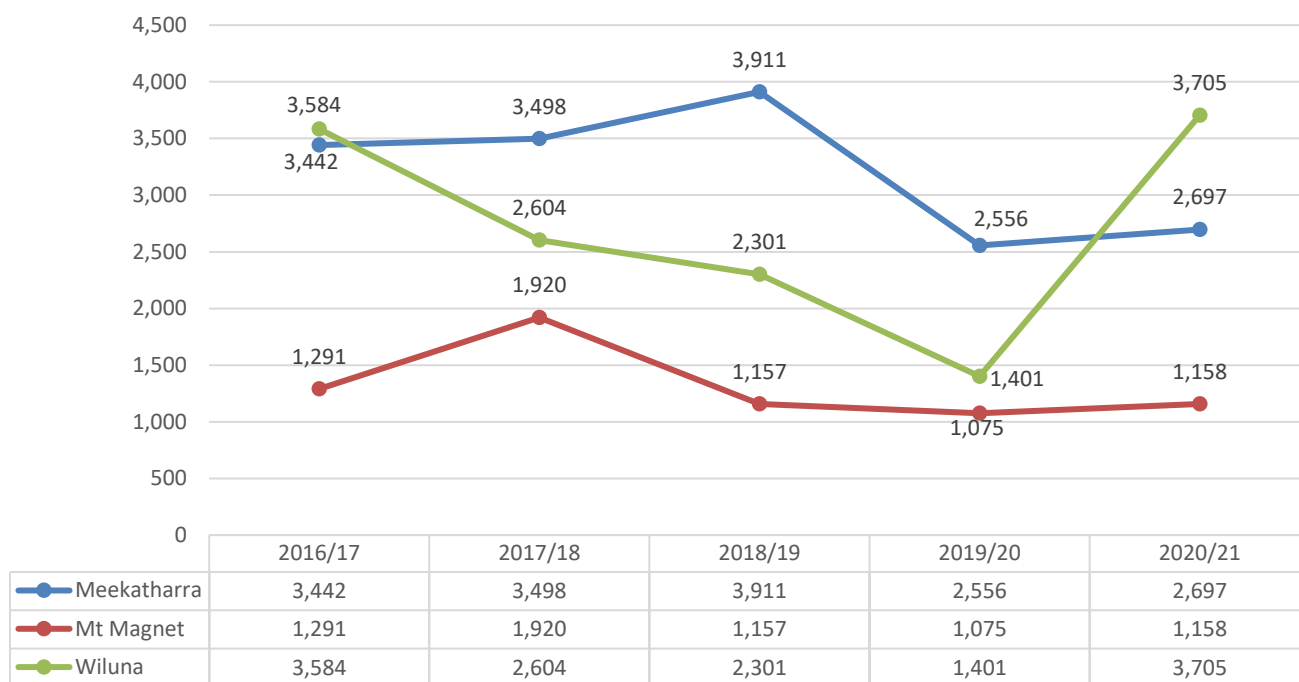
- The passenger demand from the resources sector in the region is met by a mix of closed charter and RPT air services.
- Current passenger demand for RPT air services operating on the Northern Goldfields routes for Laverton, Leonora, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Wiluna are enough for only one operator. Generally, demand of less than 100,000 passengers per year is unlikely to sustain two airline operators.
- **Graph 1** demonstrates the passenger demand for Laverton and Leonora over a five-year period from 2016/17 to 2020/21.
- The number of passenger movements between Perth and Laverton increased by 78% from 4,482 in 2016/17 to 7,971 in 2017/18 but then dropped by 53% to a low of 3,735 in 2019/20, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The number of passenger movements between Perth and Leonora increased by 40% from 4,387 in 2016/17 to 6,142 in 2018/19, but then dropped by 31% in 2019/20, due the COVID-19 pandemic. Demand is showing some recovery in 2020-21 with passenger numbers increasing to 5,527.

**Graph 1: Passenger Numbers Per Financial Year**  
Perth-Laverton-Leonora Air Route



- **Graph 2** demonstrates the passenger demand for Meekatharra, Mount Magnet and Wiluna over a five-year period from 2016/17 to 2020/21.
- The number of passenger movements between Perth and Meekatharra increased by 14% from 3,442 in 2016/17 to 3,911 in 2018/19 but then dropped by 35% to a low of 2,556 in 2019/20, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The number of passenger movements between Perth and Mount Magnet increased by 49% from 1,291 in 2016/17 to 1,920 in 2017/18, but then dropped by 44% in 2019/20, due the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The number of passenger movements between Perth and Wiluna decreased by 36% from 3,584 in 2016/17 to 2,301 in 2018/19, then dropped a further 39% in 2019/20, due the COVID-19 pandemic. Demand is showing significant recovery in 2020-21 with passenger numbers increasing 164% to 3,705.

**Graph 2: Passenger Numbers Per Financial Year**  
Perth-Meekatharra-Mount Magnet-Wiluna Air Route



## Air Service Performance

### On Time Performance (OTP)

When a flight departs/arrives within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, it is considered to be on time. This is an airline industry benchmark. The OTP of flights can be affected by controllable or uncontrollable circumstances causing the flight delays.

### Controllable Delays

Controllable delays are those circumstances that cause flight delays that are within the airline's control and the airline has capacity to rectify potential delays.

### Uncontrollable Delays

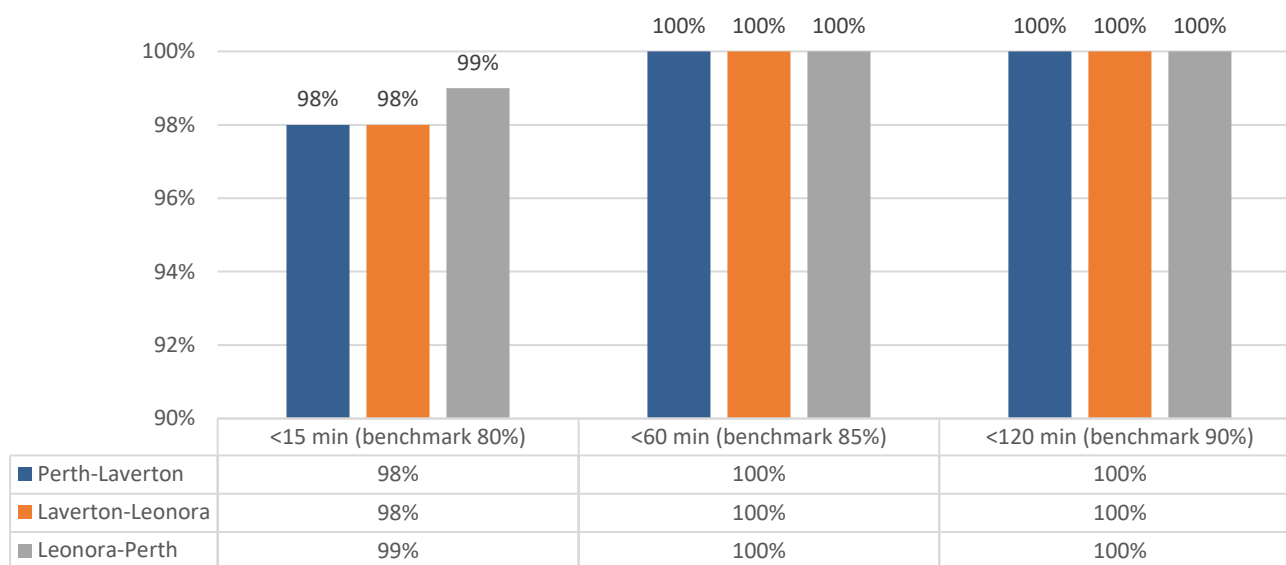
Uncontrollable delays are those circumstances that cause flight delays that are beyond the airline's control and capacity to rectify, such as bad weather conditions, airport congestion and air traffic control delays by third parties at airports.

## OTP Benchmarks

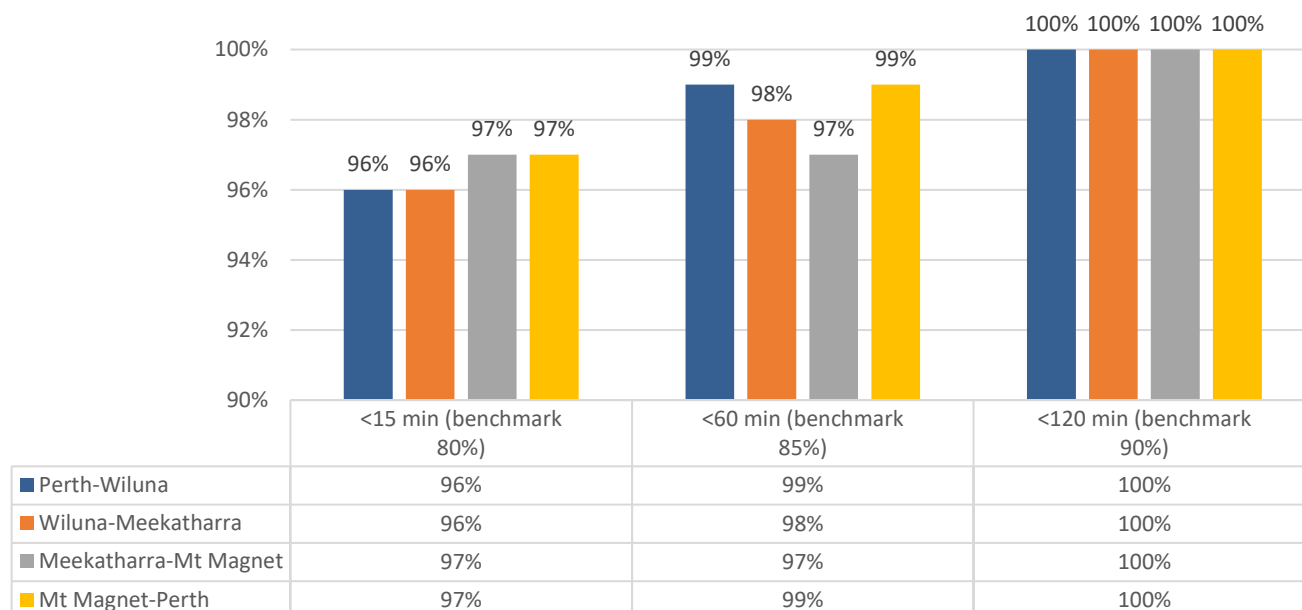
Under the deed of agreement with the State, Skippers is required to meet or exceed the following:

- 80% controllable OTP for aircraft departures and arrivals within 15 minutes of scheduled departure and arrival times;
- 85% controllable OTP for aircraft departures and arrivals within 60 minutes of scheduled departure and arrival times; and
- 90% controllable OTP for aircraft departures and arrivals within 120 minutes of scheduled departure and arrival times.

**Graph 3: Controllable On Time Performance**  
Perth-Laverton-Leonora  
12-months - November 2020 to October 2021



**Graph 4: Controllable On Time Performance**  
Perth-Wiluna-Meekatharra-Mount Magnet  
12-months - November 2020 to October 2021



## Airfares

### Maximum Fully-Flexible Airfares

From/to Perth	Maximum Fully Flexible Airfare (including fees and charges)
Laverton	\$484.00
Leonora	\$422.00
Meekatharra	\$408.00
Mount Magnet	\$327.00
Wiluna	\$463.00

### Maximum Airfare - fees and charges

Fees	Laverton	Leonora	Meekatharra	Mount Magnet	Wiluna
Regional Airport Tax	\$11.82	\$12.27	\$13.65	\$15.00	\$25.45
Perth Head Tax	\$6.54	\$6.54	\$6.54	\$6.54	\$6.54
Perth Terminal fee	\$19.20	\$19.20	\$19.20	\$19.20	\$19.20
GST	\$44.00	\$38.36	\$37.09	\$29.73	\$42.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$81.56</b>	<b>\$76.37</b>	<b>\$76.48</b>	<b>\$70.47</b>	<b>\$93.28</b>

### Skippers Community and Standby Airfares

The Community Airfare is available to local residents no less than 60 days prior to flight departure time and the Standby Airfare is available only 24 hours prior to flight departure time, subject to seat availability. Visit the Skippers website for fare conditions. To book passengers should contact Skippers reservations on 1300 729 924.

Fees	Laverton	Leonora	Meekatharra	Mount Magnet	Wiluna
Base Fare	\$192.44	\$168.35	\$172.43	\$165.62	\$164.26
Airport taxes and GST	\$60.56	\$58.65	\$60.57	\$61.38	\$72.74
<b>Total Fare</b>	<b>\$253.00</b>	<b>\$227.00</b>	<b>\$233.00</b>	<b>\$227.00</b>	<b>\$237.00</b>

### Landing fees charged to Skippers aircraft at each of the regional airports

Laverton	Leonora	Meekatharra	Mount Magnet	Wiluna
Brasilia - \$156	Brasilia - \$159	Not applicable for RPT air services	Brasilia - \$240	Brasilia - \$198
Dash100 - \$214	Dash100 - \$219		Dash100 - \$329	Dash100 - \$271
Dash300 - \$260	Dash300 - \$259		Dash300 - \$400	Dash300 - \$322

## Booking and Service Information

### Aircraft Upgrade Procedure

Passenger loads are monitored by Skippers Aviation in the lead up to the flight. If required, an aircraft can be upgraded up to 3 weeks before the flight. In addition, if passengers contact Skippers reservation line on 1300 729 924 they can be placed on a waitlist. If the number of people on the waitlist grows to a number where a larger aircraft would be viable for the airline, Skippers will then upgrade the aircraft depending on aircraft availability.

### Skipper's Cancelled/Delayed Flights Notification

If a Skippers aircraft is delayed or cancelled, Skippers announces the delay/cancellation within the airport terminal and calls any passengers who are not within the terminal. If the aircraft is delayed and passengers are within the terminal, light refreshments are offered to all passengers within the terminal. If the aircraft is significantly delayed exceeding 90 minutes, cancelled passengers have the option of a full refund. Customers can also phone Skippers Reservations on 1300 729 924 to check the status of a flight.

### Baggage Allowance

The Skippers baggage allowance on the air routes is:

- 15kg in total inclusive of checked hand luggage on the Perth-Northern Goldfields air routes.
- Excess baggage over the abovementioned allowances can be carried subject to:
  - the aircraft not exceeding the regulatory maximum take-off weight; and
  - payment of an excess baggage charge.

### Air Freight

Skippers carries air freight (excluding dangerous goods) on the RPT air service when capacity allows. The Perth-Northern Goldfields air services are passenger transport air services and priority is given to passengers and passenger baggage. All air freight is consigned with Skippers Aviation.

Skippers prioritises checked baggage and freight as follows:

- checked baggage within the checked baggage weight allowance;
- urgent medical freight;
- excess checked baggage; and
- non-urgent freight.

### Customer Service

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## Current Approved Schedules

**Perth-Laverton-Leonora Air Route:** Effective from 10 July 2020 - Current

MONDAY					TUESDAY					WEDNESDAY				
FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR
HK1931	0830	PER	LVO	1025	No Service					HK1930	0830	PER	LVO	1025
	1050	LVO	LNO	1125							1050	LVO	LNO	1125
	1200	LNO	PER	1350							1200	LNO	PER	1350
THURSDAY					FRIDAY					SATURDAY				
FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR
No Service					HK1932	1300	PER	LVO	1455	No Service				
						1520	LVO	LNO	1555					
						1630	LNO	PER	1820	SUNDAY				
										No service				

**Perth-Wiluna-Meekatharra-Mount Magnet Air Route:** Effective from 14 June 2021 - Current

MONDAY					TUESDAY					WEDNESDAY				
FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR
HK1935	0800	PER	WUN	0955	No Service					HK1935	0800	PER	WUN	0955
	1020	WUN	MKR	1100							1020	WUN	MKR	1100
	1135	MKR	MMG	1210							1135	MKR	MMG	1210
	1235	MMG	PER	1400							1235	MMG	PER	1400
THURSDAY					FRIDAY					SATURDAY				
FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR	FLT	DEP	FROM	TO	ARR
No Service					HK1934	1100	PER	WUN	1255	No Service				
						1320	WUN	MKR	1400					
						1435	MKR	MMG	1510	SUNDAY				
						1535	MMG	PER	1700	No Service				