AVIATION & AIRPORT OVERVIEW

April 2025

This overview provides a summary of information about Aviation & Airport services, including information on the workforce, training, qualifications, businesses and the economy.

Aviation & Airport services means the businesses and people that operate airports (whether a major international or local airfield) as well as the services to enable the movement of goods and people in, around, and out of the country – such as terminals, runways, air traffic control, aerospace, baggage handling, flight attending, pilot flight training and aircraft engineering.

Key information about this overview

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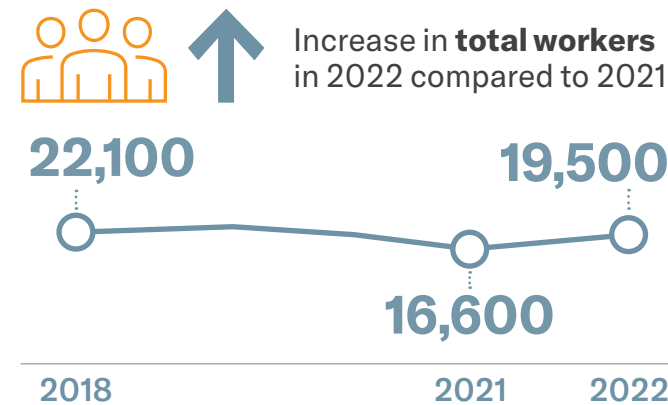
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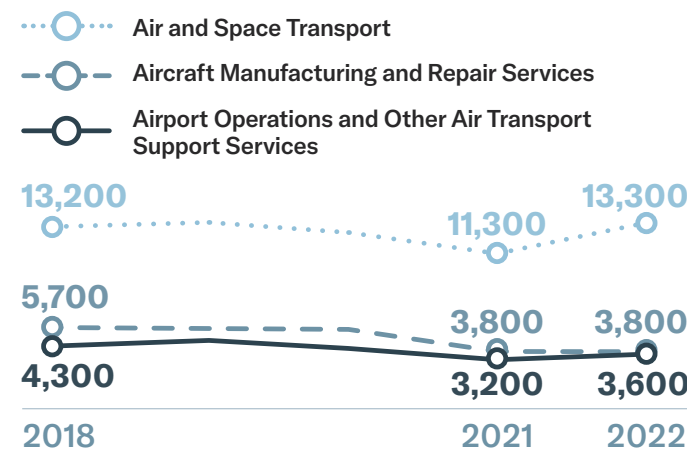
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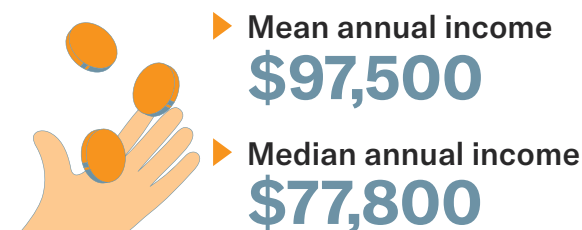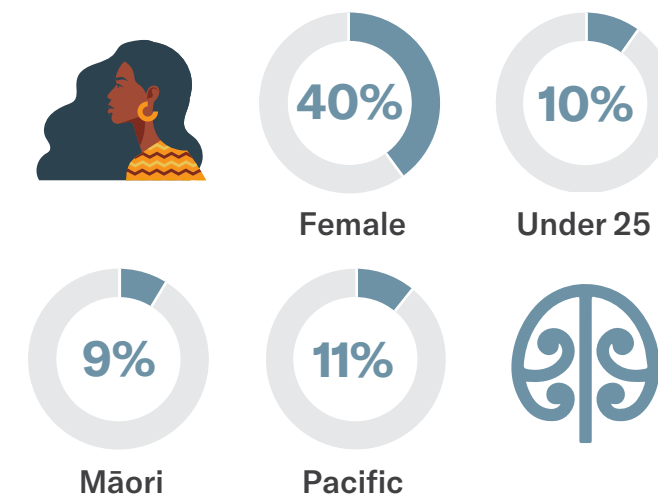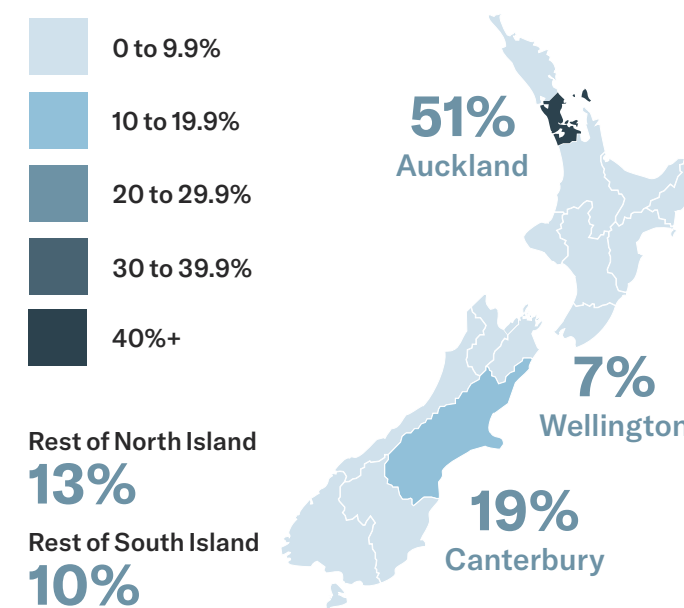
Our Workforce

Increase in **total workers** in 2022 compared to 2021

2018	2021	2022
22,100	16,600	19,500

Workforce by selected industries

- ···○··· Air and Space Transport
- --○-- Aircraft Manufacturing and Repair Services
- —○— Airport Operations and Other Air Transport Support Services

	2018	2021	2022
Air and Space Transport	13,200	11,300	13,300
Aircraft Manufacturing and Repair Services	5,700	3,800	3,800
Airport Operations and Other Air Transport Support Services	4,300	3,200	3,600

Income (2022)

Mean annual income **$97,500**

Median annual income **$77,800**

Workforce demographics (2022)

- **40%** Female
- **10%** Under 25
- **9%** Māori
- **11%** Pacific

Regional distribution (2022)

- 0 to 9.9%
- 10 to 19.9%
- 20 to 29.9%
- 30 to 39.9%
- 40%+

51% Auckland
7% Wellington
19% Canterbury
Rest of North Island **13%**
Rest of South Island **10%**
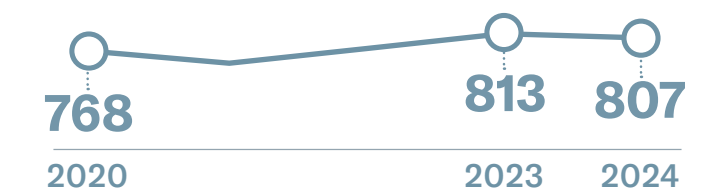
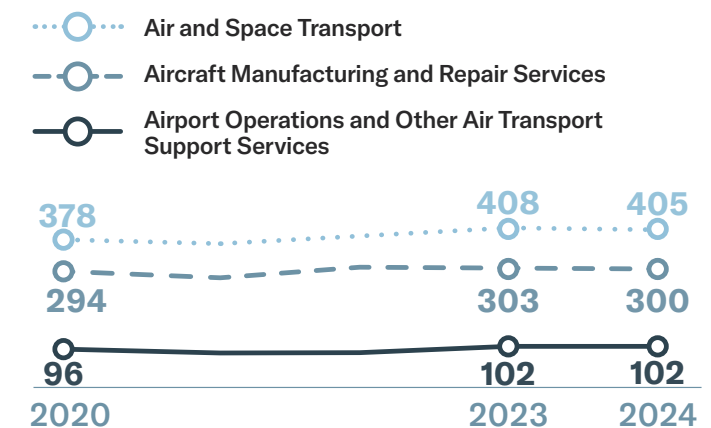## Business and Economy

Contribution to GDP in 2023 **$2.7 billion** — **0.8%** Of total NZ GDP

No change of **total businesses** between February 2023 and February 2024

2020	2023	2024
768	813	807

Businesses by selected industries

- ···○··· Air and Space Transport
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	2020	2023	2024
Air and Space Transport	378	408	405
Aircraft Manufacturing and Repair Services	294	303	300
Airport Operations and Other Air Transport Support Services	96	102	102

Decrease in **total self-employed workers** in 2022 compared to 2021

2018	2021	2022
700	680	650

Training and Qualifications
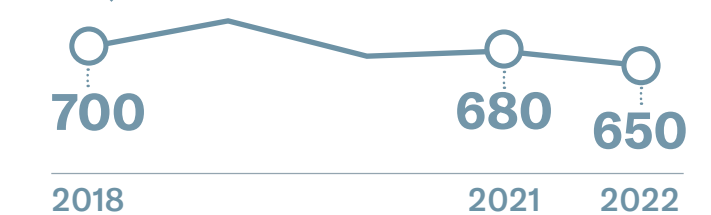
— ○ — Enrolments   — ○ — Completions

In 2023 compared to 2022

↑ Total enrolments   ↑ Total completions

	2019	2022	2023
Enrolments	3,295	2,080	2,325
Completions	1,310	810	1,085
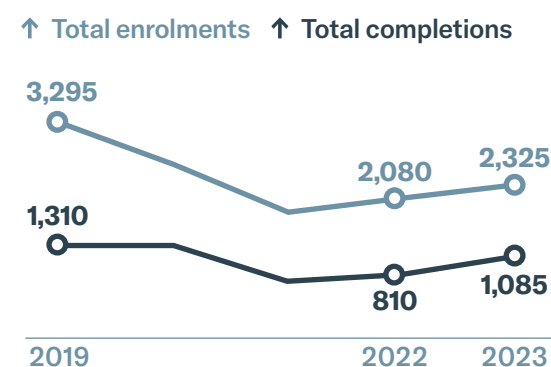
Selected subject breakdowns

▽ Engineering

	2019		2023
Enrolments	795	830	820
Completions	265	310	295

▽ Flight Operations

	2019		2023
Enrolments	1,495	785	1,060
Completions	660	295	535

▽ Ground Operations

	2019		2023
Enrolments	1,005	465	445
Completions	385	205	255