

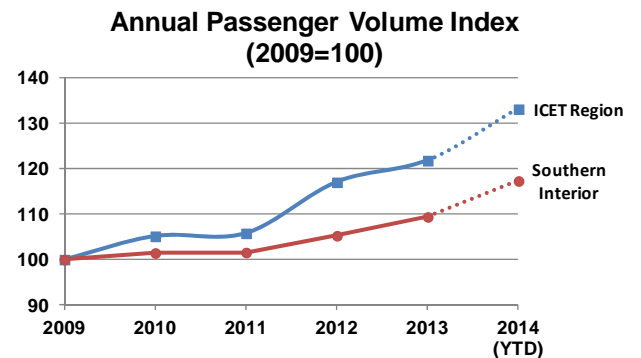
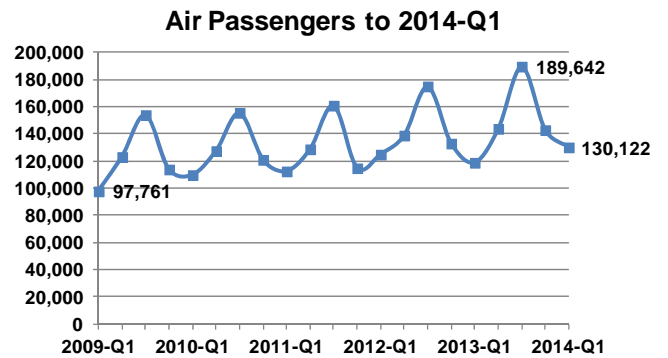
## Air Passengers (Updated June 2014)

Air passenger counts at three representative airports in the ICET region (Nanaimo, Comox Valley and Campbell River) have a strong season pattern but are clearly trending higher over time.

The 130,000 passengers in the first quarter of 2014 is an increase of 9.5% over the first quarter of last year. The total of 606,000 passengers in the last 12 months (from April 2013 to March 2014) is an increase of 7.2% over the previous year.

In both cases the ICET region is showing stronger growth than a comparable sample of airports from the Southern Interior region. The second chart to the right shows how passenger volumes have changed in each region since 2009.

Total passenger volumes were 22% higher in the ICET region in 2013 compared to 2009 but only 9% higher at the Southern Interior airports.



### Air Passengers for Representative Sample of Regional Airports

Region	Passenger Volumes at Representative Airports*					Change, 2013-Q1 to 2014-Q1	12-Month Passenger Volumes		
	2013-Q1	2013-Q2	2013-Q3	2013-Q4	2014-Q1		Previous 12 Months	Latest 12 Months	Change
ICET Region	118,789	143,750	189,642	142,842	130,122	9.5%	565,598	606,356	7.2%
Southern Interior	488,911	450,308	509,334	493,087	531,403	8.7%	1,869,799	1,984,132	6.1%

\*Representative airports for the ICET region are Campbell River, Comox Valley and Nanaimo. For the Southern Interior, they are Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton and Castlegar. These are chosen because they are regularly tracked and reported by Destination BC. Data for a representative sample of Northern BC airports is not reported in a consistent fashion and therefore not included at this time.

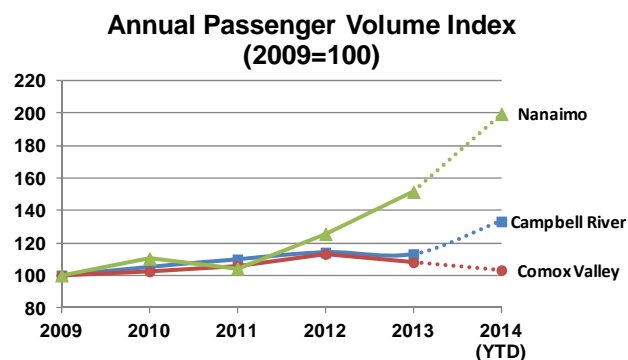
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The trends are somewhat different for the three representative airports within the ICET region. The Comox Valley Airport underwent major capital improvements in the early 2000s and subsequently had tremendous growth in passenger volumes, including the solidifying and expansion of WestJet service to Alberta. More recent trends are slightly negative, with first-quarter passenger volumes in 2014 running 6% lower than the first quarter last year. Total passenger volume over the last 12 months is 4% lower than the previous 12-month period.

Major capital improvements have occurred more recently at the Nanaimo Airport, as evidenced by the 36% year-over-year increase in the first quarter and the 27.5% increase in the last 12 months. This also includes expanded WestJet service and the addition of Seattle as a destination.

Volumes at the Campbell River Airport are also trending higher as it too has undergone recent, more modest improvements. Both the Nanaimo and Campbell River Airports have received ICET funding in support of their capital projects.

### Air Passengers for Representative ICET Region Airports



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	2013-Q1	2013-Q2	2013-Q3	2013-Q4	2014-Q1		Previous 12 Months	Latest 12 Months	Change
Comox Valley	67,272	78,188	97,984	69,742	62,968	-6.4%	320,742	308,882	-3.7%
Nanaimo	40,094	51,623	73,587	59,947	54,676	36.4%	188,076	239,833	27.5%
Campbell River	11,423	13,939	18,071	13,153	12,478	9.2%	56,780	57,641	1.5%
<b>ICET Region Total</b>	<b>118,789</b>	<b>143,750</b>	<b>189,642</b>	<b>142,842</b>	<b>130,122</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>565,598</b>	<b>606,356</b>	<b>7.2%</b>

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