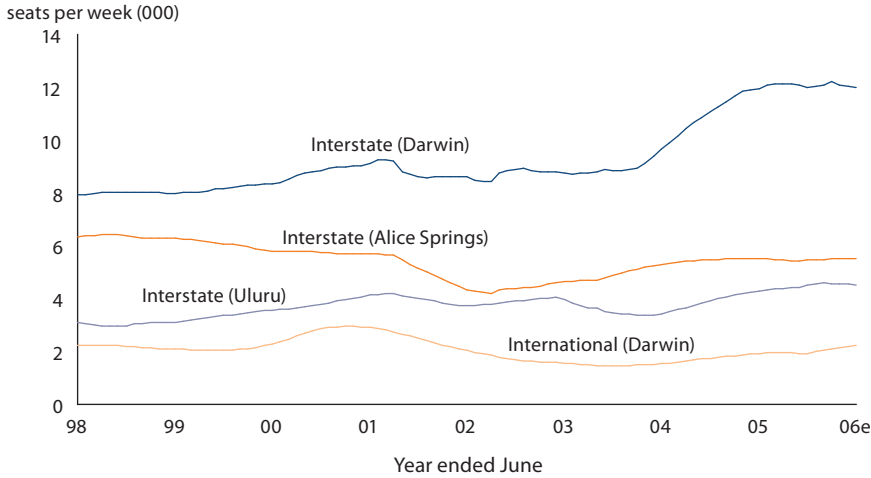




Tourism

- Tourism is an important part of the Territory economy, creating demand and generating employment in a range of different industries, including hospitality, retail trade, transport and construction.
- In 2004-05, the tourism industry accounted for 7.4 per cent of gross state product, and is a major employer in the Territory.
- The tourism industry, both nationally and in the Territory, experienced a number of setbacks in recent years, including the global economic slowdown in 2001, terrorist attacks in New York, London, Madrid and Bali, the collapse of Ansett and the SARS outbreak.
- In 2004-05, the tourism industry in the Territory showed signs of recovery, with visitor numbers increasing by 8.4 per cent.
- Tourism-related investment has also been increasing, with a number of projects currently under way or scheduled to start in 2006. These include projects to develop additional tourist accommodation and the Darwin Waterfront Development project.
- The outlook for tourism in the Northern Territory is broadly positive. Nationally, continued low unemployment and solid wages growth should support further growth in both intra-Territory and interstate visitor numbers.

Territory Airline Capacity



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Note: Cairns-Gove and Cairns-Groote Eylandt services are not included. The Cairns-Gove service has a capacity of 805 seats per week; the Cairns-Groote Eylandt service ceased in 2003.

Source: Department of Planning and Infrastructure