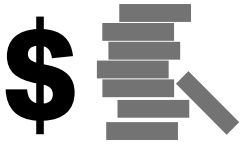
THE VALUE OF AVIATION ANGOLA

The economic impact of aviation in Angola

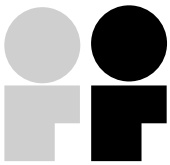
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 1.8% of Angola's GDP and 1.1% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Angola.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Angola in 2025



2.2
USD billion

1.8%
of GDP



175.5
thousand jobs

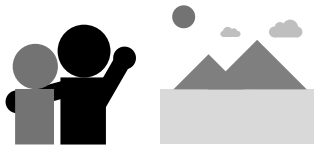
1.1%
of employment

Included economic impacts:
***Direct** – within aviation sector, **Indirect** – aviation supply chain,*
Induced** – employee spending, **International tourists arriving by air

Breakdown of GDP and employment created







Airlines	Airports, ANSPs, civil manufacturing	International tourists arriving by air
USD 1.6 billion	USD 629.2 million	USD 22.1 million
84.4 thousand jobs	88.3 thousand jobs	2.9 thousand jobs

Source: Air Transport Action Group, 2026. Aviation Benefits Beyond Borders report based on data from Oxford Economics.
Note: Economic impacts are calculated using Oxford Economics' Aviation: Benefits Beyond Borders methodology with inputs sourced from publicly available statistics and recognized industry datasets wherever possible, with modelling-based estimates applied where direct data are not available. Estimates do not include domestic tourism spending, nor the wider catalytic benefits of aviation on trade, investment, productivity gains, and enhanced connectivity, among others.
Note: Average 2025 exchange rate: USD 1 = AOA 911.99

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 1.1 million air passengers departed from Angola in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Angola the 129th largest air passenger market globally.

Air travel from Angola in 2025, Origin-Destination (O-D)

1.1
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

-17.5%
10-year growth

-1.9%
year-on-year growth

RANK

129th
Global
▼ 6 since 2015

19th
in Africa
▼ 6 since 2015

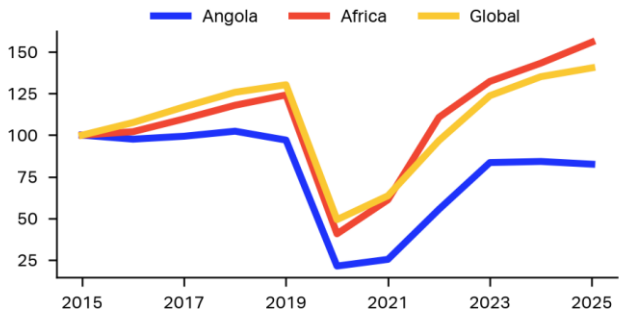
SHARE

0.03%
of global departures

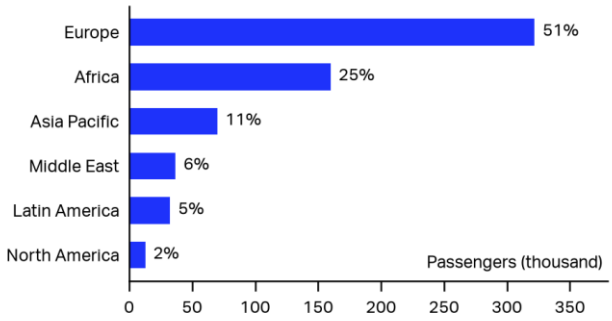
0.9%
of African departures

International: 633.7 thousand passenger departures, -24.2% 10Y growth, 1.7% YoY growth
Domestic: 492.3 thousand passenger departures, -6.7% 10Y growth, -6.2% YoY growth, % share of total market: 43.7%

Total passenger departures, O-D, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



International passenger departures by destination region, O-D, 2025



Top air travel markets Inbound & outbound	Top origin cities Inbound	Top destination cities Outbound
1. Portugal	1. Lisbon	1. Lisbon
2. South Africa	2. Johannesburg	2. Porto
3. China	3. Sao Paulo	3. Dubai
4. Brazil	4. Cape Town	4. Addis Ababa
5. United Arab Emirates	5. Porto	5. Cape Town

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Angola, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Angola and other markets in 2025. Top outbound and inbound cities are based on round-trip passenger journeys.
IATA DDS data are derived from ticketing and sales transactions using IATA methodologies and estimates; therefore, results may not exactly match officially reported traffic statistics.

Air transport directly connects Angola to 21 different countries

In 2025, there were 14 airports and 13 operating airlines in Angola, providing a total of 86 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Angola, connecting to 21 countries with about 15 daily international departures.

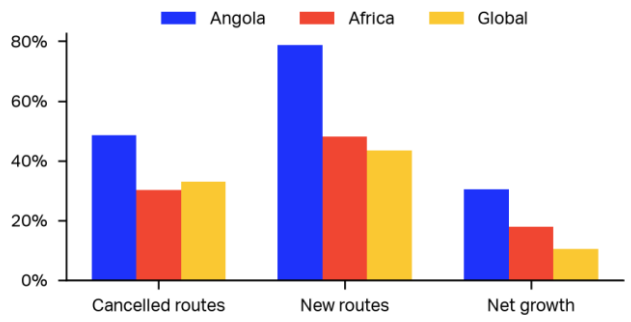
Air Connectivity in Angola

14
Airports in 2025
13 in 2015

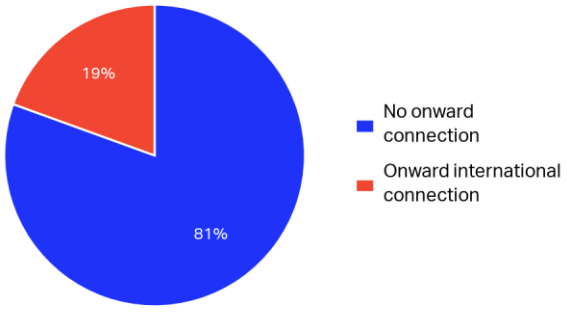
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Airlines in 2025
16 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	86	21	15
	Global rank	93rd	105th	150th
	Africa rank	11th	18th	28th
2015	Total	66	27	15
	Global rank	102nd	75th	144th
	Africa rank	14th	12th	25th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

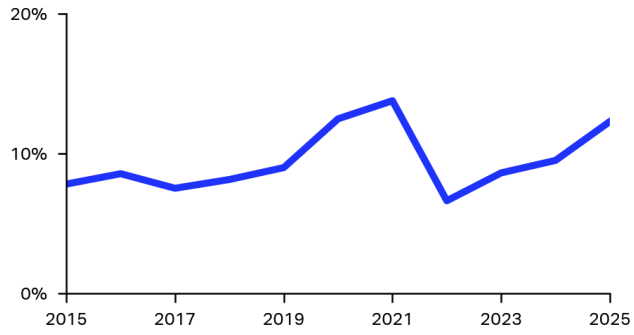


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Angola. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Angola timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.2% of Angola's traded goods by weight, it carried 12.3% of their total value.
Angola's airports handled around 32.8 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Angola as the world's 96th largest air cargo handler market and the 15th largest in Africa.

Angolan air cargo, value, % of total, 2015-2025



Angolan air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.2%
of trade by weight

12.3%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Angola, 2025

32.8
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

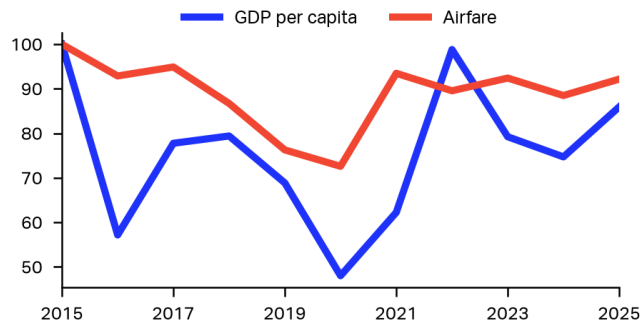
96th
Globally
15th in Africa

Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Angola's trade by air includes imports and exports. It is based on a sample of 50 countries that report their trade by means of transport in 2025, which represents around 40% of the total global goods trade.

International air travel from Angola has become less affordable over the past decade

Angola's nominal GDP per capita decreased by 14.1%, while the average nominal air fare for an international ticket from Angola decreased by 7.8%, over the past decade. Therefore, international air travel has become more affordable for local residents over this time period.

Nominal GDP per capita & average international fare, Angola, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



Source: IATA DDS, World Bank. Nominal GDP per capita and fare developments measured in USD terms.