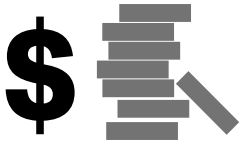
THE VALUE OF AVIATION ARGENTINA

The economic impact of aviation in Argentina

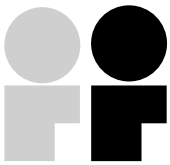
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 1.7% of Argentina's GDP and 0.9% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Argentina.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Argentina in 2025



11.7
USD billion

1.7%
of GDP



191
thousand jobs

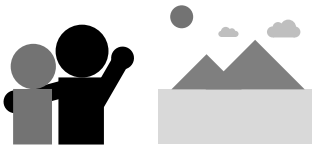
0.9%
of employment

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 4.7 billion	USD 4.9 billion	USD 2.1 billion
66.4 thousand jobs	69.9 thousand jobs	54.7 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 = ARS 1,243.71

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 23.8 million air passengers departed from Argentina in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Argentina the 33rd largest air passenger market globally.

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

23.8
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

49.3%
10-year growth

12.0%
year-on-year growth

RANK

33rd
Global
No change since 2015

3rd
in South America
No change since 2015

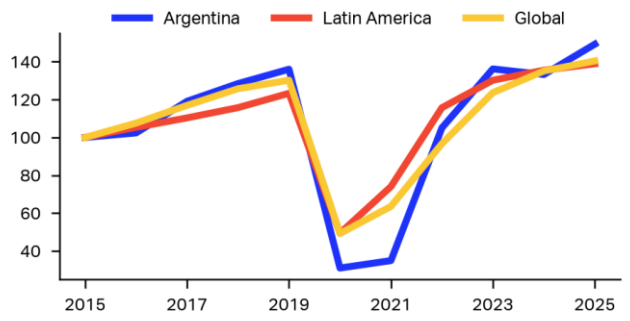
SHARE

0.6%
of global departures

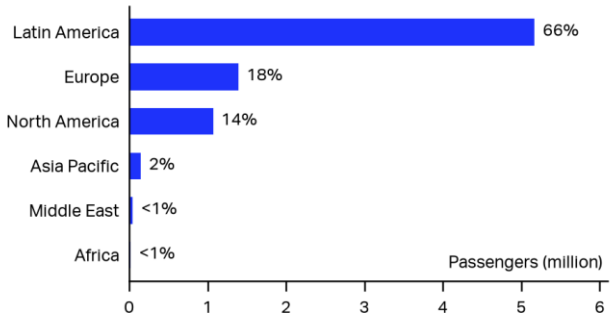
11.0%
of South American departures

International: 7.9 million passenger departures, 38.9% 10Y growth, 15.6% YoY growth
Domestic: 15.9 million passenger departures, 55.0% 10Y growth, 10.4% YoY growth, % share of total market: 67.0%

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. Brazil	1. Sao Paulo	1. Rio de Janeiro
2. United States	2. Santiago	2. Miami
3. Chile	3. Madrid	3. Punta Cana
4. Spain	4. Lima	4. Madrid
5. Dominican Republic	5. Rio de Janeiro	5. Santiago

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Argentina, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Argentina 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 Argentina to 26 different countries

In 2025, there were 40 airports and 31 operating airlines in Argentina, providing a total of 316 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Argentina, connecting to 26 countries with about 113 daily international departures.

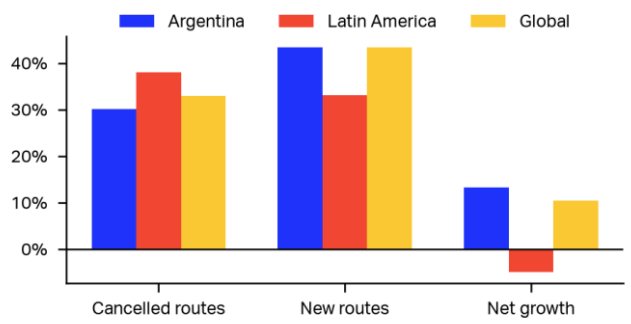
Air Connectivity in Argentina

40
Airports in 2025
42 in 2015

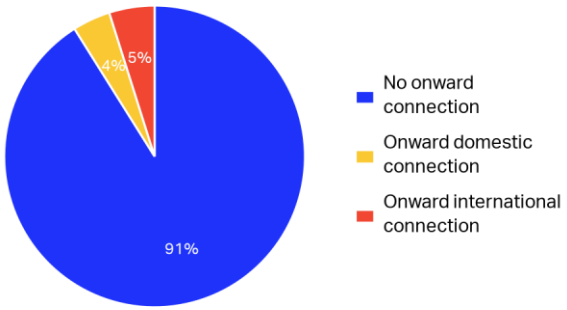
31
Airlines in 2025
35 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	316	26	113
	Global rank	39th	88th	56th
	S-America rank	3rd	3rd	3rd
2015	Total	279	27	113
	Global rank	36th	75th	52nd
	S-America rank	3rd	2nd	3rd

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

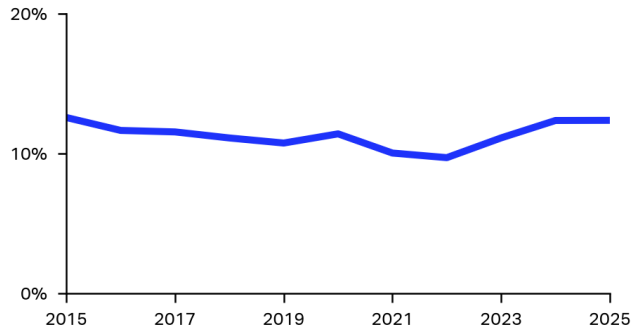


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Argentina. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Argentina timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.2% of Argentina's traded goods by weight, it carried 12.4% of their total value.
Argentina's airports handled around 208.8 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Argentina as the world's 55th largest air cargo handler market and the 6th largest in South America.

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



Argentine air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.2%
of trade by weight

12.4%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Argentina, 2025

208.8
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

55th
Globally
6th in S-America

Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Argentina'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 Argentina has become more affordable over the past decade

Argentina's nominal GDP per capita increased by 8.9%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Argentina decreased by 12.3%, over the past decade. Therefore, international air travel has become more affordable for local residents over this time period.

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