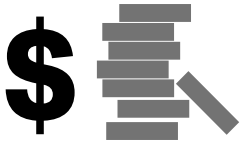
# THE VALUE OF AVIATION BRUNEI

## The economic impact of aviation in Brunei

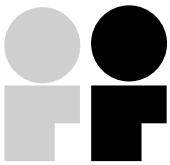
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 3.9% of Brunei's GDP and 3.0% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Brunei.

### GDP and employment created by aviation in Brunei in 2025



**592.4**
USD million

**3.9%**
of GDP



**7.1**
thousand jobs

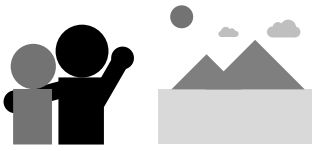
**3.0%**
of employment

*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 293.4 million | USD 148.3 million | USD 150.8 million |
| 3.2 thousand jobs | 1.6 thousand jobs | 2.4 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 = BND 1.31

# Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 486.6 thousand air passengers departed from Brunei in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Brunei the 162nd largest air passenger market globally.

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

**486.6**
thousand
passenger departures

**GROWTH**

**-6.7%**
10-year growth

**6.2%**
year-on-year growth

**RANK**

**162nd**
Global
No change since 2015

**29th**
in Asia
No change since 2015

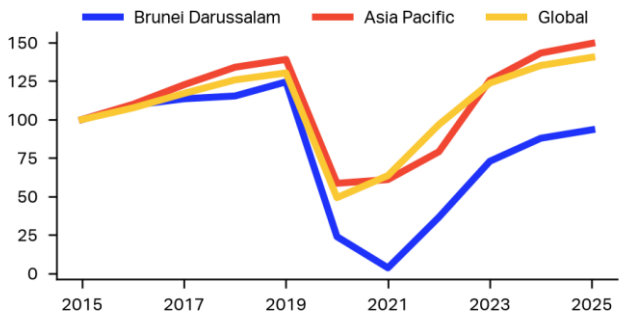
**SHARE**

**0.01%**
of global departures

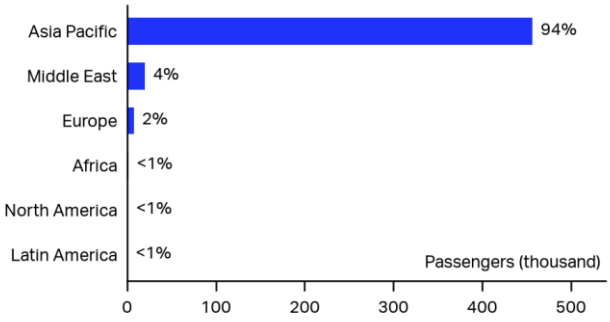
**0.03%**
of Asian departures

International: 486.6 thousand passenger departures, -6.7% 10Y growth, 6.2% YoY growth

### 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

1. Malaysia
2. Singapore
3. Indonesia
4. Philippines
5. Thailand

**Top origin cities**
Inbound

1. Kuala Lumpur
2. Singapore
3. Jakarta
4. Kota Kinabalu
5. Taipei

**Top destination cities**
Outbound

1. Singapore
2. Kuala Lumpur
3. Jeddah
4. Manila
5. Bangkok

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Brunei, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Brunei 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 Brunei to 16 different countries

In 2025, there were 1 airports and 5 operating airlines in Brunei, providing a total of 22 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Brunei, connecting to 16 countries with about 15 daily international departures.

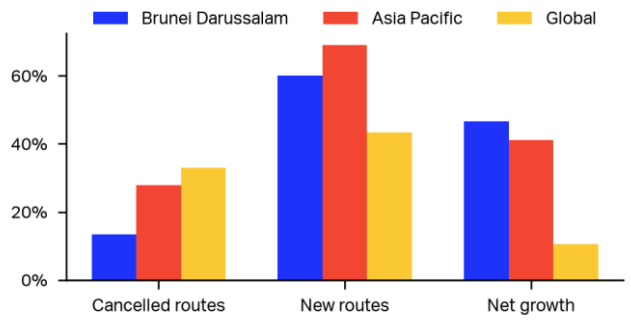
## Air Connectivity in Brunei

**1**
**Airports in 2025**
1 in 2015

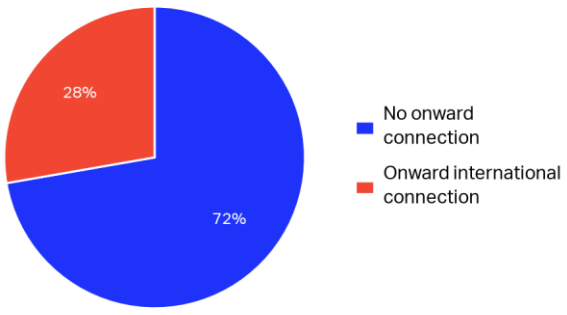
**5**
**Airlines in 2025**
5 in 2015

| | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Available routes | Connected countries | Daily int. departures |
| 2025 | Total | 22 | 16 | 15 |
| | Global rank | 164th | 121st | 149th |
| | Asia rank | 29th | 22nd | 27th |
| 2015 | Total | 15 | 12 | 18 |
| | Global rank | 177th | 141st | 139th |
| | Asia rank | 29th | 24th | 26th |

### Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015




### Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

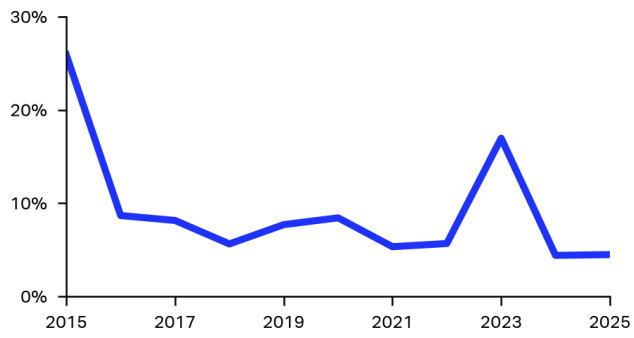



Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Brunei. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

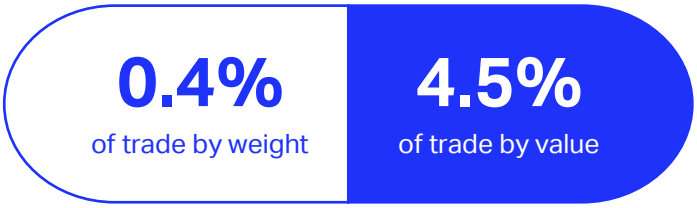
## Air Cargo provides Brunei timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.4% of Brunei's traded goods by weight, it carried 4.5% of their total value.
Brunei's airports handled around  tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Brunei as the world's  largest air cargo handler market and the  largest in Asia.

**Bruneian air cargo, value, % of total, 2015-2025**




**Bruneian air cargo, share of trade, 2025**




**Air cargo handled in Brunei, 2025**

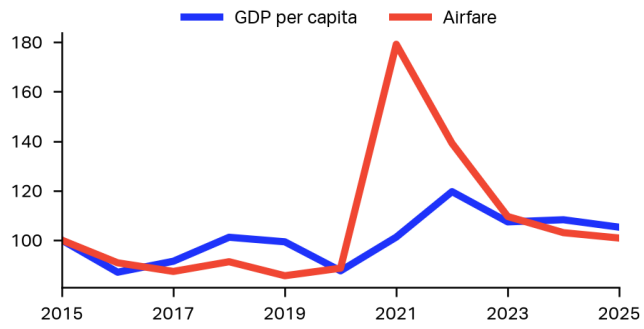



Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Brunei's trade by air includes imports and exports. It is based on a sample of 50 countries that report their trade by means of transport in 2025, which represents around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

## International air travel from Brunei has become more affordable over the past decade

Brunei's nominal GDP per capita increased by 5.3%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Brunei increased by 0.9%, 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, Brunei, 2015-2025, index 2015=100**




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