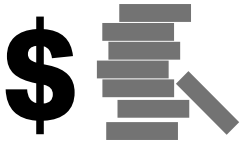
THE VALUE OF AVIATION CAMBODIA

The economic impact of aviation in Cambodia

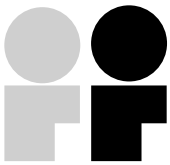
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 6.9% of Cambodia's GDP and 9.6% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Cambodia.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Cambodia in 2025



3.5
USD billion

6.9%
of GDP



999.4
thousand jobs

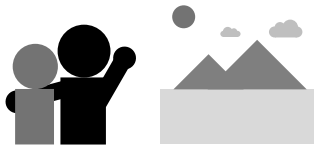
9.6%
of employment

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 589.1 million	USD 199.8 million	USD 2.7 billion
62.7 thousand jobs	45.6 thousand jobs	891.1 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 = KHR 4,013.43

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 4 million air passengers departed from Cambodia in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Cambodia the 79th largest air passenger market globally.

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

4
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

15.4%
10-year growth

18.0%
year-on-year growth

RANK

79th
Global
▼ 3 since 2015

20th
in Asia
▼ 3 since 2015

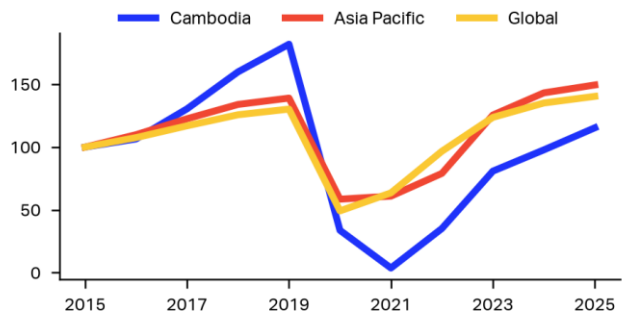
SHARE

0.1%
of global departures

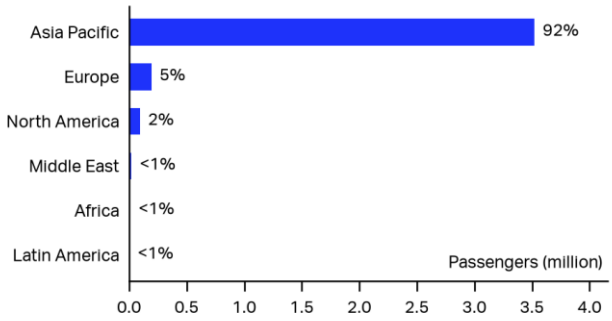
0.3%
of Asian departures

International: 3.8 million passenger departures, 30.4% 10Y growth, 19.8% YoY growth
Domestic: 202.4 thousand passenger departures, -63.8% 10Y growth, -8.0% YoY growth, % share of total market: 5.0%

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. China	1. Seoul	1. Bangkok
2. Thailand	2. Kuala Lumpur	2. Singapore
3. Viet Nam	3. Bangkok	3. Guangzhou
4. Malaysia	4. Ho Chi Minh City	4. Kuala Lumpur
5. Singapore	5. Singapore	5. Ho Chi Minh City

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Cambodia, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Cambodia 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 Cambodia to 19 different countries

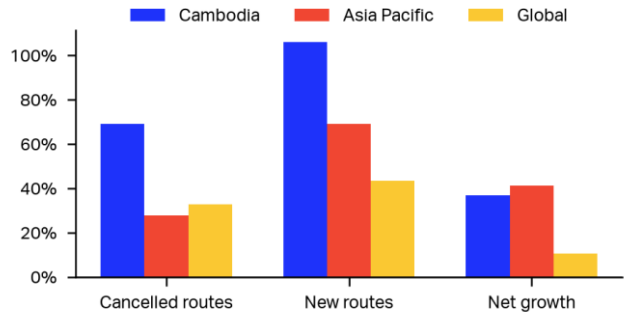
In 2025, there were 4 airports and 31 operating airlines in Cambodia, providing a total of 89 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Cambodia, connecting to 19 countries with about 55 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Cambodia

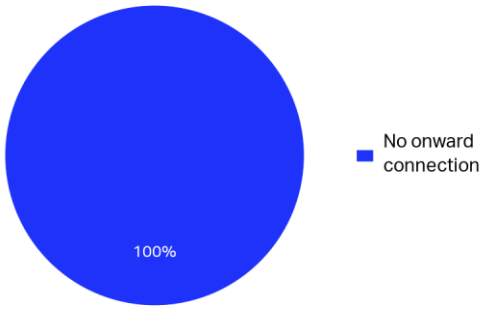


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	89	19	55
	Global rank	91st	112th	90th
	Asia rank	18th	19th	19th
2015	Total	65	13	70
	Global rank	104th	134th	74th
	Asia rank	20th	20th	16th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

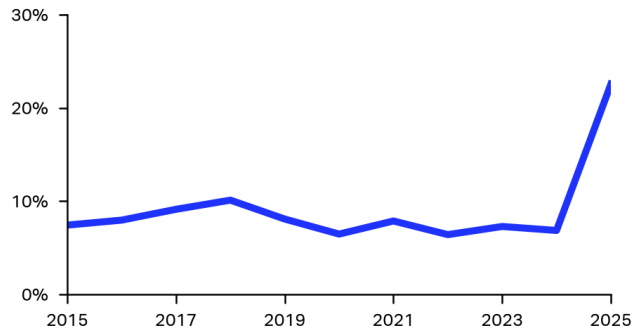


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Cambodia. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Cambodia timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 51.4% of Cambodia's traded goods by weight, it carried 22.5% of their total value.
Cambodia's airports handled around 92.3 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Cambodia as the world's 70th largest air cargo handler market and the 19th largest in Asia.

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



Cambodian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

51.4%
of trade by weight

22.5%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Cambodia, 2025

92.3
thousand tonnes air cargo handled

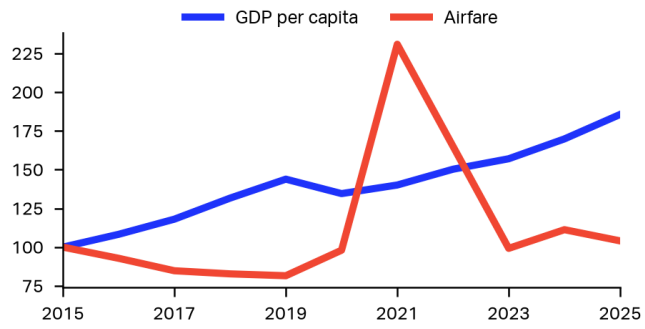
70th
Globally
19th in Asia

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

Cambodia's nominal GDP per capita increased by 85.6%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Cambodia increased by 4.0%, 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, Cambodia, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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