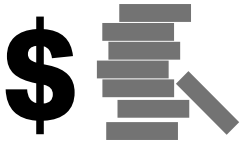
THE VALUE OF AVIATION CZECHIA

The economic impact of aviation in Czechia

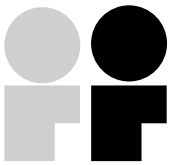
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 2.4% of Czechia's GDP and 2.4% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Czechia.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Czechia in 2025



9.2
USD billion

2.4%
of GDP



135.3
thousand jobs

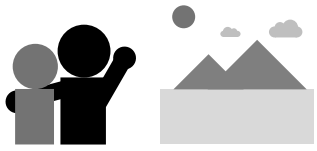
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Included economic impacts:
***Direct** – within aviation sector, **Indirect** – aviation supply chain,*
Induced** – employee spending, **International tourists arriving by air

Breakdown of GDP and employment created







Airlines	Airports, ANSPs, civil manufacturing	International tourists arriving by air
USD 1.5 billion	USD 6.2 billion	USD 1.5 billion
18.8 thousand jobs	87.3 thousand jobs	29.3 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 = CZK 21.92

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 9.3 million air passengers departed from Czechia in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Czechia the 54th largest air passenger market globally.

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

9.3
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

59.2%
10-year growth

6.2%
year-on-year growth

RANK

54th
Global
▼ 1 since 2015

22nd
in Europe
▼ 1 since 2015

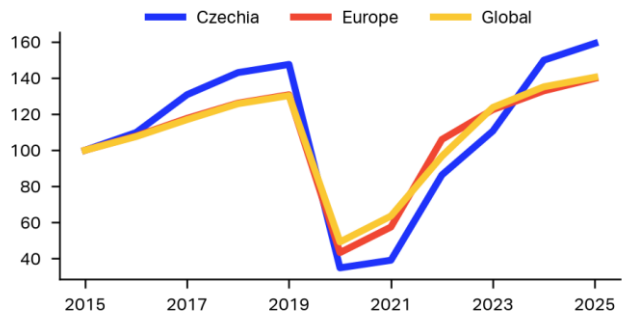
SHARE

0.2%
of global departures

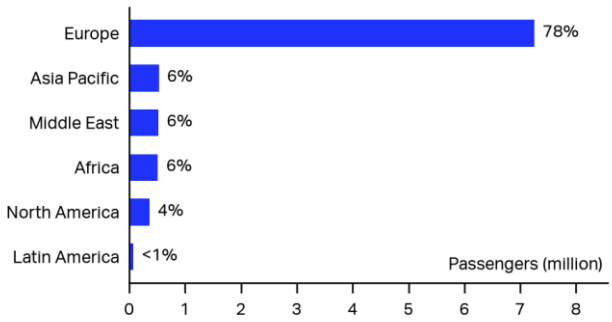
0.8%
of European departures

International: 9.3 million passenger departures, 59.6% 10Y growth, 6.3% 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. United Kingdom
2. Italy
3. Spain
4. Greece
5. France

Top origin cities
Inbound

1. London
2. Tel Aviv-Yafo
3. Paris
4. Amsterdam
5. Madrid

Top destination cities
Outbound

1. London
2. Marsa Alam
3. Hurghada
4. Paris
5. Dubai

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Czechia, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Czechia 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 Czechia to 63 different countries

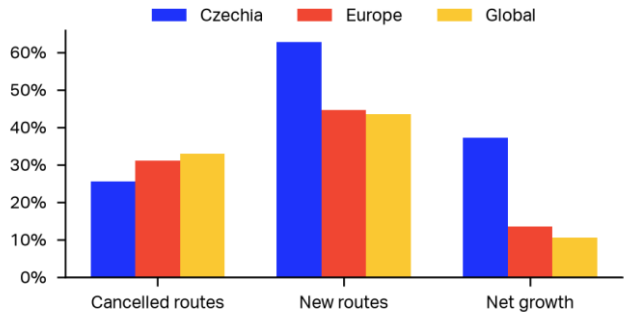
In 2025, there were 6 airports and 80 operating airlines in Czechia, providing a total of 258 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Czechia, connecting to 63 countries with about 162 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Czechia

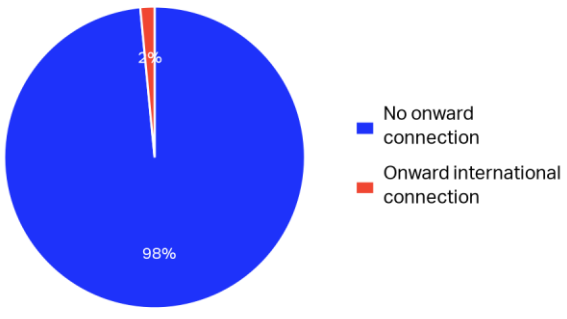


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	258	63	162
	Global rank	45th	24th	46th
	Europe rank	21st	13th	21st
2015	Total	188	44	144
	Global rank	53rd	34th	43rd
	Europe rank	23rd	17th	20th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

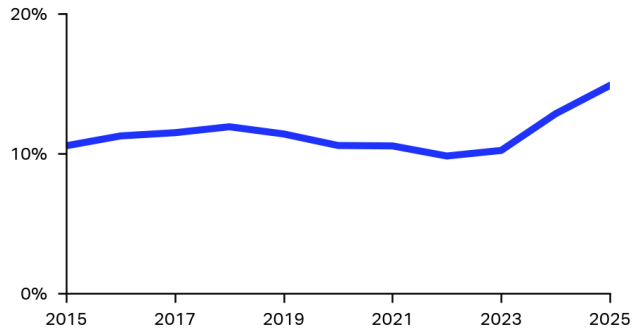


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Czechia. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Czechia timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 1.0% of Czechia's traded goods by weight, it carried 14.8% of their total value.
Czechia's airports handled around 127 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Czechia as the world's 64th largest air cargo handler market and the 22nd largest in Europe.

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



Czech air cargo, share of trade, 2025

1.0%
of trade by weight

14.8%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Czechia, 2025

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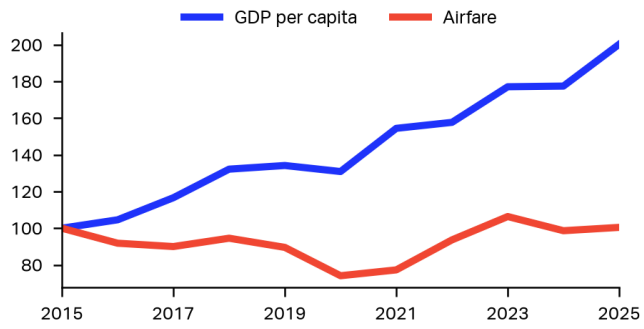
64th
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Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Czechia's trade by air includes imports and exportswith non-EU countries. It is based on the country's self reported customs data.

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

Czechia's nominal GDP per capita increased by 100.3%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Czechia increased by 0.5%, 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, Czechia, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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