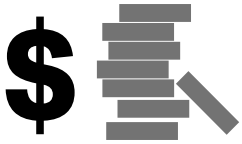
THE VALUE OF AVIATION DENMARK

The economic impact of aviation in Denmark

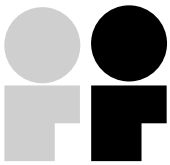
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 5.0% of Denmark's GDP and 4.5% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Denmark.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Denmark in 2025



23.1
USD billion

5.0%
of GDP



149.4
thousand jobs

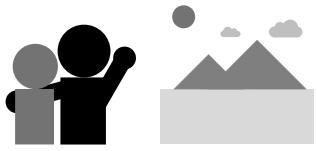
4.5%
of employment

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 3.8 billion	USD 12.4 billion	USD 6.9 billion
20.5 thousand jobs	79.3 thousand jobs	49.7 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 = DKK 6.62

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 14.8 million air passengers departed from Denmark in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Denmark the 45th largest air passenger market globally.

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

14.8
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

22.2%
10-year growth

2.8%
year-on-year growth

RANK

45th
Global
▼ 1 since 2015

18th
in Europe
▼ 1 since 2015

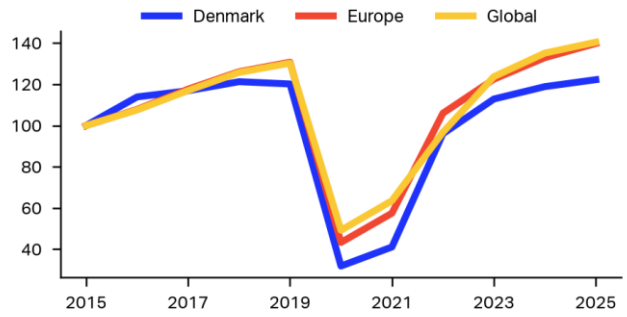
SHARE

0.3%
of global departures

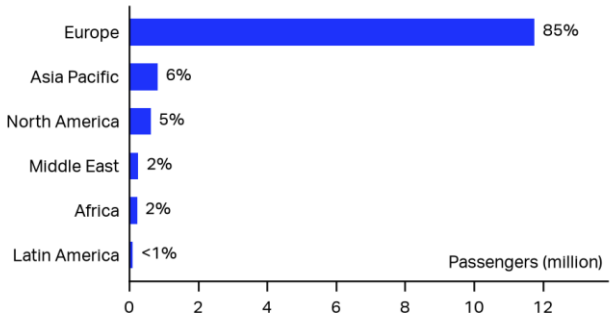
1.3%
of European departures

International: 13.8 million passenger departures, 26.7% 10Y growth, 1.6% YoY growth
Domestic: 964.7 thousand passenger departures, -18.9% 10Y growth, 25.2% YoY growth, % share of total market: 6.5%

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. Spain	1. London	1. London
2. United Kingdom	2. Oslo	2. Malaga
3. Italy	3. Amsterdam	3. Paris
4. Norway	4. Paris	4. Stockholm
5. France	5. Stockholm	5. Palma de Mallorca

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Denmark, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Denmark 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 Denmark to 57 different countries

In 2025, there were 11 airports and 70 operating airlines in Denmark, providing a total of 298 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Denmark, connecting to 57 countries with about 332 daily international departures.

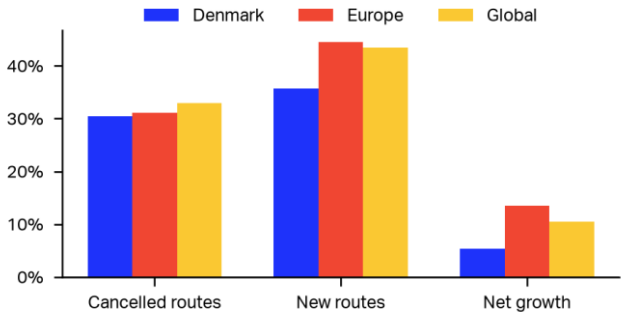
Air Connectivity in Denmark

11
Airports in 2025
9 in 2015

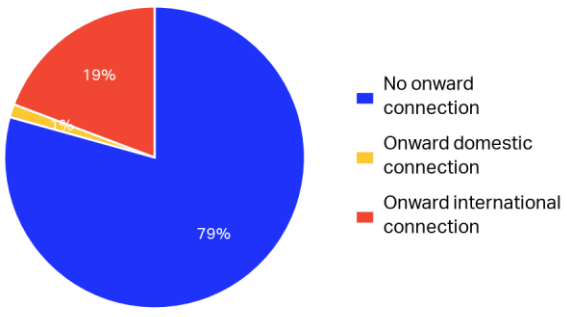
70
Airlines in 2025
64 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	298	57	332
	Global rank	42nd	26th	31st
	Europe rank	20th	15th	15th
2015	Total	283	51	335
	Global rank	34th	24th	26th
	Europe rank	17th	13th	12th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

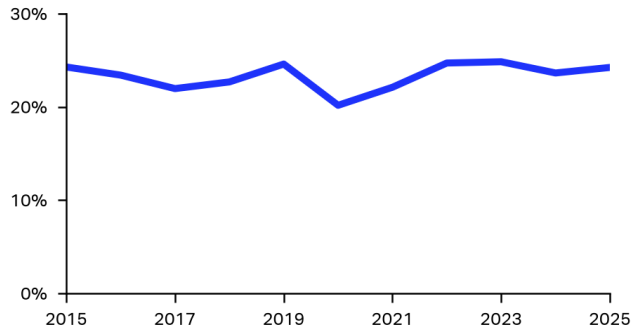


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Denmark. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Denmark timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.5% of Denmark's traded goods by weight, it carried 24.2% of their total value.
Denmark's airports handled around 302.6 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Denmark as the world's 44th largest air cargo handler market and the 13th largest in Europe.

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



Danish air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.5%
of trade by weight

24.2%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Denmark, 2025

302.6
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

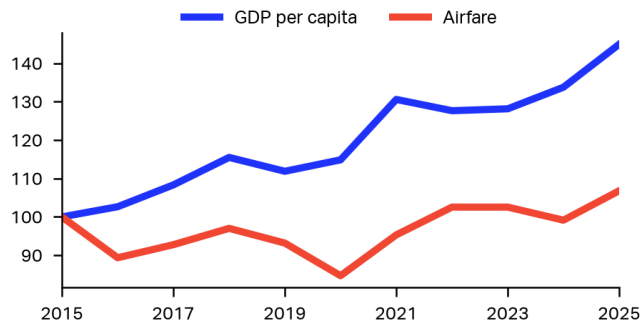
44th
Globally
13th in Europe

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

Denmark's nominal GDP per capita increased by 45.0%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Denmark increased by 6.8%, 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, Denmark, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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