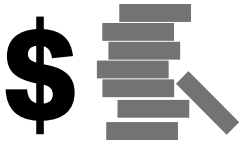
THE VALUE OF AVIATION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The economic impact of aviation in Dominican Republic

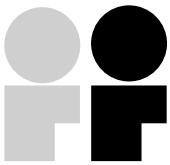
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 11.5% of Dominican Republic's GDP and 10.8% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Dominican Republic.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Dominican Republic in 2025



14.7
USD billion

11.5%
of GDP



594
thousand jobs

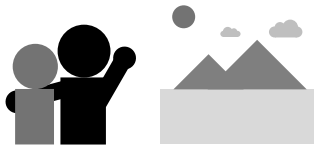
10.8%
of employment

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 450.6 million	USD 707.5 million	USD 13.5 billion
14.1 thousand jobs	29.7 thousand jobs	550.2 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 = DOP 61.99

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 9.9 million air passengers departed from Dominican Republic in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Dominican Republic the 52nd largest air passenger market globally.

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

9.9
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

66.4%
10-year growth

2.2%
year-on-year growth

RANK

52nd
Global
No change since 2015

1st
in Caribbean
No change since 2015

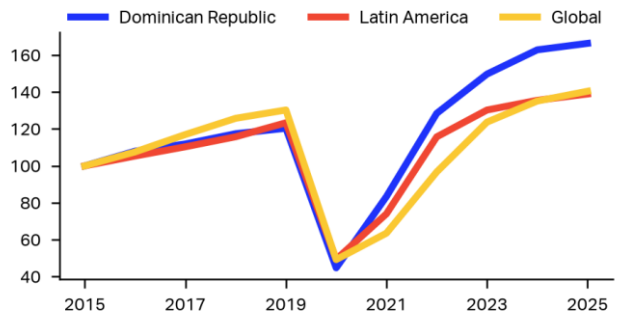
SHARE

0.2%
of global departures

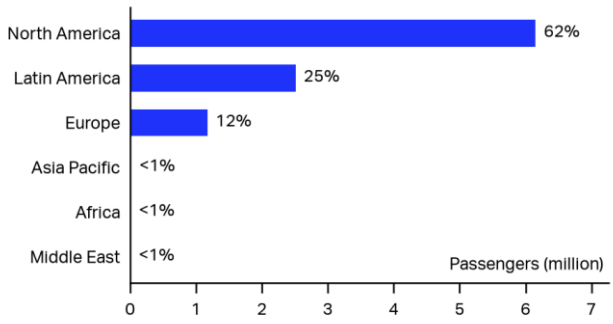
24.6%
of Caribbean departures

International: 9.9 million passenger departures, 66.5% 10Y growth, 2.0% 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	Top origin cities Inbound	Top destination cities Outbound
1. United States	1. New York	1. New York
2. Canada	2. Toronto	2. Miami
3. Colombia	3. Montreal	3. Medellin
4. Argentina	4. Buenos Aires	4. Madrid
5. Spain	5. Miami	5. San Juan

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Dominican Republic, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Dominican Republic 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 Dominican Republic to 42 different countries

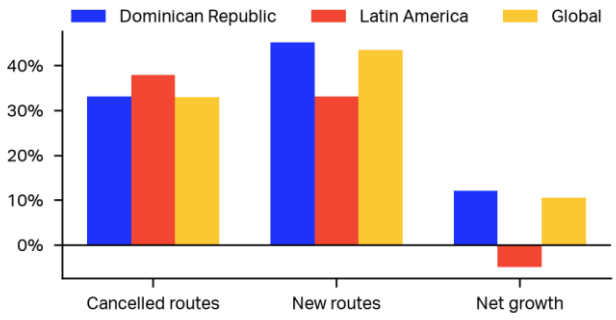
In 2025, there were 7 airports and 51 operating airlines in Dominican Republic, providing a total of 186 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Dominican Republic, connecting to 42 countries with about 182 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Dominican Republic

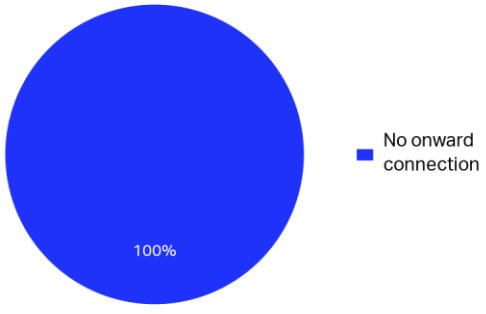


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	186	42	182
	Global rank	53rd	46th	43rd
	Caribbean rank	1st	1st	1st
2015	Total	166	33	120
	Global rank	57th	55th	50th
	Caribbean rank	2nd	1st	1st

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

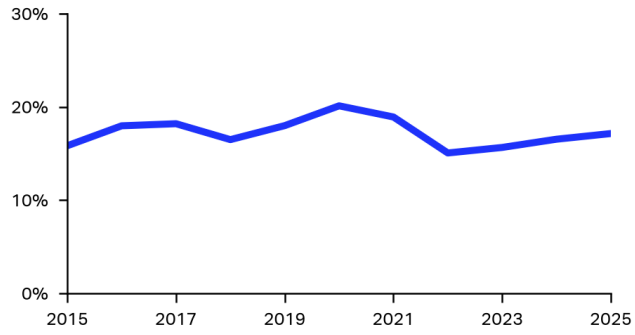


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Dominican Republic. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Dominican Republic timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.4% of Dominican Republic's traded goods by weight, it carried 17.1% of their total value.
Dominican Republic's airports handled around 147.2 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Dominican Republic as the world's 61st largest air cargo handler market and the 2nd largest in the Caribbean.

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



Dominican air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.4%
of trade by weight

17.1%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Dominican Republic, 2025

147.2
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

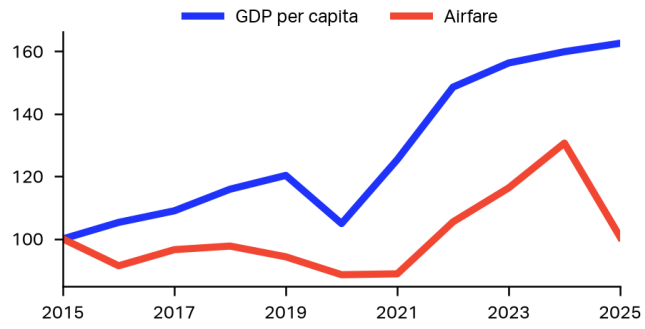
61st
Globally
2nd in Caribbean

Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Dominican Republic's trade by air includes imports and exports. It is based on the country's self reported customs data.

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

Dominican Republic's nominal GDP per capita increased by 62.6%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Dominican Republic increased by 0.6%, 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, Dominican Republic, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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