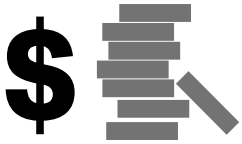
THE VALUE OF AVIATION
EGYPT

The economic impact of aviation in Egypt

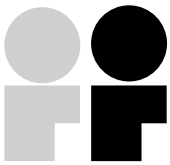
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 6.8% of Egypt's GDP and 4.7% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Egypt.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Egypt in 2025



24.9
USD billion

6.8%
of GDP



1.7
million jobs

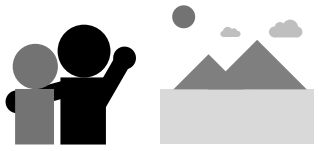
4.7%
of employment

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 4.6 billion	USD 3 billion	USD 17.3 billion
102.6 thousand jobs	119.8 thousand jobs	1.5 million 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 = EGP 49.26

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 25.1 million air passengers departed from Egypt in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Egypt the 31st largest air passenger market globally.

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

25.1
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

87.1%
10-year growth

11.4%
year-on-year growth

RANK

31st
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

1st
in Africa
▲ 1 since 2015

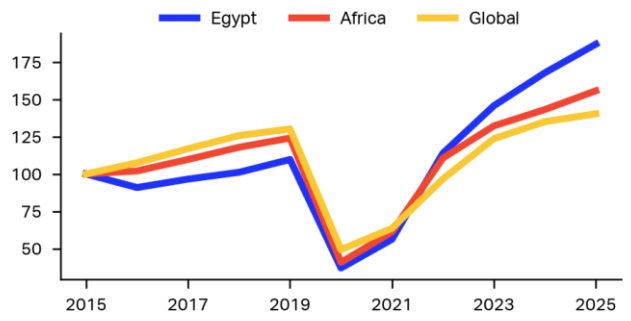
SHARE

0.6%
of global departures

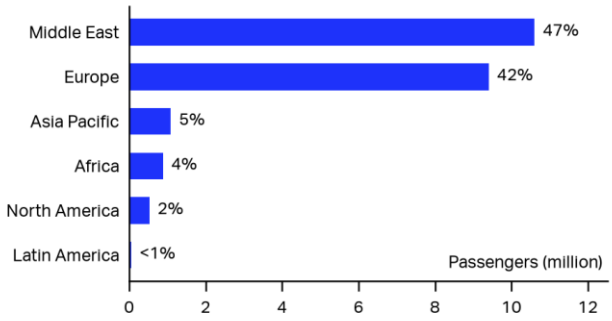
19.6%
of African departures

International: 22.6 million passenger departures, 95.9% 10Y growth, 12.1% YoY growth
Domestic: 2.5 million passenger departures, 32.8% 10Y growth, 6.0% YoY growth, % share of total market: 9.9%

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. Saudi Arabia	1. Kuwait	1. Jeddah
2. Germany	2. Jeddah	2. Madinah
3. United Arab Emirates	3. London	3. Dubai
4. Italy	4. Riyadh	4. Riyadh
5. United Kingdom	5. Dubai	5. Istanbul

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Egypt, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Egypt 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 Egypt to 78 different countries

In 2025, there were 13 airports and 116 operating airlines in Egypt, providing a total of 473 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Egypt, connecting to 78 countries with about 378 daily international departures.

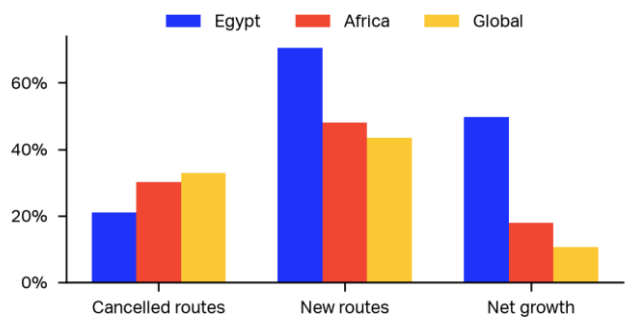
Air Connectivity in Egypt

13
Airports in 2025
12 in 2015

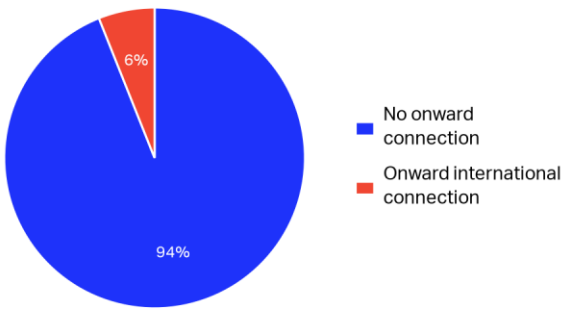
116
Airlines in 2025
86 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	473	78	378
	Global rank	26th	14th	26th
	Africa rank	2nd	2nd	1st
2015	Total	316	61	233
	Global rank	31st	18th	36th
	Africa rank	1st	2nd	1st

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

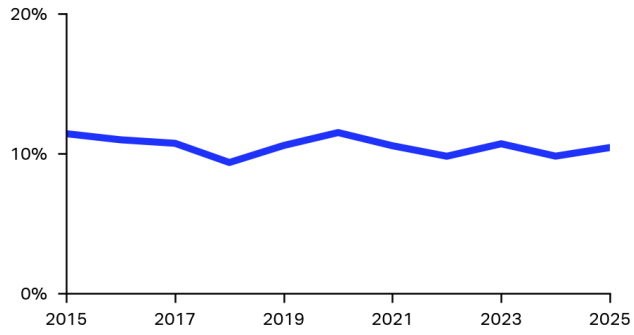


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Egypt. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Egypt timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.2% of Egypt's traded goods by weight, it carried 10.4% of their total value.
Egypt's airports handled around 368.2 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Egypt as the world's 38th largest air cargo handler market and the 3rd largest in Africa.

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



Egyptian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.2%
of trade by weight

10.4%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Egypt, 2025

368.2
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

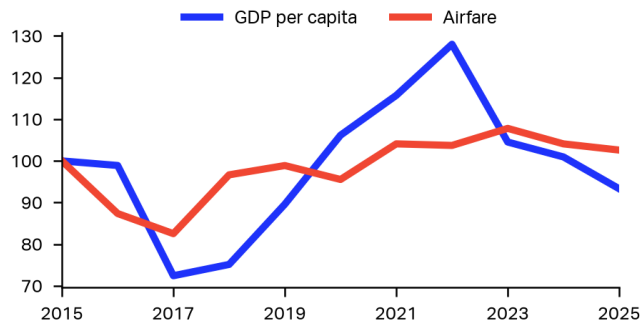
38th
Globally
3rd in Africa

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

Egypt's nominal GDP per capita decreased by 6.7%, while the average nominal air fare for an international ticket from Egypt increased by 2.6%, over the past decade. Therefore, international air travel has become less affordable for local residents over this time period.

Nominal GDP per capita & average international fare, Egypt, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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