THE VALUE OF AVIATION
FIJI

The economic impact of aviation in Fiji

The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 21.6% of Fiji's GDP and 15.5% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Fiji.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Fiji in 2025

1.3
USD billion

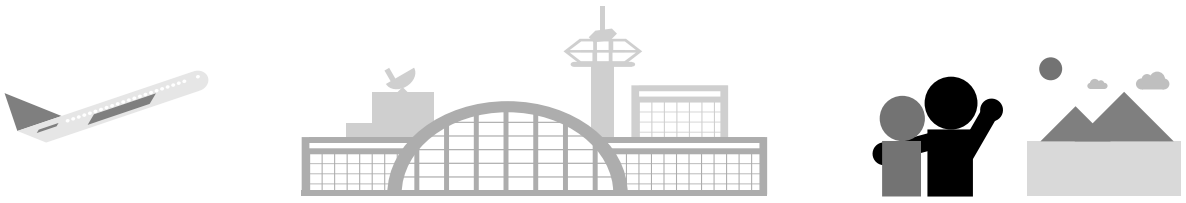
21.6%
of GDP

60.7
thousand jobs

15.5%
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 43.4 million	USD 202.8 million	USD 1.1 billion
4.1 thousand jobs	9.1 thousand jobs	47.5 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 = FJD 2.3

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 1.5 million air passengers departed from Fiji in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Fiji the 120th largest air passenger market globally.

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

1.5
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

39.3%
10-year growth

-0.03%
year-on-year growth

RANK

120th
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

5th
in Southwest Pacific
▲ 1 since 2015

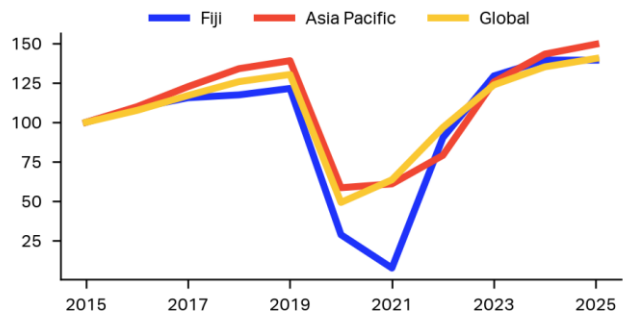
SHARE

0.03%
of global departures

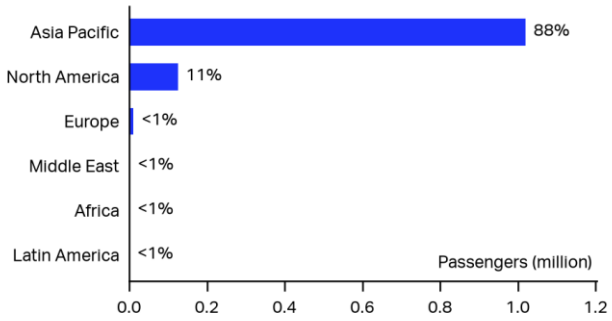
1.4%
of Southwest Pacific departures

International: 1.2 million passenger departures, 36.1% 10Y growth, -0.5% YoY growth
Domestic: 302.2 thousand passenger departures, 53.2% 10Y growth, 1.8% YoY growth, % share of total market: 20.7%

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. Australia	1. Sydney	1. Auckland
2. New Zealand	2. Auckland	2. Sydney
3. United States	3. Melbourne	3. Brisbane
4. Hong Kong (SAR)	4. Brisbane	4. Melbourne
5. Tonga	5. Los Angeles	5. Singapore

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

In 2025, there were 11 airports and 10 operating airlines in Fiji, providing a total of 62 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Fiji, connecting to 19 countries with about 24 daily international departures.

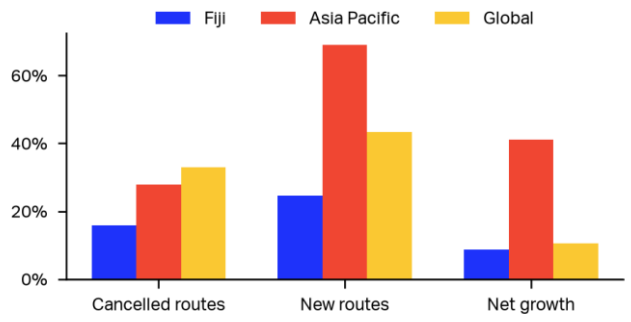
Air Connectivity in Fiji

11
Airports in 2025
11 in 2015

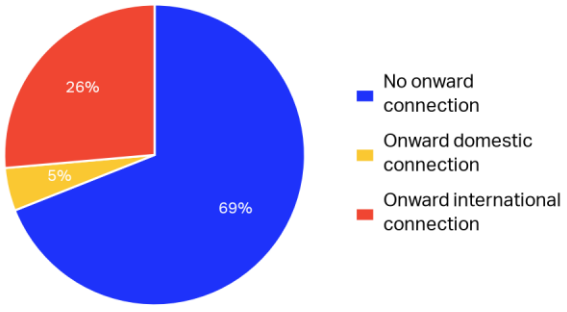
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Airlines in 2025
9 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	62	19	24
	Global rank	109th	112th	125th
	SW Pacific rank	6th	3rd	3rd
2015	Total	57	16	18
	Global rank	111th	116th	138th
	SW Pacific rank	7th	3rd	3rd

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

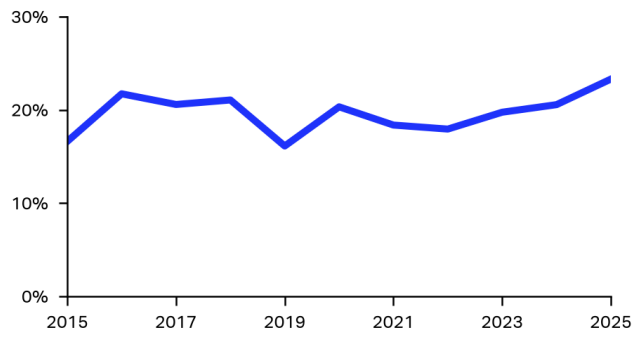


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Fiji. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Fiji timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 1.0% of Fiji's traded goods by weight, it carried 23.7% of their total value.
Fiji's airports handled around 0 tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Fiji as the world's 178th largest air cargo handler market and the 10th largest in Southwest Pacific.

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



Fijian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

1.0%
of trade by weight

23.7%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Fiji, 2025

0
tonnes
air cargo handled

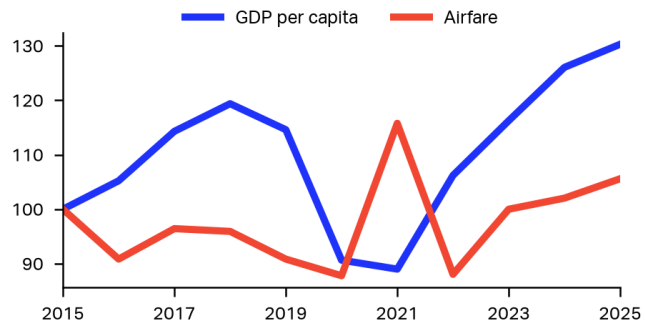
178th
Globally
10th in SW Pacific

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

Fiji's nominal GDP per capita increased by 30.3%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Fiji increased by 5.6%, 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, Fiji, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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