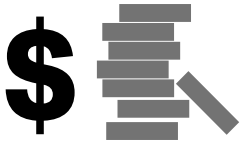
THE VALUE OF AVIATION FINLAND

The economic impact of aviation in Finland

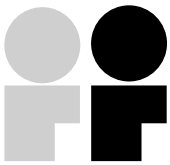
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 3.3% of Finland's GDP and 3.1% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Finland.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Finland in 2025



9.1
EUR billion

3.3%
of GDP



90.2
thousand jobs

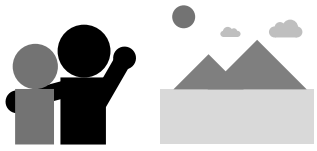
3.1%
of employment

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
EUR 2.4 billion	EUR 5.3 billion	EUR 1.5 billion
20.7 thousand jobs	53.2 thousand jobs	16.3 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: Converted to local currency using average 2025 exchange rate: USD 1 = EUR 0.88

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 7.4 million air passengers departed from Finland in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Finland the 58th largest air passenger market globally.

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

7.4
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

0.2%
10-year growth

4.4%
year-on-year growth

RANK

58th
Global
▼ 4 since 2015

23rd
in Europe
▼ 4 since 2015

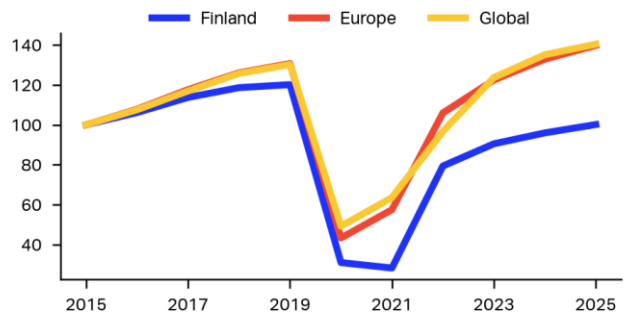
SHARE

0.2%
of global departures

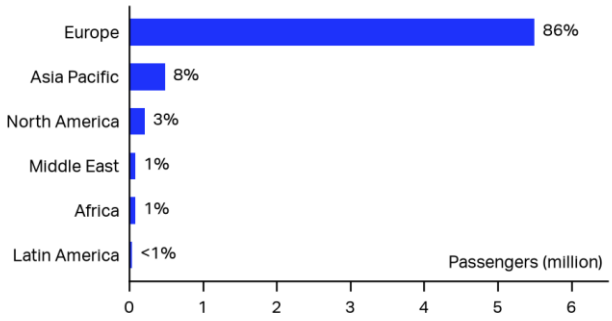
0.7%
of European departures

International: 6.4 million passenger departures, 14.5% 10Y growth, 5.5% YoY growth
Domestic: 994.5 thousand passenger departures, -44.5% 10Y growth, -2.2% YoY growth, % share of total market: 13.4%

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. Malaga
2. Germany	2. Stockholm	2. London
3. United Kingdom	3. Amsterdam	3. Stockholm
4. Sweden	4. Paris	4. Copenhagen
5. Italy	5. Copenhagen	5. Paris

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Finland, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Finland 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 Finland to 47 different countries

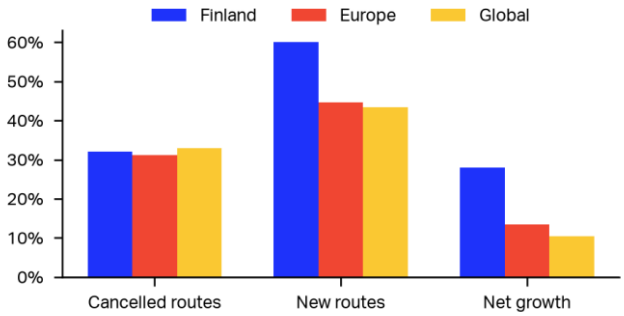
In 2025, there were 19 airports and 44 operating airlines in Finland, providing a total of 247 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Finland, connecting to 47 countries with about 175 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Finland

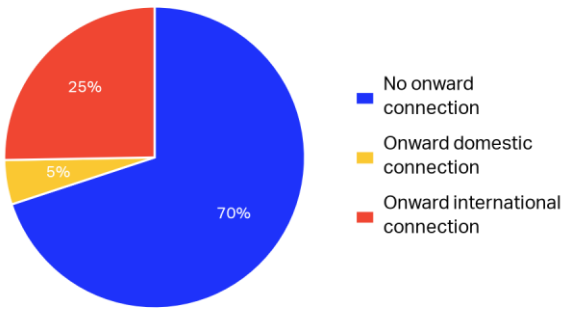


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	247	47	175
	Global rank	46th	34th	45th
	Europe rank	22nd	19th	20th
2015	Total	193	43	173
	Global rank	51st	36th	39th
	Europe rank	22nd	18th	19th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

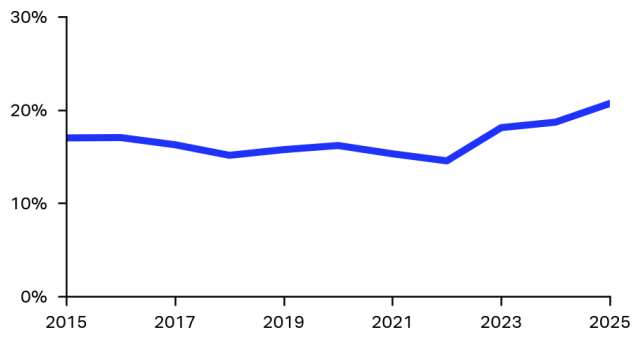


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Finland. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Finland timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.4% of Finland's traded goods by weight, it carried 20.7% of their total value.
Finland's airports handled around 185.8 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Finland as the world's 58th largest air cargo handler market and the 19th largest in Europe.

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



Finnish air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.4% of trade by weight

20.7% of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Finland, 2025

185.8 thousand tonnes air cargo handled

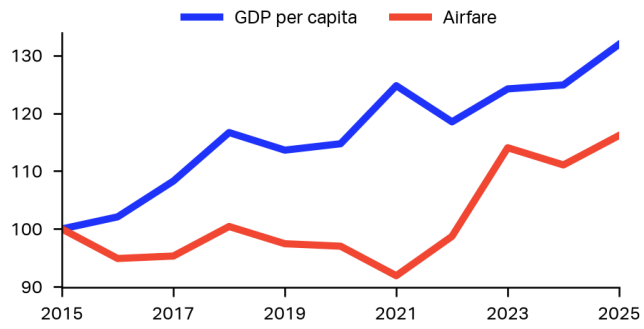
58th Globally 19th in Europe

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

Finland's nominal GDP per capita increased by 31.9%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Finland increased by 16.2%, 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, Finland, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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