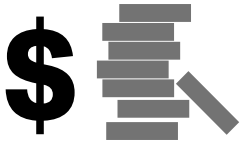
THE VALUE OF AVIATION GUYANA

The economic impact of aviation in Guyana

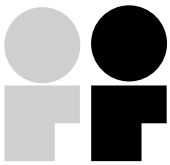
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 0.9% of Guyana's GDP and 3.4% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Guyana.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Guyana in 2025



247.8
USD million

0.9%
of GDP



11.2
thousand jobs

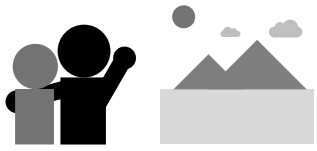
3.4%
of employment

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 27.4 million	USD 58 million	USD 162.4 million
1.3 thousand jobs	2.6 thousand jobs	7.3 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: Average 2025 exchange rate: USD 1 = GYD 208.5

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 587.8 thousand air passengers departed from Guyana in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Guyana the 155th largest air passenger market globally.

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

587.8
thousand
passenger departures

GROWTH

84.3%
10-year growth

7.5%
year-on-year growth

RANK

155th
Global
No change since 2015

11th
in South America
No change since 2015

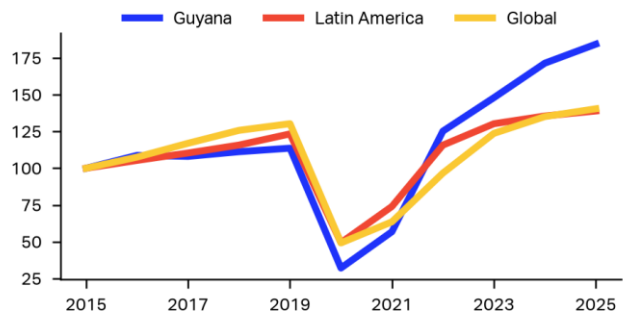
SHARE

0.01%
of global departures

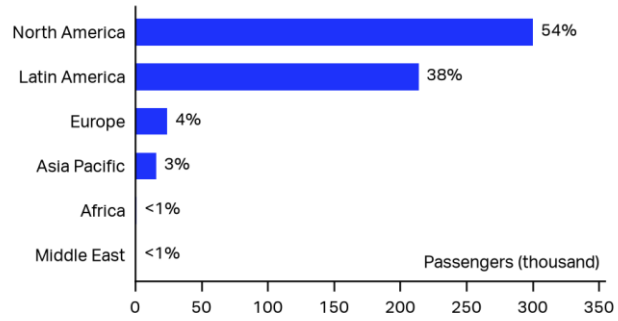
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of South American departures

International: 555.9 thousand passenger departures, 74.3% 10Y growth, 7.5% YoY growth
Domestic: 31.9 thousand passenger departures, n/a 10Y growth, 7.4% YoY growth, % share of total market: 5.4%

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. United States	1. New York	1. New York
2. Trinidad and Tobago	2. Port of Spain	2. Bridgetown
3. Canada	3. Toronto	3. Port of Spain
4. Barbados	4. Havana	4. Panama City
5. Suriname	5. Miami	5. Paramaribo

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Guyana, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Guyana 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 Guyana to 18 different countries

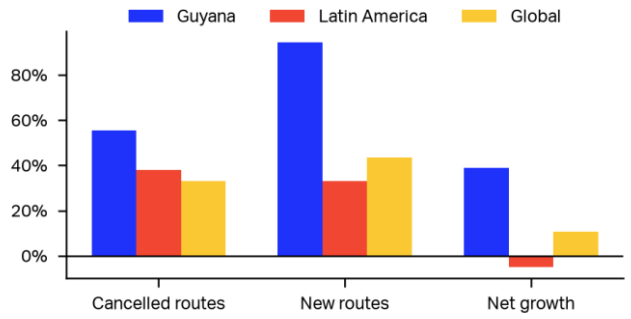
In 2025, there were 3 airports and 16 operating airlines in Guyana, providing a total of 25 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Guyana, connecting to 18 countries with about 19 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Guyana

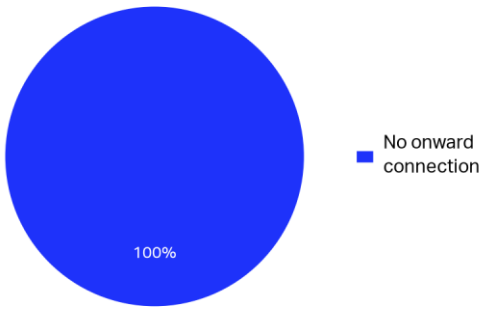


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	25	18	19
	Global rank	157th	116th	134th
	S-America rank	9th	7th	9th
2015	Total	18	15	10
	Global rank	169th	123rd	164th
	S-America rank	10th	8th	11th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

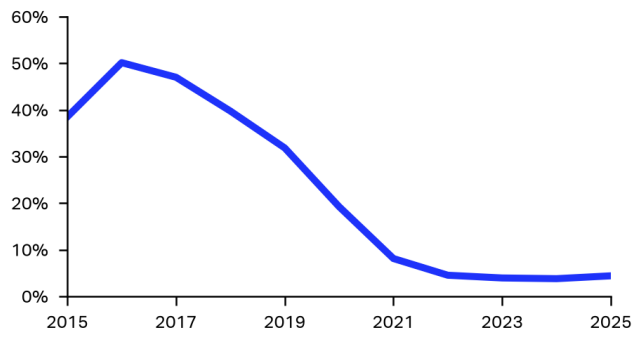


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Guyana. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Guyana timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.02% of Guyana's traded goods by weight, it carried 4.4% of their total value.
Guyana's airports handled around 14.4 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Guyana as the world's 120th largest air cargo handler market and the 10th largest in South America.

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



Guyanese air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.02%
of trade by weight

4.4%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Guyana, 2025

14.4
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

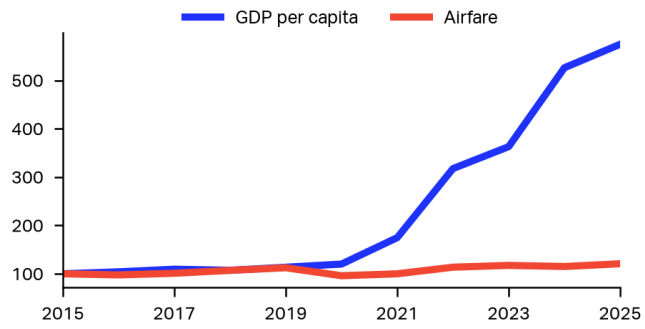
120th
Globally
10th in S-America

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

Guyana's nominal GDP per capita increased by 474.7%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Guyana increased by 20.8%, 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, Guyana, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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