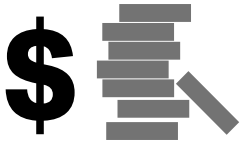
THE VALUE OF AVIATION HONDURAS

The economic impact of aviation in Honduras

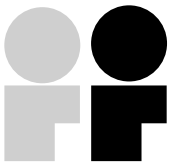
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 2.1% of Honduras's GDP and 2.3% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Honduras.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Honduras in 2025



840.9
USD million

2.1%
of GDP



98.7
thousand jobs

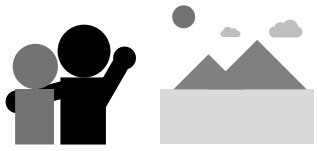
2.3%
of employment

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 166.9 million	USD 196.3 million	USD 477.6 million
20.2 thousand jobs	23.6 thousand jobs	54.9 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 = HNL 26.08

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 1.8 million air passengers departed from Honduras in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Honduras the 106th largest air passenger market globally.

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

1.8
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

91.4%
10-year growth

-3.7%
year-on-year growth

RANK

106th
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

6th
in Central America
▲ 1 since 2015

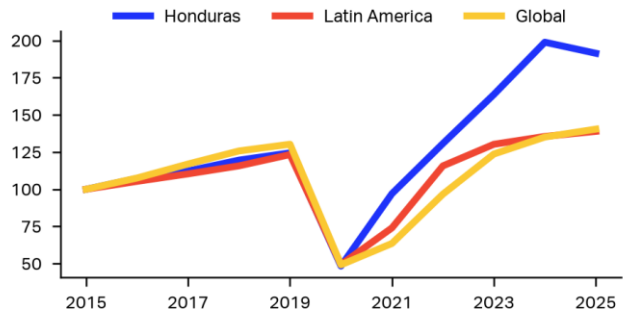
SHARE

0.04%
of global departures

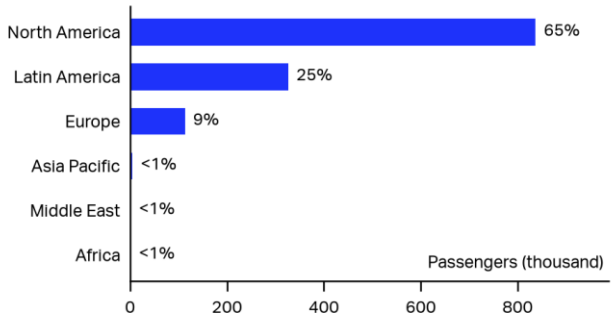
1.8%
of Central American departures

International: 1.3 million passenger departures, 79.6% 10Y growth, 4.0% YoY growth
Domestic: 521.6 thousand passenger departures, 128.3% 10Y growth, -18.6% YoY growth, % share of total market: 28.9%

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. United States	1. New York	1. Miami
2. Spain	2. Miami	2. Houston
3. Guatemala	3. Houston	3. Madrid
4. Panama	4. Guatemala City	4. Panama City
5. Colombia	5. Madrid	5. New York

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Honduras, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Honduras 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 Honduras to 12 different countries

In 2025, there were 7 airports and 22 operating airlines in Honduras, providing a total of 59 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Honduras, connecting to 12 countries with about 27 daily international departures.

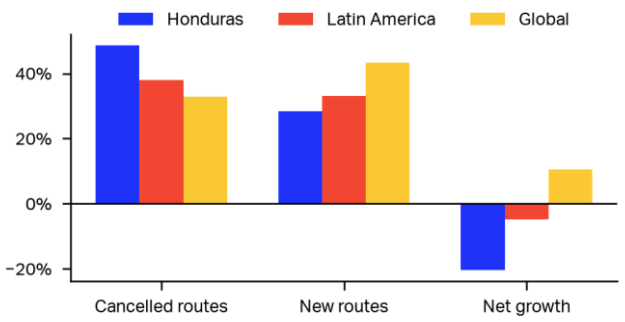
Air Connectivity in Honduras

7
Airports in 2025
7 in 2015

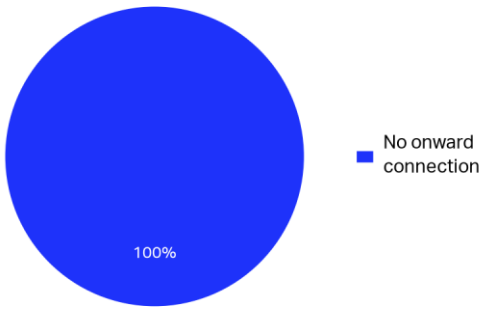
22
Airlines in 2025
14 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	59	12	27
	Global rank	115th	150th	120th
	C-America rank	5th	6th	6th
2015	Total	74	11	30
	Global rank	93rd	148th	106th
	C-America rank	5th	5th	6th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

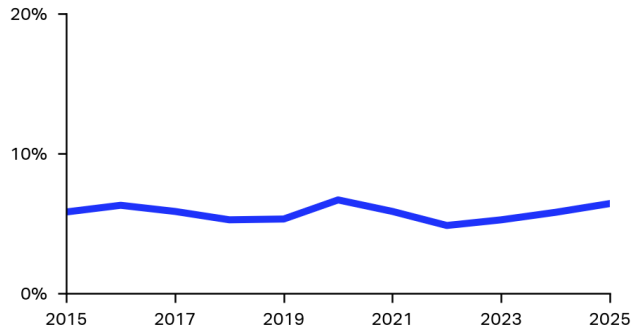


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Honduras. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Honduras timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.4% of Honduras's traded goods by weight, it carried 6.5% of their total value.
Honduras's airports handled around 54.2 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Honduras as the world's 78th largest air cargo handler market and the 4th largest in Central America.

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



Honduran air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.4% of trade by weight

6.5% of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Honduras, 2025

54.2 thousand tonnes air cargo handled

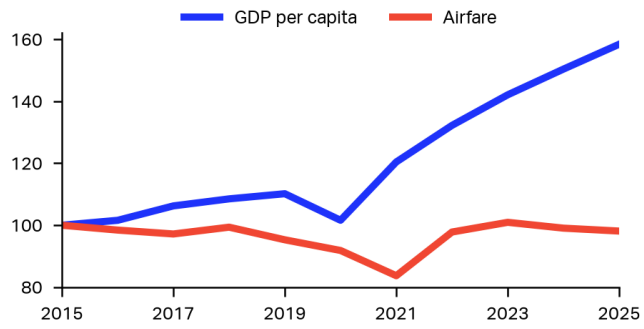
78th Globally 4th in C-America

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

Honduras's nominal GDP per capita increased by 58.4%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Honduras decreased by 1.9%, 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, Honduras, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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