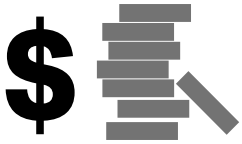
THE VALUE OF AVIATION ISRAEL

The economic impact of aviation in Israel

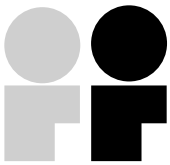
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 4.9% of Israel's GDP and 4.5% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Israel.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Israel in 2025



30.1
USD billion

4.9%
of GDP



215.6
thousand jobs

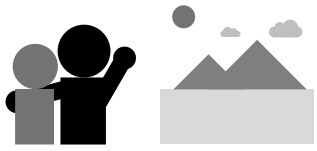
4.5%
of employment

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 13 billion	USD 13.3 billion	USD 3.8 billion
73.9 thousand jobs	102.7 thousand jobs	39.1 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 = ILS 3.45

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 10.4 million air passengers departed from Israel in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Israel the 49th largest air passenger market globally.

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

10.4
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

57.6%
10-year growth

41.2%
year-on-year growth

RANK

49th
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

3rd
in Middle East
▲ 1 since 2015

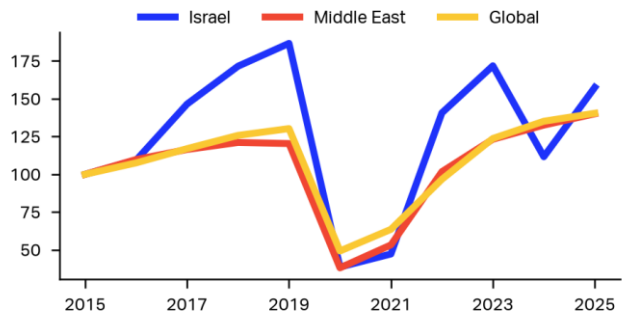
SHARE

0.2%
of global departures

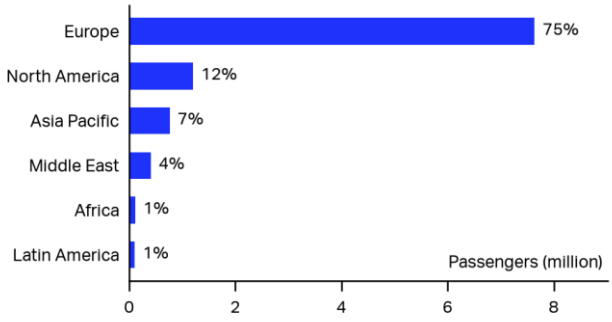
6.6%
of Middle Eastern departures

International: 10.2 million passenger departures, 68.4% 10Y growth, 41.6% YoY growth

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

1. Greece
2. United States
3. Cyprus
4. Italy
5. France

Top origin cities
Inbound

1. New York
2. Paris
3. London
4. Los Angeles
5. Athens

Top destination cities
Outbound

1. New York
2. Athens
3. Bangkok
4. Budapest
5. Larnaca

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Israel, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Israel 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 Israel to 45 different countries

In 2025, there were 3 airports and 62 operating airlines in Israel, providing a total of 124 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Israel, connecting to 45 countries with about 120 daily international departures.

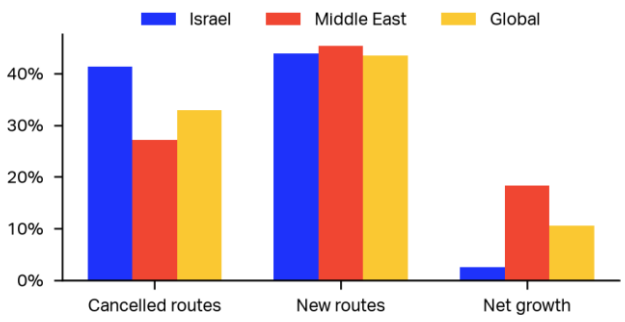
Air Connectivity in Israel

3
Airports in 2025
5 in 2015

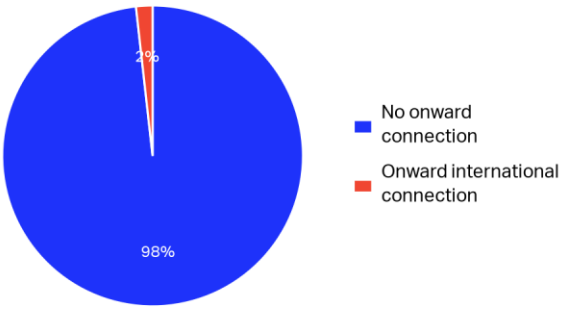
62
Airlines in 2025
68 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	124	45	120
	Global rank	72nd	37th	54th
	Middle East rank	5th	5th	5th
	Europe rank	29th	21st	26th
2015	Total	121	48	124
	Global rank	73rd	28th	49th
	Middle East rank	6th	4th	5th
	Europe rank	27th	16th	23rd

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

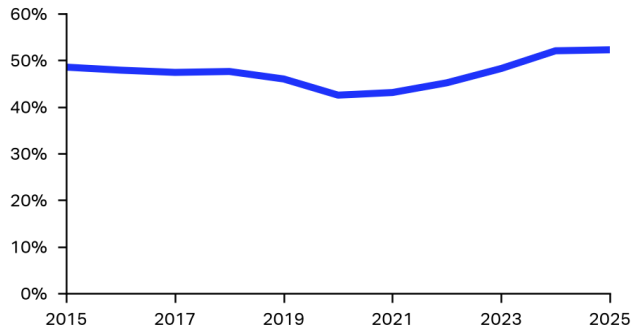


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Israel. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Israel timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.9% of Israel's traded goods by weight, it carried 52.1% of their total value.
Israel's airports handled around 353.8 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Israel as the world's 41st largest air cargo handler market and the 5th largest in the Middle East.

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



Israeli air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.9%
of trade by weight

52.1%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Israel, 2025

353.8
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

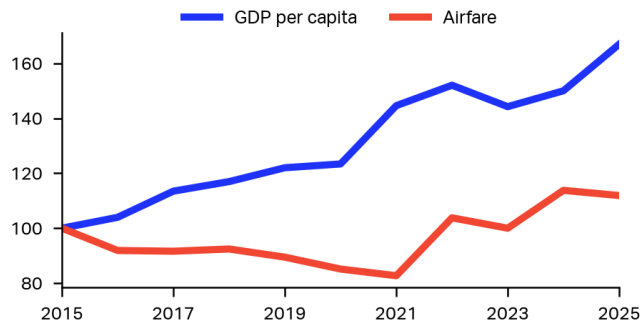
41st
Globally
5th in Middle East

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

Israel's nominal GDP per capita increased by 67.0%, while the average nominal air fare for an international ticket from Israel increased by 11.9%, 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, Israel, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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