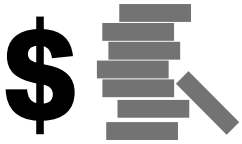
THE VALUE OF AVIATION
ITALY

The economic impact of aviation in Italy

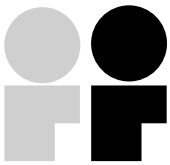
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 4.5% of Italy's GDP and 4.6% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Italy.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Italy in 2025



102
EUR billion

4.5%
of GDP



1.2
million jobs

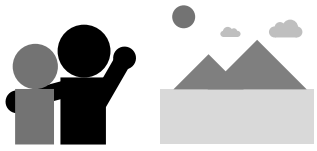
4.6%
of employment

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 8 billion	EUR 65.8 billion	EUR 28.2 billion
85.6 thousand jobs	708.1 thousand jobs	386.4 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 110.3 million air passengers departed from Italy in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Italy the 7th largest air passenger market globally.

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

110.3
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

51.3%
10-year growth

5.4%
year-on-year growth

RANK

7th
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

3rd
in Europe
▲ 1 since 2015

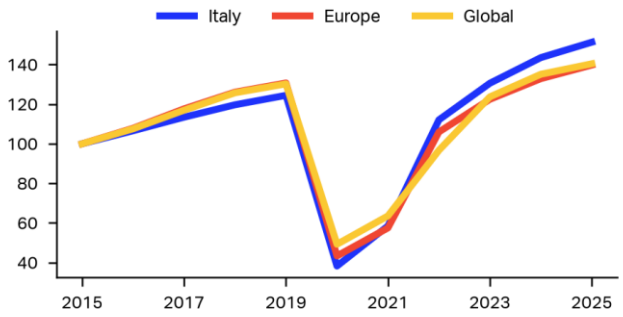
SHARE

2.6%
of global departures

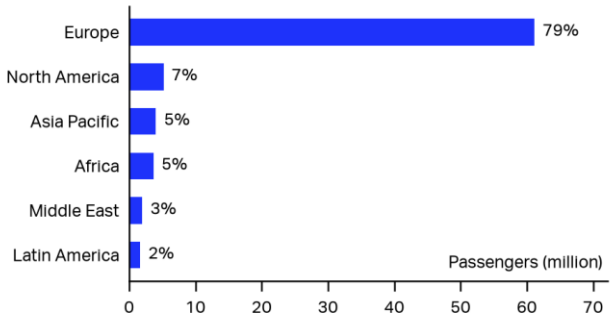
10.0%
of European departures

International: 77.7 million passenger departures, 65.3% 10Y growth, 8.0% YoY growth
Domestic: 32.6 million passenger departures, 26.0% 10Y growth, -0.2% YoY growth, % share of total market: 29.6%

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. Paris
2. United Kingdom	2. Paris	2. London
3. France	3. Brussels	3. Tirana
4. Germany	4. Madrid	4. Barcelona
5. United States	5. Vienna	5. Madrid

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Italy, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Italy 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 Italy to 89 different countries

In 2025, there were 41 airports and 157 operating airlines in Italy, providing a total of 2189 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Italy, connecting to 89 countries with about 1284 daily international departures.

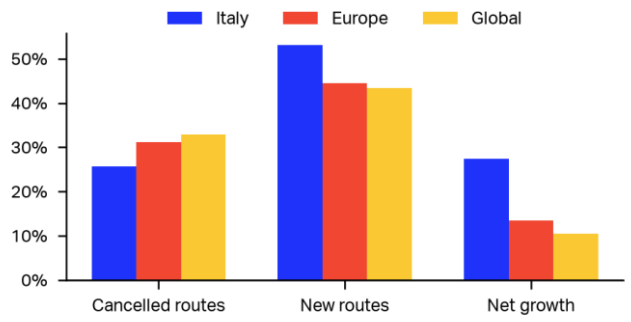
Air Connectivity in Italy

41
Airports in 2025
41 in 2015

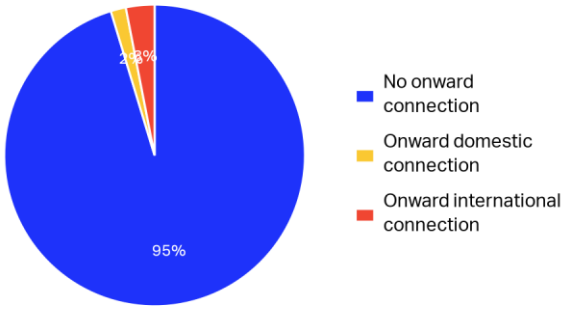
157
Airlines in 2025
137 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	2189	89	1284
	Global rank	6th	9th	6th
	Europe rank	4th	6th	5th
2015	Total	1718	86	1004
	Global rank	8th	8th	6th
	Europe rank	5th	6th	5th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

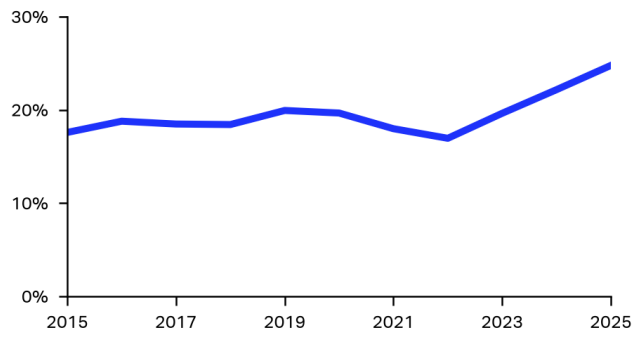


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Italy. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Italy timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 1.9% of Italy's traded goods by weight, it carried 24.8% of their total value.
Italy's airports handled around 1.2 million tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Italy as the world's 24th largest air cargo handler market and the 8th largest in Europe.

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



Italian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

1.9%
of trade by weight

24.8%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Italy, 2025

1.2
million tonnes
air cargo handled

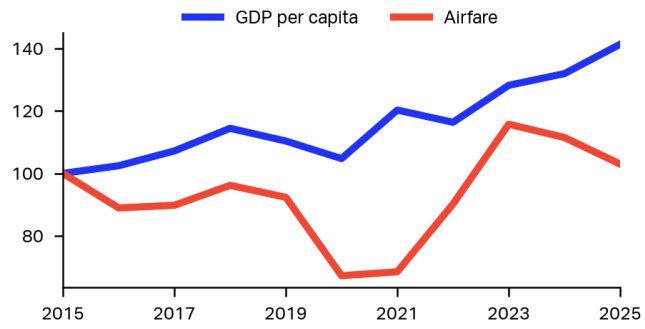
24th
Globally
8th in Europe

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

Italy's nominal GDP per capita increased by 41.3%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Italy increased by 3.0%, 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, Italy, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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