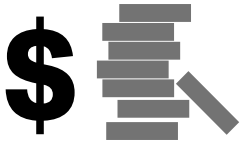
THE VALUE OF AVIATION LITHUANIA

The economic impact of aviation in Lithuania

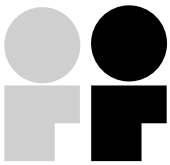
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 2.6% of Lithuania's GDP and 2.2% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Lithuania.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Lithuania in 2025



2.1
EUR billion

2.6%
of GDP



33.6
thousand jobs

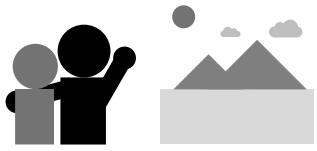
2.2%
of employment

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 523.3 million	EUR 1 billion	EUR 602.4 million
8.1 thousand jobs	16.3 thousand jobs	9.3 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 3.2 million air passengers departed from Lithuania in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Lithuania the 90th largest air passenger market globally.

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

3.2
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

59.4%
10-year growth

7.3%
year-on-year growth

RANK

90th
Global
▼ 2 since 2015

32nd
in Europe
▼ 2 since 2015

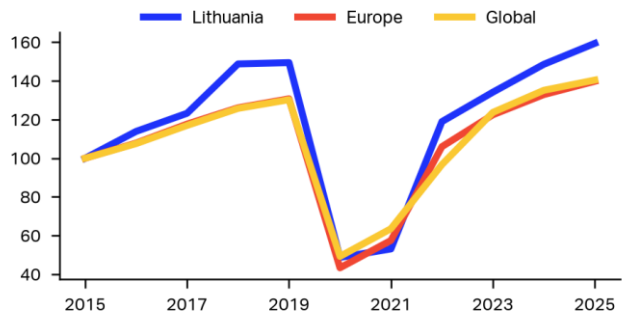
SHARE

0.1%
of global departures

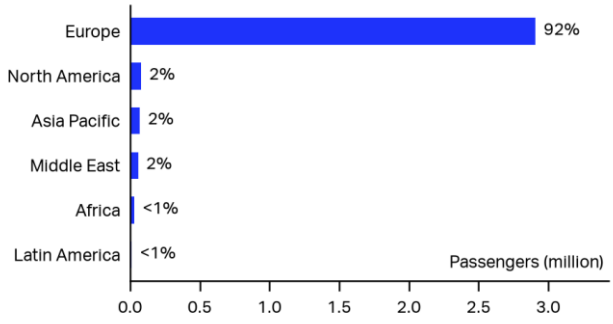
0.3%
of European departures

International: 3.2 million passenger departures, 59.4% 10Y growth, 7.3% 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	Top origin cities Inbound	Top destination cities Outbound
1. United Kingdom	1. London	1. London
2. Italy	2. Copenhagen	2. Milan
3. Germany	3. Oslo	3. Paris
4. Spain	4. Stockholm	4. Copenhagen
5. Norway	5. Brussels	5. Alicante

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Lithuania, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Lithuania 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 Lithuania to 33 different countries

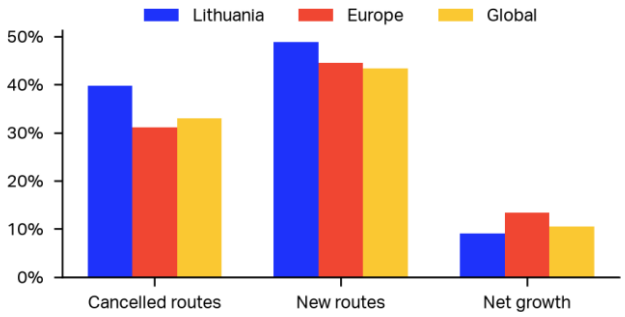
In 2025, there were 3 airports and 21 operating airlines in Lithuania, providing a total of 96 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Lithuania, connecting to 33 countries with about 62 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Lithuania

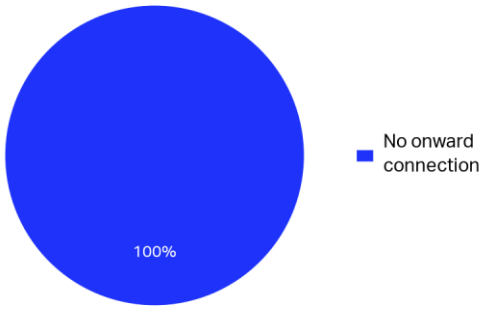


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	96	33	62
	Global rank	88th	63rd	86th
	Europe rank	35th	31st	34th
2015	Total	88	28	54
	Global rank	85th	71st	83rd
	Europe rank	30th	32nd	30th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

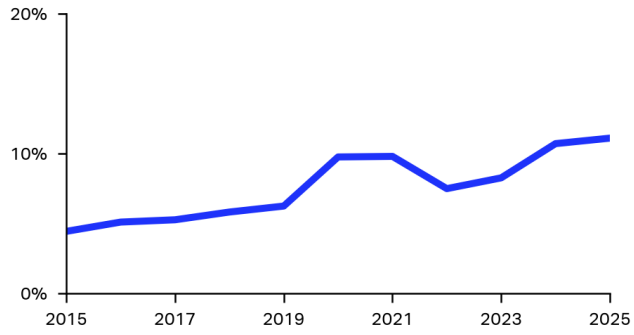


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Lithuania. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Lithuania timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.5% of Lithuania's traded goods by weight, it carried 11.1% of their total value.
Lithuania's airports handled around 21.2 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Lithuania as the world's 108th largest air cargo handler market and the 31st largest in Europe.

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



Lithuanian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.5%
of trade by weight

11.1%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Lithuania, 2025

21.2
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

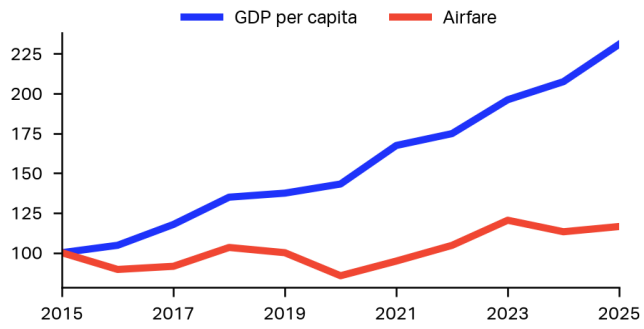
108th
Globally
31st in Europe

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

Lithuania's nominal GDP per capita increased by 131.0%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Lithuania increased by 16.4%, 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, Lithuania, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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