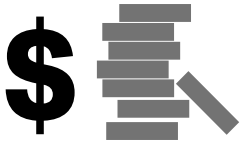
THE VALUE OF AVIATION MEXICO

The economic impact of aviation in Mexico

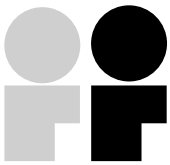
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 3.7% of Mexico's GDP and 2.7% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Mexico.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Mexico in 2025



68.6
USD billion

3.7%
of GDP



1.7
million jobs

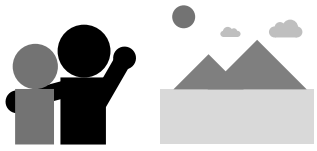
2.7%
of employment

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 20.9 billion	USD 25.6 billion	USD 22 billion
336 thousand jobs	714.8 thousand jobs	631.3 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 = MXN 19.21

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 84.3 million air passengers departed from Mexico in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Mexico the 13th largest air passenger market globally.

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

84.3
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

66.6%
10-year growth

2.7%
year-on-year growth

RANK

13th
Global
No change since 2015

1st
in Central America
No change since 2015

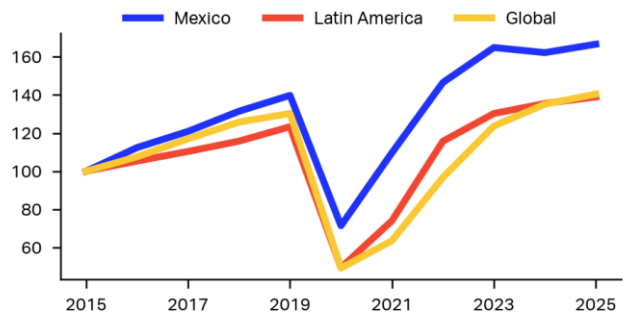
SHARE

2.0%
of global departures

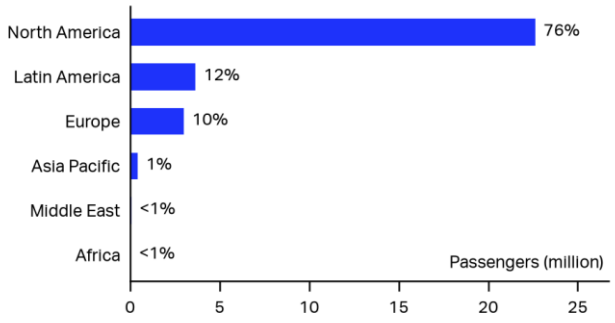
83.3%
of Central American departures

International: 29.8 million passenger departures, 64.9% 10Y growth, 2.9% YoY growth
Domestic: 54.4 million passenger departures, 67.5% 10Y growth, 2.6% YoY growth, % share of total market: 64.6%

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. United States	1. Los Angeles	1. Madrid
2. Canada	2. Chicago	2. New York
3. Spain	3. New York	3. Los Angeles
4. Colombia	4. Fort Worth	4. Las Vegas
5. United Kingdom	5. Houston	5. Miami

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Mexico, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Mexico 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 Mexico to 32 different countries

In 2025, there were 58 airports and 63 operating airlines in Mexico, providing a total of 995 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Mexico, connecting to 32 countries with about 563 daily international departures.

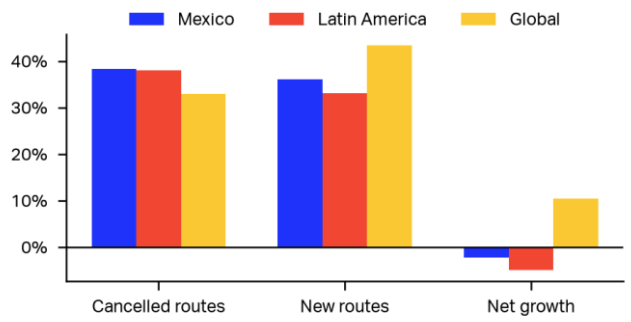
Air Connectivity in Mexico

58
Airports in 2025
58 in 2015

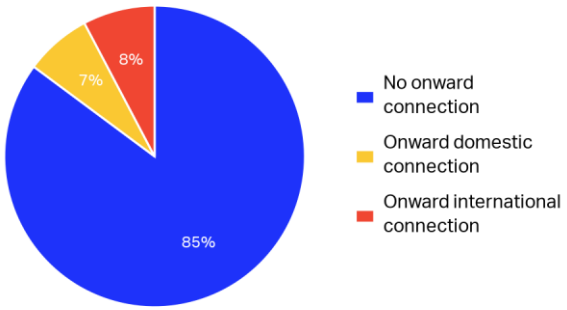
63
Airlines in 2025
54 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	995	32	563
	Global rank	15th	69th	17th
	C-America rank	1st	2nd	1st
2015	Total	1018	29	443
	Global rank	13th	68th	19th
	C-America rank	1st	2nd	1st

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

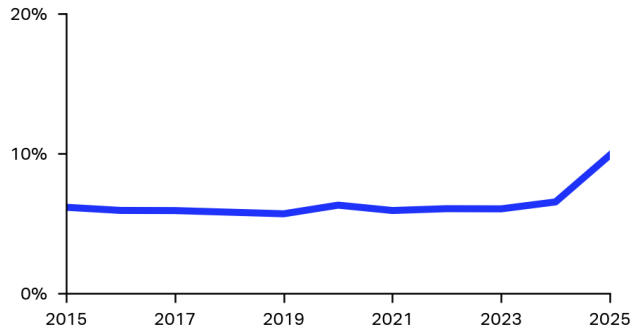


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Mexico. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Mexico timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.4% of Mexico's traded goods by weight, it carried 10.1% of their total value.
Mexico's airports handled around 1.2 million tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Mexico as the world's 23rd largest air cargo handler market and the 1st largest in Central America.

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



Mexican air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.4%
of trade by weight

10.1%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Mexico, 2025

1.2
million tonnes
air cargo handled

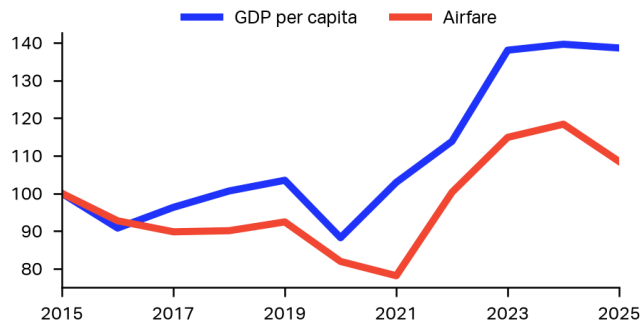
23rd
Globally
1st in C-America

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

Mexico's nominal GDP per capita increased by 38.6%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Mexico increased by 8.5%, 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, Mexico, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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