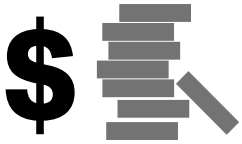
THE VALUE OF AVIATION MOROCCO

The economic impact of aviation in Morocco

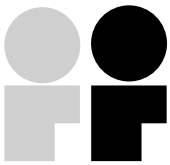
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 7.5% of Morocco's GDP and 7.1% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Morocco.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Morocco in 2025



13.7
USD billion

7.5%
of GDP



897.8
thousand jobs

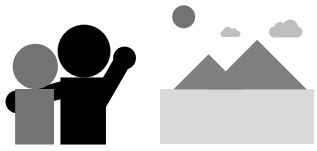
7.1%
of employment

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 2 billion	USD 2.5 billion	USD 9.3 billion
86.4 thousand jobs	145.5 thousand jobs	665.8 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 = MAD 9.35

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 16.6 million air passengers departed from Morocco in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Morocco the 41st largest air passenger market globally.

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

16.6
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

122.0%
10-year growth

11.8%
year-on-year growth

RANK

41st
Global
No change since 2015

3rd
in Africa
No change since 2015

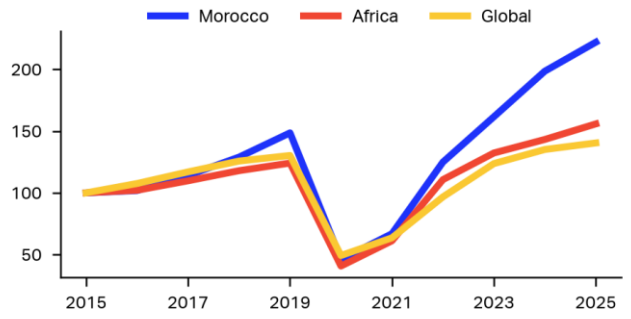
SHARE

0.4%
of global departures

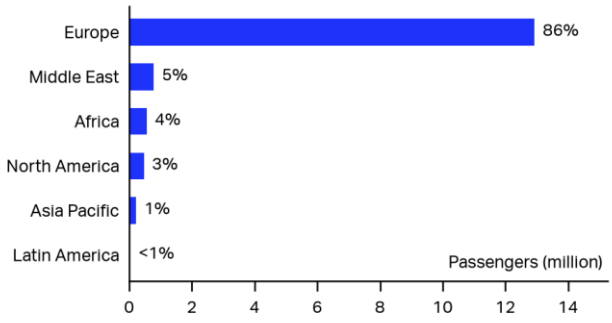
13.0%
of African departures

International: 15.0 million passenger departures, 113.6% 10Y growth, 11.1% YoY growth
Domestic: 1.6 million passenger departures, 251.0% 10Y growth, 18.9% YoY growth, % share of total market: 9.7%

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. France	1. Paris	1. Paris
2. Spain	2. London	2. Jeddah
3. United Kingdom	3. Brussels	3. Istanbul
4. Italy	4. Milan	4. Barcelona
5. Belgium	5. Madrid	5. Madrid

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Morocco, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Morocco 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 Morocco to 66 different countries

In 2025, there were 17 airports and 65 operating airlines in Morocco, providing a total of 524 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Morocco, connecting to 66 countries with about 268 daily international departures.

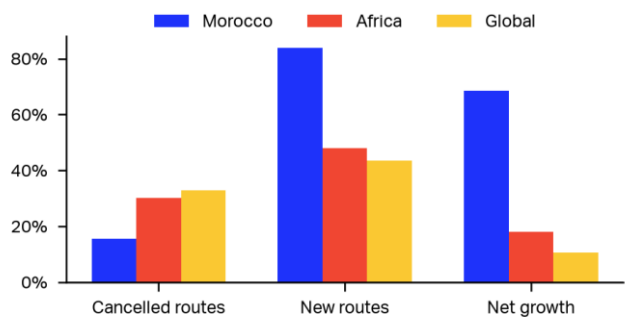
Air Connectivity in Morocco

17
Airports in 2025
17 in 2015

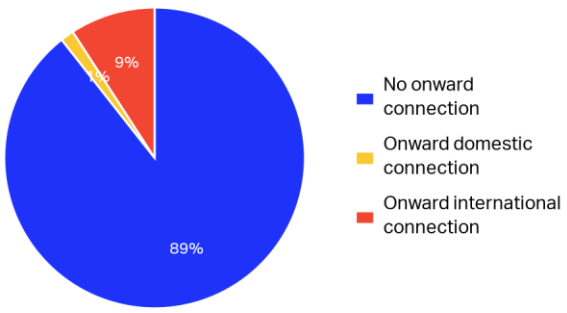
65
Airlines in 2025
49 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	524	66	268
	Global rank	24th	21st	36th
	Africa rank	1st	3rd	2nd
2015	Total	311	58	167
	Global rank	33rd	20th	41st
	Africa rank	2nd	3rd	2nd

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

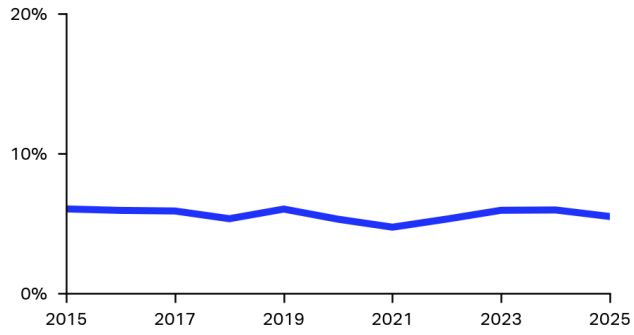


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Morocco. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Morocco timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.2% of Morocco's traded goods by weight, it carried 5.5% of their total value.
Morocco's airports handled around 100.4 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Morocco as the world's 68th largest air cargo handler market and the 6th largest in Africa.

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



Moroccan air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.2%
of trade by weight

5.5%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Morocco, 2025

100.4
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

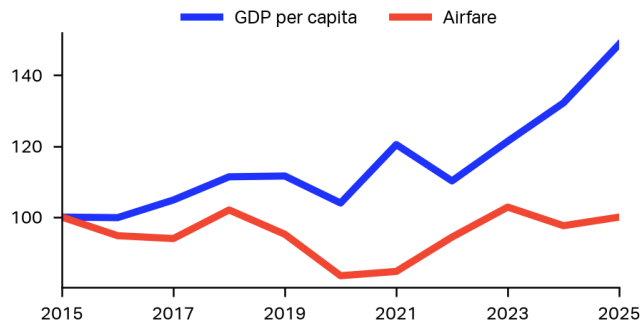
68th
Globally
6th in Africa

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

Morocco's nominal GDP per capita increased by 48.5%, while the average nominal air fare for an international ticket from Morocco increased by 0.0%, 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, Morocco, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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