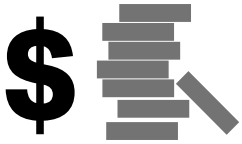
THE VALUE OF AVIATION MYANMAR

The economic impact of aviation in Myanmar

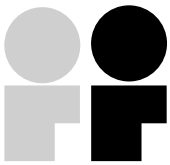
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 2.5% of Myanmar's GDP and 1.3% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Myanmar.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Myanmar in 2025



2.1
USD billion

2.5%
of GDP



298.6
thousand jobs

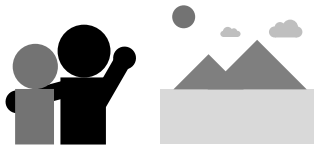
1.3%
of employment

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 516.4 million	USD 342.9 million	USD 1.2 billion
55.4 thousand jobs	50.2 thousand jobs	192.9 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 = MMK 2,100

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 2.6 million air passengers departed from Myanmar in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Myanmar the 97th largest air passenger market globally.

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

2.6
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

-44.4%
10-year growth

-8.7%
year-on-year growth

RANK

97th
Global
▼ 6 since 2015

22nd
in Asia
▼ 6 since 2015

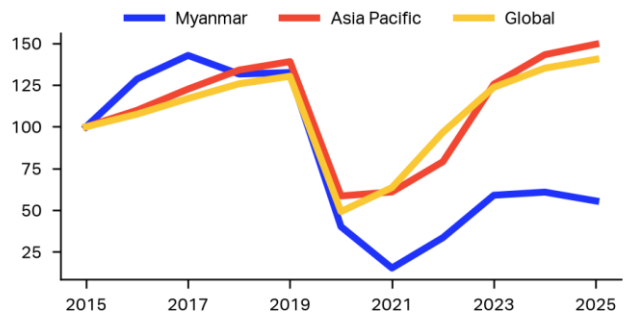
SHARE

0.1%
of global departures

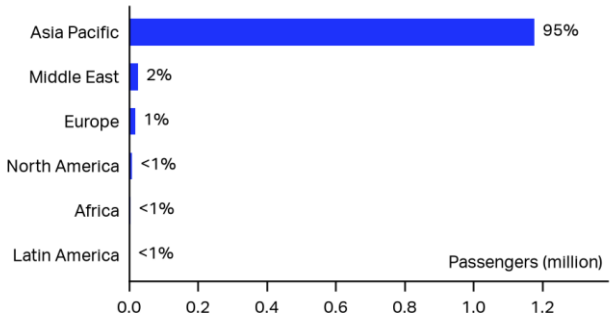
0.2%
of Asian departures

International: 1.2 million passenger departures, -31.6% 10Y growth, 0.7% YoY growth
Domestic: 1.4 million passenger departures, -52.3% 10Y growth, -15.6% YoY growth, % share of total market: 53.1%

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. Thailand	1. Bangkok	1. Bangkok
2. China	2. Singapore	2. Singapore
3. Singapore	3. Seoul	3. Guangzhou
4. Malaysia	4. Kuala Lumpur	4. Chiang Mai
5. Viet Nam	5. Hanoi	5. Kunming

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Myanmar, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Myanmar 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 Myanmar to 13 different countries

In 2025, there were 24 airports and 16 operating airlines in Myanmar, providing a total of 139 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Myanmar, connecting to 13 countries with about 28 daily international departures.

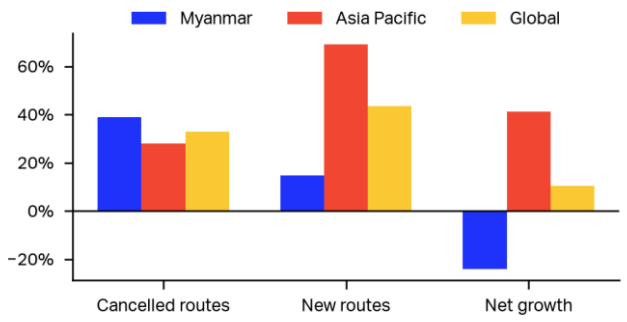
Air Connectivity in Myanmar

24
Airports in 2025
27 in 2015

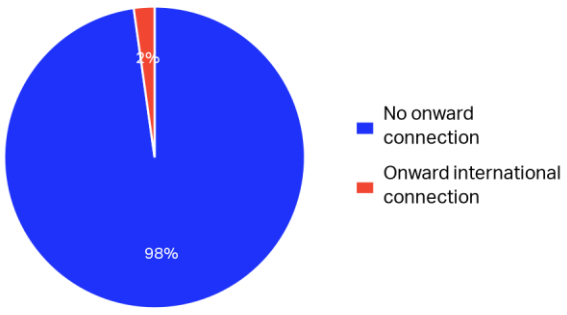
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Airlines in 2025
37 in 2015

		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	139	13	28
	Global rank	67th	139th	116th
	Asia rank	16th	25th	25th
2015	Total	183	13	42
	Global rank	55th	134th	92nd
	Asia rank	13th	20th	19th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

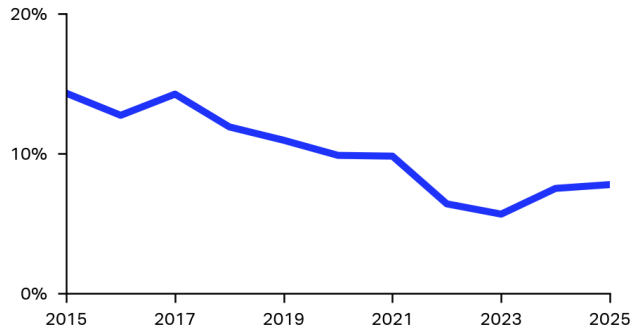


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Myanmar. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Myanmar timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.9% of Myanmar's traded goods by weight, it carried 8.0% of their total value.
Myanmar's airports handled around 86.8 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Myanmar as the world's 72nd largest air cargo handler market and the 21st largest in Asia.

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



Myanmar air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.9%
of trade by weight

8.0%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Myanmar, 2025

86.8
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

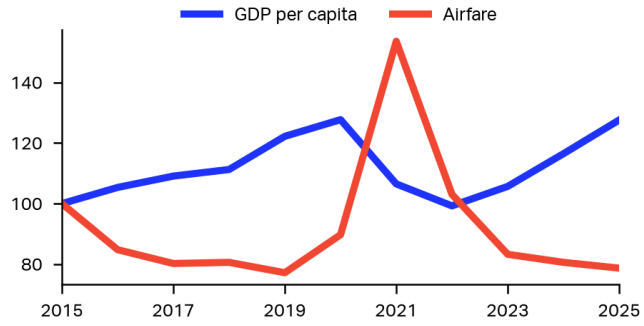
72nd
Globally
21st in Asia

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

Myanmar's nominal GDP per capita increased by 27.6%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Myanmar decreased by 21.3%, 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, Myanmar, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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