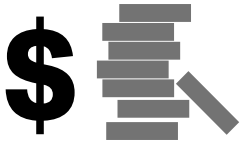
THE VALUE OF AVIATION SINGAPORE

The economic impact of aviation in Singapore

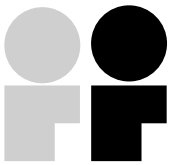
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 13.9% of Singapore's GDP and 17.8% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Singapore.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Singapore in 2025



84
USD billion

13.9%
of GDP



670.3
thousand jobs

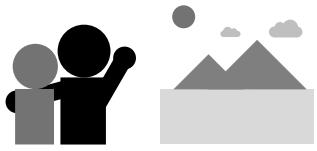
17.8%
of employment

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 15.9 billion	USD 40.9 billion	USD 27.2 billion
105.5 thousand jobs	292.5 thousand jobs	272.3 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 = SGD 1.31

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 25.1 million air passengers departed from Singapore in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Singapore the 32nd largest air passenger market globally.

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

25.1
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

18.6%
10-year growth

6.5%
year-on-year growth

RANK

32nd
Global
▲ 1 since 2015

11th
in Asia
▲ 1 since 2015

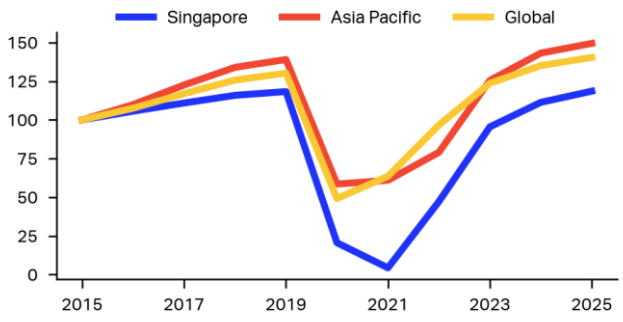
SHARE

0.6%
of global departures

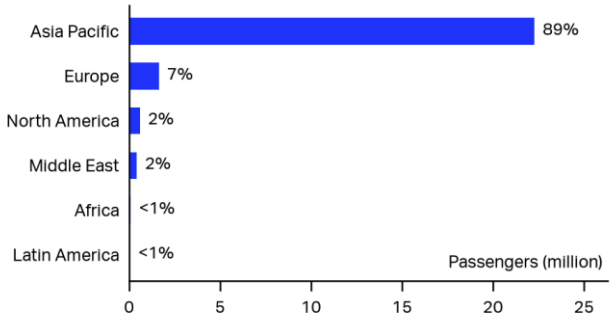
1.6%
of Asian departures

International: 25.1 million passenger departures, 18.6% 10Y growth, 6.5% 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

1. China
2. Malaysia
3. Indonesia
4. Thailand
5. India

Top origin cities
Inbound

1. Kuala Lumpur
2. Jakarta
3. Seoul
4. Tokyo
5. Hong Kong

Top destination cities
Outbound

1. Bangkok
2. Kuala Lumpur
3. Jakarta
4. Hong Kong
5. Taipei

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Singapore, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Singapore 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 Singapore to 49 different countries

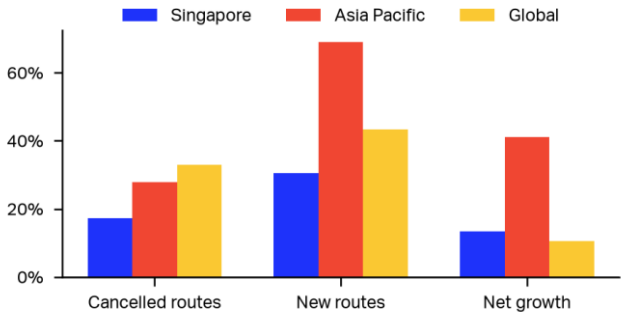
In 2025, there were 2 airports and 86 operating airlines in Singapore, providing a total of 178 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Singapore, connecting to 49 countries with about 479 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Singapore

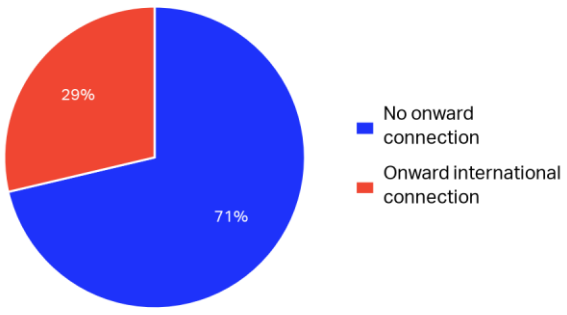


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	178	49	479
	Global rank	56th	31st	20th
	Asia rank	13th	5th	6th
2015	Total	157	47	452
	Global rank	60th	30th	18th
	Asia rank	15th	5th	6th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

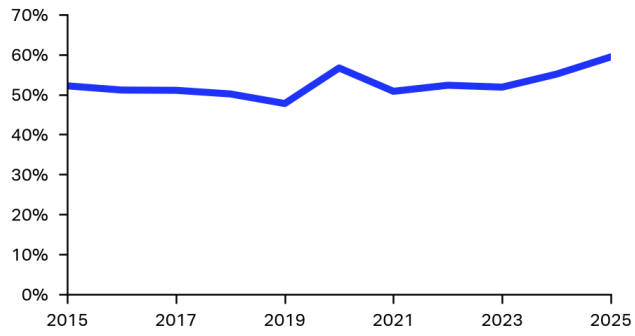


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Singapore. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Singapore timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 2.0% of Singapore's traded goods by weight, it carried 59.6% of their total value.
Singapore's airports handled around 2.1 million tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Singapore as the world's 14th largest air cargo handler market and the 7th largest in Asia.

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



Singaporean air cargo, share of trade, 2025

2.0%
of trade by weight

59.6%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Singapore, 2025

2.1
million tonnes
air cargo handled

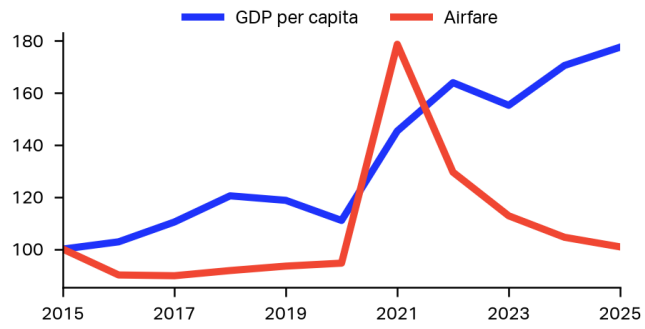
14th
Globally
7th in Asia

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

Singapore's nominal GDP per capita increased by 77.6%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Singapore increased by 0.9%, 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, Singapore, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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