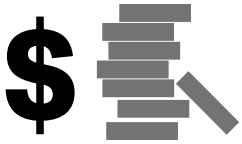
THE VALUE OF AVIATION TUNISIA

The economic impact of aviation in Tunisia

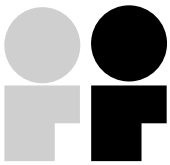
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 5.0% of Tunisia's GDP and 3.8% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Tunisia.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Tunisia in 2025



2.9
USD billion

5.0%
of GDP



160.8
thousand jobs

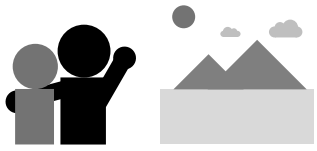
3.8%
of employment

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 570.8 million	USD 462.7 million	USD 1.9 billion
25.7 thousand jobs	36.1 thousand jobs	99 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 = TND 2.99

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 5.9 million air passengers departed from Tunisia in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Tunisia the 69th largest air passenger market globally.

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

5.9
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

73.0%
10-year growth

14.0%
year-on-year growth

RANK

69th
Global
▼ 2 since 2015

8th
in Africa
▼ 2 since 2015

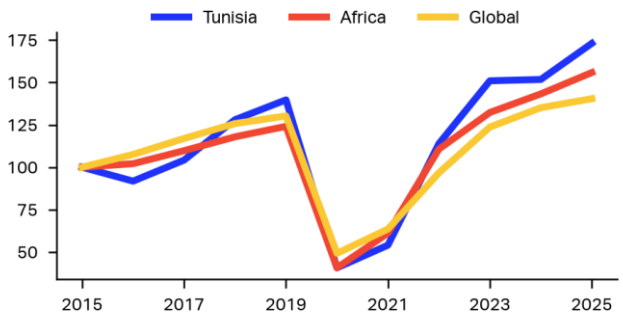
SHARE

0.1%
of global departures

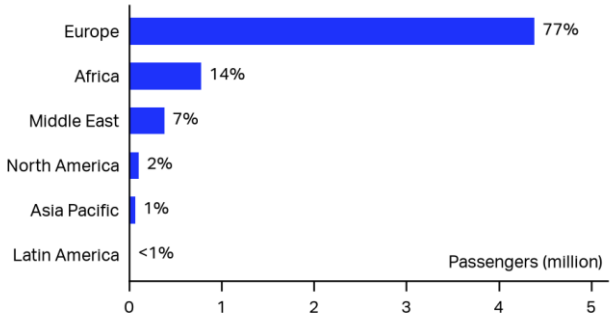
4.6%
of African departures

International: 5.7 million passenger departures, 78.6% 10Y growth, 14.9% 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. France	1. Paris	1. Paris
2. United Kingdom	2. Lyon	2. Jeddah
3. Germany	3. Manchester	3. Istanbul
4. Libya	4. London	4. Tripoli
5. Italy	5. Nantes	5. London

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Tunisia, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Tunisia 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 Tunisia to 44 different countries

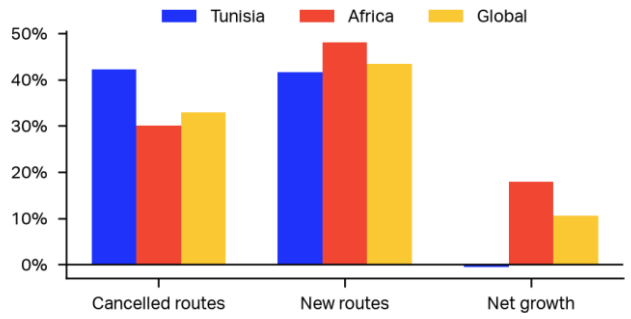
In 2025, there were 7 airports and 47 operating airlines in Tunisia, providing a total of 203 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Tunisia, connecting to 44 countries with about 111 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Tunisia

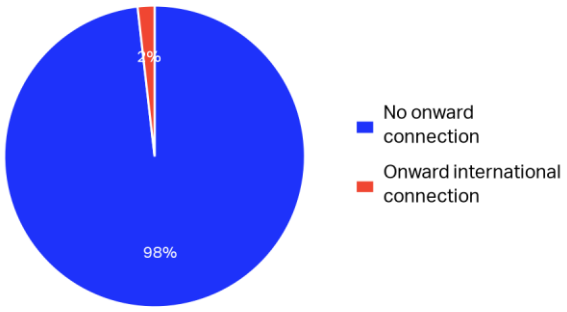


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	203	44	111
	Global rank	49th	39th	58th
	Africa rank	5th	5th	5th
2015	Total	204	38	77
	Global rank	47th	43rd	66th
	Africa rank	5th	6th	6th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

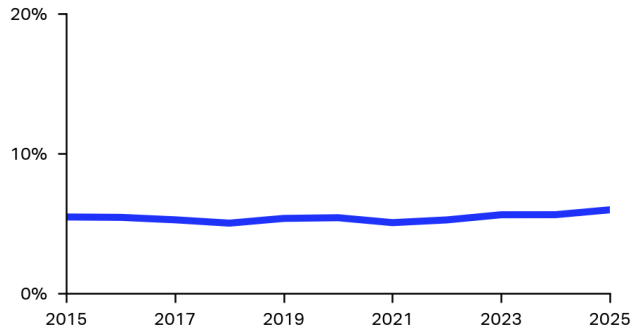


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Tunisia. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Tunisia timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.2% of Tunisia's traded goods by weight, it carried 6.2% of their total value.
Tunisia's airports handled around 29 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Tunisia as the world's 99th largest air cargo handler market and the 16th largest in Africa.

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



Tunisian air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.2% of trade by weight

6.2% of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Tunisia, 2025

29 thousand tonnes air cargo handled

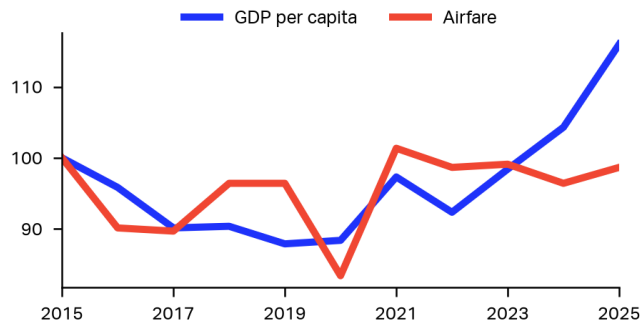
99th Globally 16th in Africa

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

Tunisia's nominal GDP per capita increased by 16.0%, while the average nominal air fare for an international ticket from Tunisia decreased by 1.3%, 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, Tunisia, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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