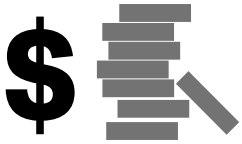
# THE VALUE OF AVIATION UZBEKISTAN

## The economic impact of aviation in Uzbekistan

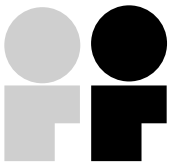
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 1.6% of Uzbekistan's GDP and 1.8% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Uzbekistan.

### GDP and employment created by aviation in Uzbekistan in 2025



**2.4**
USD billion

**1.6%**
of GDP



**266.2**
thousand jobs

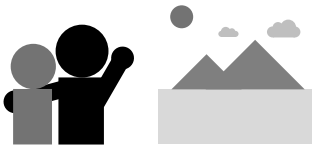
**1.8%**
of employment

*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 262.2 million | USD 357.4 million | USD 1.8 billion |
| 32.8 thousand jobs | 44.6 thousand jobs | 188.8 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 = UZS 12,573.19

# Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 7.1 million air passengers departed from Uzbekistan in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Uzbekistan the 61st largest air passenger market globally.

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

**7.1**
million
passenger departures

### GROWTH

**256.5%**
10-year growth

**19.5%**
year-on-year growth

### RANK

**61st**
Global
▲ 5 since 2015

**17th**
in Asia
▲ 5 since 2015

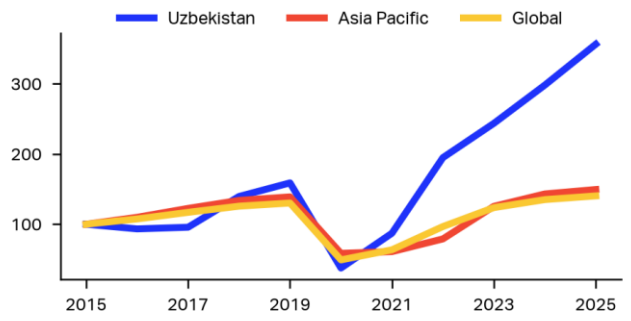
### SHARE

**0.2%**
of global departures

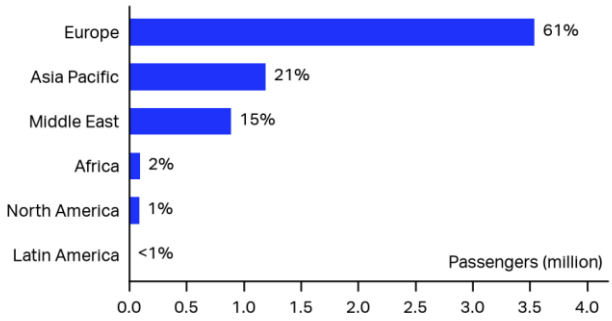
**0.4%**
of Asian departures

International: 5.8 million passenger departures, 295.1% 10Y growth, 16.6% YoY growth
Domestic: 1.3 million passenger departures, 148.0% 10Y growth, 34.6% YoY growth, % share of total market: 18.2%

**Total passenger departures, O-D, 2015-2025, index 2015=100**




**International passenger departures by destination region, O-D, 2025**




| Top air travel markets<br>Inbound & outbound | Top origin cities<br>Inbound | Top destination cities<br>Outbound |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Russia | 1. Moscow | 1. Istanbul |
| 2. Türkiye | 2. Seoul | 2. Jeddah |
| 3. Saudi Arabia | 3. Almaty | 3. Moscow |
| 4. China | 4. Abu Dhabi | 4. Dubai |
| 5. United Arab Emirates | 5. Istanbul | 5. Almaty |

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Uzbekistan, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Uzbekistan 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 Uzbekistan to 36 different countries

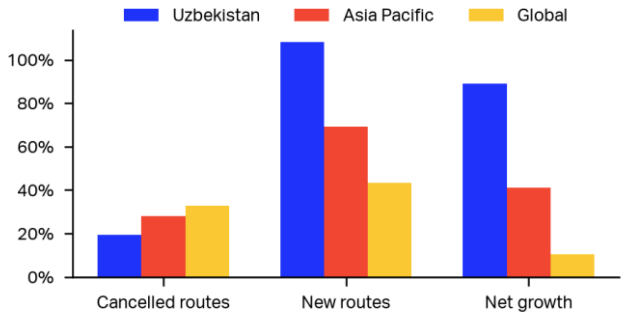
In 2025, there were 11 airports and 47 operating airlines in Uzbekistan, providing a total of 206 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Uzbekistan, connecting to 36 countries with about 87 daily international departures.

## Air Connectivity in Uzbekistan

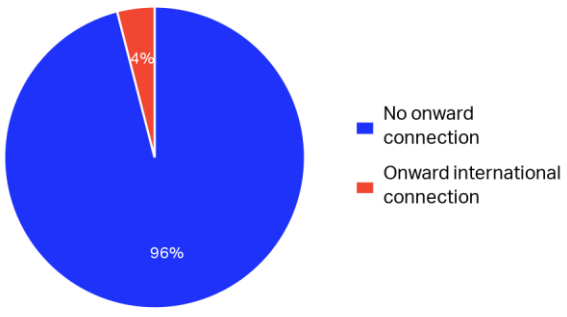



| | | Total | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Available routes | Connected countries | Daily int. departures |
| 2025 | Total | 206 | 36 | 87 |
| | Global rank | 48th | 58th | 68th |
| | Asia rank | 11th | 9th | 14th |
| 2015 | Total | 109 | 25 | 29 |
| | Global rank | 77th | 82nd | 107th |
| | Asia rank | 16th | 16th | 21st |

### Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015




### Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

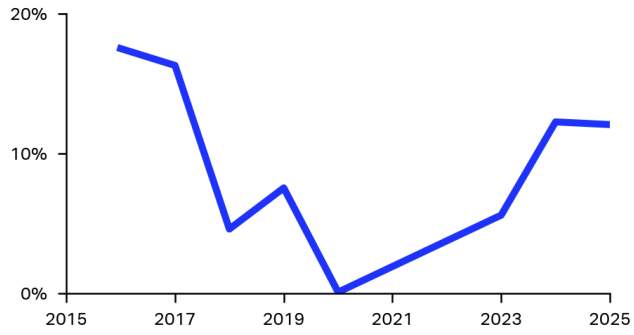



Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Uzbekistan. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

## Air Cargo provides Uzbekistan timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.3% of Uzbekistan's traded goods by weight, it carried 12.1% of their total value.
Uzbekistan's airports handled around 98.1 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Uzbekistan as the world's 69th largest air cargo handler market and the 18th largest in Asia.

**Uzbek air cargo, value, % of total, 2015-2025**




**Uzbek air cargo, share of trade, 2025**

**0.3%**
of trade by weight

**12.1%**
of trade by value

**Air cargo handled in Uzbekistan, 2025**

**98.1**
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

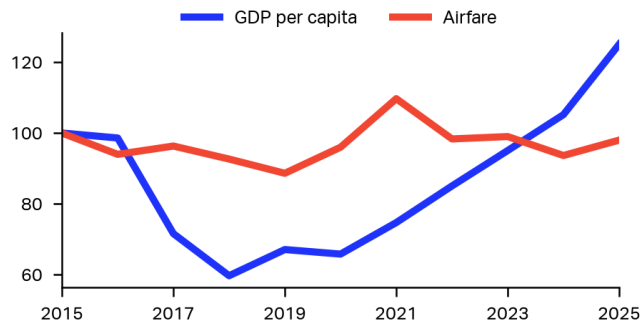
**69th**
Globally
18th in Asia

Source: Airports Council International (ACI) for air cargo handled, Global Trade Tracker (GTT) for imports and exports by air.
Note: Uzbekistan's trade by air includes imports and exports. It is based on the country's self reported customs data.

## International air travel from Uzbekistan has become more affordable over the past decade

Uzbekistan's nominal GDP per capita increased by 25.1%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Uzbekistan decreased by 2.0%, 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, Uzbekistan, 2015-2025, index 2015=100**




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