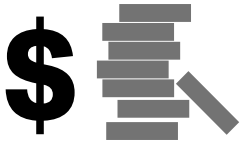
THE VALUE OF AVIATION VENEZUELA

The economic impact of aviation in Venezuela

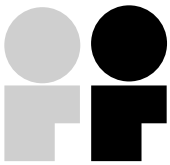
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 1.7% of Venezuela's GDP and 2.6% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Venezuela.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Venezuela in 2025



1.6
USD billion

1.7%
of GDP



286.6
thousand jobs

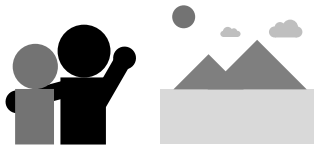
2.6%
of employment

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 420.8 million	USD 386 million	USD 838.5 million
104.9 thousand jobs	105.4 thousand jobs	76.3 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 = VES 130.95

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 3.3 million air passengers departed from Venezuela in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Venezuela the 86th largest air passenger market globally.

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

3.3
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

-55.5%
10-year growth

-7.8%
year-on-year growth

RANK

86th
Global
▼ 2 since 2015

8th
in South America
▼ 2 since 2015

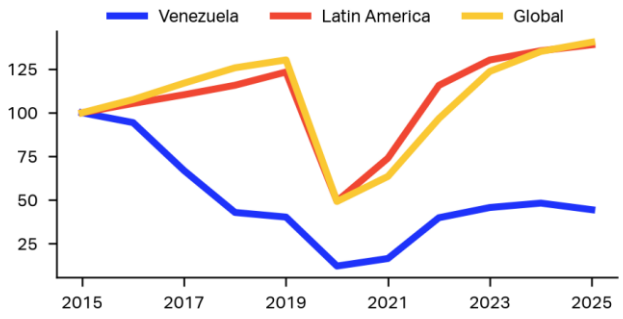
SHARE

0.1%
of global departures

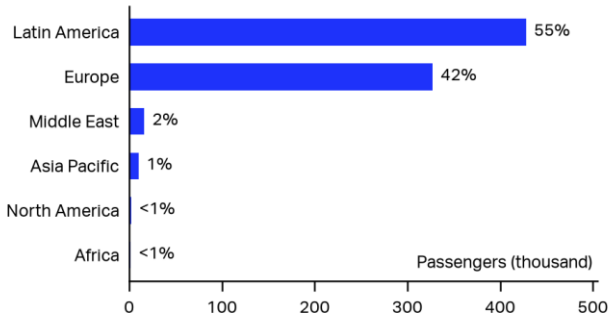
1.6%
of South American departures

International: 785.2 thousand passenger departures, -63.2% 10Y growth, -31.0% YoY growth
Domestic: 2.6 million passenger departures, -52.5% 10Y growth, 2.7% YoY growth, % share of total market: 76.5%

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. Spain	1. Madrid	1. Madrid
2. Colombia	2. Bogota	2. Bogota
3. Curaçao	3. Havana	3. Curacao
4. Cuba	4. Panama City	4. Panama City
5. Panama	5. Curacao	5. Havana

Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using IATA DDS data.
Note: O-D (origin-destination) departures measures passengers beginning their journey in Venezuela, to their final destination, excluding transfer and transit passengers.
Top air travel markets based on total O-D passenger traffic between Venezuela 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 Venezuela to 20 different countries

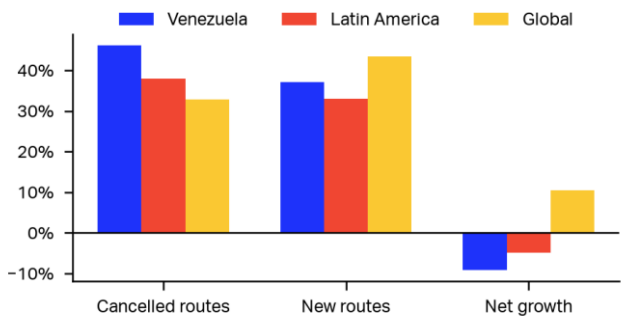
In 2025, there were 23 airports and 27 operating airlines in Venezuela, providing a total of 130 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Venezuela, connecting to 20 countries with about 22 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Venezuela

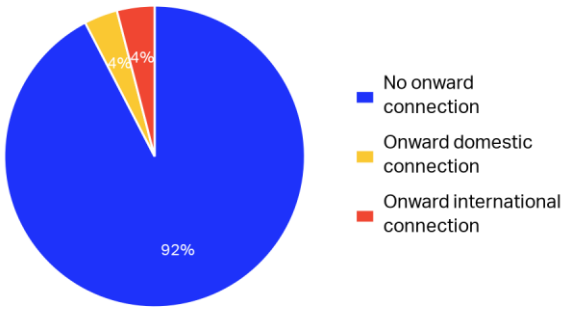


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	130	20	22
	Global rank	69th	109th	130th
	S-America rank	4th	6th	8th
2015	Total	143	23	50
	Global rank	63rd	87th	85th
	S-America rank	4th	5th	6th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

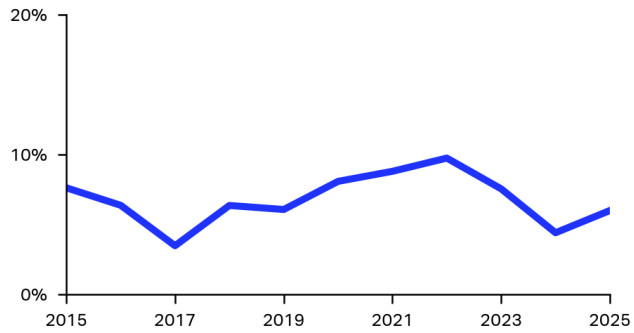


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Venezuela. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Venezuela timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.1% of Venezuela's traded goods by weight, it carried 6.0% of their total value.
Venezuela's airports handled around 23.5 thousand tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Venezuela as the world's 104th largest air cargo handler market and the 9th largest in South America.

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



Venezuelan air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.1%
of trade by weight

6.0%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Venezuela, 2025

23.5
thousand tonnes
air cargo handled

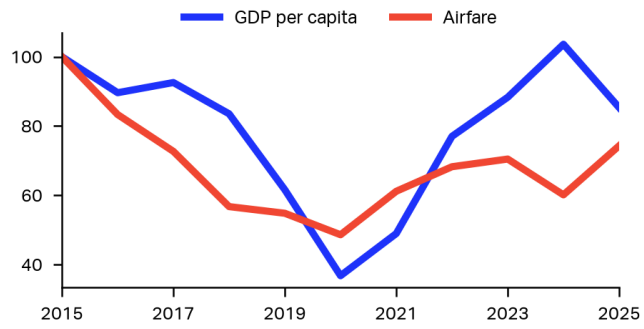
104th
Globally
9th in S-America

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

Venezuela's nominal GDP per capita decreased by 14.7%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Venezuela decreased by 25.7%, 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, Venezuela, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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