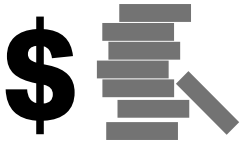
THE VALUE OF AVIATION
VIET NAM

The economic impact of aviation in Viet Nam

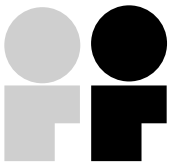
The aviation sector and its quantifiable economic effects made up 5.6% of Viet Nam's GDP and 6.2% of the country's employment in 2025. This covers the sector itself, its supply chain, employee spending, and international air transport-enabled tourism to Viet Nam.

GDP and employment created by aviation in Viet Nam in 2025



28.9
USD billion

5.6%
of GDP



3.5
million jobs

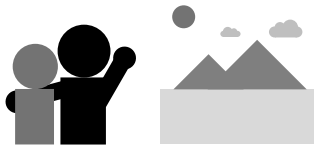
6.2%
of employment

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 6.4 billion	USD 11.5 billion	USD 10.9 billion
481.1 thousand jobs	948.3 thousand jobs	2.1 million 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 = VND 26,003.73

Air transport brings millions of people safely to global destinations

Around 58.2 million air passengers departed from Viet Nam in 2025, based on Origin-Destination(O-D) traffic, making Viet Nam the 20th largest air passenger market globally.

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

58.2
million
passenger departures

GROWTH

100.0%
10-year growth

12.7%
year-on-year growth

RANK

20th
Global
▲ 2 since 2015

7th
in Asia
▲ 2 since 2015

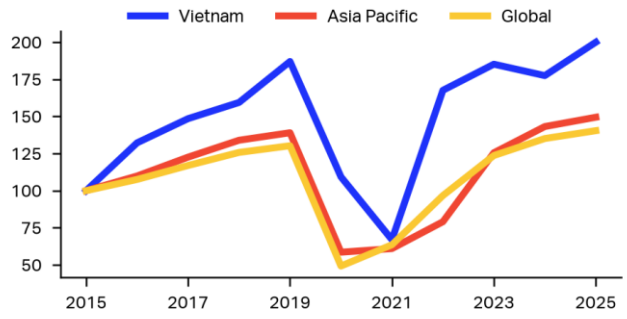
SHARE

1.4%
of global departures

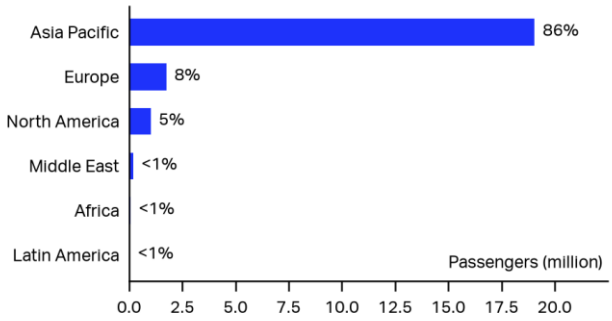
3.6%
of Asian departures

International: 22.1 million passenger departures, 151.1% 10Y growth, 15.4% YoY growth
Domestic: 36.1 million passenger departures, 77.9% 10Y growth, 11.1% YoY growth, % share of total market: 62.1%

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. South Korea	1. Seoul	1. Bangkok
2. China	2. Busan	2. Shanghai
3. Thailand	3. Taipei	3. Singapore
4. Chinese Taipei	4. Tokyo	4. Seoul
5. Japan	5. Singapore	5. Hong Kong

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

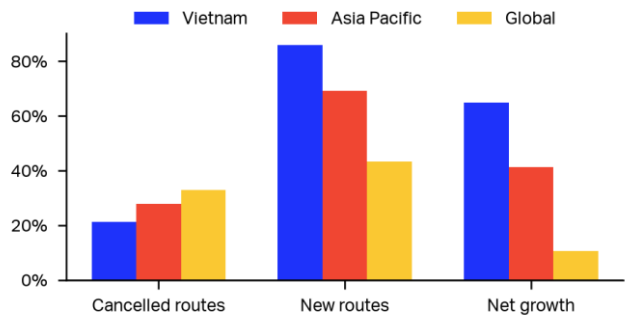
In 2025, there were 23 airports and 92 operating airlines in Viet Nam, providing a total of 366 regularly scheduled commercial passenger routes for Viet Nam, connecting to 36 countries with about 316 daily international departures.

Air Connectivity in Viet Nam

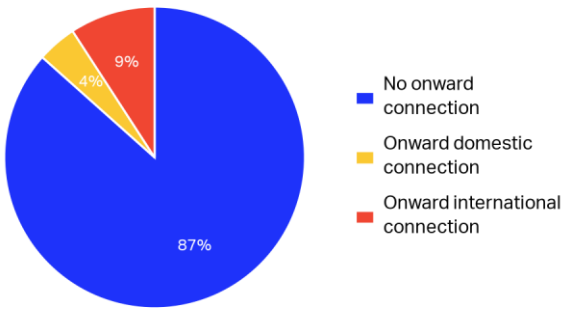


		Total		
		Available routes	Connected countries	Daily int. departures
2025	Total	366	36	316
	Global rank	30th	58th	32nd
	Asia rank	7th	9th	10th
2015	Total	222	28	169
	Global rank	43rd	71st	40th
	Asia rank	11th	12th	11th

Route network change, 2015 to 2025, % of 2015



Onward connections of international arrivals, 2025

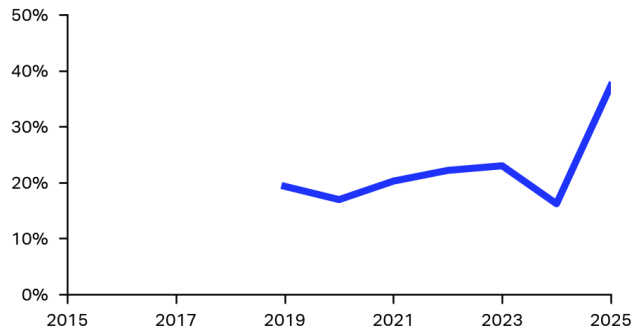


Source: IATA Sustainability & Economics using OAG & IATA DDS data.
Note: Airport, airline, and route counts include only those with regularly scheduled passenger services from Viet Nam. Airports with fewer than 1,000 regularly scheduled seats in 2025 are excluded.

Air Cargo provides Viet Nam timely and safe access to global markets

Although air transport accounted for an estimated 0.5% of Viet Nam's traded goods by weight, it carried 22.5% of their total value.
Viet Nam's airports handled around 1.8 million tonnes of air cargo in 2025, ranking Viet Nam as the world's 16th largest air cargo handler market and the 8th largest in Asia.

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



Vietnamese air cargo, share of trade, 2025

0.5%
of trade by weight

22.5%
of trade by value

Air cargo handled in Viet Nam, 2025

1.8
million tonnes
air cargo handled

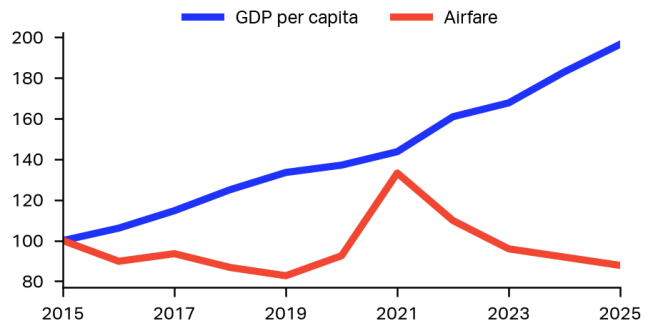
16th
Globally
8th in Asia

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

International air travel from Viet Nam has become more affordable over the past decade

Viet Nam's nominal GDP per capita increased by 96.5%, while the average nominal airfare for an international ticket from Viet Nam decreased by 12.2%, 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, Viet Nam, 2015-2025, index 2015=100



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