

AVIATION SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: VITAL ROLE CONNECTING THE WORLD

Powering global economic growth, employment, trade links, tourism and support for sustainable development. These are the key figures are from the 2024 report *Aviation: Benefits Beyond Borders*. www.aviationbenefits.org

86.5 million

jobs supported by air transport

\$4.1 trillion

global economic impact (3.9% of global GDP)

11.6 million

people work in the aviation sector directly

- **6.5 million** at airports
- **3.1 million** for airlines
- **1.7 million** in commercial aerospace manufacturing
- **214,000** for air traffic management providers

37.3 million

jobs supported in global tourism through air transport.

Tourism as a whole supported over 330 million jobs and 9% of global GDP.

33%

of world trade by value sent by air (\$8 trillion worth of goods in 2023). In particular, perishable food products, medical equipment, vaccines and high-value items rely on fast and secure air transport.

21,000

unique city-pairs served by airlines.

58%

of global tourists travel by air.

For every million passengers, around 1,000 on-airport jobs are generated.

29,039

aircraft in service.

- **10%** turboprops
- **11%** regional jets
- **19%** wide-body jets
- **60%** narrow-body jets

\$49.2 billion

2022 investment in airport infrastructure, mostly financed by industry and users.

4.4 billion

passengers in 2023 (5bn expected in 2024) - travelling for business, tourism, education, healthcare, visiting friends and family.



	Africa	Asia-Pacific	Europe	Latin America	Middle East	North America	Global
Aviation direct jobs, 2023	360,000	4.3m	2.9m	790,000	580,000	2.5m	11.6m
Total jobs supported, 2023	8.1m	42m	15m	8.3m	4m	8.4m	86.5m
Total GDP supported, 2023	\$75bn	\$890bn	\$1.2trn	\$240bn	\$290bn	\$1.4trn	\$4.1trn
Passengers, 2023	110m	1.4bn	988m	317m	142m	773m	4.4bn
% of global passengers, 2023	2.9%	34.7%	25.9%	8.7%	4.6%	23.1%	-
Tonnes of cargo, 2023	1.2m	20.5m	10.4m	2.6m	6.6m	20.1m	61.4m
Commercial airlines, 2023	196	316	309	135	58	124	1,138
Commercial airports, 2023	383	1,187	766	527	128	909	4,072
ANSPs, 2023	36	35	44	31	14	2	162
Average load factor, 2023	73%	81%	85%	83%	78%	83%	82.2%
Total jobs supported, 2043 (F)	16m	62m	21m	15m	9.4m	13m	135.4m
Total GDP supported, 2043 (F)	\$190bn	\$2.3trn	\$2.1trn	\$500bn	\$730bn	\$2.6trn	\$8.5trn