

Air Routes to Nunavut

Abstract

In Nunavut, aircrafts are the ideal form of transportation for people because of the enormous distances between communities and vast areas of permafrost. Air transportation has developed rapidly, and now all communities are served on a daily basis. This contributes to Nunavut's economy because it allows for faster and easier access within the territory and to the southern regions.

Since land, distance and climate affect travel greatly, air transport is taking over, servicing all communities. The modernization of airports has established Iqaluit in the east and Rankin Inlet in the west as points of entry to Nunavut. An economy heavily dependent on the marketing of traditional arts, hunting and fishing can now count on a diversification of these activities, since the transportation of equipment and the carriage of passengers will each have a comparable share in the use of air services.

Accordingly, this map provides a good general idea of most of the routes used by carriers, large and small, over the territory. Flights from outside Nunavut are also shown: Winnipeg and Yellowknife in the west, and Ottawa and Montreal in the east, are the main departure airports for travel to and from Nunavut.

Map Sources

Airport Facilities in Nunavut

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