

Florida's Statewide Benefits from Aviation

Florida realizes significant annual economic benefits from aviation. The Florida Department of Transportation completed a comprehensive economic impact analysis to measure these benefits. Benefits measured in the FDOT study considered direct and indirect economic impacts and induced impacts that result from the multiplier effect. A summary of Florida's annual economic benefits from aviation follows:

Impact Category	Total Employment	Total Payroll	Total Output
Airports	158,861	\$7,752,561,600	\$28,793,238,700
Visitors Arriving by Air	763,353	\$19,315,252,400	\$59,178,047,200
Construction at Airports	25,321	\$1,041,077,200	\$2,858,791,800
Air Cargo	69,256	\$3,054,598,800	\$6,596,812,200
Aviation Education	6,977	\$201,195,400	\$573,188,000
Military Aviation	116,860	\$5,855,976,400	\$10,797,219,600
Aviation Businesses	35,986	\$1,255,264,800	\$5,321,292,400
Federal Aviation Administration	4,545	\$318,215,600	\$617,783,700
Total Annual Economic Benefits	1,171,159	\$38,794,142,200	\$114,736,373,600

Total annual economic output shown above represents more than 15 percent of Florida's gross state product (GSP). Many employers in Florida also rely on aviation to support their daily activities. Use of aviation helps to improve business efficiency. The FDOT study shows that, annually, by using all facets of air transportation, the efficiency of Florida businesses is increased by an estimated \$94.5 billion. This increased business efficiency is in addition to the total annual economic benefits noted above.

Palm Beach County Park Airport

Located in Palm Beach County, approximately six miles south of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Park primarily serves recreational/sport general aviation activities. With its three intersecting runways, the longest of which is 3,489 feet, the airport can accommodate small multi-engine general aviation aircraft. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

The airport's largest tenants, which are all aircraft maintenance businesses, include Palm Beach Aircraft Services, Windward Aviation, and Palm Beach Aircraft Propellers. The airport primarily serves as a reliever to Palm Beach International and supports the area's local general aviation and flight training needs. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and to the airport's economic impacts.

The annual economic impact of Palm Beach County Park Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from tenants/businesses located at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken by the airport or by on-site businesses. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft. The airport's total annual economic impact follows:

