


Florida's Statewide Benefits from Aviation

Palm Beach County Glades Airport

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:

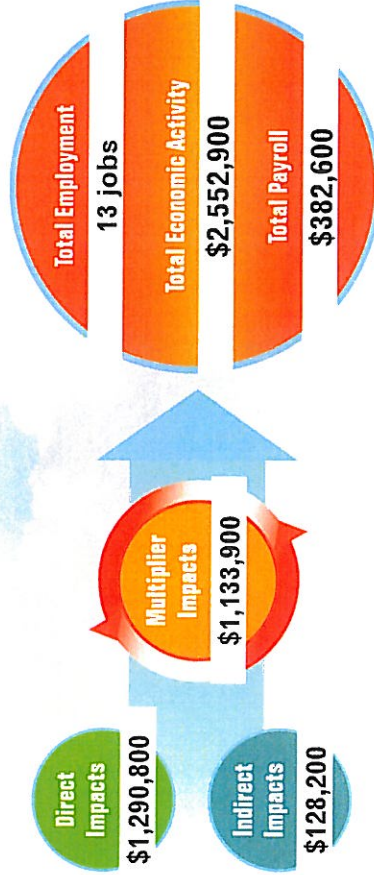


Impact Category	Total Employment	Total Payroll	Total Output
Airports	158,861	\$7,752,561,600	\$28,793,238,700
Visitors Arriving by Air	753,353	\$19,315,252,400	\$59,178,047,200
Construction at Airports	25,321	\$1,041,077,200	\$2,858,791,800
Air Cargo	69,256	\$3,054,598,800	\$6,596,812,200
Aviation Education	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

Located in western Palm Beach County, on the southeastern edge of Lake Okeechobee, approximately three miles southwest of Pahokee, Palm Beach County Glades Airport primarily serves the general aviation needs of the local area. With its single 4,116-foot runway, the airport can accommodate twin-engine general aviation aircraft.

Owned by the Palm Beach County Department of Airports, the airport is managed by Pahokee Aviation, Inc., the airport's fixed base operator (FBO). In addition, there are ten on-site tenants at the airport located in newly-constructed T-hangars. Palm Beach County Glades primarily supports recreational/sport activity and is the area's major source for skydiving.

The annual economic impact of Palm Beach County Glades is associated with direct impacts that come from operations at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken at the airport. 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:



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.