

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
**Lake City Gateway Airport
(LCQ)**

Aviation's Benefit for Florida

Florida's economic well-being is intrinsically entwined with its vibrant airport system and its robust aviation industry. The aviation system in Florida allows the state to capitalize on an increasingly global marketplace. Aviation in Florida both sustains and leads economic growth and development. Airports in Florida are important economic engines, and support vital health, welfare, emergency, and safety-related services.

Florida's system of commercial service and general aviation airports are important to businesses throughout the state. Air travel is essential to tourism, Florida's number one industry. Protecting and investing in airports throughout Florida will support the aviation industry and the economic benefits described in this report. With continued support, Florida's dynamic aviation system will continue to provide a significant economic return in the years to come.

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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 (BILLIONS)	Total Output (BILLIONS)
AIRPORTS			
VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR	170,107	\$8.1	\$36.3
CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS	765,225	\$20.7	\$67.2
MILITARY AVIATION	17,388	\$0.6	\$2.2
AIR CARGO	137,482	\$6.4	\$12.8
AVIATION EDUCATION	129,587	\$5.0	\$10.3
AVIATION BUSINESSES	11,891	\$0.5	\$1.0
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION	76,217	\$2.8	\$13.6
TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS	4,534	\$0.4	\$0.6
	1,312,431	\$44.5	\$144.0



Lake City Gateway Airport

Located in Columbia County in northern Florida, approximately 60 miles west of Jacksonville, Lake City Gateway Airport serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 8,003 feet, the airport can accommodate large jet aircraft including the C130, KC10, and Boeing 747, 757, and 767. The airport's newly built terminal is ideal for serving both local users as well as those visiting the area.

Two of Lake City Gateway Municipal Airport's major tenants are TIMCO Aviation Services and the U.S. Forestry Service. TIMCO provides maintenance and modification services to both civilian and military aircraft. The U.S. Forestry Service represents the only fire support base in the southeastern U.S., which serves as a significant source of revenue for the airport during the fire season. In addition to serving the entire range of general aviation aircraft and transport aircraft associated with the TIMCO and U.S. Forestry Service operations, Lake City Gateway Airport regularly supports flight training, corporate/business operations, emergency medical evacuation flights, law enforcement operations, and recreational/sport activity. The airport's full service fixed base operator, industrial park availability, and location convenient to North-South airways and two interstate highways make Lake City Gateway Airport a strategic location for business and industry.

The annual economic impact of Lake City Gateway 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.

