

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Suwanne County Airport (24J)

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



Suwannee County Airport

Located in Suwannee County, approximately 85 miles west of Jacksonville, Suwannee County Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local community. With its single 4,000-foot runway, the airport can accommodate mid-size general aviation aircraft. The terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Aside from Suwannee County, which manages the airport and provides fixed base operator services, Fessler Aviation Inc. and Reid Padgett are the other tenants at the airport. Fessler Aviation provides aircraft modernization and performance evaluation, while Reid Padgett provides aircraft upholstery repair. These businesses are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

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

