LUBBOCK PRESTON SMITH INTERNATIONAL (LBB)



2029

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

6,061 TOTAL JOBS

$422.2M TOTAL PAYROLL

$713.5M TOTAL OUTPUT

OVERVIEW

LUBBOCK PRESTON SMITH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is one of 25 Texas airports served by scheduled commercial airline service. Three runways support operations, the longest measuring 11,500 feet, and landings are assisted by precision instrument approach procedures. Southwest Airlines, American Airlines, and United Airlines provide scheduled commercial service. The terminal concessionaires, managed by SSP America, contribute to airport-related jobs, payroll, and output. Terminal renovations are currently underway. Rental car operators include Alamo, Avis, Enterprise, and National. Air cargo is handled by UPS and FedEx. Million Air, the airport's fixed base operator (FBO), offers a full range of general aviation services. Additional tenants include Condor Avionics, Hub City Aviation Academy (flight training), and Med-Trans (emergency medical operations). Customs & Border Protection clearance is available on-site, and the airport is also home to the Silent Wings Museum.

ESTIMATING ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The economic impact analysis estimates that the airport supports 6,061 total jobs. It helps to understand where these jobs come from. On-airport direct jobs are located at the airport (for example airport management, aviation-related business tenants, and investment for capital projects). Off-airport jobs are supported by the expenditures of visitors who arrive in Texas via the airport. The total jobs identified for each airport include direct jobs located at the airport, additional off-airport direct jobs supported by visitor expenditures, and additional multiplier jobs. Additional multiplier jobs are created when direct airport-support impacts enter the economy. The graphic shows how direct jobs and multiplier jobs combine to generate the airport's total annual employment estimate. The same approach is used to estimate total annual payroll and output.

EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC IMPACT ESTIMATES

DIRECT ON-AIRPORT JOBS



MANAGEMENT **53**



TENANTS **336**



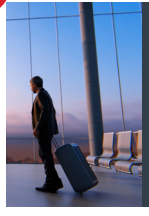
CAPITAL INVESTMENT **58**

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DIRECT OFF-AIRPORT JOBS



GENERAL AVIATION VISITOR SPENDING **97**



COMMERCIAL AIRLINE VISITOR SPENDING **3,461**

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MULTIPLIER JOBS

ADDITIONAL JOBS **2,056**



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TOTAL JOBS

6,061



TEXAS AVIATION IMPACT 2026

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) and the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Aviation Division partnered to undertake an analysis and research project to identify annual economic impacts for airports in the Texas Airport System.

288 AIRPORTS | **263** GENERAL AVIATION | **25** COMMERCIAL SERVICE

The study's analysis produced estimates of economic impact for 277 of the Texas airports, while annual impacts for 11 other airports were obtained from other sources/reports.

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR ALL TEXAS AIRPORTS

This study measures economic impacts for Texas airports in three ways: employment, annual payroll, and annual output (total economic activity). Texas's strong business climate and tourism industry help drive airport-related activity for both commercial service and general aviation airports. The statewide totals reported here include direct impacts (identified through surveys, site visits, and research) and multiplier impacts (indirect and induced impacts estimated using an input/output econometric model). For this analysis, annual output represents the estimated total value of economic activity associated with Texas airports.

$240B OUTPUT

1.2M JOBS

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS IN TEXAS

Commercial service airports are airports with at least one scheduled airline. Texas has **25 COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORTS** in its state airport system. According to a 2026 CNBC study, evaluating 135 factors, Texas ranks in the top 5 nationally among all states as the best location for doing business. The state's extensive and first-class commercial airport system is important to that ranking. These airports vary widely in size. Some are served by more than a dozen airlines, while others have only one carrier. In 2025, the 25 commercial airports served more than **200 MILLION PASSENGERS** (arrivals and departures). These travelers include both Texas residents and visitors. Visitors who fly into Texas on scheduled airline flights are an important part of the economic impact measured in this study. Based on the analysis in this report and supporting research, the 25 commercial service airports in Texas are estimated to generate a total annual economic impact of **$223 BILLION**.

CATEGORIES OF ECONOMIC IMPACT

AIRPORT MANAGEMENT
Day-to-day operation of the airport.

BUSINESS TENANTS
Aviation-related businesses operating on the airport who provide services to aircraft and/or airport customers.

ANNUAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT
5-year average of federal, state, local, airport, and private investment for capital improvement projects.

VISITOR SPENDING
Annual expenditures from visitors to Texas who arrive on a scheduled commercial airline flight or on a general aviation plane.



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