

TEXAS AIRPORTS CONTRIBUTE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE STATE'S ECONOMY

TEXAS AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) partnered to conduct a statewide economic impact study for commercial service and general aviation airports in Texas. Annual economic impacts for 288 airports were identified through study analysis and researching existing economic impact reports for some Texas airports. This summary shows how activities associated with airport management, aviation-related business tenants, average annual capital investment, and spending associated with visitors who arrive on general aviation aircraft and commercial airline flights pump money into both state and local economies.

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR ALL AIRPORTS IN TEXAS

WHEN THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR ALL TEXAS COMMERCIAL SERVICE AND GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS ARE SUMMED, TOTAL ANNUAL STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACTS WERE DETERMINED TO BE:

1.2M
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

$83B
TOTAL ANNUAL PAYROLL

$240B
TOTAL ANNUAL OUTPUT

For the Texas study, analysis started by identifying direct impacts for employment, payroll, and output. Output is a representation of the total annual economic activity that flows from the airports into the economy and is generally established primarily by considering sales and spending. IMPLAN, an econometric input/output model, is used to show how when direct impacts enter the economy, those impacts continue to recirculate or multiply. Together direct and multiplier impacts equal total annual economic impacts reported in the Texas study.

With its number of airports, annual commercial airline travelers, and total annual aircraft takeoffs and landings, Texas is one of the busiest aviation states in the U.S. Its first-class airport system is one reason that Texas ranks at the top as the best place to do business. This ranking is per ***Site Selection Magazine***; a publication that ranks all states for their business climate.

30,000	REGISTERED GENERAL AVIATION AIRCRAFT
70,700	LICENSED PILOTS
5.7M	ANNUAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS
TOP 40	5 OF THE BUSIEST COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS IN THE US FOR SERVING DOMESTIC PASSENGERS
TOP 10	2 OF THE TOP 10 COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS IN THE US FOR SERVING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

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TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE AND GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS

	GENERAL AVIATION	COMMERCIAL SERVICE	TOTAL 288 AIRPORTS
EMPLOYMENT	78,510	1.1M	1.2M
PAYROLL	$6.8B	$76.2B	$83.0B
OUTPUT	$17.0B	$222.6B	$240.0B

TEXAS AIRPORTS ADD VALUE

Airports in Texas are catalysts for statewide economic growth and development, and they are economic engines for the communities they serve. The value of the Texas Airport System, however, extends well beyond its economic contributions. Airport play important health, welfare, and safety roles, improving the quality of life for all Texas residents. Throughout the state, airports support non-aviation businesses, agriculture, healthcare, state and federal agencies, and other activities that improve efficiency as only aviation can. As part of the statewide economic impact analysis, airport managers around the state provided information on various activities that their airport supports. Results are illustrated below.

AERIAL APPLICATORS
over **55%** of the airports support based or transient aerial applicator activities

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE
almost **60%** of the airports support local businesses and over **80%** support flights by visiting businesses

AIR CARGO ACTIVITIES
25% of the airports support air cargo and just-in-time deliveries

HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCY
over **80%** of the airports support flights that support medical-related users



AERIAL SURVEYING AND INSPECTION
almost **65%** of the airports support businesses or agencies who conduct various aerial surveys including mapping, infrastructure inspection, and resource/wildlife management

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY
over **75%** of the airports support various types recreational use

MILITARY SUPPORT
65% of the airports support transient military training operations for the Air Force and Navy

AGENCY SUPPORT
over **70%** of the airports support the operations of local, state, and federal agencies

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