

Florida Aviation Fact Sheet

At A Glance

- Over 51% of Florida tourists arrive by air. (Visit Florida)
- Florida's air passengers account for 10% of the nation's total passengers.
- Commercial service airports in Florida process over 7% of the nation's air cargo.
- Florida's 110 public-use, general aviation airports support over 80% of all aircraft operations.

Florida's Aviation System

Florida is fortunate to be served by one of the most comprehensive and progressive airport systems in the country. Florida's public airport system includes 19 commercial service airports and 110 general aviation (GA) airports that serve their communities and the state in a variety of ways. In addition to its system of 129 public-use airports, Florida is also home to 11 major military airfields and 637 private airports and heliports. Varied aviation activities at these locations generate economic activity representing more than 8.5% of Florida's Gross State Product.

Economic Impact of Florida Airports

Florida's public and military airports provide the following annual economic benefits to the state's economy:

1.1	Million.....	Jobs
\$36.5	Billion.....	Payroll
\$107.8	Billion.....	Economic Activity

Air Cargo Economics

Air cargo shipments generate 36% of Florida's international trade dollars. The value of air cargo produced or sold in Florida totals \$33.4 billion annually and contributes the following economic benefits to the state:

69,256	Jobs
\$3.1	Billion..... Payroll
\$6.6	Billion..... Economic Activity

Commercial Airports

Florida's scheduled airline service rates high for its domestic, international, intrastate route structures; for number of airlines; number of non-stop destinations served; and competitiveness of airline fares. The 19 commercial airports are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daytona Beach International • Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood Intl • Gainesville Regional • Jacksonville International • Key West International • Melbourne International • Miami International • Miami Beaches Intl • NW Florida Rgnl (Eglin AFB) • Orlando International | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orlando Sanford International • Palm Beach International • Pensacola Gulf Coast Regional • Punta Gorda Airport • Sarasota/Bradenton Intl • Southwest Florida International • St. Petersburg-Clearwater Intl • Tallahassee Regional • Tampa International |
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Economic Impact of Commercial Airports

946,362	Jobs
\$28.8	Billion..... Payroll
\$91	Billion..... Economic Activity

General Aviation Airports

General aviation airports relieve air traffic at commercial service airports, which helps to reduce travel delays and improve service for air travelers. Florida's 110 GA airports are also used for search and rescue, flight training, and drug enforcement.

Economic Impact of General Aviation Airports

54,250	Jobs
\$1.8	Billion..... Payroll
\$6	Billion..... Economic Activity

Military Airfields

The 11 major military airfields in Florida are vital to our national defense, and provide severe weather storm tracking, emergency services support, and disaster relief.

Economic Impact of Military Airfields

116,860	Jobs
\$5.9	Billion..... Payroll
\$10.8	Billion..... Economic Activity

FDOT Aviation Responsibilities

- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):
- Plans the Florida system of airports,
 - Stimulates development of air commerce facilities,
 - Protects military and public airport approaches, and
 - Promotes development and improvement of air routes, airport facilities, and landing fields.

Central Office and District aviation professionals accomplish these responsibilities by implementing, coordinating, and managing activities and program functions related to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerospace Development • Airport & Aviation Safety • Airport & Aviation Security • Airport Capital Project Funds • Airport Compatible Land Use • Airport Design Specifications • Airport Site Approval Process • Airport Zoning Ordinances • Airspace Obstruction Permits • Airspace Protection Program • Aviation Data & Forecasting • Aviation Educational Outreach • Airport Master Plan Review • Aviation Legislation Analysis • Environmental Reviews | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal, State & Local Coord. • Florida Aeronautical Chart • Florida Airport Directory • Florida Aviation System Plan • Design Guidelines - Trangles • Florida Space Transportation • JACIP Capital Improvements • Master Planning Guidelines • Pavement Management • Policy & Program Analysis • Private Airport Registration • Public Airport Inspection • Public Airport Licensing • Stormwater Management • Strategic Planning Process |
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Program Authority

- Ch. 329, FS, "Aircraft: Title, Registration, Liens"
 Ch. 330, FS, "Regulation of Aircraft, Pilots, and Airports"
 Ch. 331, FS, "Aviation and Aerospace Facilities and Commerce"
 Ch. 332, FS, "Airports and Other Air Navigation Facilities"
 Ch. 333, FS, "Airport Zoning"
 Ch. 14-60, FAC, "Airport Licensing, Registration, and Airspace Protection"
 Chapter (Ch), Florida Statutes (FS), and Florida Administrative Code (FAC)



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