

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
Fernandina Beach Municipal
Airport (FHB)

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



Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport

Located in Nassau County, approximately 30 miles north of Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport serves many types of general aviation activities. With its three intersecting runways, all over 5,000 feet with the longest being 5,301 feet, the airport can accommodate general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Fernandina Beach Municipal's major tenants include McGill Aviation, the airport's fixed base operator; Skydive Amelia Island, a skydiving operator; and Island Aviation, an aircraft maintenance and avionics business. Much of the airport's aircraft operations are business and tourism related. Skydiving and search and rescue operations are also regular activities. The airport also supports frequent military operations, including those from the Georgia National Guard. Fernandina Beach Municipal's busiest time of the year is during the annual Concours d'Elegance automobile charity event held in March on Amelia Island. The airport hosts 70-80 weekly visiting aircraft during this event. All of Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Fernandina Beach Municipal 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.

