

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Miami International Airport (MIA)

## *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
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS</b>	<b>4,534</b>	<b>\$0.4</b>	<b>\$0.6</b>
	<b>1,312,431</b>	<b>\$44.5</b>	<b>\$144.0</b>

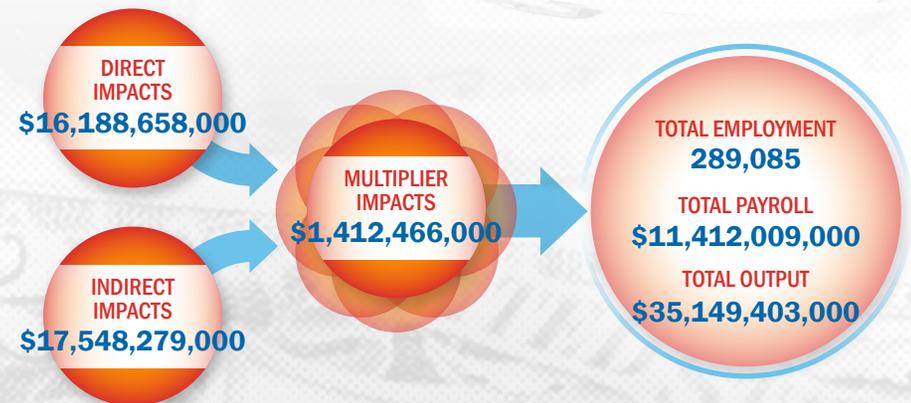


## Miami International Airport

Miami International Airport is located in Miami-Dade County on Florida's East Coast. The airport has four active runways, the longest of which is 13,016 feet. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting a full range of commercial aircraft on all domestic and most international routes. The airport serves as the nation's gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the busiest U.S. airport for international freight. The airport is currently serving new large aircraft, such as the Airbus A380, Boeing B747-8 and Boeing B787, which have increased both passenger and air cargo activity.

The airport is managed by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. Miami International Airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel. Florida's busiest airport ended 2013 by reaching the 40-million passenger mark for the first time in the airport's 85 year history. Approximately 20.2 million enplaning commercial passengers flow through the airport each year; nearly half of these enplanements are visitors, and many are international travelers, whose spending helps to contribute to the airport's economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Miami International Airport is associated with direct impacts derived 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 commercial and general aviation aircraft.



\*Based on Martin Associates' April 2013 economic impact study for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.