

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Key West International Airport (EYW)

## *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)
<b>AIRPORTS</b>			
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>	4,534	\$0.4	\$0.6
	<b>1,312,431</b>	<b>\$44.5</b>	<b>\$144.0</b>

## Key West In'tl Airport

Located approximately 160 miles southeast of Miami, Key West International Airport is the southernmost airport in the continental United States. The airport has one 4,801-foot runway. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting a range of general aviation aircraft and some commercial aircraft.

Key West is one of the nation's most unique tourist destinations. Despite the airport's runway limitations, Key West International serves more than 400,000 enplaning passengers each year; over 80 percent of these passengers are visitors whose spending helps to contribute to the airport's economic impact. During the busy season, the airport accommodates a significant number of general aviation operations that are visiting aircraft. The airport also accommodates many general aviation operations that are business and military-related.

There are over 20 different tenants at Key West International Airport that support the airport's commercial and general aviation activities. The annual economic impact of Key West International Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from the tenants/businesses located at the airport and on-airport construction projects. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via commercial and general aviation aircraft.

