

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Tavares Seaplane Base (FA1)

## *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>

## Tavares Seaplane Base

Located in Lake County one mile southeast of the central business district of Tavares and approximately 40 miles northwest of Orlando, Tavares Seaplane Base serves the seaplane needs of central Florida. The seaplane base features an east-west water runway on Lake Dora that measures 3,000 feet in length. Facilities include a floating fuel dock with 100LL and marine gas, three floating seaplane slips, a grassy beaching area protected by floating docks positioned offshore, a shallow-angle concrete ramp leading to paved parking for amphibians, and additional fuel pumps in the amphibian parking area. The Prop Shop serves as the facility's administrative office and offers seaplane supplies, refreshments, and souvenirs to local and transient users.

Opening in April 2010, Tavares Seaplane Base is one of the newest seaplane bases in the country and has transformed Tavares into "America's Seaplane City" as a result of the waterfront development it has spurred. The seaplane base supports seaplane tours and flight training activity provided by Jones Brothers Air & Seaplane Adventures. The seaplane base has also become a regular attraction for Florida pilots and a rest stop for planes trekking from as far as Mexico, Italy and France. The city-staffed airport management provides aircraft support to local and transient users.

The annual economic impact of Tavares Seaplane Base is associated with direct impacts that come from operations and construction projects at the seaplane base. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via seaplanes.

