

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF St. Lucie County International Airport (FPR)

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

St. Lucie County In'tl Airport

Located in St. Lucie County, approximately three miles northwest of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County International Airport serves the general aviation needs of the local public. With its three runways, the longest of which is 6,492 feet, the airport can accommodate general aviation business jet aircraft. The terminal is ideal for serving local users and those visiting the area.

St. Lucie County International Airport is home to over 25 tenants including a full-service fixed base operator, an FAA-staffed air traffic control tower, and on-site aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) services. The airport is an identified U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Entry and is the only Foreign Trade Zone along the Treasure Coast. The airport supports business/corporate travel, flight training, air ambulance, air taxi/charter services, and recreational activity. Flight training represents a significant portion of the airport's total traffic due to the large number of flight training services available at this and other nearby airports. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of St. Lucie County International Airport 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.

