

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM)

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

Kissimmee Gateway Airport

Kissimmee Gateway Airport is located in Osceola County, approximately 25 miles south of downtown Orlando. With its two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 6,000 feet, the airport can accommodate most general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Kissimmee Gateway's major tenants include Orlando Flight Training and Sunstate Aviation, flight instruction schools; Signature Flight Support, Kissimmee Jet Center, and Ranger Center, the airport's fixed base operators; and Air Methods, an air ambulance operator. While most of the airport's traffic is related to flight training, business/corporate operations, recreational/sport flying, air cargo operations, general aviation aircraft charters, law enforcement flights, and aerial surveying/inspection flights are also regular activities. Aside from leisure traffic visiting Orlando area attractions, businesses such as Daimler-Chrysler, Southeast Toyota, and Pizza Hut utilize the Kissimmee Gateway Airport. 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 Kissimmee Gateway 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.

