

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
**Orlando International Airport
(MCO)**

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



Orlando International Airport

Orlando International Airport, located in Central Florida, serves several of the nation's leading tourist destinations. The airport has four parallel runways, two of which are over 12,000 feet. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting a full range of commercial aircraft for both domestic and international flights, and will be able to accommodate new large aircraft, including the Airbus A380 and Boeing B747-800.

Orlando International Airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel. Over 17 million enplaning commercial passengers flow through the airport each year; almost 75 percent are visitors to Florida, whose spending helps to contribute to the airport's economic impact and to that of Central Florida. Orlando International's proximity to world-renowned tourist attractions, easy access, variety of carriers, and competitive air fares all help to fuel demand for the airport. Orlando International is one of the busiest domestic Origin and Destination (O&D) passenger airports in the nation.

Most of the airport's on-site tenants are dedicated to supporting the airlines, world class cargo facilities, and commercial passenger travel. The annual economic impact of Orlando International Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from 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.

