

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Melbourne International Airport (MLB)

## *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>

## Melbourne In'tl Airport

Melbourne International Airport is located on Florida's Space Coast, approximately two miles northwest of downtown Melbourne, in Brevard County. The airport has three active runways, the longest of which is 10,181 feet. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting a full range of commercial and general aviation aircraft.

Melbourne International Airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel. More than 220,000 enplaning commercial passengers flow through the airport each year; approximately 52 percent are visitors whose spending helps to contribute to the airport's economic impact. Annual operations at the airport include flights by commercial airlines, charter operators, air cargo providers, business general aviation aircraft, military aircraft, and flight training associated with Florida Institute of Technology (FIT).

The airport has many on-site aviation related tenants that contribute to its annual economic impact. Melbourne International also supports a Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) and an industrial/business park. Many of the businesses located in the airport's industrial park rely on and benefit from their close proximity to the airport.

The annual economic impact of Melbourne 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.

