

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Opa-Locka Executive Airport (OPF)

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:

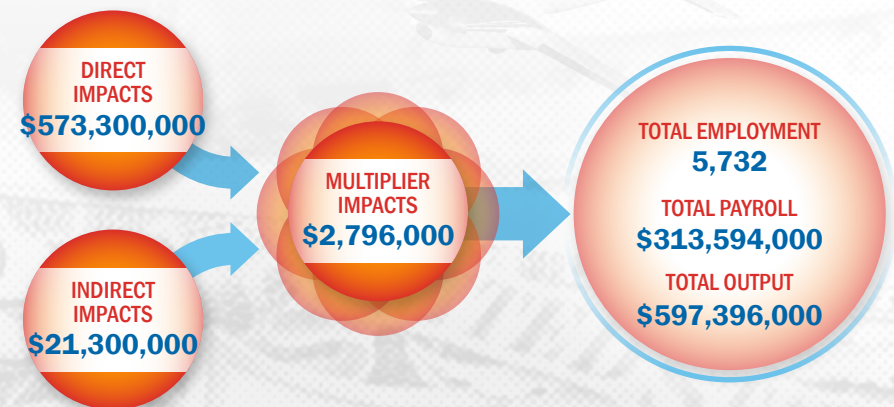
Impact Category	 Total Employment	 Total Payroll (BILLIONS)	 Total Output (BILLIONS)
AIRPORTS			
VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR	170,107	\$8.1	\$36.3
CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS	765,225	\$20.7	\$67.2
MILITARY AVIATION	17,388	\$0.6	\$2.2
AIR CARGO	137,482	\$6.4	\$12.8
AVIATION EDUCATION	129,587	\$5.0	\$10.3
AVIATION 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

Opa-Locka Executive Airport

Located in Miami-Dade County, approximately 10 miles northwest of the City of Miami, Opa-locka Executive Airport serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its three runways, the longest of which is 8,002 feet, the airport can accommodate most business jets and general aviation aircraft. The airport's various fixed base operators (FBO's) are ideal for serving both local users as well as those visiting the area.

The airport is managed by the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. Among the airport's major tenants are the U.S. Coast Guard's Air Station Miami, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and Air Rescue Station, Miami-Dade Police Aviation, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. OPF's three current FBOs are Orion Jet Center, Fontainebleau Aviation and Landmark Aviation. The airport serves corporate/business flights, flight training, air taxi/charter flights, military operations and medical flights. The U.S. Coast Guard operates the world's busiest Air/Sea Rescue Station at the airport. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and to the airport's economic impacts. Opa-locka Executive Airport has more than 200 jet runway-accessible acres designated for development.

The annual economic impact of Opa-locka Executive 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.



*Based on Martin Associates' April 2013 economic impact study for the Miami-Dade Aviation Department.