

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)

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. Pete-Clearwater In'tl Airport

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE) is located on the central west coast of Florida in the metropolitan areas of Clearwater and St. Petersburg, between Sarasota and Tampa. PIE is Tampa Bay's most convenient gateway to Pinellas County's award-winning beaches, with non-stop low-fare service from 35 non-stop destinations in the US and Canada. PIE is served by a variety of domestic and international low-cost carriers, with Allegiant Air providing the dominate share of the domestic commercial traffic. The Airport offers affordable, convenient parking, short walking distances and an easy to navigate terminal. With 35 miles of white sand beaches, an endless supply of sunshine and stunning sunsets, year-round sports/recreational activities and unique cultural offerings from world-renowned museums, all accompanied by local seafood specialties fresh from the Gulf, PIE's destination is sensational!

The airport has four active runways; the longest runway is 9,730 feet long. The airport primarily serves personal and leisure travelers. Over 1 million passengers flowed through PIE in 2013 contributing to the airport's economic impact to the community. The airport's on-site tenants are dedicated to supporting the airlines, commercial passenger travel, general aviation, air cargo, and the military. The annual economic impact of St. Pete-Clearwater 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.

