

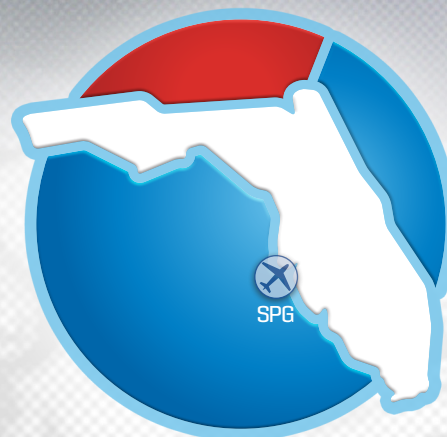
# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Albert Whitted Airport (SPG)

## *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>  |

## Albert Whitted Airport

Located in downtown St. Petersburg on the shore of Tampa Bay, Albert Whitted Airport supports a variety of general aviation activities. With its two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 3,677 feet, the airport accommodates twin-engine general aviation aircraft and small business jet aircraft. The airport's Intermodal General Aviation Center (IGAC) is ideal for serving both local users and those visiting the area.

Regular flight activity at Albert Whitted Airport includes recreational/sport, flight training, corporate/business, tourism, aerial photography, local news reporting, and air ambulance operations. The airport's largest tenants include Sheltair Aviation; the airport's fixed base operator; and Skyway Aircraft, an aircraft maintenance business. In addition, there are a host of other operators providing a broad range of aeronautical and other services. All of the airport's tenants are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Albert Whitted Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from tenants/businesses located at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken by the airport and its on-site businesses. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.

