

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Pilot Country Airport (X05)

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

Pilot Country Airport

Located in Pasco County, approximately 13 miles south of the City of Brooksville, Pilot Country Airport serves a variety of general aviation activities. Pilot Country Airport offers a single asphalt runway measuring 3,700 feet in length with a full-length parallel taxiway. The airport can accommodate small single-engine general aviation aircraft. The 27-acre airport is part of a residential housing area originally designed for lots. Current residential lots at the airport have access to taxiways directly from the home sites, making Pilot Country Airport a true fly-in community.

Pilot Country Airport, LLC manages Pilot Country Airport and serves as the airport's fixed base operator. The airport regularly experiences recreational and flight training operations in addition to supporting local business operations. All of the airport's flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Pilot Country Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from operations at the airport and construction projects that are undertaken by the airport. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via general aviation aircraft.

