

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

# Miami Seaplane Base (X44)

## *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

## Miami Seaplane Base

Located near the southern tip of the Miami Beach peninsula, Miami Seaplane Base serves as a fixed base operator (FBO) for seaplanes and seaplane tours. In addition to a small landside terminal, facilities located at the seaplane base include a seaplane ramp, apron, and fueling area. The water runway is 14,000 feet in length. The landing area has a northwest/southeast orientation in the Port of Miami's deep-water channel.

Miami Seaplane Base caters to the needs of recreational/sport activities as well as to tourism-related traffic in South Florida. The facility provides easy access for many of the local attractions and to the nearby Bahamas Islands. FBO services are available to both local and transient users.

The annual economic impact of Miami Seaplane Base is associated with direct impacts that come from operations at the seaplane base and construction projects that are undertaken by the base. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via seaplanes.

