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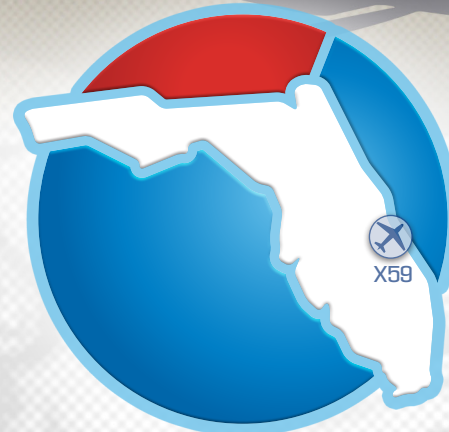
# Valkaria Airport (X59)

## *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>

## Valkaria Airport

Located in southeastern Brevard County, approximately nine miles south of Melbourne and one-half mile west of Valkaria, Valkaria Airport primarily serves general aviation and the recreational flying needs of Brevard County and the surrounding area. With its two intersecting runways, both of which are 4,000 feet long, the airport can accommodate many types of general aviation and experimental aircraft.

Recreational flying activity at Valkaria Airport includes power parachutes, ultra-lights, gliders, light-sport aircraft, gyrocopters, and experimental aircraft. Chapter 1288 of the Experimental Aircraft Association is active at the airport and hosts the annual Valkaria Air Fest which brings in over 5,000 attendees to the airport. The airport also accommodates flight training traffic from the Florida Institute of Technology's flight school located at Melbourne International Airport, and Flight Safety International out of Vero Beach. Brevard County Mosquito Control is one of the airport's major tenants and conducts aerial pesticide control operations.

The annual economic impact of Valkaria 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.

