

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF Zephyrhills Municipal Airport (ZPH)

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

Zephyrhills Municipal Airport

Located in the Greater Tampa Bay Region and in Pasco County, the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its two runways, the longest of which is 5,001 feet, the airport can accommodate mid-size general aviation business jet aircraft in all weather. The airport's terminal is ideal for accommodating local users as well as those visiting the area.

The airport's major tenants include Zephyr Aircraft Engines, an aircraft engine overhaul firm; Skydive City, a local skydiving operation; and Turin Aviation Group, an aviation research and development business. Other tenant activities at the airport include aircraft sales, flight instruction, avionics development, and ultralight trike manufacturing. While the airport attracts a number of transient visitors, local business operations, flight training, and skydiving flights are the airport's major components of total activity.

In 2014, FDOT and FAA grants were used along with City of Zephyrhills funds to rebuild the airport's longest runway and add new LED runway edge lighting, PAPIs, new taxiway lighting, and enhanced markings. These funds were also used to add both a new Ground Communications Outlet for IFR clearances and aircraft ground power capability and to complete airport security fencing – CCTV project. Over \$5.0 million in airfield improvements will be completed in 2014, benefitting the airport community.

The annual economic impact of Zephyrhills Municipal 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.

