

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

# Cecil Airport (VQQ)

## *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>

## Cecil Airport

Located in southwest Duval County, Cecil Airport supports a variety of general aviation and industrial activities for the north Florida and southeast Georgia aviation community. With its two sets of parallel intersecting runways, the longest of which is 12,503 feet, the airport can accommodate all types of general aviation aircraft, as well as large military jet aircraft. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Cecil Airport boasts an exceptional geographic location in northeast Florida that offers easy access to major highways and is in close proximity to three intercontinental rail lines, one of the fastest growing deep water ports in the Southeast, and Jacksonville International Airport. One of the largest employers in Duval County, the airport's major tenants include Flightstar Aircraft Services, which provides maintenance, repair, and overhaul of various types of heavy aircraft; The Boeing Company, which focuses on modification of aircraft for the Navy and Marine Corps; and LSI, a provider of computer based simulation and training support to the Department of Defense and the commercial aviation industry. Other major tenants are military-related and include the Florida Army National Guard - Army Aviation Support Facility, the Naval Air Systems Command's Fleet Readiness Center, and the United States Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron. Regular aircraft operations at Cecil Airport include corporate/business, general aviation charter, flight training, recreational, and military flights. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Cecil 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.

