

AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACTS



467
JOBS



\$22.4M
PAYROLL



\$36.5M
VALUE ADDED



\$77.3M
ECONOMIC
IMPACT
(OUTPUT)

About North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport

North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45) is approximately 14 miles northwest of West Palm Beach along the north end of The Palm Beaches. The airport provides two paved runways (runway 09R/27L, 14/32) measuring 4,300 feet long and 100 and 75 feet wide, respectively. A parallel turf runway (runway 09L/27R) is 3,679 feet long by 75 feet wide. F45 serves as a general aviation reliever airport for Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) with the capability of accommodating all reciprocating engine and some jet aircraft. F45 mainly receives flight training with several fixed-wing and helicopter flight schools based at the facility. Signature Flight Support accommodates the frequent corporate and business travel by offering comprehensive aircraft line services and amenities for pilots and passengers. The airport is a convenient gateway into nearby Palm Beach Gardens, home to some of the world's most renowned golf facilities including the PGA National Resort and The Country Club at Mirasol. Visitors can enjoy one of many nearby beaches or outdoor recreational areas in the northern end of Palm Beach County. Other activities supported by F45 includes aircraft maintenance services, emergency medical flights, and military operations (Civil Air Patrol). The airport has served as a staging area for hurricane relief efforts and local nonprofits occasionally use the airport to transport rescued animals. The airport prides itself on hosting Angel Flights for veterans in need of medical care, and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) relies on a donated hangar to conduct Young Eagles flights for local kids.

North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport Route Map (CY 2021 data)



STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACTS¹



2,009,088
JOBS



\$109B
PAYROLL



\$170B
VALUE ADDED



\$336B
ECONOMIC
IMPACT
(OUTPUT)

¹Totals include new off-airport
air cargo impacts developed
for this update

STUDY OVERVIEW

Florida's over 125 public-use airports are economic engines for the state, representing some of the largest aviation facilities in the world and providing critical transportation connections for their local communities. By supporting jobs both on- and off- airport property, Florida's airports support the infrastructure necessary for important activities such as manufacturing, logistics, tourism, and emergency response.

In 2021, Florida welcomed over 43 million out-of-state visitors through its commercial service airports and over 4.6 million visitors through its general aviation airports. Over 3,500 businesses operate at Florida's airports and their 161,000 direct employees create substantial economic impacts.

To help quantify and communicate these immense contributions, the FDOT Aviation Office initiated the development of the 2022 Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study. This study calculates each airport's annual monetary contribution to their local, regional, and statewide economies. This study determined that Florida's aviation system generated 2,009,088 jobs and contributed \$336 billion in 2021 to the state's economy, accounting for 13.5% of Florida's gross domestic product (GDP).²

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Credit: Palm Beach County
Department of Airports



What is Economic Impact?

The economic impacts of each airport and the state are defined by the total jobs, payroll, value added, and economic impact (output) generated by aviation in the state. These are defined as:



JOBS

The sum of full-time and part-time employees, and account for the total number of people employed as a result of the airport or company within a defined geography or industry.



PAYROLL

Total compensation for work, including gross wages, salaries, employer-provided benefits and taxes paid to governments on behalf of employees.



VALUE ADDED

Consists of compensation of employees, taxes paid on production and imports, and gross operating surplus. Value added equals the difference between an industry's gross output and the cost of its intermediate inputs.



ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)

The value of sales or receipts and other operating income along with any inventory change (e.g., spoilage, breakage, or theft). It is the equivalent of value added plus the cost of all intermediate inputs (including energy, raw materials, semi-finished goods, and services) that are purchased from all sources/locations.



OFF-AIRPORT AIR CARGO

Off-airport air cargo is a new component of this study which assesses the cargo activity that interacts with Florida's businesses and relies on Florida's airports. The off-airport air cargo component was developed to highlight Florida's diverse industries that depend on airports to support business activity.