

## AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACTS



**88**  
JOBS



**\$4.3M**  
PAYROLL



**\$6.5M**  
VALUE ADDED

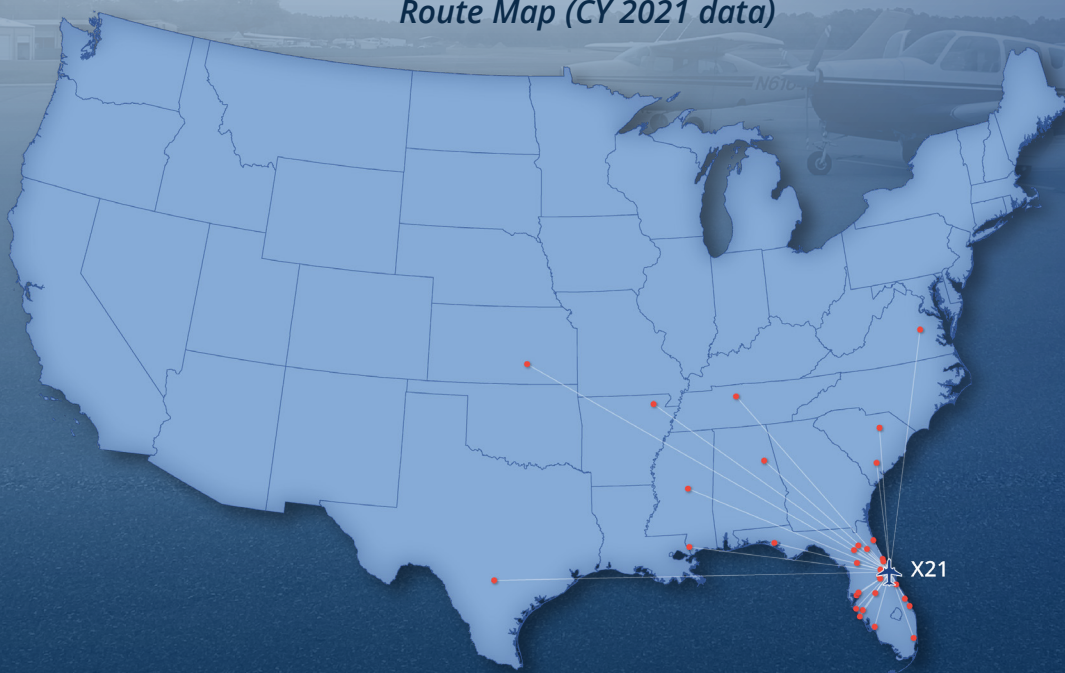


**\$12.3M**  
ECONOMIC  
IMPACT  
(OUTPUT)

### About Arthur Dunn Air Park

Arthur Dunn Air Park (X21) is a recreational airport in the city of Titusville, near the famed Space Coast in east central Florida. The airport has two runways, with the longest being a paved runway measuring 2,961 feet long by 70 feet wide (Runway 15/33). An onsite skydiving business (Skydive Space Coast) generates the highest number of operations at X21. The company boasts the world's highest tandem jump at 18,000 feet for great views of the Space Coast. The airport also supports recreational fliers who favor the airport's 1,790-foot-long turf runway, proximity to Titusville, and numerous T-hangars exclusively used to store ultralight aircraft. An onsite Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) chapter has approximately 60 members who hold various events at X21, including occasional pancake breakfasts. The Arthur Dunn Air Park is also home to the Singleton Golf Driving Range, a golf training center with on-site PGA-certified golf instructors.

**Arthur Dunn Air Park**  
Route Map (CY 2021 data)



## STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACTS<sup>1</sup>



**2,009,088**  
JOBS



**\$109B**  
PAYROLL



**\$170B**  
VALUE ADDED



**\$336B**  
ECONOMIC  
IMPACT  
(OUTPUT)

<sup>1</sup>Totals 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).<sup>2</sup>

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## 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.

