

AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACTS



37
JOBS



\$1.9M
PAYROLL



\$2.7M
VALUE ADDED



\$5.3M
ECONOMIC
IMPACT
(OUTPUT)

About Tavares Seaplane Base

Tavares Seaplane Base (FA1) is a general aviation (GA) seaplane facility located within the city of Tavares on Lake Dora. The base is the cornerstone of Tavares' brand as "America's Seaplane City," offering access to dozens of the largest lakes in central Florida, such as Lake Apopka and Lake Harris. Serving as the pillar of the community, FA1 offers comprehensive services for seaplane pilots, passengers, and their aircraft and welcomes thousands of visitors each year from around the globe. The Tavares Seaplane Base Marina offers both paved aircraft parking, as well as docks for tying up seaplanes. Fueling stations on the docks provide 100 low lead aviation fuel. Jones Brothers Air and Seaplane Adventures offers flight training; aerial tours; and seaplane excursions coupling a seaplane tour with unique experiences, such as kayak paddles, fly-in meals, and a seaplane "bar hop" that flies fun-loving travelers to several waterfront bars in central Florida. The base and the city of Tavares also supports Progressive Aerodyne, an amphibious kit aircraft manufacturer located just south of Tavares. Tavares Seaplane Base hosts community events throughout the year, such as airshows, fly-ins, the Monster Splash, Seaplane-A-Palooza, Planes Toons & BBQ, and much more.

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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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.