

AIRPORT ECONOMIC IMPACTS



5,914
JOBS



\$317M
PAYROLL



\$488M
VALUE ADDED



\$933M
ECONOMIC
IMPACT
(OUTPUT)

About Vero Beach Regional Airport

Vero Beach Regional Airport (VRB) is a Nonprimary commercial service airport located directly west of Vero Beach. The airport offers three runways, the longest of which measures 7,314 feet long by 100 feet wide (Runway 12R/30L). Additionally, the airport accommodates a large number of general aviation (GA) operations, including corporate/business aviation and air taxi/charter service. Skyborne Academy and Paris Air are active flight schools located at Vero Beach Regional Airport. Students from across the world live in Vero Beach for the duration of their studies and contribute to the local economy. Runway 12R/30L recently underwent a full rehabilitation, with regular operations resuming in February 2022. This project is just one of many improvements completed over the past several years aimed at ensuring the airport continues to optimally support Vero Beach and the eastern Florida region. VRB also serves as the headquarters for Piper Aircraft, one of the larger manufacturers of GA aircraft in the United States, creating nearly 1,000 jobs for the local community. VRB also hosts a biennial air show and community events throughout the year, which draws thousands of visitors from the community and across Florida.

Vero Beach Regional 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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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.