



AIRPORT SUMMARY

The Kansas Airport System

There is a strong relationship between Kansas' economy and aviation. The state's system of seven commercial service and 73 general aviation airports, listed in the National Plan of Integrated Airports System (NPIAS), provide the gateway to the nation's air transportation system and the world's economy. Airports support the Kansas economy by increased efficiency and productivity for all business activity, including the transportation of passengers for both recreational and business purposes. Airports are important economic catalysts, supporting thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity. Most of Kansas' largest employers - both large and small - rely on the state's aviation system to transport employees, customers, supplies, and products. Kansas' 80 NPIAS airports serve as the base of operations for a variety of businesses, including airlines, air cargo companies, flight instructors, charters, concessionaries, government entities, and many others. Kansas tourism industry also depends on the state's system of airports to accommodate thousands of visitors each year.

Study Process

The Kansas Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation, implemented this study through a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant, to quantify the economic impact and relationship between the state's system of airports and the economy. The study follows an approved methodology that has successfully quantified the value of airports and airport systems throughout the United States.

The economic contribution of each NPIAS airport in Kansas was measured in terms of employment, payroll, and output. A comprehensive survey process was used to calculate the direct economic benefits related to on-airport businesses and government agencies, including the indirect benefits associated with visitor-related expenditures. Secondary, or induced, impacts from these airport activities were calculated using economic models specific to Kansas. For example, when an airport employee purchases goods and services, those dollars circulate through the local economy which results in additional economic activity in the region. The total economic impact is the sum of all direct, indirect, and multiplier impacts.

Statewide Impacts

Based on information gathered during the study, approximately 91,000 jobs are attributed to the aviation industry, including 42,000 from Aerospace Manufacturing. These employees receive more than \$4.4 billion in total payroll, and generate more than \$20.5 billion in total economic activity. In addition, the 80 NPIAS airports in Kansas provide a number of health, welfare, and safety benefits, including aerial agricultural spraying, medical transport and evacuation, emergency response, search and rescue, flight training, law enforcement, wildlife management, military training, search and rescue operations, and education.

Kansas' Total Annual Economic Benefits from Aviation

Total Jobs	91,279
Total Payroll	\$4.4 Billion
Total Output	\$20.6 Billion

Impact Measures

Employment measures the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs related to airport activity including on-airport construction. A part-time employee counts as half a full-time employee.

Payroll measures the total annual wages and benefits paid to all workers whose salaries are directly attributable to airport activity.

Economic Activity (Output) measures the value of goods and services related to airports in Kansas. The output from on-airport business activity is assumed to be the sum of annual gross sales and average annual capital expenditures.

ATKINSON MUNICIPAL (PTS)

Atkinson Municipal Airport (PTS) is located three miles northwest of Pittsburg, Kansas. The airport is included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), making it eligible to receive federal funds. Additionally, its role within the Kansas Aviation System Plan is identified as a Regional airport, which is intended to accommodate regional economic activities, connecting to state and national economies, and serve all types of general aviation aircraft.

PTS is a general aviation airport serving the City of Pittsburg and the surrounding communities. The airport's primary runway is 5,500 feet long and equipped with several non-precision instrument approaches. The crosswind runway is 4,000 feet long and 75 feet wide.

Two aviation businesses located on the airfield are EagleMed and Mike's Aircraft Repair. EagleMed is an air ambulance operator that started operating at Atkinson Municipal Airport in November 2007. EagleMed transports critically ill and trauma patients within their service area. Mike's Aircraft Repair provides aircraft maintenance services. Companies such as Names and Numbers, Millers Color Service, Jakes Fireworks, Anywhere Map, and Triple T Dog Food use the airport on a regular basis. The airport frequently supports flight training, law enforcement activity, and search and rescue operations. University of Kansas doctors fly in monthly to conduct clinics for the local community. Additionally, a Kansas City transplant team of doctors and nurses uses the airport for medical transplant purposes.

Many other aviation-related activities take place at Atkinson Municipal Airport. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks aircraft use the airport as a refueling point while tracking otters in the region. During the summer months, the military uses the airport while conducting aerial surveys. The airport is used as a fuel stop for prisoner transport by aircraft. The airport also accommodates speakers, university officials, or sports-related travelers that nearby Pittsburg State University attracts. The airport also has aviation activity that benefits the local community. The local Experimental Aircraft Association hosts Young Eagle events where children come to the airport to tour the facility and receive a 10 to 20 minute flight.

