



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.

SALINA REGIONAL (SLN)

Salina Regional Airport is located in central Kansas adjacent to Interstate 135. The airport is included in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), making it eligible to receive federal monies. Additionally, its role within the Kansas Aviation System Plan is identified as a Commercial airport. Commercial airports accommodate scheduled air carrier service as well as all general aviation aircraft.

Runway 17/35 is the largest of four runways at SLN with a length of 12,300 feet and equipped with an ILS system. An air traffic control tower provides assistance to over 96,000 annual operations. Great Lakes Airlines provides passenger air service through the FAA Essential Air Service Program that enplanes over 10,000 annual passengers with daily flights to Denver.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Hertz Rent-A-Car both provide passengers with a link to the community by offering rental car services. The airport's two fixed base operators Avflight Salina and Schilling Aviation Services, provide a variety of services such as aircraft fueling, charter, flight instruction, and maintenance. Kansas State Polytechnic at Salina is located on the airport adjacent to the primary runway. The university is one of the top five aviation schools in the U.S. and offers a number of aviation degree programs. The university is also part of a consortium that forms the UAV Center of Excellence that tests unmanned aerial vehicles at the airport.

Salina Municipal accommodates military activity from Smoky Hill Air National Guard Range. The Guard's 184th Bomb Group operates the 34,000-acre range. Its primary use is for air-to-ground training for military fighter and bomber aircraft.

SLN operates a 2,900-acre industrial park. Eighty businesses located within the industrial park support more than 4,000 jobs that are in addition to the aviation-related employment supported by the airport. The airport hosts a number of community events, both aviation and non-aviation related, throughout the year. An annual event called "Wings for Freedom" in which P-51s, B-17s, and the B-24 fly into the airport for spectators is sponsored by the airport.

