Aviation, Aerospace, and Defense Support Arizona

Arizona is home to 67 publicly owned, public-use airports that support the economic vitality and quality of life within the Grand Canyon State. Some of the world’s most cutting-edge aerospace and defense companies and numerous United States (U.S.) military installations with a significant aviation-related component are also located across the state. The 2021 Arizona Aviation Economic Impact Study (AEIS) commissioned by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Aeronautics Group examines the impacts of these three vital aspects of aviation and aerospace in Arizona.

Together these components contribute over $121.4 billion to our economy every year—providing a foundation for Arizona’s culture of growth, innovation, and economic prosperity.

### STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT

**$121.4 Billion**

- Aerospace Manufacturing\(^1\) $51.5B
- Military Operations\(^2\) $10.5B
- Arizona Airports\(^3\) $59.4B

### 2019 Tax Impacts

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Source: IHS Markit using IMPLAN 2019

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### Tax Impacts

Airports’ direct economic impacts result in local and state tax revenues. On-airport businesses pay business and operating (B&O) taxes. Visitor spending generates taxes and fees associated with sales; hotel stays; and use of transportation services including rental cars, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), and taxis.

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What Does Economic Impact Measure?
The Arizona AEIS measured how economic activity at the state’s airports stimulated the Arizona economy in 2019. Impacts are generated by airport administration and business tenant employees working on airport property, capital improvement spending, and the thousands of out-of-state and international visitors who fly to Arizona and bring new money into our economy.

In turn, airport administration and on-airport business tenants purchase goods from suppliers (indirect impacts) and airport workers spend the money they earn (induced impacts), generating successive waves of economic impacts in Arizona.

Arizona Airports are Vital to the Economy
Arizona’s diverse airports support commercial passenger service; world-class general aviation (GA) activities such as flight training, skydiving, and aerial tours; and air cargo while serving as regional job centers and economic engines in their communities.

Statewide Economic Impact of Arizona Airports*

Arizona’s airports contributed $33.0B in value added to the state, equaling 10.2% of the total Gross State Product in 2019.

*This includes the economic impacts of Arizona’s airports but excludes aerospace manufacturing and military operations.

Kayenta (0V7)
Kayenta Airport (0V7) is a GA airport in northern Arizona located two miles southeast of the town Kayenta. 0V7 is owned and operated by the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation. The airport has a single asphalt runway (05/23) that is 7,101 feet long by 75 feet wide. The airport is located 20 miles south of iconic Monument Valley, which attracts GA pilots and air charters carrying passengers from across the world. There are two fixed-wing air ambulance aircraft based at 0V7 that regularly transport patients between Kayenta and hospitals in Flagstaff and Phoenix. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, 0V7 was used to transport much-needed medical supplies and equipment to members of the Navajo Nation. The airport also hosts a Civil Air Patrol chapter that holds bi-annual events for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) members from the local high school.

Economic Impact of 0V7

- Jobs: 26
- Number of full- and part-time persons employed
- Earnings: $1,513,000
- Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits
- Economic Activity (Output): $3,375,000
- Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Did You Know?
0V7 is the second busiest airport of the five owned by the Navajo Nation, due in large part to the routine use of the airport by aerial tour companies and air ambulance operators.