

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



Notes and Sources: (1) Impacts modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN [2019]. (2) Impacts obtained from the Economic Impacts of Arizona's Principal Military Operations commissioned by the Military Affairs Commission. Prepared by The Maguire Company [2017]. (3) Impacts modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN for 59 study airports. Eight airports requested that their independently conducted studies be incorporated into the ADOT AEIS study results [2019]. Please see the AEIS Technical Report for further details.

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.

2019 Tax Impacts

Airport-specific (DGL)	\$311,000
All Airports in Cochise County	\$2,310,000
Total Statewide Airport Tax Impacts	\$3,472,766,000

Source: IHS Markit using IMPLAN 2019

For more details about the 2021 Arizona AEIS, including the full technical report, visit

azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/links-and-resources-airport-development

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ARIZONA AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Douglas Municipal Douglas



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.*



Jobs
386,057



Earnings
\$20.4B



Economic Activity
\$59.4B

Top Airport Activities at DGL



Economic Impact of DGL



DGL Total Impacts



Jobs: 38
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$2,178,000
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$5,194,000
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Douglas Municipal (DGL)

Douglas Municipal Airport (DGL) is a GA airport in southeastern Arizona located two miles east of the city of Douglas. DGL has a single paved runway (03/21) that is 5,760 feet in length and 75 feet wide and a single dirt runway (18/36) that is 4,905 feet in length and 100 feet wide. Douglas Municipal Airport became the first international airport in the U.S. in 1933. Today, it features a museum showcasing the aviation-related history of the airport and surrounding area. Due its proximity to the U.S./Mexico border literally at the end of the paved runway, Douglas Municipal Airport is designated as a Port of Entry by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The airport offers a pilot's lounge, on-call fueling services, and self-serve stations for Jet A and AvGas fuel. MedTrans, a tenant at DGL, conducts daily air ambulance operations to provide emergency and scheduled medical transportation between Douglas and larger metropolitan areas with more sophisticated medical facilities. The airport hosts an annual fly-in breakfast in coordination with the local Rotary Club and the aviation program at Cochise College. The fly-in provides free flights for school-aged children and typically draws 100 attendees to raise money for the "Lighting of D Hill", a local permanent marker.

Did You Know?

Douglas is thought to be where the first airplane was ever used for military purposes, when a Curtiss biplane was used for reconnaissance in the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

