

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
Manufacturing¹

\$51.5B

Military Operations²

\$10.5B

Arizona Airports³

\$59.4B

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 (E95)	\$190,000
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

Benson Municipal Benson



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 E95



Economic Impact of E95

\$948,000

On-airport
Activities

\$848,000

Visitor
Spending

Indirect/Induced
\$1,385,000

E95 Total Impacts



Jobs: 24
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$1,043,000
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$3,181,000
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Benson Municipal (E95)

Benson Municipal Airport (E95) is a GA airport in southern Arizona located three miles northwest of the city of Benson. E95 has a single paved runway (10/28) that is 4,002 feet in length and 75 feet wide. The airport's tenant, Southwestern Aviation, offers a variety of GA services such as flight training, aircraft rentals, aircraft repair, and tow pilot services. The airport's amenities include AvGas and Jet A fuel, a pilot's lounge, tie-downs, and hangars. The airport is also home to Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc., an aerial photography company. E95 is 11 miles north of Kartchner Caverns State Park, a unique limestone cave network managed by Arizona State Parks. Visitors can tour the cave system or camp and hike in the park or in the foothills of the adjacent Whetstone Mountains. The state park attracts over 150,000 people each year to explore the trails inside the cavern and discover its extraordinary limestone formations.

Did You Know?

Once a rail depot for nearby mining communities, Benson sits along an important interstate travel corridor. Today, E95 and Interstate 10 connect Benson with other parts of the state.

