## Aviation, Aerospace, and Defense Support Arizona

Arizona is home to 67 publicly owned, publicuse airports that support the economic vitality and quality of life within the Grand Canyon State. Some of the world's most cuttingedge 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.

# \$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 (GEU)	\$3,118,000
All Airports in Maricopa County	\$2,821,418,000
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

## **Glendale Municipal**

Glendale





### 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



**Jobs** 386,057



**Earnings** \$20.4B



**Economic Activity** \$59.4B

## **Top Airport Activities at GEU**

Flight Training

**VIP Transport** 

Aircraft Maintenance. Repair, and Overhaul

Corporate/Business Activities

Recreational

## **Economic Impact** of GEU

\$22,119,000 On-airport

Activities

\$5,008,000

Visitor Spending

Indirect/Induced \$27,673,000

## **Glendale Municipal (GEU)** Glendale Municipal Airport (GEU) is a GA airport in the

Phoenix metropolitan area located six miles west of the city of Glendale. The airport is designated as an FAA reliever airport to Phoenix Sky Harbor International, accommodating GA demand in the Valley. GEU has a single paved runway (01/19) that is 7,150 feet in length and 100 feet wide. Glendale Municipal Airport offers an air traffic control tower. which enhances the airport's ability to safely and efficiently support a high volume of operations conducted by a variety of aircraft types. GEU serves as a critical gateway for corporate and business travelers to the West Valley, which has experienced substantial growth in recent years. Glendale Municipal Airport is two miles west of the Westgate Entertainment District including State Farm Stadium and Gila River Arena, the respective homes of the Arizona Cardinals. Multiple Major League Baseball Spring Training facilities are in the vicinity, and users have easy highway access to other cities in the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. The airport completed its strategic plan in May 2021 and is committed to advancing economic development in the area. Additionally, GEU plays an important role in advancing the future of aviation through its multiple based flight schools, partnerships with aviation-related technical training schools, and relationship with Luke Air Force Base.

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### **Did You Know?**

For every 100 direct jobs, GEU supports an additional 78 jobs in Arizona.

#### **GEU Total Impacts**



Jobs: 404

Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$21.271.000

Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$54,800,000

Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

