

## 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<sup>1</sup>

**\$51.5B**

Military Operations<sup>2</sup>

**\$10.5B**

Arizona Airports<sup>3</sup>

**\$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 (IFP)	\$5,548,000
All Airports in Mohave County	\$18,559,000
<b>Total Statewide Airport Tax Impacts</b>	<b>\$3,472,766,000</b>

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](https://azdot.gov/planning/airport-development/links-and-resources-airport-development)

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## ARIZONA AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

### Laughlin/Bullhead International Bullhead City



## 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 IFP



## Economic Impact of IFP

**\$30,876,000**

On-airport  
Activities

**\$27,669,000**

Visitor  
Spending

Indirect/Induced  
**\$52,964,000**

### IFP Total Impacts



**Jobs: 930**  
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



**Earnings: \$41,535,000**  
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



**Economic Activity (Output): \$111,509,000**  
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

**ADOT**

2021 ARIZONA AVIATION  
ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

## Laughlin/Bullhead International (IFP)

Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport (IFP) is a commercial service airport in western Arizona that serves Bullhead City, Arizona and Laughlin, Nevada. IFP has a single runway (16/34) that is 8,501 feet long by 150 feet wide capable of accommodating large commercial jetliners. Laughlin is a popular tourist destination, and millions of travelers visit the region each year to experience recreational opportunities along the Colorado River and at Davis Dam, Lake Mohave National Recreation Area, and the historic town of Oatman. Several casinos in Laughlin contract with public charter airlines such as iAero Airways and Sun Country Airlines to bring more than 130,000 visitors annually from more than 100 locales around the country. IFP also supports a variety of aviation-related activities including business/corporate flying, aerial inspections, military training and exercises, and aerial/wildland firefighting. IFP is home to a helicopter air ambulance base that improves the safety and accessibility of the entire region. Signature Flight Support serves as the airport's fixed-base operator (FBO). The diverse fleet mix utilizing the airport is supported by an air traffic control tower and 24/7 aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) services. The airport is also used for community events including an annual open house and fly-in that attracts aircraft and visitors from across the Southwest.

### Did You Know?

For every 100 direct jobs, IFP supports an additional 57 jobs in Arizona.

