

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

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| Airport-specific (P52) | \$873,000 |
| All Airports in Yavapai County | \$15,468,000 |
| 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

Cottonwood Municipal Cottonwood



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 P52



Economic Impact of P52



P52 Total Impacts



Jobs: 107
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$5,119,000
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$13,664,000
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Cottonwood Municipal (P52)

Cottonwood Municipal Airport (P52) is a GA airport in central Arizona located approximately one mile southwest of downtown Cottonwood.

The airport has a single asphalt runway (14/32) that is 4,252 feet long by 75 feet wide. P52

has a non-precision instrument approach and is used daily by flight training students from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and other training programs in central Arizona. The airport

is a popular destination for pilots and passengers who are drawn by several wineries in the area;

recreational opportunities along the Verde River; and the bars, eating establishments, and shops of downtown Cottonwood.

P52 is also located just 4 miles from the Verde Canyon Railroad where visitors can relax on a 4-hour, 20-mile journey through 110 years of history on meticulously refurbished train cars while enjoying awe-inspired scenery.

P52 is used for a variety of aviation purposes including site-seeing tours, Civil Air Patrol and Experimental Aircraft Association meetings, business activities, fly-in events, and aerial/wildland firefighting.

Did You Know?

For every 50 direct jobs, P52 supports an additional 34 jobs in Arizona.

