

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 (RYN)	\$2,386,000
All Airports in Pima County	\$571,788,000
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

Ryan Field
Tucson



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 RYN



Economic Impact of RYN

\$17,000,000

On-airport
Activities

\$4,578,000

Visitor
Spending

Indirect/Induced
\$13,333,000

RYN Total Impacts



Jobs: 216
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$9,761,000
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$34,912,000
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities

Ryan Field (RYN)

Ryan Airfield (RYN) is a GA airport in southern Arizona located approximately 14 miles southwest of downtown Tucson. RYN has three runways, 06R/24L, 06L/24R, and 15/33, the longest of which is 5,500 feet long. First established during World War II as a training base for the U.S. Army Air Corps, the airport was later transitioned to the State of Arizona, which then approached the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) to operate the airfield. The airport was deeded to the City of Tucson, and TAA now operates RYN under a long-term lease. Today, RYN supports a vibrant GA community including recreational flying, flight training, business/corporate aviation, and air medical transportation services. The airport is also an FAA-designated Reliever to Tucson International Airport. RYN is a part of the Federal Contract Tower Program managed by a contract with the FAA; Serco provides air traffic control services. RYN is home to more than 20 businesses that provide aeronautical services. Velocity Air, the fixed-base operator (FBO) at RYN, offers AvGas and Jet A fuel as well as aircraft parking and ground handling. Several aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) companies are located at the airfield, and multiple tenants provide flight training and aircraft rental. The on-site restaurant, Richie's Café, is a popular destination for pilots, passengers, and members of the local community.

Did You Know?

For every 100 direct jobs, RYN supports an additional 77 jobs in Arizona.

