

Aviation, Aerospace and Defense Support Arizona

Arizona's 15 counties are home to 67 publicly owned, public-use airports that support the economic vitality and quality of life within the Grand Canyon State. These airports host 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. In addition to Arizona's airports, cutting-edge aerospace and defense companies and numerous United States (U.S.) military installations with a significant aviation-related component are in 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 airports, aerospace manufacturing, and U.S. military installations 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**



What is Economic Impact?

The 2021 Arizona AEIS measured how economic activity at the state's commercial service and GA 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.

The economic impacts of aerospace manufacturing and 59 Arizona airports were modeled by IHS Markit using IMPLAN (2019). Eight airports requested that their independently conducted studies be incorporated into the 2021 Arizona AEIS study results (2019). The impacts of military operations were obtained from the *Economic Impacts of Arizona's Principal Military Operations* commissioned by the Military Affairs Commission and prepared by The Maguire Company (2017).

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

La Paz County



Stretching from the banks of the Colorado River across the Sonoran Desert, La Paz County is an ecologically, socially, and economically diverse region of western Arizona. La Paz County is mostly rural with only two incorporated towns, two unincorporated communities, and 15 U.S. Census-designated places.¹ The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) government is the largest single employer with nearly 900 employees as well as the operator of the Avi Suquilla Airport (P20). Agricultural production is prominent in La Paz County. Dozens of farms along the Colorado River produce grains, oilseeds, beans, dry peas, and other products. Other large employers include the Parker Unified School District and the Bluewater Resort and Casino in Parker.²

La Paz County has a rich natural and cultural history dating back thousands of years. Once the home of the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi, and Navajo peoples, several historical sites with cultural significance are in the Colorado River Valley. Additionally, the Poston Monument located 12 miles south of Parker marks the site of the Poston Relocation Camp where thousands of Japanese Americans were relocated during World War II. Quartzite is considered the “Rock Capital of the World,” as it is the location of several unique geological features containing unique gems, minerals, and precious metals. Today, La Paz County is a popular tourist destination for outdoor recreation. The Colorado River draws boaters, kayakers, and fishers from around the region, while the surrounding desert offers hundreds of miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and off-road vehicles.

[1] U.S. Census Bureau (2021). [2] Maricopa Association of Governments (2020).

County Demographics



Population
21,100



Employment
3,737

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019)

Congressional District
4

Legislative District
5

Top Business Sectors



Accommodation & Food Services



Retail Trade



Health Care & Social Assistance

Did You Know?

Avi Suquilla Airport (P20) is frequently used by corporate/business aircraft and air taxis to transport visitors to vacation homes and resorts along the Colorado River.

STATEWIDE Economic Impacts of Arizona Airports



Jobs
386,058



Earnings
\$20.4B

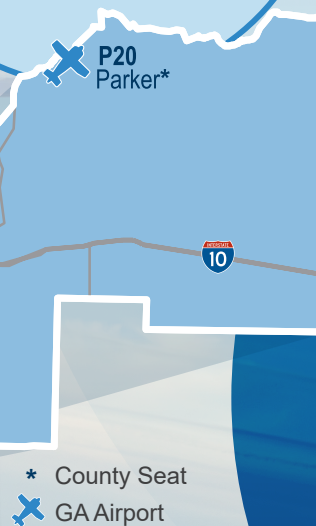
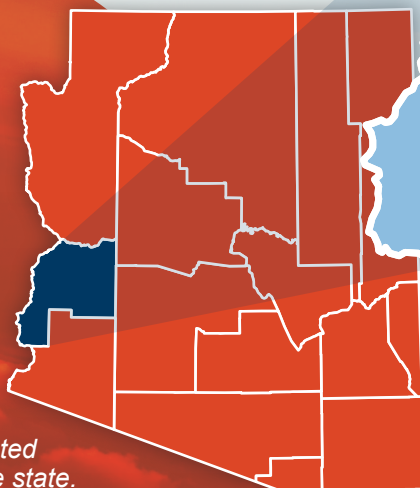


Economic Activity
\$59.4B



Tax Impacts
\$3.5B

Arizona's airports contributed
\$33.0B in value added to the state.



LA PAZ COUNTY Economic Impacts of Airport



Jobs: **45**
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: **\$2.7M**
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): **\$3.0M**
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities



Tax Impacts: **\$750,023**
Airports' direct economic impacts result in local and state tax revenues.