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
Home to the fifth-largest city in the U.S., Maricopa County is the economic, social, and cultural hub of the American Southwest. Maricopa County encompasses the Phoenix metropolitan area and several towns south and west of Phoenix. Fourteen cities, 10 towns, four Native American communities, 15 unincorporated communities and 19 U.S. Census-designated places call Maricopa County home. Banner Health is the largest single employer with nearly 30,000 employees working at facilities around the county. Dozens of major companies have large corporate offices or headquarters in Maricopa County including State Farm, Intel, and PetSmart. Maricopa County is home to Luke Air Force Base and Arizona State University (ASU).

Maricopa County is an enormously popular destination for outdoor recreation. Multiple mountain parks and nature preserves offer hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and other activities. The county is also a renowned golf destination, and the annual Waste Management Phoenix Open is the highest-attended professional golf tournament in the U.S. Maricopa County is home to five major league sports franchises. The Cactus League’s 15 Major League Baseball (MLB) teams conduct Spring Training at 10 facilities around the metro area. World-class resort and conference destinations draw millions of business and leisure travelers each year. Other popular activities include shopping, special events such as the Barrett-Jackson car auction, and museums highlighting the unique culture and history of the Southwest.