

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

Mohave County



Mohave County is the second-largest county in Arizona in terms of land area and includes the Lake Havasu City-Kingman metropolitan area. Much of county is rural, and the Grand Canyon divides the northern and southern portions of the county with no in-state road connections available between. Three incorporated cities, one town, three Native American communities, one unincorporated community and 35 U.S. Census-designated places are in Mohave County.¹ The largest single employer is the Mohave County government; other notable employers include the Kingman Hospital and Kingman Unified School District. Several large corporations such as Nucor Steel, American Woodmark Corporation, and Sterilite Corporation operate manufacturing or distribution facilities.

Diverse landscape and natural beauty make Mohave County a favorite for outdoor recreation and tourism. Portions of Grand Canyon National Park, two National Recreation Areas, and 18 federally-recognized wilderness areas are in Mohave County. The Lake Mead National Recreation Area as well as Lake Havasu and Lake Mohave formed by dams along the Colorado River are all popular destinations for watersports, camping, hiking, and biking. Tourists from around the globe visit Grand Canyon West, owned by the Hualapai Tribe to see the world-famous Skywalk or take helicopter tours into the canyon. In addition to the outdoor recreational attractions, Mohave County is home to several historic and culturally-significant towns including those along Historic Route 66 such as Peach Springs and Oatman.

[1] U.S. Census Bureau (2021).

County Demographics



Population
212,200



Employment
45,840

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2019)

Congressional Districts
1, 4

Legislative Districts
5, 7

Top Business Sectors



Retail Trade



Health Care & Social Assistance



Accommodation & Food Services

Did You Know?

Mohave County's two commercial service airports, IFP and 1G4, supported more than 260,000 passenger enplanements in 2019. Most of these passengers are leisure travelers touring the Grand Canyon or traveling to casinos and resorts in the Laughlin (Nevada)-Bullhead City area.

STATEWIDE Economic Impacts of Arizona Airports



Jobs
386,058



Earnings
\$20.4B

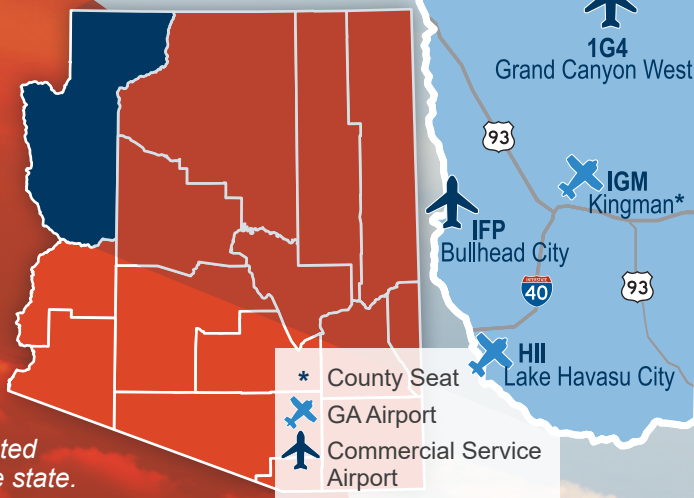


Economic Activity
\$59.4B



Tax Impacts
\$3.5B

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



MOHAVE COUNTY Economic Impacts of Airports



Jobs: 2,538
Number of full- and part-time persons employed



Earnings: \$129.4M
Total compensation paid to workers including wages and benefits



Economic Activity (Output): \$448.2M
Value of sales that occur in the Arizona economy that are ultimately attributable to airport activities



Tax Impacts: \$18.6M
Airports' direct economic impacts result in local and state tax revenues.