

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)

Aviation's Benefit for Florida

Florida's economic well-being is intrinsically entwined with its vibrant airport system and its robust aviation industry. The aviation system in Florida allows the state to capitalize on an increasingly global marketplace. Aviation in Florida both sustains and leads economic growth and development. Airports in Florida are important economic engines, and support vital health, welfare, emergency, and safety-related services.

Florida's system of commercial service and general aviation airports are important to businesses throughout the state. Air travel is essential to tourism, Florida's number one industry. Protecting and investing in airports throughout Florida will support the aviation industry and the economic benefits described in this report. With continued support, Florida's dynamic aviation system will continue to provide a significant economic return in the years to come.



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Florida's Statewide Benefits from Aviation

St. Pete. - Clearwater International

Florida realizes significant annual economic benefits from aviation. The Florida Department of Transportation completed a comprehensive economic impact analysis to measure these benefits. Benefits measured in the FDOT study considered direct and indirect economic impacts and induced impacts that result from the multiplier effect. A summary of Florida's annual economic benefits from aviation follows:



Impact Category	Total Employment	Total Payroll	Total Output
Airports	158,861	\$7,752,561,600	\$28,793,238,700
Visitors Arriving by Air	753,353	\$19,315,252,400	\$59,178,047,200
Construction at Airports	25,321	\$1,041,077,200	\$2,858,791,800
Air Cargo	69,256	\$3,054,598,800	\$6,596,812,200
Aviation Education	6,977	\$201,195,400	\$573,188,000
Military Aviation	116,860	\$5,855,976,400	\$10,797,219,600
Aviation Businesses	35,986	\$1,255,264,800	\$5,321,292,400
Federal Aviation Administration	4,545	\$318,215,600	\$617,783,700
Total Annual Economic Benefits	1,171,159	\$38,794,142,200	\$114,736,373,600

Total annual economic output shown above represents more than 15 percent of Florida's gross state product (GSP). Many employers in Florida also rely on aviation to support their daily activities. Use of aviation helps to improve business efficiency. The FDOT study shows that, annually, by using all facets of air transportation, the efficiency of Florida businesses is increased by an estimated \$94.5 billion. This increased business efficiency is in addition to the total annual economic benefits noted above.

St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport is centrally located between the metropolitan areas of Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Tampa on the west shoreline of Tampa Bay. The airport has four active runways; the longest runway is 9,730 feet long. The airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel. Over 360,000 enplaning commercial passengers flowed through the airport in 2008; more than 60 percent were visitors whose spending helps to contribute to the airport's economic impact. St. Petersburg-Clearwater International is served by a variety of domestic and international low-cost carriers, and enplanement levels fluctuate with the level of airline service available.

The airport's on-site tenants are dedicated to supporting the airlines, commercial passenger travel, general aviation, air cargo, and the military. The annual economic impact of St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport is associated with direct impacts that come from tenants/businesses located at the airport or construction projects that are undertaken by the airport or by on-site businesses. Indirect impacts are associated with spending from visitors who arrive in the area via commercial and general aviation aircraft. The airport's total annual economic impact follows:

