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HIG | Higginsville Industrial Municipal Airport
Higginsville, MO



**Missouri Statewide Airports
Economic Impact Study**



- Missouri is served by **nine** commercial service airports in the state and **99** publicly owned, public use general aviation airports.
- Missouri's commercial service airports enplaned nearly **12 million** passengers in 2012.
- Missouri supported approximately **264,000** general aviation visitors at airports in 2012.
- Airports in Missouri support more than **420** on-airport aviation related businesses.
- More than **\$130 million** was invested in the state's airports in 2012 through updates and renovations.
- Missouri airports support **11** scheduled commercial airlines throughout the state.
- More than **195,000** tons of cargo are transported by air in Missouri each year.



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Statewide Economic Impacts



Economic Impact Study

Missouri's airport system is not only a means of safe and efficient transportation, but also provides over 100,000 jobs and accounts for more than \$11 billion in total economic activity. Each of the airports in Missouri has a specific impact on its local community that goes far beyond the local level to serve as a catalyst for economic growth.

STUDY PROCESS

Similar to the 2002 Missouri economic analysis, the economic impact generated by Missouri's airports is quantified in terms of direct, indirect, and induced economic activity and spending.

Direct impacts are based on the employment, wages, and sales generated by on-airport business activity. Common direct impacts stem from tenants like fixed-base operators (FBOs) or aircraft maintenance operations.

Indirect impacts arise from visitors arriving by aircraft and their spending on food, hotels, entertainment, transportation, and other activities. These expenditures support additional jobs, wages, and output.

Induced impacts, also referred to as multiplier impacts, are created through the "spin-off" effect of users purchasing goods and services from other local businesses and through workers spending wages and other income for household goods and services. For example, when an airport employee is paid, he or she uses their salary to purchase local goods and services at businesses in the area, which in turn spend their revenue locally, thus generating additional economic activity in the region.

Combined, the direct, indirect and induced impacts determine the total economic impacts for each airport and the statewide airport system.

IMPACT MEASURES

Jobs represent the number of people who are employed and are presented as full-time equivalent jobs.

Payroll represents the total annual wages, salaries, and benefits paid to all workers.

Output measures the value of goods, services and capital expenditures.

TOTAL JOBS	100,621
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$3,128,646,000
TOTAL OUTPUT	\$11,101,699,000



Higginsville Industrial Municipal Airport

TOTAL JOBS	13	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$270,000	TOTAL OUTPUT	\$1,128,000
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BENEFITS OF THE AIRPORT

Higginsville Industrial Municipal Airport is located less than 60 miles east of Kansas City, Missouri. The airport is owned and operated by the City of Higginsville. The airport has one asphalt paved runway, Runway 16/34 which is 4,400 feet long. Recent airport improvements include a runway extension and widening, and the installation of navigational aids and GPS navigation system. These projects have increased the safety and overall operational efficiency of the airfield.

Common activities at the airport consist of corporate flying, career training and education, and recreational flying. Mid Missouri Spray Service, Boomerang, Frontier Air, Orange Grove Management Company, and Schantz Equipment Leasing are a few of the companies who rely on the airport to transport staff, equipment, and goods in and out of the region. The University of Central Missouri's aviation department as well as several other nearby flight schools utilizes the airport for student flight training. Seasonally, the airport is used for aerial agricultural spraying, aerial inspections, and aerial photography. The airport further enhances the quality of life in the area by supporting law enforcement operations and emergency medical transports. Two pilots based on the airfield fly for Angel Flight, a nonprofit volunteer based organization that primarily flies patients in need of transportation for medical services.

The airport also serves as a gateway to golfers playing at the Higginsville Country Club which is less than one mile from the airport. The airport also attracts recreational users of the Higginsville City Lake which is a popular fishing, boating, and hunting venue. Parents, students, and visitors of Wentworth Military Academy also utilize the airport for convenient access to the school. The airport serves as a staging area for community events and meetings, sponsoring luncheons for flying clubs passing through the area.

The airport provides FBO services that include fuel, hangar and tie-down rentals, off-site rental and courtesy crew cars, and flight crew and passenger facilities. Higginsville Avionics Lab is based at the airport and provides avionics and radio repairs, sales, and installations. Star Aero Inc. also offers hangar rentals and aircraft maintenance and repair services.

