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**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.

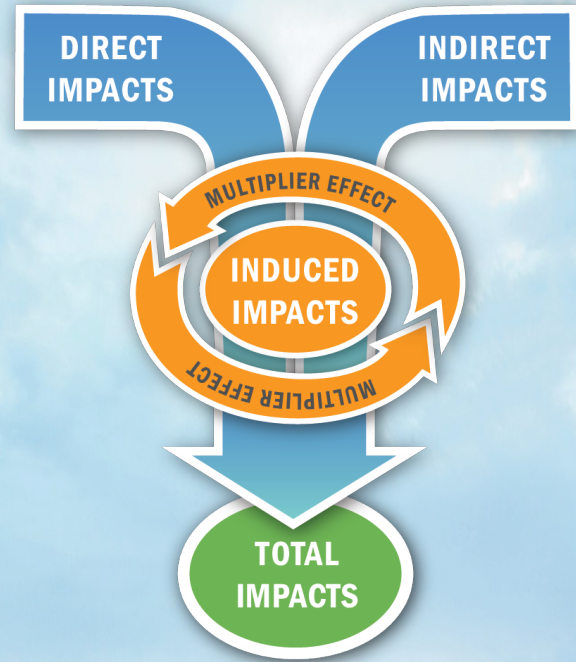


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Statewide Economic Impacts



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



Spirit of St. Louis Airport

TOTAL JOBS
3,040

TOTAL PAYROLL
\$107,552,000

TOTAL OUTPUT
\$354,950,000

BENEFITS OF THE AIRPORT

Spirit of St. Louis Airport is located approximately 25 miles west of St. Louis, Missouri, within the City of Chesterfield. The airport is owned and operated by the County of St. Louis. The airport has two runways, Runway 08L/26R which is 5,000 feet long, and Runway 08R/26L which is 7,485 feet long. With a population of nearly 1 million in 2011, St. Louis County is an important hub for business, government, higher education, healthcare, and culture. The airport plays an integral role in supporting companies requiring convenient access to St. Louis via general aviation and is designated a general aviation reliever airport to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

Common activities at the airport consist of corporate flying, air cargo, flight training, recreational flying, and search and rescue operations and training. The airport serves as a gateway to visitors of St. Louis and the surrounding area accommodating those flying in to attend St. Louis sporting events, city festivals, and visit other area attractions. The airport enhances the quality of life in the area by supporting daily law enforcement operations, military training and exercises, prisoner transports, and environmental patrolling.

The airport supports nearly 90 on-airport businesses, an air traffic control tower, and a ground run-up enclosure (GRE). In 2011, Spirit of St. Louis Airport became one of the only general aviation GRE facilities in the world to be used for aircraft noise abatement during maintenance testing. Aero Charter Jet Center, Midwest Aviation Center, Million Air, and TACAir are the airport's full service FBOs. They provide fueling, aircraft maintenance, storage, aircraft cleaning, catering, and ground transportation.

Other aviation businesses located at the airport provide a host of services including air charter, on-site car rental, flight instruction, aerial photography, aircraft sales, and concessions. US Customs and Border Protection provides customs services for international flights. Anheuser-Busch, Monsanto, Nestle Purina, Charter Communications, Crown Steel, Emerson, and Wings of Hope are some of the companies who rely on the airport to transport staff, equipment, and goods in and out of the region.

