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**1H5 | Willow Springs Memorial Airport**  
Willow Springs, MO



**Missouri Statewide Airports  
Economic Impact Study**

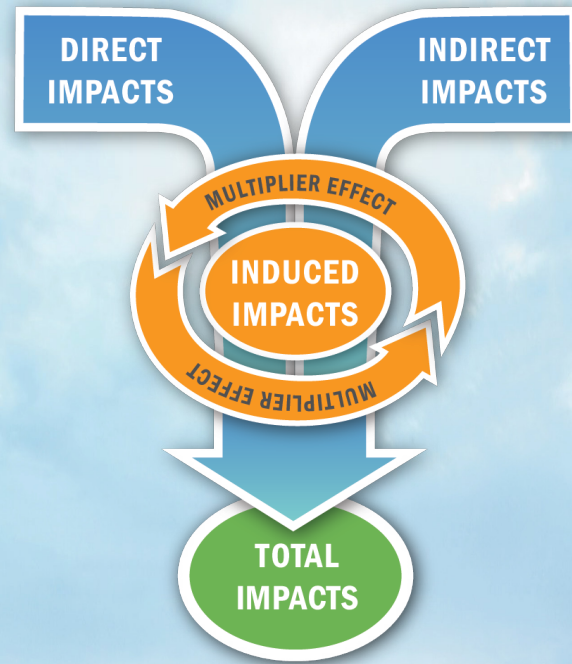


- Missouri is served by **nine** commercial service airports in the state and **99** publicly owned, public use general aviation airports.
- Missouri's commercial service airports enplaned nearly **12 million** passengers in 2012.
- Missouri supported approximately **264,000** general aviation visitors 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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## 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**



## Willow Springs Memorial Airport

TOTAL JOBS  
**6**

TOTAL PAYROLL  
**\$127,000**

TOTAL OUTPUT  
**\$313,000**

### BENEFITS OF THE AIRPORT

Willow Springs Memorial Airport is located within the City of Willow Springs in the southern portion of the state, approximately 90 miles east of Springfield. The airport is owned and operated by the City of Willow Springs. The airport has one asphalt paved runway, Runway 17/35 which is 3,502 feet long. Through a commitment to serve and attract general aviation users, the airport contributes to meeting the needs of individuals, the general public, and the business community it serves.

Common activities at the airport include emergency medical transports, corporate flying, and recreational flying. Air Evac Lifeteam, an emergency medical evacuation and transportation service, utilizes the airport several times a month to transport critically ill or injured patients to necessary medical facilities. The airport also supports seasonal aerial photography operations. The airport is home to Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1218. The airport serves as a community staging area hosting educational seminars, sponsoring and hosting local high school reunions, community poker runs, and an annual airport open house. The open house features static aircraft displays, the EAA Young Eagles program which offers introductory flights to youth of all ages, educational booths, and a luncheon.

Amenities provided by the airport include fuel, tie-down rentals, and passenger and flight crew facilities. Willow Spring Memorial Airport is both an important transportation and economic resource for the area it serves.

