

# Page Field (FMY)

## *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

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 (BILLIONS) |  Total Output (BILLIONS) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>AIRPORTS</b>                       |  |  |   |
| VISITORS ARRIVING BY AIR              | 170,107  | \$8.1  | \$36.3  |
| CONSTRUCTION AT AIRPORTS              | 765,225  | \$20.7   | \$67.2  |
| MILITARY AVIATION                     | 17,388   | \$0.6  | \$2.2   |
| AIR CARGO                             | 137,482  | \$6.4  | \$12.8  |
| AVIATION EDUCATION                    | 129,587  | \$5.0  | \$10.3  |
| AVIATION BUSINESSES                   | 11,891   | \$0.5  | \$1.0   |
| FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION       | 76,217   | \$2.8  | \$13.6  |
| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS</b> | 4,534  | \$0.4  | \$0.6   |
|                                       | <b>1,312,431</b>   | <b>\$44.5</b>  | <b>\$144.0</b>  |

## Page Field

Located in Lee County near Fort Myers, Page Field serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its two intersecting runways, the longest of which is 6,406 feet, the airport can accommodate general aviation business jet aircraft. The airport's new state-of-the-art terminal building is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

The Lee County Port Authority manages the day-to-day operations of Page Field, in addition to providing fixed base operator services to local and transient users at the Base Operations facility in the new terminal. On-airport businesses provide air taxi/charter flights, aircraft maintenance, flight instruction, and aircraft sales. Several businesses have corporate flight departments at Page Field. The airport accommodates a significant amount of corporate and business-related traffic, emergency medical operations, general aviation charter flights, as well as recreational and flight training activity. All of the airport's tenants and flight activities are important to the airport's revenue streams and economic impact.

The annual economic impact of Page Field is associated with direct impacts that come from tenants/businesses located at the airport and 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 general aviation aircraft.

