

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF  
**Immokalee Regional Airport  
(IMM)**

*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) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| AIRPORTS                              |                  |                          |                         |
| 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> | <b>4,534</b>     | <b>\$0.4</b>             | <b>\$0.6</b>            |
|                                       | <b>1,312,431</b> | <b>\$44.5</b>            | <b>\$144.0</b>          |



## Immokalee Regional Airport

Located in Collier County, Immokalee Regional Airport serves the needs of air cargo and general aviation. With its two intersecting runways, both of which are 5,000 feet long, the airport can accommodate most types of general aviation aircraft, including smaller business jets. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.

Air taxi/charter operations, flight instruction, aircraft maintenance, and aerial application are all services offered by the airport's tenants. More than half of the airport's operations are flight training related. In addition, general aviation operations by corporate and business users are common at Immokalee Regional Airport. The airport is also used for aerial firefighting and crop dusting operations, and is home to weekend drag racing. 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 Immokalee Regional Airport 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.

