



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
Camilla-Mitchell
County Airport





Georgia Airports Mean Business

Georgia's airport system of 104 publicly-owned, public-use airports – nine commercial service airports and 95 general aviation airports – are essential to the state's transportation and economic infrastructure, supporting its diversified industries including technology, manufacturing, distribution, tourism, and agriculture. These businesses utilize Georgia's airports to transport employees, customers, vendors and goods, which spur economic development. Airport businesses support on-site and local jobs by providing aviation-related goods and services to aircraft and passengers. Additionally, on-airport capital improvements promote economic activity in the

community through increased construction jobs and the purchase of goods and services. Georgia's business and leisure visitors, who regularly arrive on commercial airlines and general aviation aircraft, stimulate local economies by spending money for lodging, food, other transportation, shopping, recreation, and entertainment.

Georgia's airports, by means of on and off-site businesses, visitors, and aviation-related organizations, contribute significantly to the state's economy, supporting 471,175 jobs, \$17.7 billion in payroll, and \$62.6 billion in statewide economic impact.

Statewide Economic Impact Study

The Georgia Department of Transportation commissioned this Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)-funded study to quantify the economic contribution of the state's airport system using an FAA-approved methodology of survey data and modeling estimates. The economic impacts are categorized by on-airport, visitor, and multiplier impacts to measure the total jobs, payroll, and total economic output of each of the 104 airports in this study.

visitors. The multiplier effect of these direct impacts was calculated using Georgia-specific regional multipliers. For example, if an airport employee purchases groceries, those dollars may support a grocer's payroll, the grocer may spend money on child care, and so on, until those payroll dollars originating from airport activity leave the community and state. The spending and re-spending generates additional economic activity in the region.

The economic benefits calculated for each of the airports was based on comprehensive survey data provided by airport managers, airport tenants, non-aviation businesses who utilize the airport, and airport

The total economic impact of \$62.6 billion is the sum of all direct airport and visitor impacts combining with the multiplier effects and presented in terms of jobs, payroll, and total economic output.



Statewide Economic Impact

	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International	Other Commercial Service Airports	General Aviation Airports	Statewide Totals
Jobs	434,434	26,451	10,290	471,175
Payroll	\$16.3 billion	\$1.1 billion	\$354.4 million	\$17.8 billion
Economic Output	\$58.2 billion	\$3.2 billion	\$1.2 billion	\$62.6 billion

Note: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport data is from 2009 Economic Impact Study. All other data is based on CY2010.

Benefits of Camilla-Mitchell County Airport

The City of Camilla is located in southwest Georgia at the intersection of State Route 37 and U.S. Highway 19, 30 miles south of Albany, a major north-south corridor in the region. With a population estimated at over 5,300 in 2009, Camilla is the largest city and the county seat of Mitchell County. Camilla and Mitchell County are well known for their successful agriculture industry and advanced irrigation systems that promote cotton, peanut, and pecan crops.

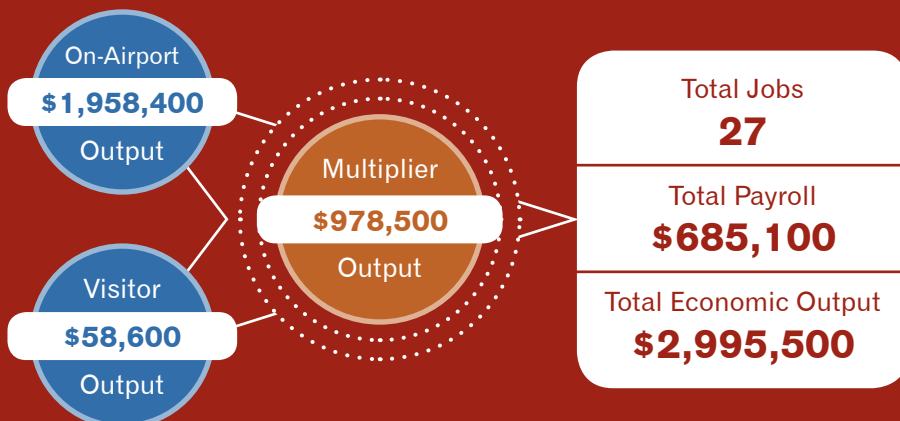
Camilla-Mitchell County Airport is jointly owned and operated by the City of Camilla and Mitchell County. The airport has one paved runway, Runway 08/26, 5,003 feet in length. Airport management serves as the fixed base operator providing fuel, tie-downs, hangar storage, airframe maintenance, and minor engine repair. Pine Cliff Aerial Agricultural Spraying is located on airport property and supports the agriculture in the region. Georgia Aviation Authority bases aircraft at the airport and provides forest firefighting in the south Georgia region.

The airport supports local companies conducting business in the area including Just Ice Manufacturing, First United Ethanol, and Equity Group, a poultry company. Aerial

agricultural operations are the most common activity at the airport in supporting the abundance of agriculture and logging in the area. The airport also supports flight training, aerial inspections, law enforcement flights, military exercises and training, and aerial photography and surveys. The airport serves as a gateway to local attractions and recreational opportunities, especially during the fall and winter seasons, when sportsmen and guests fly in to use area hunting lodges, such as Riverview Plantation. Camilla-Mitchell County Airport enhances the area's public safety and quality of life by supporting air ambulance activities and Civil Air Patrol search and rescue efforts.

Airports connect Georgia's citizens and businesses to the rest of the state, our nation, and the global economy. Camilla-Mitchell County Airport plays a vital role in supporting the region with 27 jobs with an annual payroll of \$685,100, and \$2,995,500 in economic output for the local and regional economies.

Economic Impact of Camilla-Mitchell County Airport



Jobs measures the number of full-time equivalent jobs where a part-time employee counts as half a full-time employee.

Payroll measures the total annual wages and benefits paid to all workers whose salaries are directly attributable to airport activity.

Economic Output measures the value of goods and services related to the airport.

Georgia Airports

- Georgia is served by 104 publicly-owned, public-use airports:
 - Nine commercial service airports, including Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, and
 - 95 general aviation airports.
- Airports in Georgia (excluding Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International) support:
 - 1.2 million annual boarded passengers.
 - 720,000 commercial service visitors.
 - 1.1 million general aviation visitors.
 - More than 500 on-airport businesses.
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport:
 - Supports more than 46 million annual boarded passengers; that's nearly 12,700 daily boarded passengers.
 - Provides nonstop service to 156 U.S. cities and more than 80 international destinations in 52 countries.
 - Supports nearly 60 passenger and cargo airlines.
 - Is the busiest passenger and operations airport in the world.

Note: Calendar Year 2010 data.

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