



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
Griffin-Spalding
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 Griffin-Spalding County Airport

The City of Griffin is located in Spalding County, at the convergence of U.S. Highway 19 and 41. With a population estimate of 24,000 as of 2009, Griffin prides itself on having a diverse economic base, as it is home to several large organizations including Caterpillar, Bandag, and Southern Crescent Technical College. Tourists are drawn to Griffin-Spalding County to visit historic sites that include the birthplace of "Doc" Holiday, the famous gunfighter of the American Old West, and Stonewall Confederate Cemetery.

Griffin-Spalding County Airport is located one mile south of Griffin and has a single paved runway, Runway 14/32, 3,701 feet long that is complimented by a full-parallel taxiway. The airport is jointly owned and operated by the City of Griffin and Spalding County. Airport management serves as the fixed base operator within the terminal building, providing hangar rentals and fueling services.

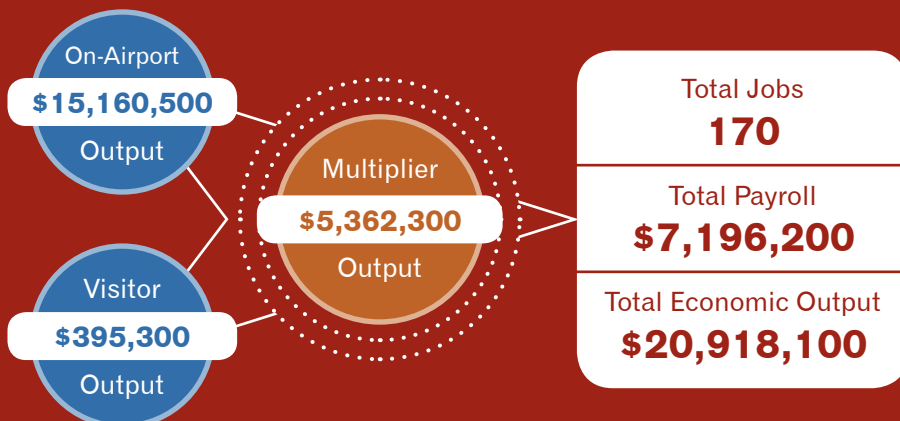
There are 15 aviation-related businesses located at the airport. Don's Dream Machines and Air Wrench provide full-service aircraft maintenance. Alexander Technical Center provides EAA workshops, composites parts, and radome repair. Aeropaint II provides aircraft painting services. Atlanta Air Recovery and Storage is the largest aircraft recovery establishment in the southeast United States and specializes in transporting aircraft and accident site cleanup. Freeman's Just Plane Hardware supplies general aviation hardware. Precision Avionics Specialists

maintains an on-site avionics testing facility and repair station. Turbine Solutions provides aircraft interiors and aircraft maintenance services. Christian Air Ministry is a volunteer pilot organization who provides air transportation for non-ambulatory patients who cannot afford commercial air ambulance. The Spalding County Sherriff's Department bases their aviation unit fleet of helicopters at the airport. Air Methods Life Flight is also a major operator at the airport, providing air ambulance services to area residents.

Griffin-Spalding County Airport supports numerous companies conducting business in the area including Caterpillar, Big Red Erectors, Complete Carwash Systems, avionics manufacturer S-TEC Corporation, and medical company Southeast Nuclear Electronics. The airport also supports flight instruction, aircraft rental and sales, and transport of medical personnel and supplies to the region. The airport is used by local real estate and utility companies who fly tours and aerial surveys from the airport.

Airports connect Georgia's citizens and businesses to the rest of the state, our nation, and the global economy. Griffin-Spalding County Airport plays a vital role in supporting the region with 170 jobs with an annual payroll of \$7,196,200, and \$20,918,100 in economic output for the local and regional economies.

Economic Impact of Griffin-Spalding 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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