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## **2H2** | Jerry Sumners Sr. Aurora Municipal Airport Aurora, MO





- 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
- 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.





# **Missouri Statewide Airports Economic Impact Study**





### **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

Statewide

**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







### **TOTAL PAYROLL** \$334.000

### **TOTAL OUTPUT** \$1,377,000

#### **BENEFITS OF THE AIRPORT**

Jerry Sumners Sr. Aurora Municipal Airport is located in southwestern Missouri, approximately 30 miles southwest of Springfield. The airport is owned and operated by the City of Aurora. The airport has one asphalt paved runway, Runway 18/36 which is 3,002 feet long. Through a commitment to serve and attract general aviation users, the airport contributes to meeting the needs of individuals, the general public, the armed forces, and the business community it serves.

Common activities at the airport include corporate flying, flight training, and recreational flying. Wilmar Foods, Mayse Automotive, Tyson Foods, and Sutherlands Lumber and Home Improvement are a few of the companies who rely on the airport to transport staff, equipment, and goods in and out of the region. Seasonally, the airport is used for aerial agricultural spraying, aerial inspections, aerial advertising, and aerial photography. The Missouri National Guard, local Sheriffs' departments, and Missouri State Highway Patrol utilize the airport to conduct training and daily operations. The airport further enhances the quality of life in the area by supporting emergency medical evacuations and transportation and environmental patrols. Angel Flight, a nonprofit organization, often utilizes the airport to fly patients in need of transportation for medical services.

The airport also serves as a gateway to outdoor attractions in the region, attracting visitors to Camp Kanicuck and Table Rock Lake. The airport serves as a staging area for community events hosting an annual flyin and open house which offers attendees airplane rides, music and entertainment, and a skydiving demonstration.

Aurora Aviation provides FBO services that include fuel, hangar and tie-down rentals, rental and crew cars, and flight crew facilities. They also offer flight instruction and aircraft maintenance and repair services.