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- 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 updates and renovations.
- 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.





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# 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**

**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** 





## **Sullivan Regional Airport**

TOTAL JOBS **37** 



TOTAL OUTPUT **\$3,876,000** 

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

Sullivan Regional Airport is located approximately 65 miles southwest of St. Louis. The airport is owned and operated by the City of Sullivan. The airport has one concrete paved runway, Runway 06/24 which is 4,500 feet long. Through a commitment to serve and attract general aviation users, the airport contributes to meeting the needs of individuals, the general public, and the business community it serves.

The most common activities at the airport consist of corporate flying, flight training, emergency medical evacuation, and recreational flying. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) frequently uses the airport for search and rescue training and missions, reconnaissance missions for homeland security, disaster relief, and support of law enforcement operations. Seasonal activities include aerial agricultural spraying, military exercises, forest firefighting, and aerial photography. Aerial pipeline inspectors often rely on the airport throughout the year for fuel and aircraft

services. Hunters often visit the area to utilize certified dog trackers and handlers from the region. Outdoor enthusiasts visit wilderness trails at the local Meramec State Park and other local conservation areas. The airport serves as a staging area for community events hosting fly-ins throughout the year, supporting the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles youth aviation programs and accommodating local car shows.

Amenities provided at Sullivan Regional include fuel, aircraft services, hangar and tie-down rentals, and flight crew and passenger facilities. Sullivan

Airport and A&P Services provide aircraft maintenance and repair services. Freedom Air Aviation offers adventure flights and flight instruction. ARCH Air Medical Service, one of the nation's oldest emergency medical evacuation services, is based at the airport and provides transportation of critically ill and injured patients throughout the Missouri and Illinois area.

