



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF
Southwest Georgia
Regional Airport
Albany, Georgia





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 Southwest Georgia Regional Airport

Albany is located in southwest Georgia, at the intersection of U.S. Routes 19 and 82 in Dougherty County. The city had a population of 77,000 as of 2010. The Albany area is the economic, healthcare, military, educational, and recreational hub of the region. Nationally recognized magazines, PC World, Industry Week, and Money, all consider Albany to be a top-tier city within which to live and conduct business.

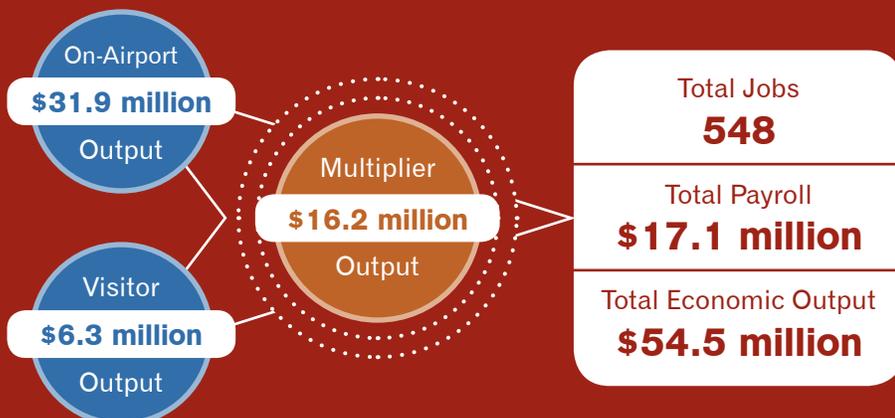
Southwest Georgia Regional Airport is three miles southwest of Albany, and one of nine commercial service airports in Georgia. The airport has two runways – Runway 04/22 is 6,601 feet long with a precision instrument approach, while Runway 16/34 is 5,219 feet long – and is equipped with an air traffic control tower an aircraft rescue and firefighting facility. Eagles of America, Inc. is the airport's full-service fixed base operator, providing fueling services, aircraft maintenance, avionics, and catering to general aviation users. The airport is home to a number of additional aviation-related businesses. Thrush Aviation is an agricultural and firefighting aircraft manufacturer located adjacent to the airport. UPS operates a regional cargo facility at Southwest Georgia Regional, operating daily Airbus A300 freighter aircraft. Southwest Georgia Regional Airport is the second largest cargo airport in Georgia, behind Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, and is the primary sort operation in southwest Georgia and northwest Florida.

The existing passenger terminal houses Cross Landing Eatery & Bar as well as Atlantic Southeast Airlines, which provides three daily flights to Atlanta on Canadair Regional Jet aircraft through a code share agreement with Delta Air Lines. In 2010, Southwest Georgia Regional Airport began designing a new terminal complex that will include a new commercial passenger terminal, associated aircraft apron, curb front, terminal drive, and parking lots. The \$15.8 million terminal complex will replace the 1959 infrastructure and will be under construction in 2011.

Many area employers rely on the airport to transport staff, equipment, and materials in and out of the region. MillerCoors and Procter & Gamble utilize the airport regularly to conduct business at their local facilities. Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany utilizes the airport to transport staff. The Albany area is a gateway for sportsmen during quail hunting season when the airport is used to access the many hunting plantations in southwest Georgia.

Airports connect Georgia's citizens and businesses to the rest of the state, our nation, and the global economy. Southwest Georgia Regional Airport plays a vital role in supporting the region with 548 jobs with an annual payroll of \$17,106,700, and \$54,498,800 in economic output for the local and regional economies.

Economic Impact of Southwest Georgia Regional 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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