



Lebanon Municipal Airport

Aviation Moves Tennessee

Tennessee's aviation system is made up of 78 public-use airports, which serve aviation needs from commercial passenger jet operations to single-engine recreational flights. To understand how Tennessee's airports support the state's economy, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Aeronautics Division undertook the Aviation Economic Impact Study. This study determined that Tennessee's aviation system generated 220,936 jobs and contributed \$40 billion in 2019 to the state's economy, accounting for 11% of Tennessee's 2019 gross domestic product (GDP).



About Lebanon Municipal Airport

Lebanon Municipal Airport (M54) is less than a half-hour east of Nashville and is located in one of the fastest-growing areas of the country. The airport provides convenient access to I-40 and I-840 and has a 5,000-foot runway, which means it is able to provide crucial access to Lebanon and the nearby Nashville area for many businesses, such as Famous Footwear and Bass Pro Shop. Additionally, the airport attracts recreational visitors to the nearby Lebanon Square, which has numerous restaurants and shopping venues. Lebanon Municipal Airport supports both law enforcement activity and aviation education. Nearby, Baker's School of Aeronautics provides training for prospective aviation mechanics and routinely uses the airport for their training courses. Additional activity is generated from the airport's nine tenants, whose combined total of 86 employees support a variety of aviation services, ranging from flight training to medical flights. The airport serves as a community hub for local businesses like Cumberland University Nursing School and Wilson County Rotary, which each use the airport to hold large annual fundraisers.

In order to understand the geographic reach of Lebanon Municipal Airport, the map below shows a selection of flights that operated both into and out of the airport.

Airport Economic Impacts



BUSINESS REVENUE

million



ON-AIRPORT \$51.9 **IMPACTS**

million



VISITOR **SPENDING IMPACTS**

\$1.8 million



IOBS

269 employed



PAYROLL \$18.7



million

N924DD

Lebanon Municipal Airport Route Map



Region (3) **Profile**

Region 3 is located in west central Tennessee and is home to one of the nation's most rapidly developing metropolitan areas, Nashville. Nashville International Airport (BNA), the largest medium-hub airport in the country, experienced over 100 percent growth in

TDOT REGION 3 **ON-AIRPORT**

\$4.7 BILLION

VISITOR **SPENDING** **BILLION**

FREIGHT/ **CARGO**

S7.8 **BILLION**

enplanements from 2010 to 2019. To support this rapid development, general aviation airports in the area have also grown. John C Tune Airport (JWN) serves as a general aviation reliever airport to Nashville International Airport (BNA). Smyrna Airport (MQY) is supported by 64 onsite businesses employing 751 people—the most of any general aviation airport in the state. Murfreesboro Municipal Airport (MBT) supports the growing general aviation needs of the area, including hosting the Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) flight training program and its almost daily flight training operations. Region 3 has the most airports of any Region in the state, with Nashville International Airport (BNA) and 23 general aviation airports. In 2019, Region 3's airports welcomed nearly **4.3 million visitors**, generated **100,549 jobs**, and contributed **\$18 billion** to the state's economy.

TOTAL ECONOMIC \$40 BILLION

AVIATION CONTRIBUTES

OF TENNESSEE'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

What is Economic Impact?

The economic impacts of each airport, TDOT Region, and the state are defined by the total jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenue generated by aviation in the state.

IOBS

220,936 employed

Number of employed people, including full-time and part-time

PAYROLL

(6) \$13 billion

Total employment compensation, including wages and other benefits (e.g., healthcare insurance payments, retirement contributions, etc.); also known as "labor income"

VALUE ADDED

\$21 billion

The economic productivity of each aviation-related business establishment, calculated as business revenue earned minus the cost of purchasing goods and services from other businesses; also reflects a company's or industry's contribution to Tennessee's GDP

BUSINESS REVENUE (\$) \$40 billion

The incorporation of expenditures needed to administer airports, sales of goods and services by airport tenants, budget expenditures to public sector agencies located on airports, the cost of capital expenditures, and visitor spending in Tennessee's hospitality-related sectors; the term "economic impact" is also used to describe business revenues

Statewide Aviation Benefits

The statewide economic impact of Tennessee's airports consists of three major categories: On-Airport Activity, Visitor Spending, and Freight/Cargo. Together, they account for \$40 billion in economic impact for Tennessee.

→ On-Airport Activity TOTAL OUTPUT \$12 billion

Impacts related to the activity of airport administration, business tenants, and capital improvements on airports

→ Visitor Spending TOTAL OUTPUT \$9 billion

Impacts related to out-of-state visitor spending at both commercial service and general aviation airports

+ Freight/Cargo TOTAL OUTPUT \$19 billion

Impacts related to air cargo operations



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For more information on the Tennessee Aviation Economic Impact Study, visit our webpage at