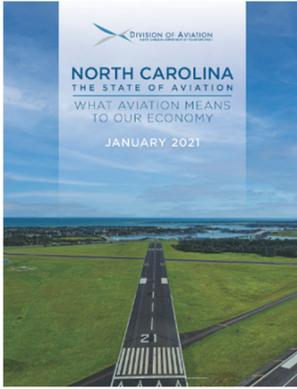


Fast Facts



North Carolina's 72 publicly owned airports contribute more than \$61 billion each year to the state's economy and support 373,000 jobs, according to a January 2021 report from the N.C. Department of Transportation Division of Aviation.

North Carolina: The State of Aviation highlights the economic impacts of the

state's public airports and the aviation and aerospace assets that rely on them. The report contains data compiled and analyzed for NCDOT by North Carolina State University's Institute for Transportation Research and Education using 2019 airport data aviation assets compiled from public and private sources.

Economic Impacts

- \$61 billion economic output
- 373,000 jobs
- \$15 billion in personal income
- \$2.5 billion state and local tax revenues

Airport Infrastructure

- 72 publicly owned airports – 10 commercial service, 62 general aviation
- 94% of state residents live within 30 minutes of an airport

Annual Airport Activity

- 70 million passenger boardings
- \$23 billion, 1.1 million tons of cargo moved
- 14 commercial airlines flying to 187 destinations
- 200,000 military operations

Airport Support Industries

- 13 airport-based rental car companies
- 3,300 aircraft based at N.C. public airports
- \$11.6 million in property tax revenues contributed by based aircraft

Aviation Sectors

SECTOR	COMPANIES	JOBS
Aerospace Manufacturing	200	6,900
Aerospace Maintenance	153	4,600
Military Aviation (Bases)	8	70,000
Commercial Airlines	14	14,700
Air Cargo	15	2,700

Aerospace Manufacturing

- 200+ companies, 6,900 jobs
- 2nd fastest-growing aerospace manufacturing sector in the country
- 13% employment growth 2015-2019

Aerospace Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

- 153 companies, 4,600 jobs
- 5th in the nation in MRO employment
- 55% job growth 2015-2019

Military Aviation

- 8 bases, 70,000 jobs
- \$3 billion in defense contracts



Air Cargo

- 15 companies, 2,700 jobs

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

- 33,293 registered recreational drone operators
- 5,000 permitted commercial pilots

Aviation Higher Education

- 28 post-secondary programs
- 366 students annually in four-year programs
- 1,134 students annually in community college programs
- 20,500 annual post-secondary STEM graduates