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**North Carolina: The State of Aviation**

**Talking Points**

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* A new report reveals that North Carolina’s 72 publicly owned airports annually contribute to the state’s economy more than:
	+ $ 88 billion in economic impact
	+ 427,000 jobs
	+ $34 billion in personal income
	+ $4.8 billion in state and local tax revenues
* **Insert YOUR impacts below** *(pull from tables on the last two pages of the North Carolina: The State of Aviation 2025 brochure)*

* + $ XXX in economic output
	+ $XXX in personal income
	+ $XX in state and local tax revenues
* The report, produced by the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Aviation every two years, helps guide investment in aviation infrastructure and provides a tool for recruiting aviation and aerospace industry companies and investment.
* The report quantifies the economic impacts of the state’s:
	+ 10 commercial service airports and 62 general aviation airports
	+ The aviation and aerospace sectors and organizations that rely on public airports

* N.C. airports:
	+ Connect local businesses and communities to global markets
	+ House and refuel private aircraft
	+ Support military and agricultural aviation and statewide emergency response
	+ Provide aviation services, such as aerial photography and pilot training
	+ The 10 commercial service airports also offer regularly scheduled passenger service.

# Report Background & Methodology

* North Carolina State University’s Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) analyzed data from 2023, the most recent year complete data is available, primarily provided by North Carolina’s 72 public service airports and the Federal Aviation Administration. ITRE used the IMPLAN model to compute economic impact.
	+ The commercial service airport analysis quantifies the impacts of leisure and business travelers to North Carolina and business travelers from North Carolina, on-airport contributions (jobs, income and spending by tenants such as airlines, rental car companies and airport security) and the impact of airport capital projects and operations (construction, facility maintenance and operational services).
	+ The general aviation airport analysis quantifies the impact of jobs supported by the airport directly, jobs supported by businesses that rely on the airport, and the impact of visitors.