The Texas airport system with 289 airports is one of the largest airport systems in the country. It consists of 25 commercial service airports and 264 general aviation airports. These airports play an important role in the Texas economy by providing well-paying jobs, stimulating growth, and serving as critical components in a transportation network that permits the movement of people and goods across the state, throughout the country, and around the world. These airports are responsible for billions of dollars of economic activity, and support a wide assortment of businesses and activities. The state’s commercial service airports serve as hubs for United Airlines, American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, FedEx and UPS Airlines. The general aviation airports are host to a variety of businesses. Aerial applicators, such as M&M Air Service, help crops thrive. Air ambulance services, like PHI Air Medical and CareFlight, are based at general aviation airports throughout Texas in order to provide life-saving emergency flights where needed. Aircraft manufacturing takes place at Kerrville Municipal Airport in the Mooney factory. These airports support firefighting and disaster relief efforts. Aviation schools found on general aviation airports feature training for aircraft mechanics, fixed-wing pilots, helicopter pilots, skydivers, and even drone pilots. Military aircrews make use of many general aviation airports for training purposes. Finally, more than a dozen Texas general aviation airports host aviation museums and other nonprofit aerospace organizations that educate and promote the history of aviation.

Thanks to these businesses and organizations, and the millions of visitors that pass through Texas airports each year, the state’s economy thrives and grows.

The total impacts of Texas system airports amount to 778,955 jobs that received $30.1 billion in wages and benefits. These workers generated $94.3 billion in economic output. On top of this, the Texas airport system provides countless benefits that improve the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for the people of Texas.

Furthermore, more than 17 million visitors passed through the state’s commercial service airports, with another 1.5 million visitors making use of the Lone Star State’s general aviation services.

**STATEWIDE BENEFITS FROM AVIATION**

**TOTAL JOBS:** 778,955

**TOTAL PAYROLL:** $30.1 BILLION

**TOTAL OUTPUT:** $94.3 BILLION
Economic Impact of
FOX STEPHENS FIELD - GILMER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (JXI)

BASIC INFORMATION:
Fox Stephens Field-Gilmer Municipal Airport is a public-use, general aviation facility that serves the region’s air transportation needs. Major facilities at the airport include a 4,000-foot runway (Runway 18/36) equipped with medium intensity runway lighting. Operations at the airport are supported by VOR/DME-A and RNAV(GPS) approaches. Other services include avgas, aircraft storage in hangars, and tiedown parking. Gilmer Municipal Airport is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, making it eligible for federal Airport Improvement Program grants.

QUALITATIVE BENEFITS:
Gilmer Municipal Airport is home to one on-airport business which offers services such as fuel, pilot amenities, and aircraft maintenance. The most frequent general aviation operations at Gilmer Municipal include corporate flights, charter flights, recreational flying, and flight instruction.

The airport also hosts the Flight of the Phoenix Aviation Museum which draws about 1,200 visitors per year and is open Monday through Friday. Tourists frequently use Gilmer Municipal when visiting Camp Gilmont and other area lakes. The Gilmer Industrial Foundation is active in supporting the airport, providing matching funds for projects, and acquiring land for airport development.

IMPACT MEASURES

Employment measures the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs related to airport activity including visitor-supported and on-airport construction jobs. A part-time employee counts as half of a full-time employee.

Payroll measures the total annual salary, wages, and benefits paid to all workers whose livelihoods are directly attributable to airport activity.

Output measures the value of goods and services related to airports in Texas. The output of on-airport businesses is typically assumed to be the sum of annual gross sales and average annual capital expenditures.

On-Airport Impacts
6 JOBS
$629,000 OUTPUT

Capital Improvement Impacts
1 JOB
$90,000 OUTPUT

Visitor Impacts
1 JOB
$84,000 OUTPUT

Multiplier Impacts
11 JOBS
$654,000 OUTPUT

Recirculation of Impacts

Total Impacts
19 JOBS
$494,000 PAYROLL
$1.5 MILLION OUTPUT

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