STATEWIDE IMPACTS
Total Annual Impacts from All Study Airports

OAC’s research project estimated annual economic impacts for 109 study airports. As noted previously when total impacts (direct and indirect/induced) are considered, all airports are responsible for the following annual economic impacts:

- **Total Statewide Jobs** – 58,958
- **Total Statewide Annual Payroll** - $3.4 Billion
- **Total Annual Spending** - $7 Billion
- **Total Statewide Economic Activity** - $10.6 Billion

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- **Employment** ~ 205,608
- **Annual Payroll** ~ $11.7 Billion
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- **Annual Economic Activity** ~ $43.7 Billion

**Total Annual State Tax Revenues from Study Airports**

Airport-related jobs and spending, along with visitor spending, are responsible for a variety of tax revenues. On a statewide basis, the study airports and activities they support contribute to the following annual tax revenues. Airport-related tax revenues estimated in this study considered only direct employment, payroll, and spending.

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**Additional Economic Impacts from Off-Airport Aviation and Aerospace Companies**

Aside from aviation businesses located at study airports, there are other companies involved in activities that support the aviation or aerospace industries in Oklahoma. As part of the OAC project, these businesses were identified and researched to determine additional economic impacts associated with their operations. Examples of businesses included in this category include Nordam, Boeing, L-3, and Flight Safety International.

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**Total Statewide Annual Payroll**

Total annual payroll, and spending.

**Spending from Visitors Arriving on General Aviation**

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**Spending from Visitors Arriving on Commercial Airlines**

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The OAC study used four primary measures to express both statewide and airport specific annual economic impacts:

- **Employment/Jobs**
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- **Annual Spending**
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**Total Jobs**

**Annual Payroll**

**Annual Spending**

**Total Annual Economic Activity**

**DIRECT IMPACTS**

**INDIRECT/INDUCED IMPACTS**

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Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airport / Provides More Than Just Economic Benefits

The oil and gas industry is a cornerstone of the Oklahoma economy. The airport is used daily by energy companies to access oil wells, drilling sites, and regional offices. Laredo Petroleum, Unit Corp, and Ventana Exploration & Production are examples of these companies. Many of these companies also have vendors and suppliers such as Lariat, Paragon Industries, Asphalt & Fuel Supply, BRG Energy, and White Buffalo Environmental that use the airport on a regular basis to support their area operations. Del Aviation, a Tulsa-based company, provides air patrol of pipelines and transmission power lines from the airport. These airport-supported employers and activities are important to many area jobs.

The airport plays a key role in supporting the development of Tulsa and the surrounding areas. Many land developers and construction companies, such as Rasmussen Group and Precision Construction Group, fly into the airport when looking for development sites. Once land has been acquired, these and similar companies continue to use the airport to oversee construction.

The airport supports missions conducted by the Veterans Airlift Command. This group provides free air transportation to wounded veterans and their families. Flights are offered for medical and other compassionate purposes.

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The accompanying table shows direct, indirect/induced, and total economic impacts for the airport for a five-year period was considered to estimate economic impacts in the capital investment category. Each year, an estimated 440,000 visitors arrive in Oklahoma on general aviation aircraft; 42,224 of these visitors arrive via Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airpark (RVS). While in the state, these visitors often have expenditures for lodging, food, retail, ground transportation, entertainment, and/or retail purchases. Annual visitor spending helps to support other jobs and payroll, primarily in the hospitality industry.

The airport provides more than just economic benefits. Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airport

The Airport Helps Connect the Community

When businesses decide to relocate or expand, there are many factors they consider. Frequently, having access to a general aviation airport is a highly-rated decision-making factor. A mile of road can take you one mile, and mile of runway can take you pretty much anywhere. Limited information is available from FAA sources on originations and destinations for the airport’s flights. The map below shows a very small snapshot of the airport’s non-stop flights. Despite the small sample size, the map helps to show how the airport helps to conveniently connect the community to destinations across the United States and beyond.

Other Benefits of Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airport

The airport’s economic and tax revenue benefits have been previously reported. But these are not the only benefits the community receives from the airport. Airports such as Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airport support many unnoticed health, welfare, environmental, safety, and other business benefits. Some of the other benefits supported by the airport are discussed here.

The economic activity associated with these jobs is shown in the table below. The annual economic activity includes payroll, spending, and the total economic activity for the airport.

From these sources, the study estimated that the airport contributes approximately $4,714,247 in annual state and local tax revenues.

Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airpark / Total Annual Economic Impact on Oklahoma’s Economy

Estimating the Airport’s Annual Economic Impact

Surveys, interviews, and on-site visits were used to collect direct impacts for the airport management function and for any aviation-related airport tenants who are engaged in the provision of aviation services or customer support. In some instances, jobs in the airport management category are not physically located at the airport. This is particularly true when the airport is owned by a city or county. Also, for both the airport management and airport tenant categories, not all jobs are full-time. There are also part-time as well as seasonal jobs. For this study, all less-than-full-time positions were converted to full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs using hours worked or salary paid.

Many airports in Oklahoma have investments to complete capital projects. Funds for capital investment come from the FAA, the state, the airport owner, and/or other third-party sources. While money is being spent to implement a project, this spending helps to support jobs and the payroll associated with these jobs. For this study, average annual capital investment for the airport, from all sources, over a five-year period was considered to estimate economic impacts in the capital investment category.

The accompanying table shows direct, indirect/induced, and total economic impacts for the airport for airport management, airport tenants, capital investment, and total economic impacts for the airport for GAC’s study.

The accompanying table shows direct, indirect/induced, and total economic impacts for the airport for the form of state tax revenues that the airport contributes related to the following:

- Sales tax paid by visitors on hotels, meals, rental cars, and retail spending
- Sales tax paid on goods and materials purchased to support capital projects
- Sales tax paid on supplies needed to operate the airport or tenant businesses
- Sales and income tax paid by employees whose direct jobs are airport supported

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Annual Economic Impacts from Richard Lloyd Jones Jr Airport

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Total Annual Economic Impact on Oklahoma’s Economy

Annual Economic Activity = Payroll + Spending

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