

Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

Economic Impact Study



fast facts

- The 5,600+ on-airport jobs make Nashville International Airport the 10th largest workplace in the region.
- A survey of businesses determined that there are at least 212,000 jobs in Metropolitan Nashville that rely on or benefit from the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority's (MNA) airports.
- One out of 20 jobs in the Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area is related to Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune Airport.
- Nashville International Airport's total economic impact comprises 6.2% of the Gross Regional Product (GRP) of Middle Tennessee.
- Construction activity accounts for 250+ jobs on both airports.
- A China Airlines 747 freighter usually carrying materials for local industries arrives six days a week at the airport from Taipei, Taiwan.
- In 2006, the MNA's two airports produced the following economic impact on the region:
 - **Total Employment** – 39,700
 - **Total Payroll** – \$1.18+ billion
 - **Total Economic Activity** – \$3.74+ billion



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MNA airports are economic engines for the Greater Nashville economy. The MNA initiated a study to quantify the economic benefits that stem from both Nashville International Airport and John C. Tune Airport. This study followed a proven, FAA-supported methodology that accounts for impacts from on-airport business partners such as airlines and concessionaires, government agencies and construction activity, as well as the impacts from visitors arriving on aircraft. In addition, these first-round economic benefits are re-circulated in the regional economy, creating successive waves of employment, payroll, and output. For example, an airline employee spends his or her salary for goods and services in Middle Tennessee, thereby benefiting local businesses and creating additional local employment. When all these economic impacts are summed, the significant value of MNA airports becomes crystal clear.

Economic Benefit Measures

Benefits related to airport activities and visitors are estimated using three measures:

- **Employment** – The total number of jobs
- **Payroll** – Total annual wages and benefits paid
- **Output** – The annual value of all goods and services in the region linked to the airports



Nashville International Airport™

The many businesses and activities at Nashville International Airport account for significant annual economic benefits. Sixteen passenger airlines operate at Nashville International Airport, providing non-stop service to 48 cities with 400 average daily flights. In addition to these airlines, several charter and freight airlines operate at the airport, as well as over 70 supporting businesses and agencies. Among the larger non-airline business partners are Vought Aircraft Industries, FedEx, the Tennessee Air National Guard, Embraer Aircraft Maintenance Services, and two fixed base operators (FBOs), Mercury Air Center and Signature Flight Support. In addition, Nashville International Airport serves as a gateway for over two million visitors annually arriving on aircraft.

Each of these first-round impacts create further impacts as initial spending “ripples” throughout the region’s economy. As a result, the airport’s influence extends well beyond its borders into the entire region. Nashville International Airport’s annual economic impact resulted in:

- **Total Employment** – 39,540
- **Total Payroll** – \$1.17+ billion
- **Total Economic Activity** – \$3.73+ billion



John C. Tune Airport™

John C. Tune Airport serves an important niche in the metropolitan economy. By catering to corporate and personal aircraft users, the airport affords convenient and easy access to the city’s business community. John C. Tune Airport operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week with corporate flights, flight training and local news station activity. John C. Tune Airport accommodates aircraft arriving non-stop from as far away as California.

The aviation businesses located at John C. Tune Airport serve both local users and the thousands of visitors that arrive at the airport each year. Like at Nashville International, these businesses and visitors, along with annual maintenance and improvement of the airport, create economic impacts that circulate throughout our region’s economy. These on- and off-airport impacts generated these outcomes:

- **Total Employment** – 115
- **Total Payroll** – \$3.1 million
- **Total Economic Activity** – \$10.8 million

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