



ECONOMIC IMPACTS • 2011

Abilene Regional Airport
Abilene, TX





Abilene Regional Airport is an integral part of community development and receives help in marketing endeavors from the Development Corporation of Abilene. The community recognizes the importance of the airport. In a 2006 bond election, the airport was allotted \$2 million for capital improvements. The airport sponsors the Abilene Philharmonic, the local arts center, and KACU public radio through advertising exchanges.

The airport has experienced an increase in commercial travelers in recent years. A high volume military air traffic - more than 4,000 operations per month - also moves through the airport.



Runways:

17R/35L - 7,202 ft. x 150 ft.

17L/35R - 7,198 ft. x 150 ft.

4/22 - 3,675 ft. x 100 ft.



The airport supports the community by working with the local chamber of commerce to host community and charity events on airport grounds.

2010 ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Description	Impacts
General Aviation Activities:	
Economic Activity	\$ 17,803,884
Salary, Wages, and Benefits	\$ 6,394,803
Employment	188
Commercial & General Aviation Activities:	
Economic Activity	\$ 148,105,618
Salary, Wages, and Benefits	\$ 54,408,052
Employment	1,441
<i>Sources: Survey responses, IMPLAN, and Authors' estimates</i>	

- Capital Expenditures for infrastructure and other airport improvements from 2006-2010 generated \$44.5 million in economic activity that created 383 job-years of employment. (A job-year equals one job lasting one year.)

GENERAL AVIATION

Impacts on Texas

The general aviation system in Texas provides important infrastructure that promotes both regional economic development and community recreational opportunities. The system's airports also generate economic activity through capital and operations expenditures, business activities of airport tenants, and spending by visitors using airport facilities. This analysis examined the economic impacts of the facilities that are part of the Texas Airport System Plan (TASP). In total, the state's general aviation airports and general aviation activities at commercial airports create:

Economic Activity

\$14.6 billion

Salary, Wages, and Benefits

\$3.1 billion

Employment

56,635 permanent jobs

Airport Statistics

FAA Identifier – ABI

Latitude / Longitude

32-24-40.7000N / 099-40-54.8000W

Elevation – 1,791 ft.

Location

3 miles southeast of Abilene, TX



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