

Facts on the Economic Impact of Aerospace and Defense in Oklahoma

Oklahoma's aerospace and defense industries drive an impressive **\$52.5 billion** in annual economic impact statewide, underscoring their vital role in the state's economy!

The Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics (ODAA) has completed a comprehensive study to assess the economic impact of aerospace and defense across the state of Oklahoma. Full details of the study are available at OKAEROIMPACT.COM. This statewide analysis, conducted by ODAA, focuses on the economic contributions of four primary sectors.

AIRPORT	OFF-AIRPORT INDUSTRY RELIANCE	MILITARY AVIATION	OFF-AIRPORT AIR CARGO*
64,878 Jobs	61,109 Jobs	133,296 Jobs	27,610 Jobs
\$4.5B Payroll	\$4.8B Payroll	\$7.3B Payroll	\$1.9B Payroll
\$9.3B Spending	\$12.0B Spending	\$14.5B Spending	\$2.9B Spending
\$13.8B Economic Impact	\$16.8B Economic Impact	\$21.8B Economic Impact	\$6.7B Economic Impact

*Off-airport air cargo impacts are reported separately and are not included in the \$52.5 billion statewide economic impact total.

Annual Economic Impact from Airports

Oklahoma's 107 public airports generate economic impacts through several key activity centers, including airport management, airport tenants, capital investments, general aviation visitor spending, and commercial service visitor spending. The graphic to the right summarizes the share of total annual airport impacts for employment, payroll, spending, and economic impact attributed to each impact component.

Jobs	Payroll	Spending	Economic Impact
Airport Management 1,178	Airport Management \$66M	Airport Management \$45M	Airport Management \$111M
Airport Tenants 43,138	Airport Tenants \$3.5B	Airport Tenants \$7.4B	Airport Tenants \$10.9B
Capital Improvements 2,844	Capital Improvements \$191M	Capital Improvements \$315M	Capital Improvements \$506M
General Aviation Visitor Spending 4,106	General Aviation Visitor Spending \$167M	General Aviation Visitor Spending \$342M	General Aviation Visitor Spending \$509M
Commercial Service Visitor Spending 13,612	Commercial Service Visitor Spending \$593M	Commercial Service Visitor Spending \$1.2B	Commercial Service Visitor Spending \$1.8B

State and Local Tax Revenues from Airport Supported Activities

Aviation is a major economic driver in Oklahoma, supporting not only thousands of jobs and billions in economic impact but also generating substantial tax revenues for the state. According to the ODAA's statewide economic impact study, airports and airport-supported activities contribute nearly **\$700 million in annual state and local tax revenue.**

Annual Economic Impacts from Military Aviation

Military installations play a critical role in Oklahoma's economy and national security. Through ongoing operations, personnel, and capital investments, the state's military installations support approximately **133,296 jobs, generate \$7.3 billion in annual payroll, and contribute an estimated \$21.8 billion in total economic impact.** These figures underscore the importance of military installations as both a strategic asset and a cornerstone of Oklahoma's economy.

Annual Economic Impacts from Off-Airport Air Cargo

New to the 2026 Study

Air cargo operations are a vital part of Oklahoma's economy, supporting supply chains and connecting businesses to national and global markets. According to the ODAA study, these activities generate **\$6.7 billion in economic impact, support more than 27,610 jobs statewide, and contribute nearly \$2.9 billion in spending.** Key hubs such as Will Rogers International Airport and Tulsa International Airport handle the majority of shipments, moving time-sensitive and high-value goods that drive manufacturing, retail, and energy sectors. Air cargo ensures Oklahoma remains a competitive logistics hub and a critical link in global trade.

Off-Airport Industry Reliance

Oklahoma's off-airport aerospace and defense industry includes approximately **790 businesses.** The businesses include manufacturers, engineering and technology firms, logistics providers, and other aviation-dependent businesses. Together, these companies support 61,109 jobs, generate **\$4.8 billion in annual payroll,** and contribute an estimated **\$16.8 billion in annual economic impact** statewide.

	JOB	PAYROLL	SPENDING	ECONOMIC IMPACT
ALTUS AFB	5,070	\$280 MILLION	\$492 MILLION	\$772 MILLION
FORT SILL	51,783	\$3.2 BILLION	\$5.6 BILLION	\$8.8 BILLION
MCALESTER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT	2,962	\$216 MILLION	\$407 MILLION	\$622 MILLION
TINKER AFB	68,848	\$3.3 BILLION	\$7.6 BILLION	\$10.9 BILLION
VANCE AFB	4,633	\$276 MILLION	\$485 MILLION	\$761 MILLION



Summary of All Airport, Defense, and Aerospace Impacts

Statewide, Oklahoma's airports, military installations, and off-airport aerospace and defense employers generate \$52.5 billion in total annual economic activity. Together, these sectors support 259,283 jobs, provide \$16.6 billion in annual payroll, and account for \$35.8 billion in annual spending. Off-airport air cargo impacts are analyzed separately in the 2026 study and generate an additional \$6.7 billion in economic impact.* These impacts reflect the combined contributions of aerospace and defense, military operations, off-airport aerospace and defense employers, and the vital role of air cargo in supporting Oklahoma's diverse industries. The ODAA study confirms that aerospace and defense are essential drivers of economic growth and opportunity across the state.

	DIRECT	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL
JOB	135,975	123,308	259,283
PAYROLL	\$10.9 BILLION	\$5.7 BILLION	\$16.6 BILLION
SPENDING	\$22.3 BILLION	\$13.6 BILLION	\$35.8 BILLION
ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$33.2 BILLION	\$19.3 BILLION	\$52.5 BILLION