

# ACO ALTOONA-BLAIR COUNTY AIRPORT



Altoona-Blair County Airport (AOO) is a commercial service airport located in rural Martinsburg, about 15 miles south of the City of Altoona. The airport is owned and maintained by the Blair County Airport Authority and offers commercial flights, corporate and charter flights, and general aviation services. Commercial flights are provided by Southern Airport Express and run daily between the hubs of Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and Washington, DC. The airport provides an attractive, hassle-free option to travelers wishing to avoid the potential hassle of larger commercial service airports.



This airport is classified as a Commercial Service Airport in Pennsylvania's State Aviation System Plan and is eligible to receive federal funding from the FAA.

The airport is proud to provide access to local tourist attractions, including Blue Knob ski resort, Altoona curves, Raystown Lake, the Horseshoe Curve Railroad, and many other Southern Pennsylvania attractions. Blair County Airport Authority prides itself on providing safe, efficient, quality aviation facilities to serve the aviation-related transportation needs of the local community, and visitors to the local community, with a focus on cost-effectiveness.

# **About the Airport**

CITY: Altoona

COUNTY: Blair

**OWNERSHIP:** Public

PENNDOT DISTRICT: 9

**PRIMARY RUNWAY: 3/21, 5,465** 

#### Source: Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA), 2022



# **AOO Economic Impacts**







# **Key Airport Activities**



Commercial Service



Corporate/ **Business Activity** 



Location of Community **Facilities** 



Police/Law **Enforcement** 



Transport/ **Evacuation** 



Altoona-Blair County Airport's Economic Impact

191	Employment	Payroll	Output
On-Airport Activity	69	\$3,997,900	\$10,267,500
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	14	\$356,600	\$1,016,400
General Aviation Visitor Spending	9	\$233,800	\$665,400
<b>Total Direct Impacts</b>	93	\$4,588,300	\$11,949,300
<b>Total Multiplier Impacts</b>	66	\$3,895,800	\$10,982,700
Total Impacts	159	\$8,484,000	\$22,932,000

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. Sources: Calculations using IMPLAN, 2019, 2020; Kimley-Horn, 2022.

# Economic Impact Categories

The total number of persons employed that are associated with business revenues and payroll, regardless of whether they are full-time or part-time.

**\$ Payroll:**Total employment compensation including wages and other benefits (e.g., health care insurance payments, retirement contributions, etc.)

Output: Includes expenditures needed to administer airports, sales of goods and services by airport tenants, budget expenditures by public sector agencies located on airports, cost of capital expenditures, visitor spending in Pennsylvania's hospitality-related sectors, and sales enabled by air cargo services. This is also referred to as "business revenues" or sales.

**Direct Impacts:** Initial impacts that occur on- and off-airport, such as airport operations, construction, airport tenants, visitor spending, and more.

**Multiplier Impacts:** Includes "indirect" and "induced" impacts generated when portions of direct revenues are used to purchase goods and services from PA businesses and when workers re-spend their income in the state.

### **Total Statewide Aviation Impacts**

The statewide economic impact of Pennsylvania's airports consists of two major categories: On-Airport Activity and Off-Airport Activity. Together, they account for approximately \$34.2 billion in economic impact for Pennsylvania.

# **On-Airport and Nearby Activity**

Impacts related to the activity of airport administration, business tenants, and capital improvements on airports.

# **Off-Airport Activity**

Impacts related to out-of-state visitor spending at both commercial service and general aviation airports.

### Commercial Service Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the state's commercial service airports.

\$14.7

**BILLION** 

TOTAL

OUTPUT

# General Aviation Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the Commonwealth's general aviation airports.

\$213.9 MILLION

# **Total Output of Other Aviation-Related Impacts in Pennsylvania**

Off-Airport Aerospace Manufacturing

**\$8.7** BILLION

Off-Airport Air Cargo

**\$1.1** BILLION

Off-Airport Private Hospital Heliports

**\$150** MILLION