ORANGEBURG MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Aviation Benefits Everyone

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Direct impacts are those associated with on-airport employers, business, and tenants. Direct impacts occur as a result of the provision of aviation services. Indirect impacts are those tied to spending by visitors who arrive in South Carolina through one of the public commercial or general aviation airports. As direct and indirect impacts are released into the local, regional, and statewide economies, additional multiplier impacts are created. The economic impacts created by the multiplier effect re-circulate until the benefits ultimately leak outside South Carolina. Multipliers that are specific to South Carolina were created. The economic impacts created by the multiplier effect radiate to both statewide and national economies, additional multiplier impacts are considered. These impacts are expressed as total annual economic activity or output.

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Annual Economic Activity/Output

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Orangeburg Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport owned and operated by the city of Orangeburg. The airport, located in the Midlands of South Carolina, is approximately two miles south of the City of Orangeburg. Highway access is provided via US21, which connects the central business district to Interstate 26. Orangeburg Municipal has two asphalt runways: Runway 17/35, measuring 5,400 feet long by 100 feet wide; and Runway 5/23, measuring 4,500 feet long by 100 feet wide. The airport generates $1.5 million in direct output, of which $125,000 is paid to approximately 4 direct full-time jobs. Additionally, 15,800 general aviation visitors arrive at the airport each year, generating another $1.0 million in indirect aviation-related output. Including the multiplier effect, the airport tenants and visitors at Orangeburg Municipal Airport generate $4.3 million in total economic output, of which $1.9 million in payroll is paid to 68 full-time equivalent jobs.

Regular airport activities include flight training and education, recreational and corporate/business flying, forest firefighting and various services that support the health, welfare, and safety of the community. Additionally, the airport is frequently used to support business-related activities, as the airport is home to a number of corporate flight departments.

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A first class airport system is essential to South Carolina. A strategic program to invest in, maintain, and grow commercial and general aviation airports is critical to South Carolina’s economic future.

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**IMPACT MEASURES**

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**Jobs/Employment**

Thousands of jobs in South Carolina are created by businesses, tenants and other activities that are located on commercial service or general aviation airports or at one of the four military airfields. In addition, spending by visitors who arrive in South Carolina using one of the commercial service or general aviation airports supports additional employment.

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