# Estimated Statewide Tax Revenues Supported by South Carolina Airports

Airport-related employment and spending are responsible for a variety of annual tax revenues. A conservative approach was taken to estimate airport-related tax revenues; this study considered only direct employment, payroll, and spending when estimating the statewide tax revenues. Tax revenues associated with indirect/ induced impacts were not estimated in the SCAC study. Tax revenues estimated in the state study considered the following taxable events:

- » Sales tax paid by visitors on hotels, meals, rental cars, entertainment, and retail spending.
- » Sales tax paid on goods and materials purchased to support capital projects.
- » Sales tax paid on applicable supplies needed to operate airports or tenant businesses.
- » Sales and income taxes paid by employees whose direct jobs are airport-supported.

It is important to note that South Carolina recently removed a 5% tax on rental cars, and that parts and supplies purchased to repair aircraft in the state are tax exempt.

SCAC's economic impact study indicates that annually airports and airport-supported activities contribute an estimated \$652 million in state and local tax revenues.



# Significant Economic Benefits from South Carolina's Airports

General aviation and commercial service airports in South Carolina are responsible for supporting an estimated \$16.2 billion in annual economic activity. This estimate includes total statewide direct and indirect/induced impacts in the payroll and spending categories. SCAC measured this statewide annual economic impact by considering benefits associated with airport management, airport tenants, capital investment, and commercial service and general aviation visitor spending. Statewide annual economic impacts for each of the categories measured in the SCAC study are shown in the following table.



#### Total Annual Statewide Economic Impacts

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AIRPORT TENANTS 10,987 \$495.2 M \$1.1 B \$1.6 B		
BOEING* 21,773 \$1.52 B \$2.7 B \$4.2 B		
CAPITAL INVESTMENT 1,567 \$72.4 M \$219.8 M \$292.2 M	1	
GENERAL AVIATION VISITORS 4,590 \$137.8 M \$390.1 M \$527.9 M	1	
COMMERCIAL VISITORS 82,468 \$2.5 B \$7.1 B \$9.6 B		
TOTAL 122,759 \$4.8 B \$11.5 B \$16.3 B		

REFLECTS BOTH TENANT & CIP IMPACTS FOR BOEING ACTIVITIES IN CHARLESTON \*\*TOTALS MAY NOT SUM DUE TO ROUNDING

### Annual Costs versus Annual Benefits from South Carolina Airports

SCAC's Statewide Aviation System Plan and Economic Impact Study produced the following findings:

- » Airports and airport-supported activities are supporting an estimated \$652 million in state and local tax revenues.
- » Airports and the activities they support are responsible for an estimated \$16.2 billion in total annual economic impacts that benefit the state economy and the economies of communities that host the public airports in South Carolina.
- » The average annual maintenance and development needs for all airports over the next five years are estimated at \$147.5 million.
- » The average annual allocation from the state budget to maintain and develop South Carolina airports is \$4.2 million.

The SCAC reports show that individual public airports in South Carolina, such as Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field), make important economic and tax contributions to the state. The economic impacts, both statewide and specifically for Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) summarized in this report, reflect a "snapshot" of conditions and activity that characterized South Carolina airports at the time data collection to support this study was completed. The economic impacts presented in this summary are annual in nature. As long as Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) continues to be maintained and improved as warranted and activity at the airport stays healthy, the economic impacts associated with Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) will continue to be realized year-after-year.



# -SUMMARY OF STUDY FINDINGS FOR -GREENVILLE SPARTANBURG INTERNATIONAL (ROGER MILLIKEN FIELD)

Greer, South Carolina



Airports are essential to South Carolina's transportation infrastructure and economy. To guide the South Carolina airport system and measure how airports contribute to the economy, the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) completed updates to its Statewide Aviation System Plan and Statewide Economic Impact Study. Details on both reports are available at: www.scaeronautics.com. This report provides a summary of important findings and also highlights the contribution that Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) makes to the estimated statewide economic impact. The role the airport plays in the state airport system is documented and a summary of the investment required for the airport to fulfill its needs and objectives is provided.

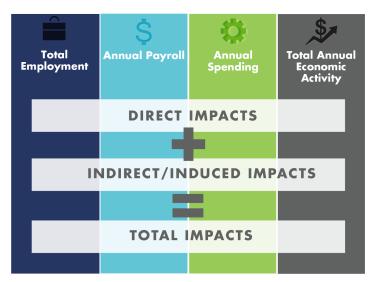


# **STATEWIDE IMPACTS** *Economic Impacts from South Carolina Airports*

As part of SCAC's research, steps were undertaken to estimate the annual economic impact for Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) and 56 other study airports. Economic impacts summarized in this report reflect conditions that characterized all airports in 2017. This report provides both statewide and airport specific information on annual economic impacts. Each airport was investigated to identify potential economic impacts related to the five categories shown below:

- » Airport Management
- » Airport Tenants
- » Investment in Capital Projects
- » Spending from Visitors Arriving on General Aviation Aircraft
- » Spending from Visitors Arriving on Commercial Airlines

The SCAC study used four primary measures to express both statewide and airport specific annual economic impacts: employment, payroll, spending, and economic activity. Economic impacts reflect not only direct impacts, but also indirect/induced impacts associated with multiplier effects. Direct and indirect/induced impacts equal total statewide and airport specific annual economic impacts. Using South Carolina specific inputs, the IMPLAN model was used to estimate indirect/induced impacts.



In this study, total annual economic activity is the sum of annual payroll and spending.

Employment ····· 122,759
\$ Annual Payroll ••••••••• \$4.8 Billion
\$ Annual Spending\$11.5 Billion
\$ Annual Economic ••••••• \$16.3 Billion Activity

# **GREENVILLE SPARTANBURG INTERNATIONAL** (ROGER MILLIKEN FIELD)

Total Annual Economic Impact on South Carolina's Economy

### Estimating the Annual Economic Impact for Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field)

Interviews and surveys were used to document direct impacts for airport management and aviationrelated tenants. Some employees in the management category are not located at the airport; some employees split their time between the airport and other government functions. For both management and tenants, not all jobs are full-time. Less-than-fulltime positions were converted to full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs using hours worked or salary paid.

Airports use FAA, state, local, and/or private investments to complete capital projects. When capital funds are being expended, such spending helps support employment and associated payroll. Average annual capital investment for the airport, from all sources, for a multi-year period was considered to estimate economic impacts in the capital investment category.

# **ANNUALLY, 21,175 VISITORS ARRIVE IN SOUTH CAROLINA** VIA THE AIRPORT.

Each year, 21,175 visitors arrive at the airport on scheduled commercial airline flights and on general aviation. Visitors to South Carolina often have expenditures for lodging, food, ground transportation, entertainment, and/or retail purchases. Visitor spending helps support jobs and payroll, primarily in the hospitality industry.

The table on the next panel shows direct, indirect/ induced, and total economic impacts for the airport, as these impacts were identified for: airport management, airport tenants, capital investment, and visitor spending.

# THE AIRPORT AND AIRPORT **ACTIVITIES SUPPORT ANNUAL TAX REVENUES ESTIMATED AT \$48.9 M.**

Airport benefits also come in the form of annual tax revenues. Activities at the airport and off-airport activities that the airport helps to support (primarily visitor spending) are linked to many transactions that are subject to sales tax. South Carolina residents whose jobs are directly supported by airports also pay state income tax. Airport-supported tax revenues benefit state and sales tax.

The report findings estimated that, when only direct economic impacts are considered, the airport contributes approximately \$48.9 M in annual state and local tax revenues.

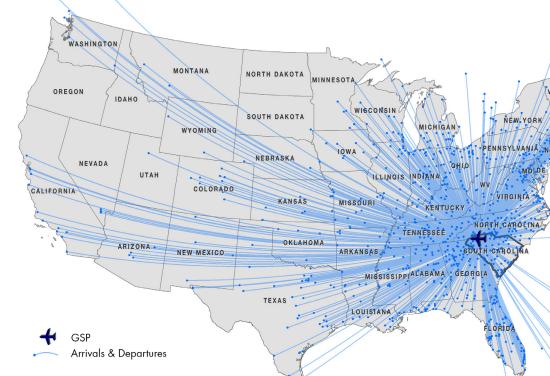
# Total Annual Economic Impact for Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field)

The following table reports direct, indirect/induced, and total economic impacts for the airport as estimated in SCAC's study.

		EMPLOYMENT			TOTAL PAYROLL			ANNUAL SPENDING			ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		
		Direct	Indirect/ Induced		Direct	Indirect/ Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect/ Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect/ Induced	Total
	Airport Management	161	155	316	\$7,594,800	\$7,074,660	\$14,669,460	\$9,500,000	\$7,812,740	\$17,312,740	\$17,094,800	\$14,887,400	\$31,982,200
	Airport Tenants	720	787	1,507	\$30,710,570	\$28,327,850	\$59,038,420	\$74,422,140	\$43,280,120	\$117,702,260	\$105,132,710	\$71,607,970	\$176,740,68
	Capital Investment	135	91	226	\$6,874,550	\$3,968,160	\$10,842,710	\$19,595,720	\$12,814,810	\$32,410,530	\$26,470,270	\$16,782,970	\$43,253,240
	General Aviation Visitor Spending	138	49	187	\$3,452,810	\$2,030,650	\$5,483,460	\$9,528,750	\$6,544,810	\$16,073,560	\$12,981,560	\$8,575,460	\$21,557,020
	Commercial Visitor Spending	5,879	2,202	8,081	\$145,287,420	\$90,539,890	\$235,827,310	\$417,546,220	\$293,861,610	\$711,407,830	\$562,833,640	\$384,401,500	\$947,235,140
	Total Impacts	7,033	3,284	10,317	\$193,920,150	\$131,941,210	\$325,861,360	\$530,592,830	\$364,314,090	\$894,906,920	\$724,512,980	\$496,255,300	\$1,220,768,28
DATA SOURCE: SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY = PAYROLL + SPEN										SPENDING			



Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) (GSP) Flight Map



ONOMIC ACTIVITY = PAYROLL + SPENDING

# The Airport Helps Connect the Community

When businesses decide to relocate or expand, there are many factors they consider. Access to an airport is a highly-rated decision-making factor. FAA provides an account of some but not all non-stop scheduled commercial airline and general aviation flights that arrive and depart from the airport. The map below demonstrates how Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) connects the community to destinations across the United States.

The flight data for Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) shown on this map was obtained from FAA's National Offload Program. Flights shown

> reflect both instrument and visual flight rule activity for arrivals and departures. The map helps to depict non-stop flight destinations to and from the airport. The map reflects a significant portion, but not all of the airport's annual landings and takeoffs.

# The Airport's Role in State/ Airport System

South Carolina's Aviation System Plan helps ensure the state has a balanced and viable system of public airports. Assigning a "role" to each airport helps to achieve this objective. Each airport's role is

based on a variety of factors that consider activity, facilities, services, airport location, and market area characteristics. Within the South Carolina system, Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) is designated as an SC I Commercial Service Airport. There are four different roles for airports in the system, and each role has a specific set of objectives. Objectives for SC I Airports in South Carolina are shown below.

#### **AIRPORT ROLE**

#### **Commercial Service (SC I)**

#### **ROLE CRITERIA**

SC I Airports provide regular scheduled service by airlines and/or commuter airlines, which are certificated under FAR Part 121.

#### FACILITY OBJECTIVES

- FAA Part 139 certificate
- Instrument Landing System (ILS) or Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) approach
- Runway length 5,000 feet with High Intensity Runway Lighting (HIRL)
- Runway width 100 feet
- Full parallel taxiway with Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting (MITL)
- Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) or Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)
- Fixed Base Operator (FBO)
- Jet A and 100LL fuel

The system plan summarized the airport's development needs over the next five years. Costs to improve and maintain the airport over that time-frame consider not only projects identified by the system plan, but also projects from SCAC's Statewide Pavement Management Plan and the airport's own locally generated capital improvement plan (CIP). These three sources indicate an estimated \$35,954,785 will be needed to maintain and improve the airport over the next five years; this equates to an average annual investment of \$7,190,957.

As SCAC's Statewide Economic Impact Study has shown, on an annual basis Greenville Spartanburg International (Roger Milliken Field) supports an estimated \$1.2 B in economic benefit. The airport's annual economic impact far exceeds its annual financial need for maintenance and improvement. SCAC's statewide studies show the airport is well worth the investment!

