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North Carolina DOT Study Shows Aviation Contributes \$26 Billion To State's Economy

A study recently published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) shows the economic impact aviation plays on the economy, commerce and tourism of North Carolina. The "[2012 Economic Contribution of Airports in North Carolina](#)" study shows that the state's 9 commercial airports and 63 general aviation airports contribute 108,850 industry jobs, nearly \$26 billion in annual impact and \$771 million in direct government revenue from sales, property, corporate and personal taxes due to airport activity. Aviation affects and serves everyone and every business in the state, including tourism, agriculture, military and first responders to medical, disaster and fire-related accidents. "Aviation and aerospace continue to be an integral part of North Carolina's economic engine," stated NCDOT Division of Aviation Director Richard Walls.

The NCDOT commissioned the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) at North Carolina State University to compile the agency's report on how aviation impacts the state's economy. The report, "[Economic Contribution of North Carolina Airports](#)," focuses on the "direct, indirect, and induced" impacts aviation has on the people and businesses that represent North Carolina. "As a frame of reference for the magnitude of the airports' contribution to the state's economy, the contribution represents 6 percent of the state's GDP," the report concludes.

To view the press release from NCDOT, click [here](#).