DKX Knoxville Downtown Island Airport

Aviation Moves Tennessee

Tennessee's aviation system has 76 public-use airports that support a wide range of activities, from commercial airline travel to private aircraft operations. Aviation contributes approximately 9% of Tennessee's gross domestic product (GDP) and generates an estimated $53.8 billion in total economic impact across the state. To better understand how these airports support Tennessee's economy, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Aeronautics Division conducted an updated Aviation Economic Impact Study.

Total Aviation Impact

$53.8B

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About Knoxville Downtown Island Airport

Serving the City of Knoxville and surrounding areas of Knox County, Knoxville Downtown Island Airport (DKX) provides general aviation access within an urban riverfront setting influenced by commercial development, government facilities, and nearby population centers. The airport functions as a centrally located aviation facility that accommodates training operations, public-service aviation, and general aviation activity within the Knoxville metropolitan area.

Knoxville Downtown Island Airport is a publicly owned, public-use general aviation facility featuring a 3,499-foot runway. The runway length supports light general aviation aircraft, flight training activity, and specialized governmental operations, making the airport well suited for urban general aviation use, short-range flights, and regional accessibility.

Several aviation-related organizations operate directly at the airport. Knoxville Flight Training Center maintains an on-airport presence, providing pilot instruction and flight training services that contribute to aviation education and ongoing aircraft activity. In addition, the Knox County Sheriff's Office operates aviation assets from the airport, conducting law-enforcement and public-safety flight missions.

To better understand the geographic reach of Knoxville Downtown Island Airport, the map below shows a selection of flights that operated both into and out of the airport.

Jobs
122

Payroll
$7.9M

Value Added
$11.7M

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$20.3M

On Airport Impacts
$18.8M

Visitor Spending Impacts
$1.5M

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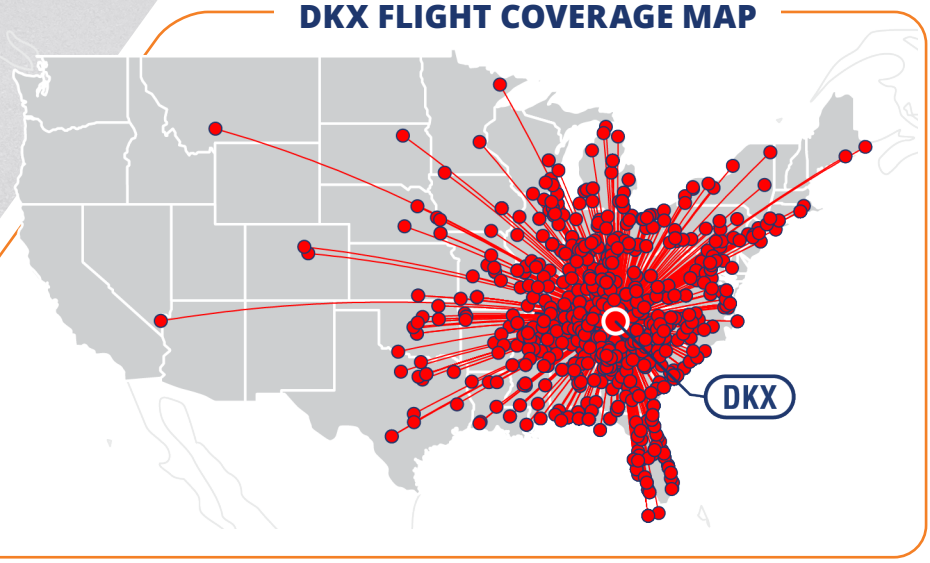
DKX FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP