GKT Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge 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 Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport

Serving the Cities of Sevierville, Gatlinburg, and Pigeon Forge in Sevier County, Gatlinburg–Pigeon Forge Airport (GKT) provides general aviation access within a region closely associated with tourism, hospitality, and year-round visitor activity. The airport plays a key role in facilitating air access to one of Tennessee's most visited areas, where aviation supports business travel, emergency services, and visitor mobility.

Gatlinburg–Pigeon Forge Airport is a publicly owned, public-use general aviation facility featuring a 5,506-foot runway capable of accommodating a wide range of general aviation aircraft, including business jets and helicopter operations. The runway length and airfield configuration allow the airport to support corporate aviation, emergency medical flights, and tourism-related aviation activity.

Several aviation-related businesses operate directly on-airport. Sevier County Aviation operates the airport's fixed-base operations (FBO), providing services for based and visiting aircraft. In addition, Med-Trans conducts helicopter air-ambulance operations. Dixie Stampede and Rocky Top Dealers also utilize the airport to support business travel.

To better understand the geographic reach of Gatlinburg–Pigeon Forge Airport, the map below shows a selection of flights that operated both into and out of the airport.

Jobs
453

Payroll
$27.9M

Value Added
$48.7M

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$81.7M

On Airport Impacts
$35.0M

Visitor Spending Impacts
$46.6M

sums may not total due to rounding

GKT FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP

