GZS Abernathy Field

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 Abernathy Field

Located just southwest of the town of Pulaski in Giles County, Abernathy Field (GZS) serves as a vital aviation gateway in southern Middle Tennessee. The airport sits within a predominantly rural landscape characterized by farmland, low-density development, and small towns, while still providing direct access to key community and economic centers in the region.

Abernathy Field's 5,310-foot runway accommodates a variety of general aviation aircraft supporting recreational flying, military activity, and specialized aviation operations. Jones Flying Service, the airport's fixed-base operator (FBO), provides fueling and routine maintenance services, ensuring reliable support for visiting pilots and based aircraft.

The airport is located just minutes from the University of Tennessee Southern. The university's presence contributes to steady travel demand and educational vitality in the area, reinforcing the airport's role as a regional transportation asset. In addition, Abernathy Field is increasingly involved in aerial agricultural operations and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) flight testing, activities well suited to the area's open airspace and land uses.

To better understand the geographic reach of Abernathy Field, the map below shows a selection of flights that operated both into and out of the airport.

Jobs
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Payroll
$314K

Value Added
$514K

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$811K

On Airport Impacts
$430K

Visitor Spending Impacts
$381K

sums may not total due to rounding

GZS FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP

