MEM Frederick W. Smith International 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 Frederick W. Smith International Airport

Serving the City of Memphis and the greater Mid-South region, Frederick W. Smith International Airport (MEM) functions as one of the nation's most significant aviation hubs, supporting commercial passenger service, global air cargo operations, military activity, and a wide range of aviation-related businesses. As home to the FedEx Express Global Super Hub, MEM serves as a critical link regional, national, and international transportation and logistics networks, providing connectivity for people, goods, and services across Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, and beyond.

Frederick W. Smith International Airport features a multi-runway airfield system capable of accommodating the full range of commercial, cargo, military, and general aviation aircraft. This infrastructure supports high-volume passenger operations and large-scale cargo activity while enhancing regional, national, and international accessibility.

On-airport businesses and agencies represent a diverse mix of functional categories, including commercial airlines, air cargo carriers, maintenance providers, fixed-base operators (FBOs), charter services, and aviation support organizations. The airport also hosts federal, state, and local agencies, including the FAA, TSA, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Tennessee Air National Guard.

To better understand the geographic reach of Frederick W. Smith International Airport, the map below shows a selection of flights that operated both into and out of the airport.

Jobs
63,386

Payroll
$4.2B

Value Added
$6.2B

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$10.5B

On Airport Impacts
$8.9B

Visitor Spending Impacts
$1.7B

sums may not total due to rounding

MEM FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP

