MMI McMinn County 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 McMinn County Airport

Serving the City of Athens and surrounding communities in McMinn County in southeast Tennessee, McMinn County Airport (MMI) provides general aviation access within a region characterized by small communities, manufacturing activity, and aviation heritage. The airport functions as a regional aviation facility for business travel, aviation services, and specialty aircraft activity in an area where air transportation complements surface travel.

McMinn County Airport is a publicly owned, public-use general aviation airport featuring a 6,450-foot paved runway capable of accommodating a wide range of general aviation aircraft, including business aircraft and specialized operations. The runway length and airfield infrastructure allow the airport to support corporate aviation, maintenance activity, and visiting aircraft while enhancing regional accessibility.

The airport is situated near several of southeast Tennessee's notable recreational and cultural destinations. Visitors can access the Cherokee National Forest, Hiwassee River, and the historic communities of the Tennessee Valley. These attractions draw visitors from across the region, and the airport helps provide efficient access to these destinations for both business and leisure travel.

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

Jobs
11

Payroll
$517K

Value Added
$1.0M

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$1.7M

On Airport Impacts
<$1,000

Visitor Spending Impacts
$1.7M

sums may not total due to rounding

MMI FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP

