MQY Smyrna 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 Smyrna Airport

Serving the Town of Smyrna and surrounding areas of Rutherford County within the Nashville metropolitan region, Smyrna Airport (MQY) functions as a major general aviation gateway supporting business, medical, and corporate travel in Middle Tennessee. The airport's proximity to interstate corridors, commercial development, and regional employment centers positions it as an important aviation access point complementary to Nashville International Airport.

Smyrna Airport features an 8,034-foot runway, allowing it to accommodate a wide range of general aviation aircraft, including large business jets, air-ambulance helicopters, and charter aircraft. This runway capability supports higher-intensity aviation operations and provides operational flexibility for both based and visiting users while enhancing regional accessibility.

Several aviation-related businesses operate directly on-airport. Mike Jones Aircraft Sales maintains an on-airport presence supporting aircraft sales activity and associated general aviation operations. In addition, Vanderbilt LifeFlight operates from the airport, conducting helicopter emergency medical transport flights. Love's Truck Stop and Crystal Air also utilize the airport to support business travel and aviation-related services.

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

Jobs
3,995

Payroll
$357M

Value Added
$624M

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$1.0B

On Airport Impacts
$901M

Visitor Spending Impacts
$122M

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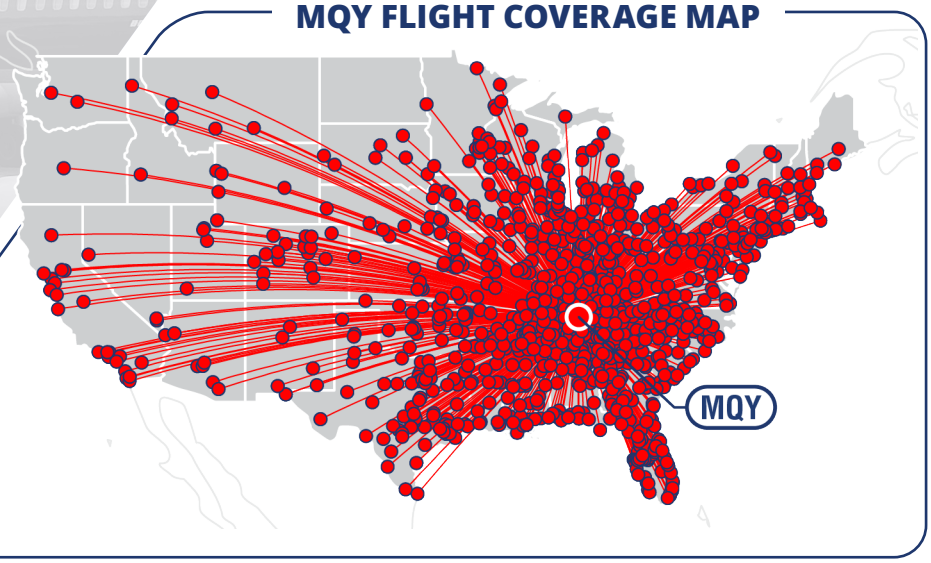
MQY FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP