TRI Tri-Cities 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 Tri-Cities Airport (TRI)

Serving the Tri-Cities region of northeast Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and western North Carolina, Tri-Cities Airport (TRI) functions as a primary commercial service and regional aviation gateway for the Appalachian Highlands. The airport supports scheduled passenger services, business aviation, and government operations, providing essential air access for a multi-state region with limited alternatives for long-distance travel.

Tri-Cities Airport features two paved runways capable of accommodating a full range of commercial and general aviation aircraft, including scheduled passenger jets, business aircraft, cargo operations, and military or government flights. This airfield capacity allows the airport to support commercial service and diverse aviation activities while enhancing regional accessibility.

Several aviation-related organizations operate directly on-airport. Tri-City Aviation serves as a fixed-base operator (FBO), providing fueling, ground handling, and support services for general aviation and business aircraft. In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) operates on-site, supporting the safe and efficient movement of aircraft.

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

Jobs
1,432

Payroll
$83.5M

Value Added
$149M

Airport Economic Impacts

Business Revenue
$245M

On Airport Impacts
$85.1M

Visitor Spending Impacts
$160M

sums may not total due to rounding

TRI FLIGHT COVERAGE MAP

