



What We Do

The Ohio Aviation Association (OAA) advances aviation and airports across Ohio. As the voice for Ohio airports, the OAA works to develop policies and affect legislation through education and advocacy in the executive and legislative branches on behalf of our members.



What We Practice

OAA helps to position Ohio's 104 public-owned, public use airports for growth opportunities. To do this, we prioritize the following:

- Support Infrastructure Investment:** Ensure a sustainable funding stream to provide needed infrastructure improvements at Ohio's network of airports.
- Protect Aviation Assets:** Ensure legislation and policy is in place to protect Ohio's airports and airspace to provide for future needs of Ohioans.
- Support Air Service Initiatives:** Support state efforts to ensure an attractive level of air service for current and future businesses and universities, as well as residents of Ohio.
- Support Workforce Initiatives:** Support state + local efforts to increase the workforce pipeline in all sectors of aviation.



Why Ohio Lawmakers Should Prioritize Aviation + Airports

The aviation sector is designated as critical infrastructure. Ohio's diverse and robust system of airports collectively have an economic impact of more than \$15 billion + employs more than 119,000 employees. It connects citizens, businesses, and communities to destinations around the world while providing significant economic impacts and growth opportunities to the Ohio economy.

In addition to the economic impacts noted above, airports further strengthen Ohio through:



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TOL

Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$14M
 Jobs Created: 84
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$27,290,869

DAY

James M. Cox Dayton International Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$1.05B
 Jobs Created: 11,111
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$123,674,304

SGH

Springfield Beckley Municipal Airport
 National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence; \$15M eVTOL and Remotely Piloted Research & Test Center; AAM
 Estimated Economic Impact Over the Next 25 Years
 - \$13B+ of economic activity in Ohio
 - Creating 15,000 new jobs
 - Boosting Ohio's GDP by 1.6%¹

CVG

Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport²
 Annual Economic Impact: \$6.8 billion
 Jobs Created: 47,876 (>14,362 Ohioans)
 Ohio Income Tax: \$10.2 million (state and local taxes)
 Ohio Sales Tax: \$21.9 million (direct visitor spending)

ILN

Wilmington Air Park
 Annual Economic Impact: \$174.3M (2014)
 Jobs Created: 4,000
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: XX

CLE

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$5.1B
 Jobs Created: 40,186
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$787,175,000

YNG

Youngstown/Warren Regional Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$205M
 Jobs Created: 2,050
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$34,597,157

CAK

Akron-Canton Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$1.01B
 Jobs Created: 4,486
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$40,347,541

CMH

John Glenn Columbus International Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$5.3B
 Jobs Created: 36,630
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$688,669,160

LCK

Rickenbacker International Airport
 Annual Economic Impact: \$2.5B
 Jobs Created: 15,280
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$96,889,275

All General Aviation Airports
 Annual Economic Impact: \$1.85B
 Jobs Created: 17,497
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$469M

Total
 Annual Economic Impact: \$15.15B
 Jobs Created: 119,088
 2023-27 Total Development Estimate: \$1.17B



FY 24-25 Budget Requests for All Airports

The annual requests from general aviation airports is between \$20 and \$25 million. Commercial airports do not have any dedicated state funding. The Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program provides grants to public-owned, public use airports. But, depending on the size of the airport, the local match required is 5-25% of the project. Therefore, state funds can enable Ohio's airports to remain competitive in maintaining and enhancing these critical aviation infrastructure assets.

General Aviation Airports: \$20 million

Commercial Airports: \$125 million

Ohio's Grant Eligible Airports

6 Commercial Service Airports
98 General Aviation Airports
83 Counties Have Public Use Airports

How Does Ohio Funding Compare to Other State Budgets Supporting Airports?⁴

Ohio: \$7.2 million
Kentucky: \$18 million
Florida: \$335 million
Georgia: \$26 million
North Carolina: \$242 million³
South Carolina: \$52 million
Tennessee: \$96 million
Virginia: \$25-27 million

¹ June 2021 Study Conducted by Crown Consulting Inc., NEXA Capital Partners, LLC., University of Cincinnati

² While CVG is not eligible for state funding, it does have a positive economic impact on the state of Ohio

³ Commercial and additional funds allocated for general aviation airports

⁴ State budget funding numbers cited from January 5, 2022, State Airport Assistance Study prepared by the Center for Business and Economic Research, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky