

WHITESIDE COUNTY- JOS H BITTORF FIELD

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Whiteside County Airport – Jos H Bittorf Field (SQI) is a general aviation airport located in the Sauk Valley in northwest Illinois. The Airport is located in Whiteside County, approximately two miles south of the central business district of Rock Falls. The Airport is publicly owned and operated by Whiteside County. SQI supports daily activity from recreational fliers, aerial inspection, law enforcement operations, and aerial agricultural application. The Airport also supports medical transport, air cargo operations, aircraft flight testing, emergency preparedness, and corporate and business flying. The Sauk Valley Pilot Association and the Civil Air Patrol squadron both utilize the airport's facilities as well. Additionally, SQI significantly supports the community through hosting aviation and non-aviation related events, partnering with local schools to provide educational tours and Young Eagle flights, and by hosting educational and aviation career fairs.

To understand the geographic reach of SQI, the map below illustrates the domestic origin and destination flights into and out of the Airport in 2019.

SQI Route Map



On-Airport

\$9.9 MILLION



Visitor Spending

\$3.1 MILLION

Employment

81 JOBS

Labor Income

\$3.5 MILLION

Value Added

\$5.7 MILLION

\$13.0 MILLION

SQI TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

WHAT IS ECONOMIC IMPACT?



On-Airport Activity

The impacts generated by airports including airport management and administration, airport tenants, as well as on-airport construction.



Visitor Spending

The impacts generated by out-of-state visitors to Illinois, for personal or business reasons, who spend money on accommodations, food and beverage, local ground transportation, retail, and entertainment.



Employment

Number of people employed, including part-time and full-time.



Labor Income

Also known as "payroll"; total employment compensation, including wages and other benefits (e.g., healthcare insurance payments, retirement).



Economic contributions from industries in Illinois that receive or ship air cargo through Illinois airport. Air Cargo impacts are quantified at the District and Statewide levels only.



The economic productivity of each aviation-related business establishment, calculated as business revenue earned minus the cost of purchasing goods and services from other businesses. It includes all labor compensation, profits, and business taxes paid.

REGION 2

IDOT Districts 2 & 3

Region 2 is located in northern Illinois and covers diverse regions that borders Iowa, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Visitors travel to the area through the Region's two commercial service airports and 13 general aviation airports. Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD) is the largest airport in this region and is responsible for employing 21,400 people, making it a significant economic driver. RFD also serves as the second largest UPS hub in North America and Quad City International Airport (MLI), the other commercial service airport in the region, supports significant business and air cargo activity which significantly contributes to the local and state economies. Region 2's airports generated 37,685 jobs, \$2.3 billion in labor income, \$4.0 billion in value added, and \$8.1 billion in total economic impact.

 **On-Airport**
\$4.8 BILLION

 **Visitor Spending**
\$383.7 MILLION

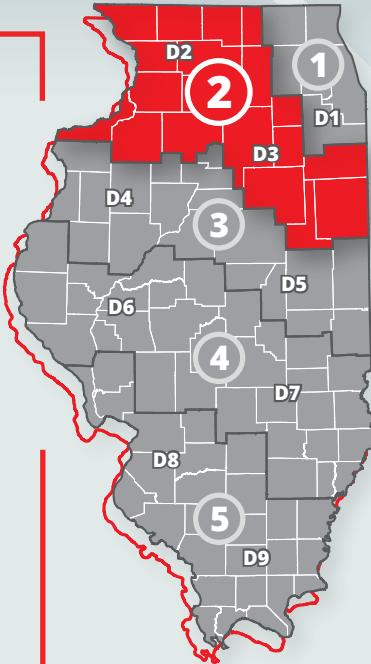
 **Employment**
37,685 JOBS

 **Air Cargo**
\$3.0 BILLION

 **Labor Income**
\$2.3 BILLION

 **Value Added**
\$4.0 BILLION

REGION 2 TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$8.1 BILLION



STATEWIDE

Illinois boasts a robust aviation system of over 80 airports, including some of the busiest facilities on the globe. To support this robust system, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) initiated the development of the Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) to quantify each airport's annual monetary contribution to their local, regional, and statewide economies. The EIA determined that Illinois' airports generated 492,768 jobs and contributed \$95.5 billion to the state's economy in 2019.

 **On-Airport**
\$38.4 BILLION

 **Visitor Spending**
\$21.2 BILLION

 **Employment**
492,768 JOBS

 **Air Cargo**
\$35.9 BILLION

 **Labor Income**
\$32.6 BILLION

 **Value Added**
\$53.8 BILLION

STATEWIDE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
\$95.5 BILLION

