



## **QUAD CITY INTERNATIONAL**

## **ABOUT THE AIRPORT**

Quad City International Airport (MLI) is a commercial service airport in northwest Illinois, located approximately three miles south of the City of Moline in the bi-state region known as Quad Cities. The Airport is owned and operated by the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Rock Island County. As one of the busiest commercial service airports in Illinois, MLI serves as a recreational gateway for nearby attractions which results in frequent usage for recreational flying. The area is home to many businesses, including the John Deere World Headquarters, that use MLI almost daily. The Airport also supports government operations, aircraft flight testing, and environmental patrol. MLI supports daily air cargo activities due to its Foreign Trade Zone and U.S. Customs Office, and it acts as a strong community partner by sponsoring events and supporting local colleges and nonprofits.



# WHAT IS ECONOMIC IMPACT?

#### Labor Income

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

#### Air Cargo

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.

#### Value Added

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.



### 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.



Region 2 is located in northern Illinois and covers diverse regions that borders lowa, 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.



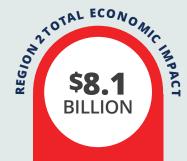
Employment

37,685 JOBS

Labor Income \$2.3 BILLION Air Cargo \$3.0 BILLION Value Added \$4.0 BILLION

**Visitor Spending** 

\$383.7 MILLION



# 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.



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