

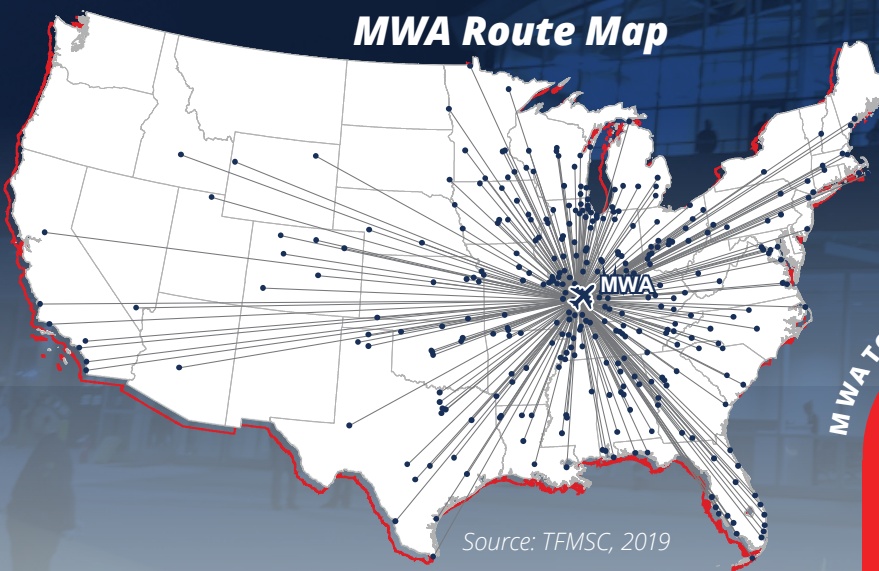


VETERANS AIRPORT OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois Airport (MWA) is a commercial service airport in Williamson County, approximately four miles west of the City of Marion. The Airport is publicly owned and operated by the Williamson County Airport Authority. MWA acts as a gateway to southern Illinois and its nearby attractions which include Crab Orchard Lake, Giant City State Park, and Garden of the Gods Recreation Area. In addition to frequent recreational and business flying, the Airport supports air cargo operations, military and government operations, real estate tours, aerial agricultural application, and medical transport. The Airport also offers flight training, internships, and graduate assistantships through the aviation program at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale.

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



On-Airport

\$77.1
MILLION



Visitor Spending

\$7.6
MILLION



Employment

652
JOBS



Labor Income

\$29.4
MILLION



Value Added

\$44.3
MILLION

MWA TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$84.7
MILLION

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.



Labor Income

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



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.



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.



Employment

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



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.

REGION 5

■ IDOT Districts 8 & 9

Region 5 is situated in beautiful southern Illinois and borders Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana. Region 5 is known for its tourist destinations, which include Shawnee National Forest, Giant City State Park, Garden of the Gods Recreation Area, and the St. Louis metropolitan area. Visitors to the Region are welcomed through its two commercial service airports, Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois (MWA) and MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV), and 14 general aviation airports. In addition to supporting significant military activity due to its shared airfield with Scott Air Force Base, MidAmerica St. Louis Airport (BLV) is one of the fastest growing commercial service airports in the state. Airports in Region 5 generated 38,278 jobs, \$2.6 billion in labor income, \$3.4 billion in value added, and \$6.1 billion in total economic impact.



On-Airport
\$4.1 BILLION



Visitor Spending
\$214.8 MILLION



Employment
38,278 JOBS



Air Cargo
\$1.8 BILLION

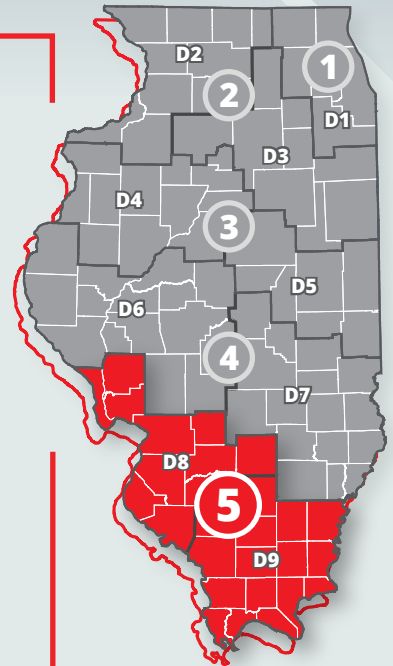


Labor Income
\$2.6 BILLION



Value Added
\$3.4 BILLION

REGION 5 TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
**\$6.1
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**

