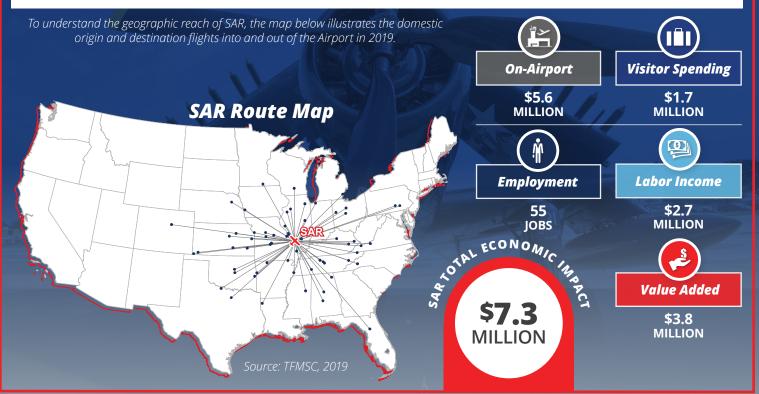




SPARTA COMMUNITY – HUNTER FIELD

ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Sparta Community Airport – Hunter Field (SAR) is a general aviation airport in southern Illinois, located in Randolph County. The Airport, which is located approximately two miles north of the City of Sparta and approximately 44 miles southeast of east St. Louis, is owned and operated by the Sparta Community Airport Authority. The Airport experiences daily recreational and corporate flying and is frequently used for medical transport. Additional activities supported by SAR include aerial inspection and photography, law enforcement operations, military training, aircraft flight testing, air cargo operations, aerial agricultural application, and sky diving. The Airport supports the community by providing educational tours, sponsoring community events, providing flight training to students, and by serving as a stop for cross-country pilots in training.



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.

REGION5 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 Sate 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.



Employment

38,278 JOBS

Labor Income

\$2.6 BILLION

Air Cargo \$1.8 BILLION Value Added \$3.4 BILLION

Visitor Spending

\$214.8 MILLION

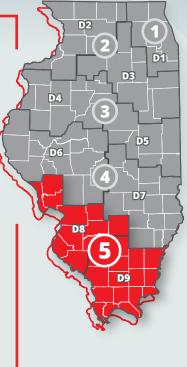


STATEWIDE

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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