

Reading Regional Airport (RDG), also known as General Carl A. Spaatz (USAF) Field, is a general aviation airport located three miles northwest of Reading. The airport has a rich military history, originally serving as an Army Air Force training airfield, and is colloquially named after the first Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. In addition to military activity, the airport also supports corporate and business activity, air charter, training, aerial inspection and pipeline patrol, and recreational flights. The airport also provides a base of operation for Quest Diagnostic and their 24 based aircraft, which are used for transporting medical specimen. The airport provides facilities for the State Police, County Sheriff, and congressional offices and is also home to the impressive Mid-Atlantic Air Museum. This Museum collects, restores, and displays historic military planes and classic airliners. The airport engages in the local community by hosting the WWII Weekend air show every June and annual 5K run for an anti-bullying program.



This airport is classified as a Advanced Airport in Pennsylvania's State Aviation System Plan and is eligible to receive federal funding from the FAA.

About the Airport

- CITY:** Reading
- COUNTY:** Berks
- OWNERSHIP:** Public
- PENNDOT DISTRICT:** 5
- PRIMARY RUNWAY:** 13/31, 6,350'



RDG Economic Impacts



Key Airport Activities

- Corporate/
Business Activity**
- Air Charter**
- Aerial
Inspections**
- Police/Law
Enforcement**
- Military
Exercises/
Training**

All impacts shown were calculated for calendar year 2019, representing a typical year. Impacts for calendar year 2020 were also calculated to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on aviation in the state. 2020 impacts can be found in the PA AEIS Technical Report.

Reading Regional/General Carl A. Spatz Field's Economic Impact

	Employment	Payroll	Output
On-Airport Activity	200	\$12,636,300	\$40,239,300
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	0	\$0	\$0
General Aviation Visitor Spending	34	\$1,052,300	\$2,696,700
Total Direct Impacts	234	\$13,688,600	\$42,936,000
Total Multiplier Impacts	207	\$12,447,800	\$35,048,700
Total Impacts	441	\$26,136,400	\$77,984,700

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. Sources: Calculations using IMPLAN, 2019, 2020; Kimley-Horn, 2022.

Economic Impact Categories

Employment:
The total number of persons employed that are associated with business revenues and payroll, regardless of whether they are full-time or part-time.

Payroll:
Total employment compensation including wages and other benefits (e.g., health care insurance payments, retirement contributions, etc.)

Output:
Includes expenditures needed to administer airports, sales of goods and services by airport tenants, budget expenditures by public sector agencies located on airports, cost of capital expenditures, visitor spending in Pennsylvania's hospitality-related sectors, and sales enabled by air cargo services. This is also referred to as "business revenues" or sales.

Direct Impacts: Initial impacts that occur on- and off-airport, such as airport operations, construction, airport tenants, visitor spending, and more.

Multiplier Impacts: Includes "indirect" and "induced" impacts generated when portions of direct revenues are used to purchase goods and services from PA businesses and when workers re-spend their income in the state.

Total Statewide Aviation Impacts

The statewide economic impact of Pennsylvania's airports consists of two major categories: On-Airport Activity and Off-Airport Activity. Together, they account for approximately **\$34.2 billion in economic impact for Pennsylvania.**



On-Airport and Nearby Activity

Impacts related to the activity of airport administration, business tenants, and capital improvements on airports.

**\$19.2
BILLION**

Off-Airport Activity

Impacts related to out-of-state visitor spending at both commercial service and general aviation airports.

Commercial Service Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the state's commercial service airports.

**\$14.7
BILLION**

General Aviation Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the Commonwealth's general aviation airports.

**\$213.9
MILLION**

Total Output of Other Aviation-Related Impacts in Pennsylvania

Off-Airport Aerospace Manufacturing

\$8.7 BILLION

Off-Airport Air Cargo

\$1.1 BILLION

Off-Airport Private Hospital Helicopters

\$150 MILLION