

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport (LBE) is a commercial service airport located approximately seven miles east of Greensburg, outside of Pittsburgh. The airport is named for world-famous golfer Arnold Palmer, who learned to fly at the airport. Commercial service is provided through Spirit Airlines, with routes to Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, along with seasonal service to Myrtle Beach, Fort Myers, and Tampa. In addition to commercial activity, the airport supports a wide variety of general aviation (GA) activity, including recreational activity and corporate activity. The airport also hosts the yearly Westmoreland County Air Show, which features static displays along with aerial shows from the Thunderbirds or Blue Angels. The show attracts more than 80,000 visitors from the community, generating more than \$3 million in economic impact for the local and regional economy.



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

About the Airport

CITY: Latrobe

COUNTY: Westmoreland

OWNERSHIP: Public

PENNDOT DISTRICT: 12

PRIMARY RUNWAY: 6/24, 8,222'

Source: [Latrobe/Airport/jpg: Canadian2006, wiki commons](#)



LBE Economic Impacts



1,745 JOBS



\$76,954,400



\$203,562,100

Key Airport Activities



Commercial Service



**Corporate/
Business Activity**



**Police/Law
Enforcement**



**Aerial
Photography/
Surveying**



**Career Training
and Flight
Instruction**

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.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport's Economic Impact



Employment



Payroll



Output

	Employment	Payroll	Output
On-Airport Activity	346	\$17,685,300	\$42,116,800
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	755	\$21,872,600	\$58,486,600
General Aviation Visitor Spending	50	\$1,425,600	\$3,791,000
Total Direct Impacts	1,151	\$40,983,400	\$104,394,400
Total Multiplier Impacts	594	\$35,970,900	\$99,167,600
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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.**

**\$34.1
BILLION**

**TOTAL
OUTPUT**

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