2019 REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT of Philadelphia International Airport
Philadelphia International Airport is a growing hub of economic activity and a major economic generator for the Philadelphia region.

$16.8 \text{ BILLION economic impact}$

106,800 \text{ JOBS supported}$

$5.4 \text{ BILLION earnings}$

Impacts represent the sum of annual direct and spillover impacts in the 11-county Philadelphia region from Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) and Northeast Philadelphia Airport (PNE). Earnings include both wages and benefits.
The economic benefits from the airport begin with flight activity (Tier 1) and radiate outward to include on-site or nearby airport-related operations (Tier 2) and region-wide benefits to residents and businesses (Tier 3).
Economic effects of airport activity are felt in every county and state in the region.

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<tr>
<th>Geography</th>
<th>Economic Output ($M)</th>
<th>Total Employment (Jobs)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>$14.94B</td>
<td>91,700 Jobs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bucks County</td>
<td>$505</td>
<td>3,800</td>
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<td>Chester County</td>
<td>$515</td>
<td>3,900</td>
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<td>Delaware County</td>
<td>$4,095</td>
<td>25,500</td>
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<td>Montgomery County</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
<td>7,400</td>
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<td>Philadelphia County</td>
<td>$8,825</td>
<td>51,100</td>
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<td>New Jersey</td>
<td>$1.10B</td>
<td>9,000 Jobs</td>
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<td>Burlington County</td>
<td>$415</td>
<td>3,300</td>
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<td>Camden County</td>
<td>$425</td>
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<td>Gloucester County</td>
<td>$225</td>
<td>1,900</td>
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<td>Salem County</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Delaware</td>
<td>$665M</td>
<td>5,400 Jobs</td>
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<td>New Castle County</td>
<td>$665</td>
<td>5,400</td>
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<td>Maryland</td>
<td>$70M</td>
<td>700 Jobs</td>
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<td>Cecil County</td>
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The table above shows the economic output and employment effects for various counties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. The economic output is in millions of dollars, and the employment is in jobs.
The airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia’s Division of Aviation. The airport is financially self-sustaining and receives no local tax dollars. Further, the economic activity it generates occurs largely within the private sector and supplies significant tax revenues to state and local government each year.

### Impact on State and Local Revenue

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<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>$232M</td>
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<td>New Jersey</td>
<td>$22M</td>
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<td>Delaware</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$396M</strong></td>
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Tier 1 impacts come from the operations and capital investments of the airport and its airline tenants.

 Tier 1: Aviation Operations

- **$7.4 Billion** economic impact
- **30,700 Jobs** supported
- **$1.9 Billion** earnings

**Airline Activity**

- **31.7** total passengers served (Inbound & outbound) 2018
- **25** airlines serve PHL including all major domestic carriers
- **141** non-stop destinations domestic & international (as of mid-2019)
TIER 1: AVIATION OPERATIONS

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PHL’s recently completed extensive runway-lengthening program has enabled new and improved operations.

$2.5B total authorized spending

$846M recently completed projects and land acquisition
Tier 2 impacts come from industries at or near the airport providing support services or benefiting from the logistical advantages of the facility.

$5.4\text{ BILLION} \quad 38,000 \quad $2.1\text{ BILLION}$

Billion economic impact \quad Jobs supported \quad Earnings

SERVING PASSENGER DEMAND

A range of industries supply supporting services to the airport’s more than 86,800 daily passengers.
TIER 2: AIRPORT-RELATED OPERATIONS

FACILITY AIRSPACE BENEFITS

Other industries benefit from the airspace and logistical advantages of the airport facility.

555,000 Tons

cargo, freight and mail

2018 (up 20% over 2017)

PHL acquired an adjacent 135-acre tract of land in 2018 and began planning efforts to incorporate the property into the airfield infrastructure to support further air cargo development.
Tier 3 impacts come from the broad regional implications of air service for residents and businesses, including leisure and business travel and quality-of-life benefits.

- **$4.0 BILLION** economic impact
- **38,100 JOBS** supported
- **$1.4 BILLION** earnings
The airport’s air service is essential to bringing visitors (and their spending) into the region. Leisure and business travelers enter the region through PHL from around the country and the world and support local businesses across a range of sectors.

**$2.9B**
Annual regional tourism spending attributable to the airport
## Resident Benefits

Air service also provides quality-of-life benefits for residents, enabling connections for inbound visitors or outbound trips. PHL’s central location in the region means that it saves residents travel time and travel cost relative to alternative airports.

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<td>215M</td>
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*In addition to these quantifiable benefits, PHL enhances the overall economic competitiveness and growth of the region by providing access to new markets, enabling the efficient movement of goods and building the region’s attractiveness and quality of life.*
The breadth of regional economic activity associated with the airport helps to ensure that economic impacts are broadly shared across the region.

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Due to the wide range of activity on and around the airport and throughout the regional supply chain, the 106,800 annual jobs supported by airport activity fall across a wide range of sectors and are accessible to a range of skill levels.
FAST FACTS

FACILITIES

**PHL**
Philadelphia International Airport
7 miles southwest of Center City Philadelphia

**PNE**
Northeast Philadelphia Airport
10 miles northeast of Center City Philadelphia

ACTIVITY

- **31.7M**
  total passengers
  2018

- **380,000**
  plane movements
  2018

- **500,000 Tons**
  cargo, freight & mail
  2018

IMPACT

- **$16.8B**
  economic impact

- **106,800**
  jobs supported

- **$5.4B**
  earnings
ABOUT PHL

Philadelphia’s airport system (PHL and PNE) is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia’s Division of Aviation. The airport is financially self-sustaining and receives no local tax dollars.

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