

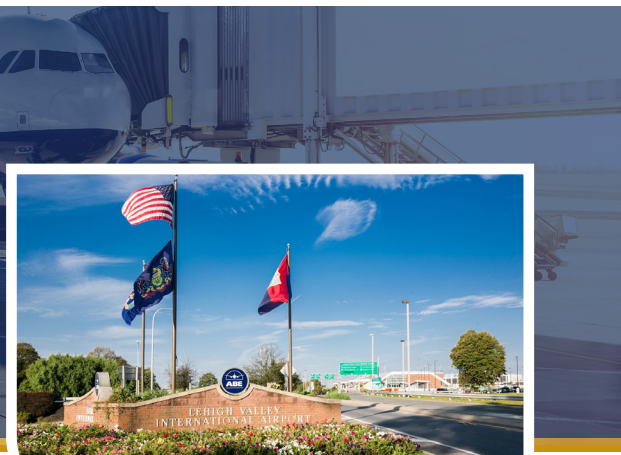
Lehigh Valley International (ABE) is the fourth largest commercial service airport in Pennsylvania (by passenger activity) and the second largest by air cargo volume located near Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. The airport is served by four passenger airlines (Allegiant, American, Delta, United) and air cargo operators Amazon Air and FedEx Express. Lehigh Valley International Airport offers 15 nonstop flights to both leisure destinations and airline hubs, some of which include: Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Myrtle Beach, Nashville, Orlando/Sanford, and Sarasota. While it serves as a small hub airport for the eastern Pennsylvania region, ABE spans over 2,200 acres and is home to 130 corporate and general aviation aircraft. The airport has a significant economic impact on the regional economy for tourism and the logistics industry. The airport also provides a variety of general aviation services, including aircraft rentals, charters, maintenance/avionics, and flight training.



*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:** Allentown
- COUNTY:** Lehigh
- OWNERSHIP:** Public
- PENNDOT DISTRICT:** 5
- PRIMARY RUNWAY:** 6/24, 7,599'



## ABE Economic Impacts



**4,813 JOBS**



**\$224,078,200**



**\$618,904,600**

## Key Airport Activities



**Commercial Service**



**Corporate/ Business Activity**



**Air Charter**



**Medical Transport/ Evacuation**



**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.*

# Lehigh Valley International Airport's Economic Impact



## Employment



## Payroll



## Output

	Employment	Payroll	Output
On-Airport Activity	1,177	\$60,452,800	\$177,566,400
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	1,867	\$58,679,300	\$149,547,300
General Aviation Visitor Spending	55	\$1,705,000	\$4,369,400
<b>Total Direct Impacts</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>\$120,837,200</b>	<b>\$331,483,000</b>
<b>Total Multiplier Impacts</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>\$103,241,100</b>	<b>\$287,421,600</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>\$224,078,200</b>	<b>\$618,904,600</b>

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**