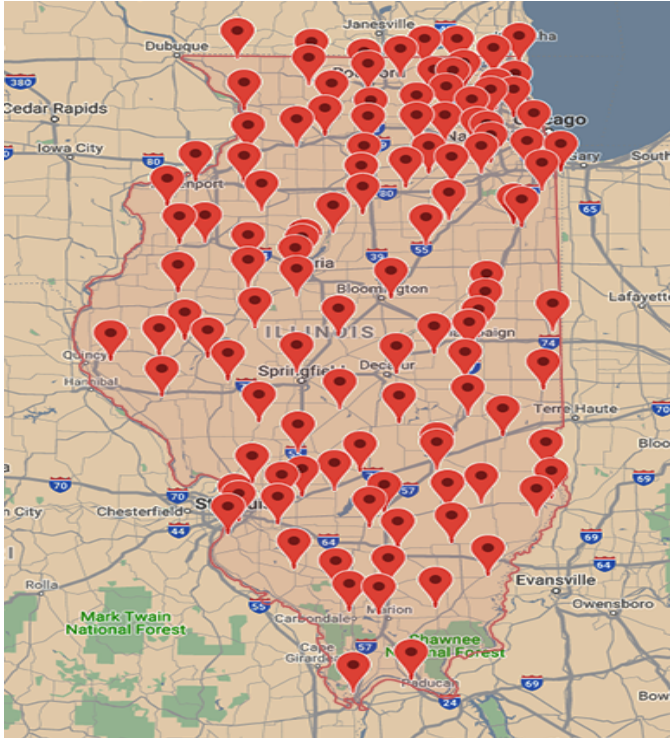




## Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in Illinois

According to the 2020 *Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis*, aviation in Illinois generates \$95.5 billion in total economic impact.



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Founded in 1981, the mission of **Lifeline Pilots** is to coordinate free air transportation for passengers with medical and humanitarian needs far from home. Over 8,000 missions have been flown by its 450 active volunteer general aviation pilots. In addition, with over 600 enrolled students and state of the art facilities, **Southern Illinois University (SIU)** has a nationally recognized aviation program that has been supporting pilots since 1960. The University offers both undergraduate, and graduate degrees in Aviation Flight, Aviation Management, and Aviation Technologies.

### AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, there are 105 public-use airports in Illinois. FAA data reports that Illinois is home to 18,788 pilots and 7,355 registered aircraft.

### NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the 2020 *Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis*, airports support over 492,000 jobs in Illinois and over \$32.6 billion in labor income.

### ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, airports in Illinois support \$95.5 billion in total economic impact.

FAA data shows that Illinois is home to 99 repair stations, 15 FAA-approved pilot schools, 3,626 flight instructors and 6,484 student pilots.

There are 84 fixed-base operators in the state according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 302 heliports in the state.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, flight departments in Illinois include Lewis University in Romeoville, The Institute of Aviation at Parkland College in Savoy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Murphysboro, Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Kishwaukee College in Malta, Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Parkland College in Champaign and Quincy University in Quincy.