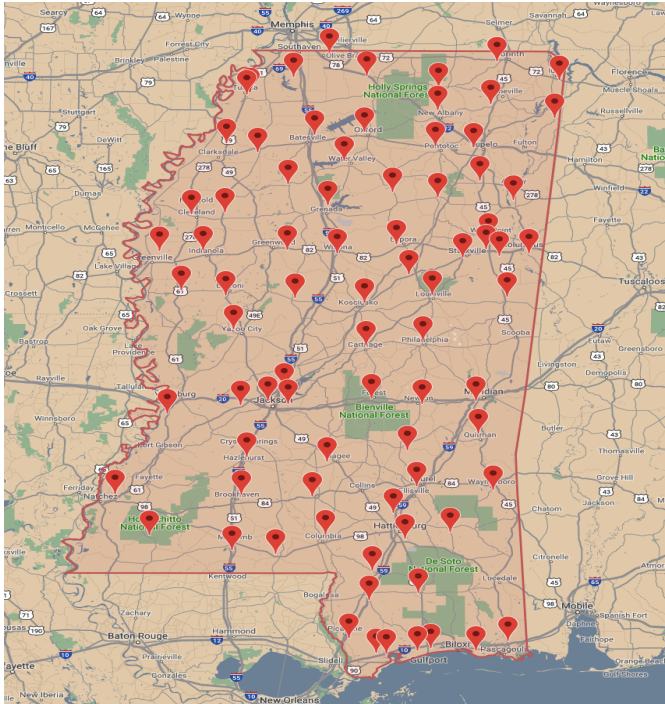




Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in Mississippi

According to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, **Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018**, general aviation airports contribute more than \$2 billion to Mississippi's economic output each year.



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Six airports support a total of **nine air ambulance bases** across the state. The largest outfit is operated by **PHI Air Medical** in conjunction with the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) at **Key Field** in Meridian.

The **Waynesboro Municipal Airport** supports the local timber industry by allowing buyers representing major hardware store chains and lumber distributors to visit local mills and lumber yards. This is a \$200 million-per year industry, and the airport is critical to helping businesses compete in the global marketplace.

AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the FAA, there are 80 public-use airports in the state of Mississippi. According to FAA data, Mississippi airports support 2,376 registered aircraft and 4,953 pilots.

NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the PricewaterhouseCoopers study, **Contribution of General Aviation to the US Economy in 2018**, general aviation airports in Mississippi support 10,900 jobs with a total annual payroll of more than \$599 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, general aviation airports contribute more than \$488 million to Mississippi's economic output each year.

According to FAA data, Mississippi is home to 26 repair stations, 3 FAA-approved pilot schools, 2,039 student pilots and 685 flight instructors.

In addition, there are 62 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 71 heliports in Mississippi.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, flight departments in Mississippi include Delta State University in Cleveland, Holmes Community College in Goodman, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston, Mississippi Pearl River Community College in Poplarville and Hinds Community College in Raymond.