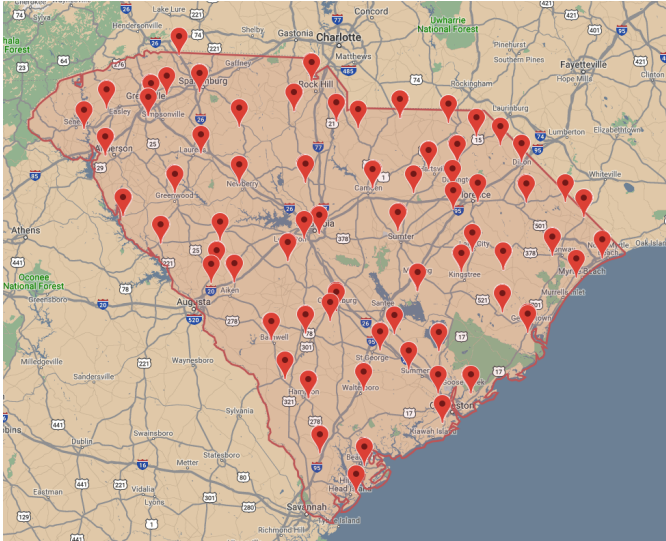




Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in South Carolina

*According to the 2018 **South Carolina Statewide Aviation System Plan & Economic Impact Report**, general aviation airports in South Carolina support over \$1 billion in economic impact annually.*



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The **University of South Carolina's** College of Engineering and Computing was awarded one of six University Leadership Initiatives from NASA for its development of simulation tools and operational processes aimed at improving the affordability and safety of future vertical lift vehicles.

AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, South Carolina is home to 60 general aviation airports. According to the FAA, these airports serve 9,224 pilots and 2,822 registered aircraft.

NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the 2018 **South Carolina Statewide Aviation System Plan & Economic Impact Report**, the state's general aviation airports support over 5,800 jobs and a payroll of over \$279 million per year.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, general aviation airports in South Carolina support over \$1 billion in economic impact annually.

FAA data reports that South Carolina is home to 46 repair stations, 4 FAA-approved pilot school, 3,028 student pilots and 1,522 flight instructors.

In addition, there are 54 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 69 heliports in South Carolina.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, aviation related training programs in South Carolina include Charleston Southern University in Charleston, Clemson University in Greenville, Bob Jones University in Greenville, Greenville Technical College in Greenville, Technical College of the Lowcountry in Beaufort, and Trident Technical college in Charleston.