

Aviation Roles of Your Airport

Use this tool to identify aviation related roles in the community by checking off the roles your airport has with regard to aviation activity, and indicating the frequency that the airport is used for this activity (never, limited, sometime, or frequently). This list is not inclusive of all roles, so be sure to record uses not listed in the “other” category.

Airport Use?	Activity type	Description or Explanation	Frequency						
			Never	Limited	Sometimes	Frequently			
Commercial Passenger Travel									
	Scheduled airline service	Regular air travel by airline							
	Scheduled charter or air taxi service	Air service providing niche market travel destinations							
	Non-scheduled airline service	Airline charters, e.g. sports team travel							
Reliever Services for Primary Airports <i>(for airports with NPIAS 'Reliever' level of service)</i>									
	General aviation aircraft storage	Large airports have little space for hangars and tie downs							
	Personal and recreational flying								
	Corporate and business aircraft	Avoid congested air carrier airports							
	Charter or air taxi operations	Aircraft hired for personal or business travel							

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Air Cargo and Manufacturing Transportation

	Scheduled cargo service	Daily cargo flights, e.g. FedEx and UPS				
	On-demand cargo service	Charter aircraft for special needs cargo transport				
	U.S. Mail transport					
	“Just-in-Time” manufacturing	Supplying parts when needed				
	Time-critical cargo	Goods that must be moved quickly, e.g. human organs for transplant				
	Manufacturing and distribution	Parts and goods				
	Express delivery service	Overnight letters and packages				

National Protection and Security

	Military exercises and training					
	Prisoner Transport					
	Environmental patrols					
	Wildlife management					
	Customs and Border Protection patrols					

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Emergency Preparedness and Response

	Aeromedical flights	Also known as Air Ambulance				
	Patient transfer					
	Doctor transport					
	Law enforcement patrols	e.g. police helicopters				
	Emergency response					
	Aerial firefighting support					
	Emergency diversionary airport					
	Disaster relief					
	Search and rescue					
	Civil Air Patrol	US Air Force Auxiliary group that assists in emergency response				

Critical Community Access

	Remote population or island access					
	Air Taxi and charter services					
	Air cargo deliveries					

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Other Aviation Specific Functions

	Corporate flying					
	Flight instruction and training					
	Personal or recreational flying					
	Aircraft rental					
	Aircraft and avionics manufacturing					
	Aircraft and avionics maintenance					
	Aircraft sales					
	Aircraft storage	Hangars and tie-downs				
	Aerospace engineering and research					
	Aviation career training and education					
	Youth aviation outreach					
	Traffic and news reporting					

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Commercial, Industrial, and Economic Aviation Activities

	Agricultural spraying					
	Aerial imaging	Surveying, observations, or photography				
	Sightseeing					
	Low-orbit space launch and landing					
	Oil and mineral exploration and survey					
	Utility and pipeline patrol	Control and inspection				
	Advertising	Banner towing or skywriting				

Destination and Special Events

	Tourism and access to special events					
	Intermodal connections	Rail, highway and ship				
	Special aeronautical events	(skydiving, "fly-ins", air shows)				

Other Aviation Activities

	Other					
	Other					