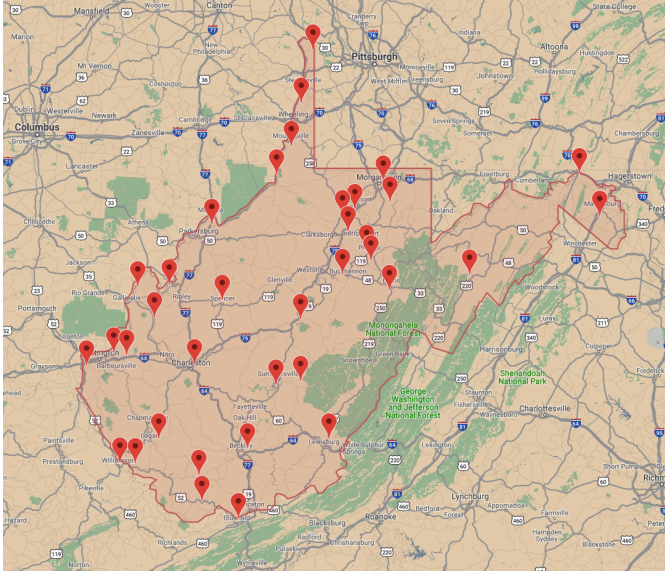




Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in West Virginia

According to the 2020 **West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study** produced by the West Virginia Aeronautic Commission, airports in West Virginia support over \$1.6 billion in business revenue annually.



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The **West Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame** honors pioneers and leaders in the aviation industry who have made significant contributions to the development, advancement or promotion of aviation and have close ties to the State of West Virginia. The West Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame is in the terminal building of the North Central West Virginia Airport in Clarksburg, WV. The hall of fame includes WV civil rights icon Katherine Johnson, who was the first African American woman to desegregate the graduate program at West Virginia State University, and later became a member of the Langley Space Task Group.

AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission, West Virginia is home to 17 public-use general aviation airports. According to the FAA, West Virginia airports support 2,044 pilots and 850 registered aircraft.

NUMBERS OF JOBS

According to the 2020 **West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study**, West Virginia airports support over 10,700 jobs, resulting in over \$550 million in labor income.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, airports in West Virginia support over \$1.6 billion in business revenue annually.

The FAA reports that West Virginia is home to 10 repair stations, 2 FAA-approved pilot schools, 859 student pilots and 291 flight instructors.

In addition, there are 24 fixed-base operators in the state according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 60 official heliports in West Virginia.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, flight departments in West Virginia include American Public University in Charles Town, Fairmont State University in Fairmont, West Virginia University Institute of Technology and Marshall University in Huntington.