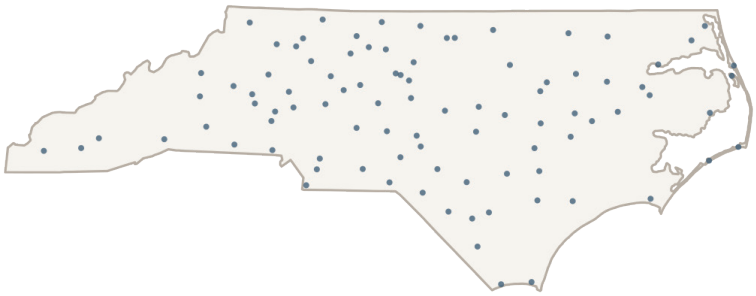
NORTH CAROLINA

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Aviation by the Numbers

According to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), North Carolina is home to 62 public-use general aviation airports. According to FAA data, North Carolina is home to 23,595 pilots and 7,190 registered aircraft.



Number of Jobs

According to the 2025 North Carolina: The State of Aviation report, general aviation airports support over 30,000 jobs in North Carolina, sustaining a total payroll of over $2.5 billion.

Economic Impact

According to the same report, the total annual economic impact of general aviation airports in North Carolina is $7.1 billion.

According to NCDOT, North Carolina is home to 75 Part 145 repair centers, 23 Part 141 pilot schools, and three Part 142 training centers. According to FAA data, North Carolina is home to 9,019 student pilots and 4,208 flight instructors.

In addition, there are 82 fixed-base operators in the state registered in the AC-U-KWIK directory.

According to NCDOT, higher education aviation programs in North Carolina highlighted in the State of Aviation report include A-B Tech Community College in Asheville, College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, Craven Community College in New Bern, Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, Lenoir Community College in Kinston, Aviation Institute of Maintenance in Charlotte, Stanley Community College in Albemarle, and Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh.