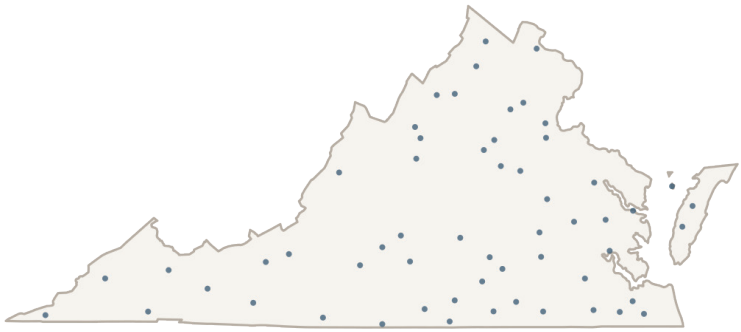
VIRGINIA

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Aviation by the Numbers

According to the Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia is home to 65 public-use general aviation airports. According to FAA data, Virginia has 20,694 pilots and 6,131 registered aircraft.



Number of Jobs

According to the 2026 Virginia Airport System Economic Impact Study, general aviation airports support over 10,995 jobs and $799 million in wages per year.

Economic Impact

The same study found that general aviation airports in Virginia support about $1.95 billion in economic impact annually.

According to FAA data, Virginia is home to 51 repair stations, 8,452 student pilots, and 3,609 flight instructors. According to the Virginia Department of Aviation, Virginia has 18 FAA-approved pilot schools.

In addition, there are 62 fixed-base operators in Virginia, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory.

According to the Virginia Department of Aviation, collegiate level flight departments are available at Averett University in Danville, Hampton University in Hampton, and Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Advanced Air Mobility

Virginia's AAM economic impact study projects that the industry could generate $16 billion in new business activity; create more than 17,000 full-time jobs; and produce $2.8 billion in local, state, and federal tax revenues in the Commonwealth by 2045.