

Aviation Council of Alabama: Funding Summary

General Details

Alabama has 100 miles of total runway length and 145 million square feet of total airport pavements. In perspective, this is equivalent of the combined length of I-65, I-85, & I-10 in Alabama. To maintain current pavement conditions, Alabama Airports estimate approximately \$80 million is needed annually to continue the course.

Economic Data

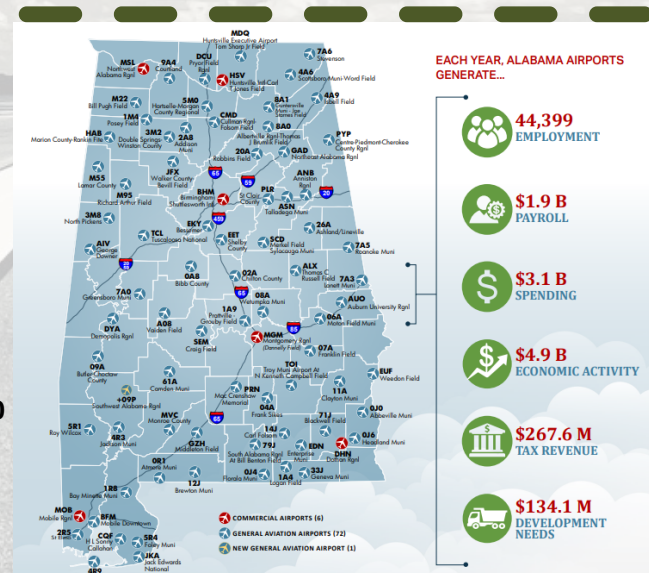
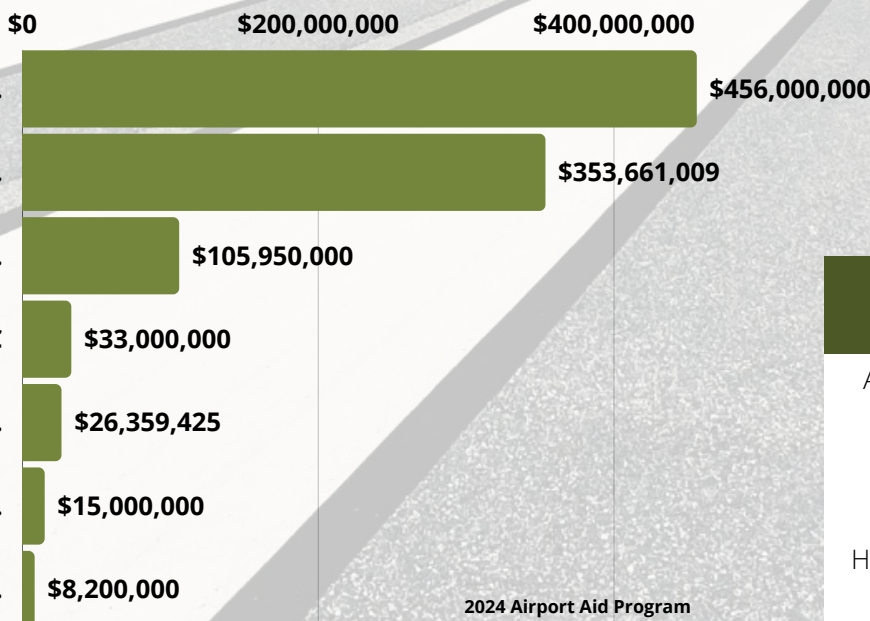
Alabama Airports generate \$4.9 billion each year in economic activity. For the state, this equates to \$267.6 million in tax revenue. Currently, the state is providing approximately \$8 million in capital improvement funding to ALDOT Aeronautics for fiscal year 2024. This amount ranks us around the lower end in funding support compared to the other states in our region.

SB83

This bill provides for the proportion of funds that would be awarded to general aviation airports & commercial service airports under the Alabama Airport Economic and Infrastructure Program SB83. Sadly, since being passed in 2022, no state funding has been allocated to Alabama airports through the program. Funding SB83 with a minimum of \$50 million dollars annually is the course of action needed to have Alabama Aviation soar to new heights.

Alabama's Aviation Impact

Of the \$4.9 billion in total annual economic activity, nearly 50% is attributed to the state's 74 general aviation airports. Additionally, general aviation airports generate significant annual economic activity by supporting major events such as athletic games and entertainment events.



Growth Potential

Aviation is a tool that contributes to the efficiency and success of many companies in Alabama. As business and employees become more efficient, the opportunities for growth increase. More business, means more revenue. With industry clusters from Huntsville to Mobile, the economic impact from aviation is limitless!