

Defuniak Springs Airport



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AVIATION AND SPACEPORTS OFFICE

Airport: DeFuniak Springs Airport
(54J)

City: DeFuniak Springs, Florida

County: Walton County

Owner: City of DeFuniak Springs

Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Walton County, approximately two miles west of DeFuniak Springs, DeFuniak Springs Airport serves many types of general aviation activities. With its two runways, the longest of which is 4,146 feet, the airport can accommodate multi-engine and small general aviation business jet aircraft.

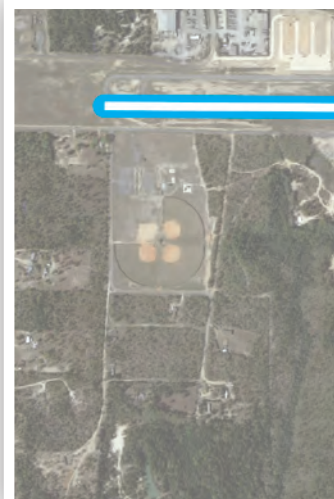


Existing Facilities

DeFuniak Springs Airport is served by two runways, runway 09/27 and runway 18/36. Runway 09/27 is asphalt and measures 4,146 feet by 60 feet. It has RNAV GPS instrument approaches and is equipped with medium intensity runway edge lights and precision approach path indicators. Runway 18/36 is dirt, marked with white reflectors, and measures 2,700 feet by 60 feet. The airport has 100LL fuel and Jet-A fuel available 24 hours a day for local and transient aircraft. Other facilities at the airport include a fixed base operator that provides services such as mechanical and electronic repair.

For more information, please visit 54J's website at:

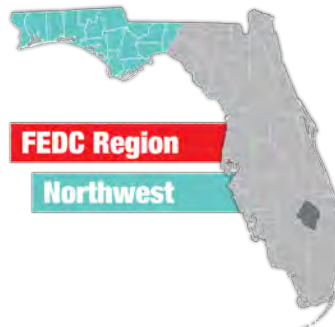
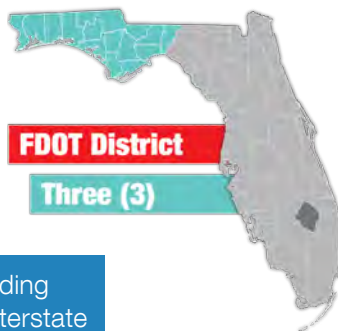
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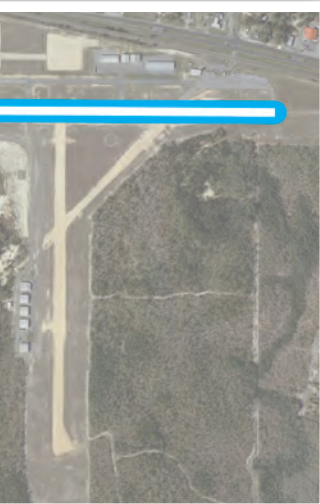


Airport Classification



Local airports serve communities by providing access to primarily intrastate and some interstate markets. There are 1,261 Local Asset airports nationwide and 30 within Florida, including DeFuniak Springs Airport. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.



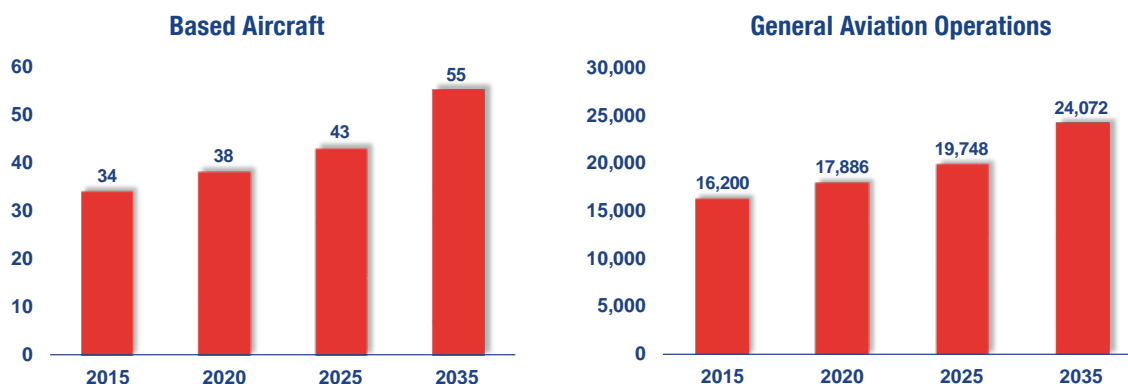


DeFuniak Springs Airport accommodates GA aircraft and serves the GA needs of local and visiting users. The main activities that occur at the airport include recreational flying, flight training, and business activity. For the 12-month period ending on March 14, 2017, approximately 62 percent of all operations were attributable to local aircraft. The flight school located at the airport contributes to the large amount of flight training operations that take place. Recreational flying and sport aircraft operations are also common at the airport. Corporate activity is another frequent use of the airport due to its location near major roadways and the growing construction industry in Walton County. The airport currently accepts small jet business travel to accommodate this corporate activity. There is a flying club, defense contractor, and several aviation related maintenance and repair shops located at the airport. There is also an industrial park at the airport which offers a business environment and the opportunity to expand. There are no based military aircraft at the airport but operations due to transient military aircraft account for about 6 percent of the annual operations.



Current and Forecast Demand

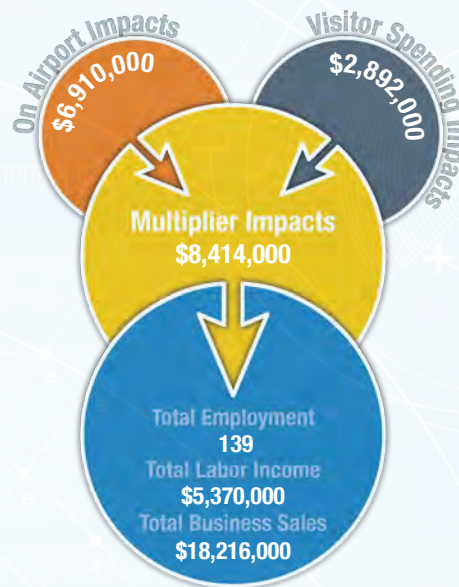
DeFuniak Springs Airport plays an important role in serving all facets of GA. As of 2018, there was a total of 41 based aircraft. Of the total based aircraft, the majority are single-engine airplanes with the remaining being multi-engine airplanes, jet airplanes, helicopters, and ultralights. The current Airport Reference Code for the airport is B-II which includes aircraft such as the Cessna Citation Mustang, Beeckcraft King Air 90, and Piper Cheyenne. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for the DeFuniak Springs Airport follows:



Economic Impact

Defuniak Springs Airport is located in Walton County, approximately two miles west of downtown DeFuniak Springs. The airport has one paved runway that measures 4,146 feet and one turf runway that measures 2,700 feet. The airport serves the general aviation needs of the local region, and supports a mix of recreational and business users.

The airport primarily supports recreational flying, business travel, and flight training, and has 45 based aircraft. A flight school, a flying club, a defense contractor, and several aviation related maintenance and repair shops are located at the airport. The airport experiences a fair amount of corporate activity due to its location near major roadways. Military exercises occasionally occur at the airport.



Other Airport Characteristics

DeFuniak Springs Airport supports local GA activity such as recreational flying, flight training, and business activity. The airport also supports military and air taxi operations. Air taxi operations make up about 1 percent of the airport's annual operations. The airport also engages in the community by hosting the Marvel of Flight Fly-In and Aviation Expo every year that includes seminars, guest speakers, unique aircraft ride experiences, and local vendors.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The City of Defuniak Springs recently acquired an additional 160 acres near the airport and designated it as the Airport Industrial Park. Beginning in 2019, the airport will start construction on a new terminal building and additional hangars. With the airport's proximity to the popular beaches of South Walton and the recent expansion of Highway 331, the airport is expected to continue to grow.

General Aviation Airport Role



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