

Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AVIATION AND SPACEPORTS OFFICE

Airport: Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field (OCF)

City: Ocala, Florida

County: Marion County

Owner: City of Ocala

Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Marion County, approximately four miles west of Ocala, Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field serves a variety of general aviation activities. With its two runways, the longest of which is 7,467 feet, the airport accommodates mostly general aviation aircraft with an occasional Boeing 757 charter. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.



Existing Facilities

Ocala International features two runways: runway 18/36 (7,467 feet long by 150 feet wide) and runway 8/26 (3,009 feet long by 50 feet wide). Both runways are paved with asphalt in excellent condition. Additionally, runway 18/36 is equipped with high intensity edge lights, precision approach path indicator lights, and RNAV GPS instrument approaches, while runway 36 includes a 1,400-foot long MALSR lighting system and a VOR/DME instrument approach with localizer. Both runways are served by full length parallel taxiways. The airport also features 18 conventional box hangars, 101 T-hangars, and one six-unit hexa-port hangar. Flight activity is coordinated by the airport's air traffic control tower, attended daily from 6:00am to 9:00pm.

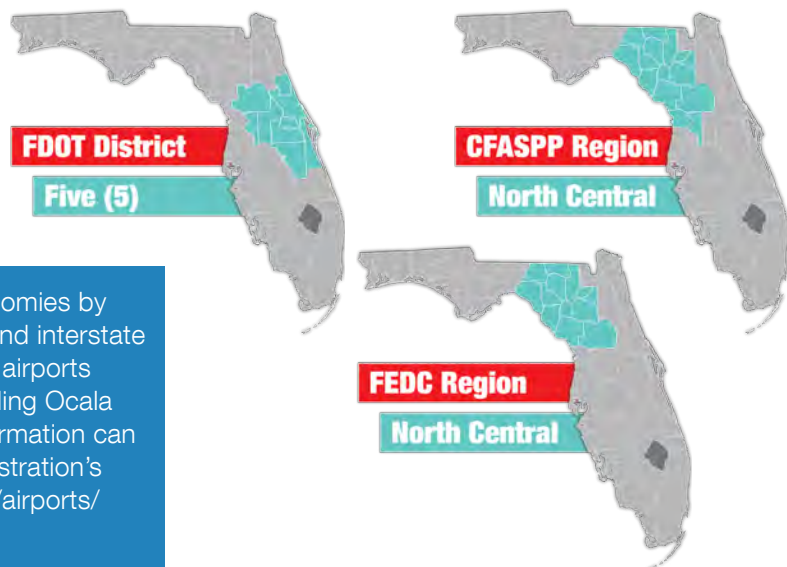
The terminal at Ocala International is a 4,340-square foot facility and includes car rental providers, restrooms, and 80 automobile parking spaces. The fixed base operator at the airport, Sheltair, is located in a 7,200-square foot facility north of the terminal building that includes 80 vehicle parking spaces and a restaurant. The FBO also provides a full range of general aviation services such as fueling, ground handling, maintenance/repair, and courtesy cars.

For more information, please visit OCF's website at:

<https://www.ocalafl.org/government/city-departments/ocala-international-airport>



Airport Classification



Regional airports support regional economies by connecting communities to statewide and interstate markets. There are 492 Regional Asset airports nationwide and 30 within Florida, including Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.



Florida by the Numbers

Approximately half of all visitors arrive by air

- Florida's airports are often the first and last impression of our state

20 commercial service airports

- 4 large hubs; more than any other state
- Florida ranked second in the nation (2016) for airline passenger volume
- Serves approximately 10% of national passengers

109 general aviation airports

- 9 national ASSET airports
- 6% of general aviation aircraft fleet
- Leading number of pilot certificates in 4 categories

Largest U.S. gateway for Latin American air cargo

Home to the **SUN 'n FUN International Fly-in Expo**, one of the **largest general aviation expos in the world**

Community Service

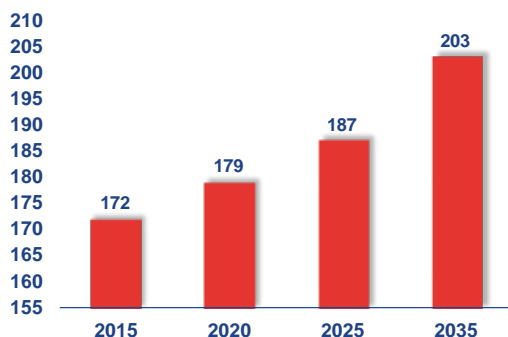
Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field is an important general aviation facility, particularly as it relates to corporate/business and flight training activity. The region surrounding Ocala is known around the world for its equine industry. In fact, Marion County contains more horses than any other county in the United States. Immediately adjacent to the airport is the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, whose auctions regularly generate over \$100 million dollars in annual sales. This company and other farms in the area frequently use Ocala International-Jim Taylor Field for transporting prized horses.

Ocala International also supports a significant amount of flight training activity, with an estimated 30 percent of annual operations at the airport resulting from flight training. Flight training is provided by Ocala Aviation Flight Training. The airport is also home to several other aviation related business whose services include full service airframe and powerplant repairs, avionics repair/installation, aircraft management, and training.

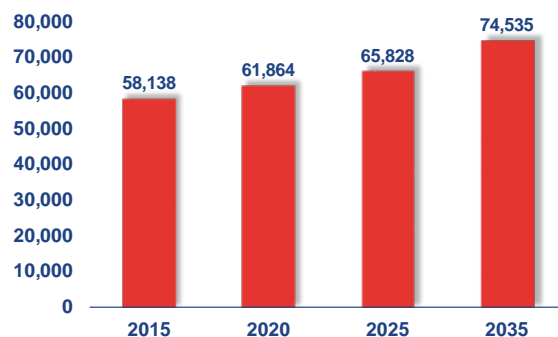
Current and Forecast Demand

According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 116 aircraft based at Ocala International. During the same time period, there were 1,123 commercial operations and 48,193 general aviation operations, for a total of 49,316 operations. For the 12-month period ending on September 30, 2017, 66 percent of all operations were due to transient general aviation, 30 percent were due to local general aviation, and the remaining four percent were due to a combination of air taxi, military, and commercial operations. The current Airport Reference Code for Ocala International Airport is D-II which includes aircraft such as the Gulfstream 350 and 450.

Based Aircraft



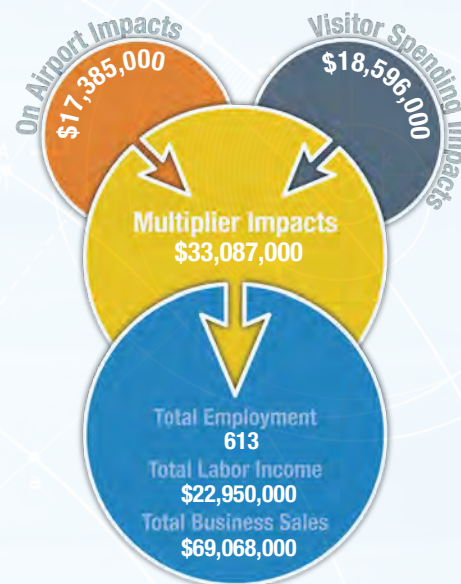
General Aviation Operations



Economic Impact

Ocala International Airport-Jim Taylor Field is located in Marion County, about five miles west of downtown Ocala. The airport has two runways, with the longest runway measuring 7,467 feet. The airport serves the commercial, industrial, and corporate aviation needs of Ocala and Marion County.

The airport primarily supports recreational flying and business activity. The airport also helps support the area's renowned equine industry by facilitating the transportation of horses using specially equipped airplanes. Other business activity at the airport includes freight and cargo, aerial photography, and flight training. Emergency medical aviation, aerial and wildland firefighting, and law enforcement activities are also common at the airport. Additionally, the airport provides career training and education. The airport often acts as a staging area for community events, such as the Experimental Aviation Association's (EAA) Wings Over Ocala Car and Plane Show, which attracts many visitors to the area.



Other Airport Characteristics

Ocala International Airport is administered by a full-time director with a staff of four and is overseen by a five member Airport Advisory Board, appointed by Ocala City Council. The airport frequently hosts community events like car shows, open houses, Experimental Aircraft Association events, and museum shows. The airport completed its most recent master plan in 2014. Though it does not currently have commercial service, the airport is certificated to handle air carrier operations under Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 139. The airport is also in the process of constructing a new terminal building which should be complete in late 2019.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport provides Flight Training, Corporate, and Recreational/Sport services. The airport plans to increase its flight training, corporate, and charter operations. The airport received its highest quotients in Recreational/Sport and Tourism (CA) services, but due to the needs of the local area, Corporate and Flight Training services are considered viable also.

General Aviation Airport Role



Flight Training



Recreational/Sport



Corporate



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