

# Pensacola International Airport



**Airport:** Pensacola International Airport (PNS)

**City:** Pensacola, Florida

**County:** Escambia County

**Owner:** City of Pensacola

**Role:** Commercial Service Airport



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Pensacola International Airport, located on the Gulf Coast, approximately three miles northeast of Pensacola, is the westernmost commercial service airport in Florida. The airport has two active runways, the longest of which is 7,004 feet. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting most commercial aircraft and a full range of general aviation aircraft.



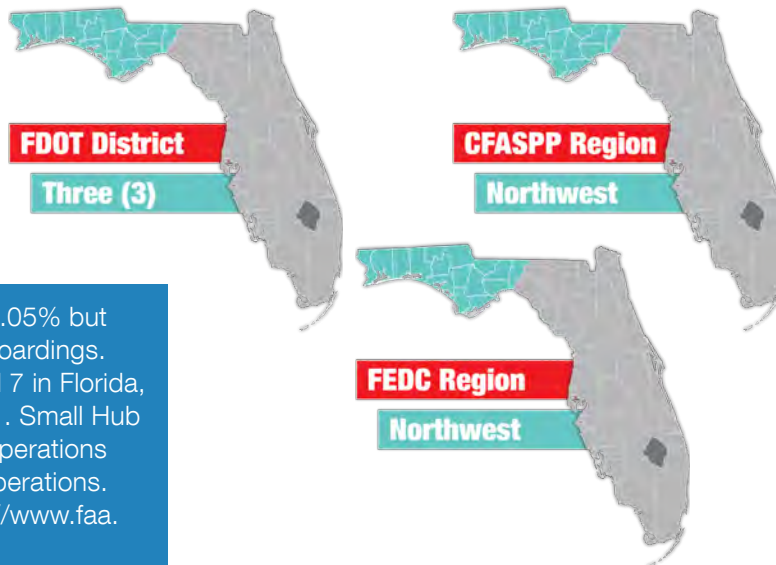
## Existing Facilities

Pensacola International Airport features two intersecting runways: runway 17/35 (7,004 feet long by 150 feet wide) and runway 8/26 (7,000 feet long by 150 feet wide). Both runways have high intensity edge lights, precision approach path indicator lights, and RNAV GPS instrument approaches. Additionally, runway 17 is equipped with a MALSR and has an ILS/DME precision instrument approach, while runway 26 has a LOC/DME instrument approach. Both runways are served by a network of full-length and partial-length paved parallel taxiways. The airport also has an air traffic control tower, attended from 5:30am to 11:00pm daily. The airport's 12-gate, 206,500-square foot passenger terminal, renovated in 2011, is located in the northwest quadrant of the airfield. The terminal includes a full range of amenities to serve airline passenger needs and provides regularly scheduled commercial flights. This quadrant of the airport also includes rental car service facilities, almost 3,000 automobile parking spaces, and air cargo facilities (operated by UPS and Delta). General aviation facilities are concentrated in the airport's southeast quadrant. This area includes the airport's two fixed base operators (Pensacola Aviation Center and Innisfree Jet Center) as well as 43 T-hangars, four box hangars, almost 200 tie-down spaces, and ample automobile parking.

For more information, please visit PNS's website at:  
<http://flypensacola.com/>



## Airport Classification



Small Hub airports account for at least 0.05% but less than 0.25% of national passenger boardings. There are 72 Small Hubs nationwide and 7 in Florida, including Pensacola International Airport. Small Hub airports typically serve general aviation operations blended with air cargo and passenger operations. More information can be found at [https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\\_capacity/npas/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/npas/).







## 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



Pensacola International Airport is the primary commercial service airport for the Escambia and Santa Rosa County region. Regularly scheduled commercial service is provided by six airlines: American, Delta, Frontier, Silver, Southwest, and United. Pensacola is known as a tourist destination due to its white-sand beaches and historical character. As such, the airport is an important role in the tourism industry, with 46 percent of passengers being visitors to Florida in 2014. The airport also plays a vital role with the business sector of the regional economy, with some 48 percent of passengers traveling for business reasons. The airport also supports the transport and travel of military personnel and their families, with Naval Air Station Pensacola, a major aviation training facility, located nearby.

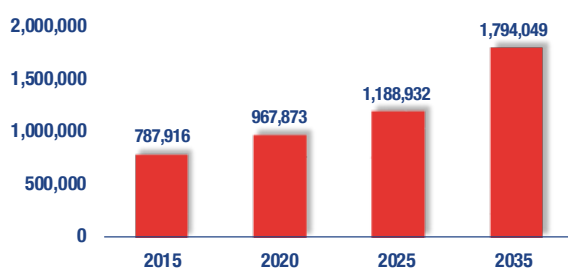
Pensacola International Airport also plays an important role in supporting local and regional general aviation activity. In 2017, about 60 percent of operations at the airport were due to general aviation activity. The two fixed base operators at the airport, Pensacola Aviation Center and Innisfree Jet Center, support all general aviation needs. Flight training, both military and civilian, is provided by Sky Warrior Aviation. In total, 25 aviation related businesses call the airport home. Pensacola International Airport also supports a significant amount of corporate/business aviation activity. Several important hospitals, institutes, and treatment

centers are located nearby, such as Sacred Heart Hospital, West Florida Regional Medical Center, Baptist Hospital, and the Andrews Institute. Pensacola International Airport is also home to a growing facility for ST Engineering-Aerospace, an Alabama-based aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) provider with 173,000 square feet of hangar space on 19 acres on the airport.

## Current and Forecast Demand

According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 88 aircraft based at Pensacola International Airport. During the same year, there were 25,997 commercial operations and 105,693 general aviation operations. For the 12-month period ending on December 31, 2017, 35 percent of all operations were due to local general aviation, 25 percent were due to transient general aviation, 17 percent were due to military operations, 13 percent were due to commercial operations, and ten percent were due to air taxi operations. The current Airport Reference Code for Pensacola International Airport is C-IV, which includes aircraft such as the Airbus A300 and the Boeing 757 family.

Enplanements



Operations

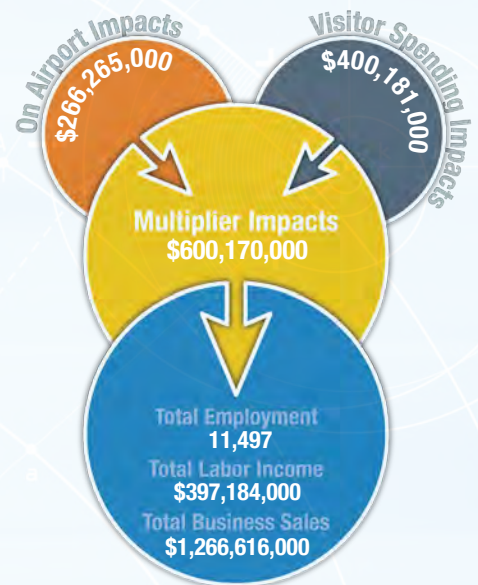




# Economic Impact

Pensacola International Airport is located in Escambia County along Florida's Gulf Coast, approximately three miles northeast of downtown Pensacola. The airport has two runways, with the longest runway measuring 7,004 feet. The airport accommodates most commercial aircraft and a full range of general aviation aircraft.

The airport is the westernmost commercial service airport in Florida and supports personal, leisure, and business-related travel. The airport regularly supports freight and cargo activity and often serves as a gateway for high-profile visitors. Flight instructors also use the airport for flight trainings and military trainings. Tenants at the airport, such as gift and souvenir stores and a fixed base operator (FBO), contribute to its economic impact. Transportation options, such as buses and taxi cabs, are provided at the airport for visitors to utilize.



## Other Airport Characteristics

In addition to its role as an important commercial and general aviation facility, Pensacola International Airport frequently hosts military aviation operations, mainly in support of training missions from local military installations. The airport also supports frequent helicopter operations, particularly for transport of employees to oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. The airport is currently undergoing development of a new master plan, to be completed by the end of 2018.

## Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

At the time of this review, airport management reports several projects/activities currently underway at the airport, including expansion of the MRO and cargo facilities on the airport on 65 acres of property acquired with the assistance of FDOT. The airport has been successful in accommodating tourism, corporate and business, air cargo, and intercontinental services. It is assumed that the airport will continue to provide the current services and has the potential to increase its corporate, business, and air cargo services.

### General Aviation Airport Role



Corporate

### Commercial Service Role



Air Cargo

Tourism



Business



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