

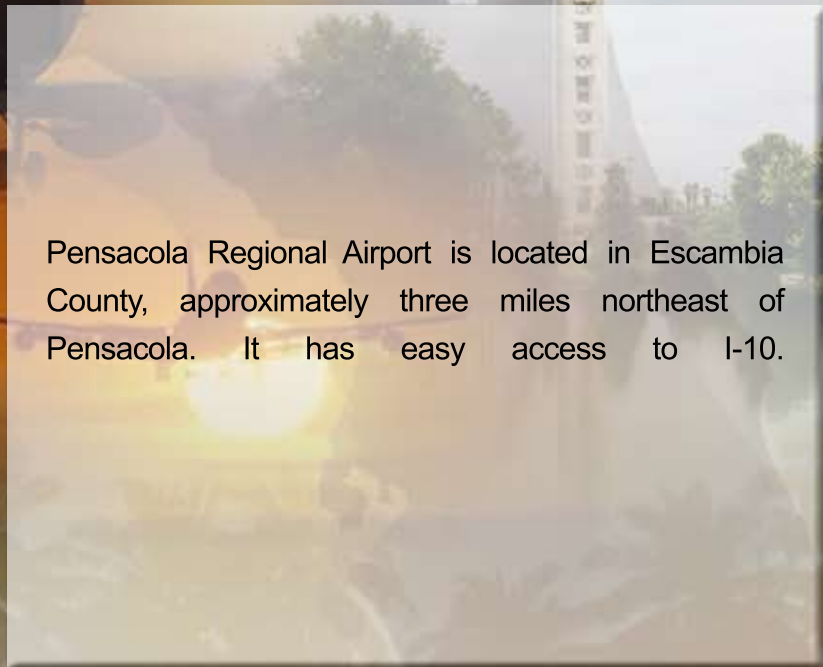
PENSACOLA REGIONAL AIRPORT

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AIRPORT LOCATION



Pensacola Regional Airport is located in Escambia County, approximately three miles northeast of Pensacola. It has easy access to I-10.



PENSACOLA
COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Existing Facilities

Pensacola Regional Airport is served by a number of airside and landside facilities. Two intersecting, grooved asphalt runways serve the airport. These runways are Runway 17/35 (7,004 feet long by 150 feet wide) and Runway 08/26 (7,000 feet long by 150 feet wide). Runway 17/35 is equipped with high intensity runway centerline lights, and touchdown zone lights on the runway 17 approach end. The Runway 35 approach end is also served by REILs and VASIs. Runway 8/26 is equipped with high intensity runway lights and both ends are served by REILs and VASIs. A full-length 75 foot wide parallel taxiway with medium intensity taxiway lights serves Runway 17/35, and a separate full length 75 foot wide parallel taxiway with medium intensity taxiway lights serves Runway 08/26. Two 35-foot wide taxiways with medium intensity taxiway lights also parallel portions of the two runways and provide access to and from the general aviation facilities. The pavement condition of the taxiways and both runways are excellent, all having been installed or fully reconstructed within the past five years.

Aircraft flying to Pensacola Regional Airport may choose from a variety of approaches. Runway 17 has ILS, GPS, and NDB approaches. Runway 35 has GPS and NDB approaches. Runway 8 has GPS and VOR approaches. Finally, Runway 26 has a GPS approach.

Commercial service to the airport is served from a multi-level 154,000-square foot passenger terminal building. A 14,500-square foot building serves the cargo needs of the airport, and a single Fixed Base Operator (FBO), multiple specialized air service operators, and corporate operators serve the needs of the general aviation community.

Current and Forecast Demand

COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL AVIATION

Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Pensacola Regional Airport:

Pensacola Regional Airport	2009	2014	2019	2029
Based Aircraft	95	102	110	128
General Aviation Operations	77,202	82,760	88,717	101,950
Commercial Operations	28,448	31,409	34,678	42,272
Enplanements	694,786	853,473	1,048,403	1,581,996

Source: Airport records and FDOT Aviation Office.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Pensacola Regional Airport provides commercial air transportation, general aviation, and other aviation services to the City, surrounding Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, the northwestern Florida Panhandle, and portions of southern Alabama. The airport role supports local business, industrial, recreational, military, and commercial activity. The airport is located in a foreign trade zone (#248) that received approval in June 2001.

The airport supports an active tourist, recreational, and visitor industry. Within the area are State and National Parks. The “City of Five Flags” boasts a robust historic district which plays host to a number of festivals throughout the year. Additionally, Naval Air Station Pensacola, the “Cradle of Naval Aviation,” is home to the Navy’s flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels; the

National Museum of Naval Aviation; and a large number of historic forts and related tourist attractions. Pensacola's "sugar beaches" are known throughout the world and are a major attraction for visitors. The Blue Angels Classic is on the PGA Tour and is played in the area.

Regarding military operations and support, the Pensacola area is home to the second largest military flight training complex in the world. Airport facilities are used by the military in their instrument landing system (ILS) training and for touch-and-go operations. The military also is the largest employer in the area, and the airport serves an important role in providing efficient air transportation support to the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), the Chief of Naval Education and Training staff, Training Air Wing FIVE and SIX, and the significant military training establishment in the Pensacola area. Overall, the airport provides a quick, efficient, and cost effective support to military travelers and their families and is certainly one of the key decision elements in the growth of the military in the area.

The airport plays an important role in the support of the significant industrial, commercial and business activity within the region. Pensacola has become known as a regional medical center, and large hospitals such as the Baptist Health Care, HCA West Florida Regional Medical Center, Lakeview Center, Medical Center Clinic, and Sacred Heart Hospital are among the area's top employers. Additionally, Gulf Power, Monsanto, Champion International Corporation, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and First Data Corporation along with the medical establishment depend on the ease and availability of the commercial, charter, and business aircraft service and support provided by the airport. Industrial/commercial/business parks related to the airport include the Ellison Industrial Park, Marcus Point Industrial Park, and a future air commerce park to be located on the airport.

The general aviation component of the airport is represented by Pensacola Aviation. This facility supported approximately 13,860 air taxi/charter operations in the past year, and that figure is anticipated to grow. There are approximately 82 based aircraft. Pensacola Aviation also offers flight training. This airport is also home to the Navy Flying Club. There are two flight schools on the airport offering programs up to ATP. Given the community demographics and business environment, Pensacola would be an excellent choice for location of Very Light Jet (VLJ) type operations.

OTHER AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

The Master Plan for the Pensacola Regional Airport was last updated in 1999. Highlights of infrastructure development during the last five years include:

- Reconstruct runway 17/35
- Expansion of the air carrier ramp.
- Addition of 24,000 square foot addition to the terminal building.
- Construction of a four level parking garage.
- Relocation of general aviation to new facilities on the airport's east side.
- Reconstruction of Taxiways A and B.
- Reconstruction of Runway 8/26 complete with the installation of distance-to-go signs, high intensity runway lights, supplemental wind cones, localizer DME, and pilot controlled lighting.
- Extend runway 8/26 by 1,000 feet
- Replacement and upgrade of the airport's security system.
- An upgrade to the airfield's storm drainage system.

As part of its process to plan for the near term and longer term development needs, the airport has identified several projects as being needed in the near term. These include:

- Replace ARFF truck
- Install a Localizer/DME to serve Runway 26
- Modify the terminal building to accommodate the installation of EDS equipment for passenger baggage screening

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 the reconstruction of Runway 08/26, an environmental assessment for the extension of runway 08/26 to 7,000 ft, an integration plan for explosive detection equipment behind airline ticketing, an update to security access control system for terminal/perimeter, and the purchase of one (1) ARFF truck. Future activities include the acquisition of 65 acres for the development of a commerce park, and the establishment of a foreign trade zone. Due to the low socioeconomic index, the airport was evaluated low in most services. However, the airport has been successful in accommodating tourism, corporate and business, air cargo and intercontinental services. It is assumed that this airport will continue to provide the current services and has the potential to increase its corporate, business, and air cargo services.

COMMERCIAL SERVICE ROLE	<u>Current Service</u>	<u>Future Service</u>
Tourism	X	X
Business	X	X
Air Cargo	X	X
International		
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT ROLE		
Flight Training		
Corporate	X	X
Tourism		
Recreational / Sport		
Business / Recreational		