

# Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport



**Airport:** Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport (SRQ)

**City:** Sarasota, Florida

**County:** Sarasota County

**Owner:** Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority

**Role:** Commercial Service Airport



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Located in South Florida along the Gulf Coast, Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport has two active runways, the longest of which is 9,500 feet. Facilities at the airport are capable of supporting a full range of commercial and general aviation aircraft.



## Existing Facilities

Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport includes two runways: runway 14/32 (9,500 feet by 150 feet) and runway 4/22 (5,006 feet by 150 feet). Both runways are paved with grooved asphalt and are equipped with high intensity edge lights, precision approach path indicators, and RNAV GPS instrument approaches. Additionally, runway 14/32 is equipped with 1,400-foot long medium intensity approach lighting system on both runway ends as well as ILS and LOC precision instrument approaches. Both runways are served by dual full-length paved parallel taxiways. Other facilities at the airport include an air carrier terminal that provides 13 jetway gates and 16 aircraft parking positions for five airline tenants. There is also associated rental car, concession, and gift shop facilities at the airport. 187 T-hangar units and three independent FBOs serve the airport's general aviation users. The airport's airfield is also equipped with a FAA Air Traffic Control Tower which is attended daily from 6:00am to 12:00am.

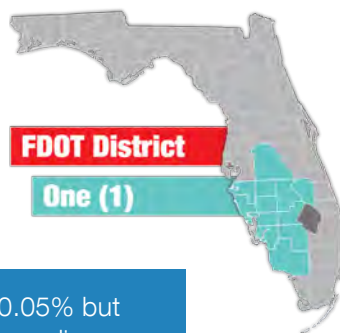
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## Airport Classification



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 Sarasota/Bradenton 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/).







## Community Service

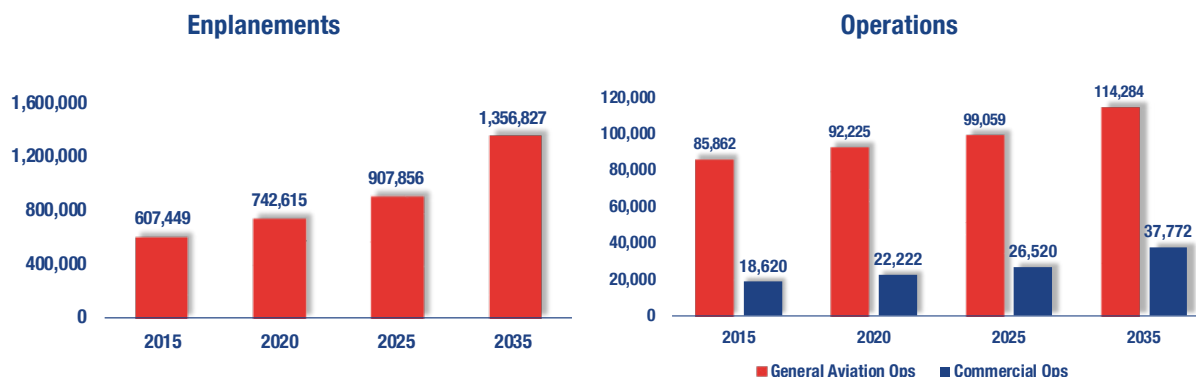


Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport mainly accommodates GA activities. However, the airport also supports commercial aviation operations, which make up approximately 11 percent of annual operations. The airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel for the region. The Gulf Coast beaches and recognized local cultural arts base draws international and domestic visitors to the area. Corporate business activity occurs frequently at the airport due to its proximity to established businesses and seasonal tourist related markets. GA recreational flying is another important and common use of the airport. There are also public charters and air taxis provided at the airport. The Civil Air Patrol regularly utilizes the airport for search and rescue missions and forestry services have based aircraft at the airport to aid the community in fire spotting. Military exercises and trainings also occur at the airport and are conducted by the Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force. The airport also supports a limited air cargo market through its existing air carriers. There are no based military aircraft at the airport but military operations due to transient military aircraft account for about two percent of the airport's annual operations.



## Current and Forecast Demand

According to Florida Aviation System Plan data, as of 2014, there were 226 aircraft based at Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport. During the same time period, there were 16,362 commercial operations and 84,527 GA operations, resulting in 100,889 total annual operations. Of the based aircraft, the majority are single-engine airplanes with the remaining being jet airplanes, multi-engine airplanes, helicopters, and ultralights. For the 12-month period ending on November 30, 2017, approximately 55 percent of all operations were attributable to transient aviation while about 25 percent were due to local aviation. The airport Reference Code for the airport is B-II. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport is as follows:

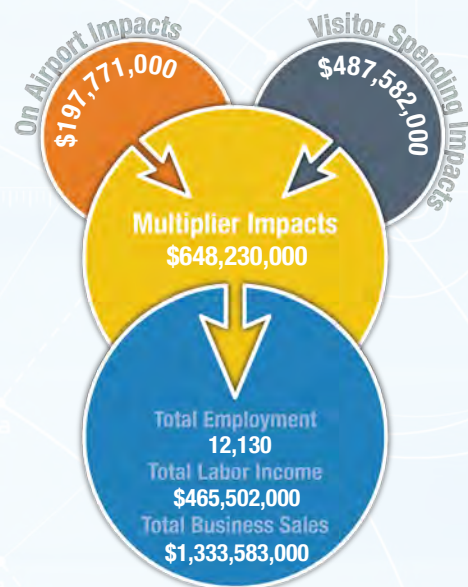




# Economic Impact

Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport is located between the cities of Sarasota and Bradenton. The airport has two runways, the longest runway measuring 9,500 feet. Facilities at the airport support a full range of commercial and general aviation aircraft. General aviation accounts for most of the airport's operations, but its low-cost carrier service helps to fuel demand for commercial aviation as well.

The airport serves a mix of personal, leisure, and business-related travel. The Civil Air Patrol and forestry services regularly use the airport for patrols while news reporting aircraft often refuel at the airport. The Coast Guard, Navy, and Air Force all use the airport to conduct military exercises and trainings. The airport occasionally hosts community events and is often used as a pre-hurricane staging area. The airport has three fixed base operators (FBOs) that provide services for general aviation pilots. The majority of the airport's on-site tenants support general aviation activity. The remaining airport tenants include restaurants, gift shops, and other businesses that support the commercial airlines and commercial passenger travel.



## Other Airport Characteristics

Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport supports a range of GA and commercial aviation activity. The main activities to occur at the airport include recreational flying and business activity. The airport also accommodates environmental patrol and news reporting aircraft that need to refuel. It is occasionally used for staging community events and acts as a pre-hurricane staging area.

## Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport provides Commercial Air Service and General Aviation Service to Tourism, Business, Recreational and Sport segments of the Travel Industry. The growing population base and available demand/capacity ratio will continue to fuel the growth of the Airport for the mutual benefit of the surrounding community. Future analysis indicates a limited growth for flight training and the air cargo segments which are small contributors to the Airport's revenue potential. The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority is self-supporting and does not rely upon local tax dollar support. It is recommended that the airport continue to plan for growth through the partnership of the FAA, FDOT and the Local Community. The Sarasota/Bradenton International Airport will remain in a commercial service role and a community airport role in the Southwest Florida Region.

### General Aviation Airport Role



### Commercial Service Role



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