Umatilla Municipal Airport

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Airport: Umatilla Municipal Airport (X23)

City: Umatilla, Florida

County: Lake County

Owner: City of Umatilla

Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Lake County, approximately 56 miles southwest of Daytona Beach and 40 miles northwest of Orlando, Umatilla Municipal Airport serves as a basic utility general aviation airport. With its single 2,500-foot runway, the airport primarily accommodates small single-engine GA aircraft. The airport's fixed base operator/passenger area is ideal for serving both local users, as well as those visiting the area.
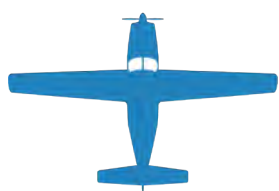
Existing **Facilities**

Umatilla Municipal Airport is served by a single asphalt runway in good condition, Runway 1/19, which is 2,500 feet long by 60 feet wide and includes medium intensity edge lights, threshold lights, and precision approach path indicator lights. Runway 1/19 is served by a partial parallel taxiway and small parking apron (completed in 2014). Landside facilities include a GA terminal building, a 4,800-square foot communal/maintenance hangar, seven T-hangars, nine box hangars, and nine privately owned corporate hangars. 100LL self-service fuel is available at the airport 24 hours a day. Additionally, Umatilla Municipal Airport provides two courtesy cars for visiting pilots, which can be reserved by calling ahead of time.

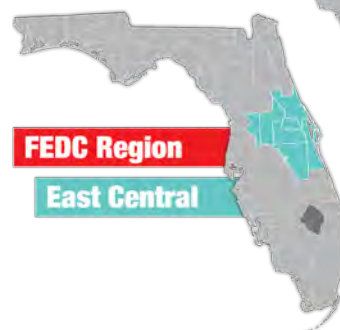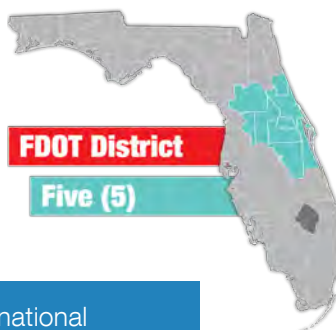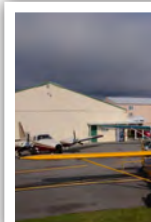For more information, please visit Umatilla Municipal Airport's website at:

https://umatillaairport.org/

Airport **Classification**

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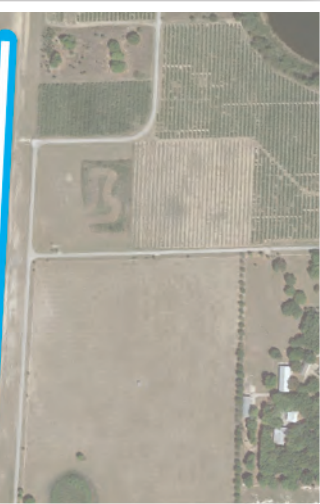
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CFASPP Region East Central

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Basic airports link the community with the national airport system and support activities such as emergency services, charters, cargo, flight training, and personal flying). There are 840 Basic Asset airports nationwide and 11 within Florida, including Umatilla Municipal Airport. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.
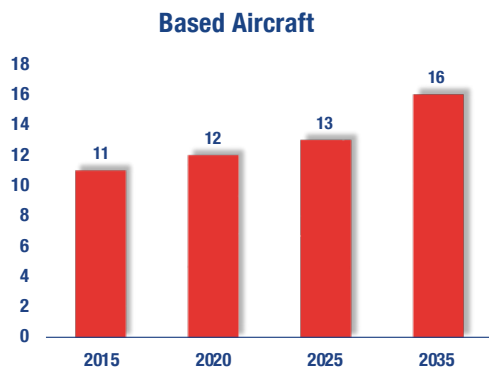
Community **Service**

Umatilla Municipal primarily serves general aviation needs, including local and transient operations. For the 12-month period ending in October 2017, the airport reported that 60 percent of its operations were local GA, while the remaining 40 percent were classified as transient GA.

The airport primarily serves as a base for recreational and corporate/business aviation as well as flight training. To that end, the airport's FBO offers flight training at reasonable rates in an instrument rated Cessna 172I. The airport's location, available parking, low fuel prices, and two available courtesy cars make it an excellent stop over for pilots flying through central Florida. In addition to these services, the airport hosts an annual open house for the Umatilla community that offers free plane rides for children.
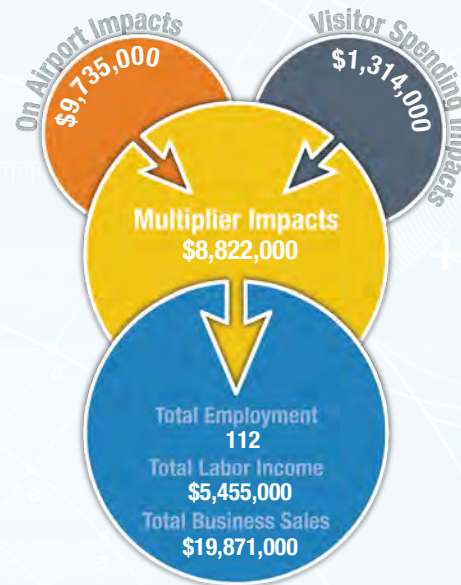
Current and Forecast **Demand**

Umatilla Municipal is primarily used by recreational or business aircraft. According to Florida Aviation System Plan data for the year 2014, there are 12 aircraft based at Umatilla Municipal. Also in 2014, there were 5,000 GA operations and no commercial operations. The airport recently finished several major projects, including the addition of a 24-hour self-service fuel facility, a paved partial parallel taxiway, a paved aircraft parking apron, and paved automobile parking. The City of Umatilla also has plans in the works for the construction of a partial parallel taxiway on the southern portion of the runway and for the extension of the runway by 500 feet.

Based Aircraft

Year	Based Aircraft
2015	11
2020	12
2025	13
2035	16

General Aviation Operations

Year	Operations
2015	5,000
2020	5,190
2025	5,388
2035	5,806

Economic Impact

Umatilla Municipal Airport is located in Lake County, approximately 30 miles north of Orlando. The airport has one runway that measures 2,500 feet long. The airport serves a mix of local business activity and recreational users. The airport's location is convenient for local pilots to base their aircraft and for flight instructors to provide flight lessons.

A fixed-based operator (FBO) at the airport provides 24-hour self-serve fuel, with the cheapest fuel prices in the area. The airport is a great stop-over for pilots who are flying through Central Florida, and the airport provides two courtesy cars for visitors to take trips to historic downtown Umatilla. The airport hosts an annual open house event which offers free flights for kids. The airport also engages with the community by hosting an annual Business After Hours to showcase the airport to the local residents.

On Airport Impacts
$9,735,000

Visitor Spending Impacts
$1,314,000

Multiplier Impacts
$8,822,000

Total Employment
112
Total Labor Income
$5,455,000
Total Business Sales
$19,871,000

Other Airport Characteristics

Umatilla Municipal Airport primarily serves the needs of recreational and corporate business operations. Because of its location and facilities, it attracts a significant amount of transient operations, with airport management estimating that as much as 80 percent of the airport's operations in 2016 were from transient aircraft. There are also flight training activities at the airport. In 2017, there were no military aircraft based at Umatilla Municipal, nor were there any military operations reported. However, the airport has supported the occasional military operation in the past, usually in the form of a staging area for National Guard troop exercises in the nearby Ocala National Forest.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

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General Aviation Airport Role

Flight Training

Corporate

Recreational/Sport

Business/Recreational

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