

# Immokalee Regional Airport



**Airport:** Immokalee Regional Airport (IMM)

**City:** Immokalee, Florida

**County:** Collier

**Owner:** Collier County Airport Authority

**Role:** General Aviation Airport



Located in Collier County, Immokalee Regional Airport serves the needs of air cargo and general aviation. With its two intersecting runways, both of which are 5,000 feet long, the airport can accommodate most types of general aviation aircraft, including smaller business jets. The airport's terminal is ideal for serving local users as well as those visiting the area.



## Existing Facilities

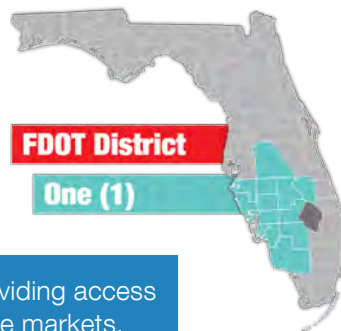
Immokalee Regional Airport features two asphalt runways: runway 9/27 and runway 18/36. Runway 9/27 measures 5,000 feet long by 150 feet wide with pavement in good condition, while runway 18/36 measures 4,550 feet long by 150 feet wide with pavement in fair condition. Both runways are equipped with medium intensity edge lights, runway end identifier lights, precision approach path indicator lights, full length paved parallel taxiways, and RNAV GPS instrument approaches. Additionally, runway 18 is equipped with a VOR instrument approach. The airport's fixed base operator, run by the Collier County Airport Authority, is located in small building adjacent to the 180,000-square foot apron area on the southern edge of the airport. The airport also includes a 20,000-gallon fuel farm with 100LL Avgas and Jet A fuel, as well as four conventional hangars, 30 T-hangars, and multiple aircraft tie-spaces. The former crosswind runway at the airport, runway 4/22, was closed in 1998 and has since been converted into the Immokalee Regional Raceway.

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

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-e/airport-authority/immokalee-regional-airport>



## Airport Classification



Local airports serve communities by providing access to primarily intrastate and some interstate markets. There are 1,278 Local Asset airports nationwide and 29 within Florida, including Immokalee Regional Airport. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at [https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\\_capacity/ga\\_study/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/).





## Community Service



Immokalee Regional Airport primarily serves the general aviation needs of the local community. Aviation activity at the airport is usually related to recreational and sport flying, business operations, and flight training. The majority of the operations at the airport are local in origin, however flight training operations tend to originate from schools at other airports who fly to Immokalee on training flights. The airport is an important public utility for the city of Immokalee and Collier County, with Collier County Mosquito Control, the Collier County Sheriff, Collier County Parks and Recreation, and the Immokalee Water & Sewer District all maintaining facilities at the airport.

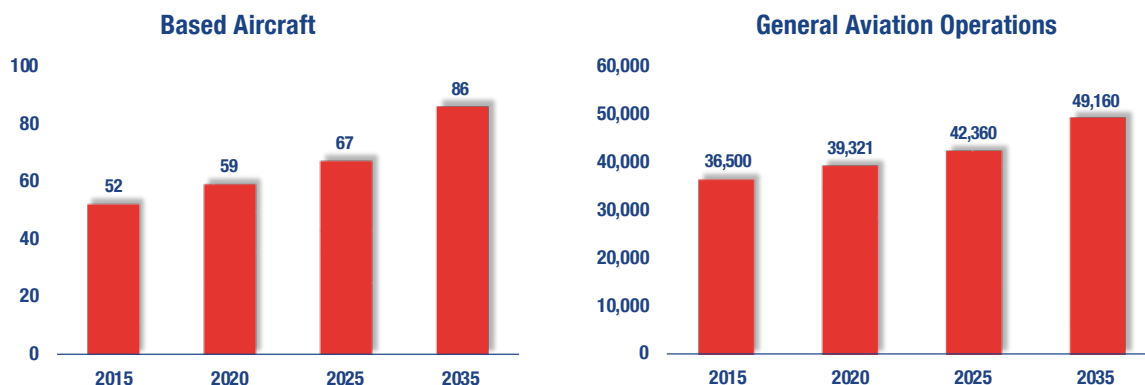
The airport has plentiful land with few future development restrictions, which has led local officials to seek commercial and industrial development on property. The on-airport industrial park is home to numerous manufacturing companies and a jet turbine testing facility. To encourage this, a Foreign Trade Zone has been established at the airport. Also, the airport is located within a Florida Rural Enterprise Zone and HUB Empowerment Zone, two state programs that offer tax incentives for businesses in support of areas that experience high unemployment or other economic disadvantages. The airport is also an important facility for crop spraying in support of the surrounding citrus industry, with seven Air Tractor 802 crop

spraying aircraft based at Immokalee Regional Airport.



## Current and Forecast Demand

According to 2014 Florida Aviation System Plan data, in 2014 there were 60 aircraft based at Immokalee Regional Airport. During the same time period, there were 36,500 general aviation operations at the airport. There were no commercial operations. For the 12-month period ending on October 25, 2016, 81 percent of operations were local general aviation, while the remaining 19 percent were transient general aviation. The current Airport Reference Code for Immokalee Regional Airport is B-II.

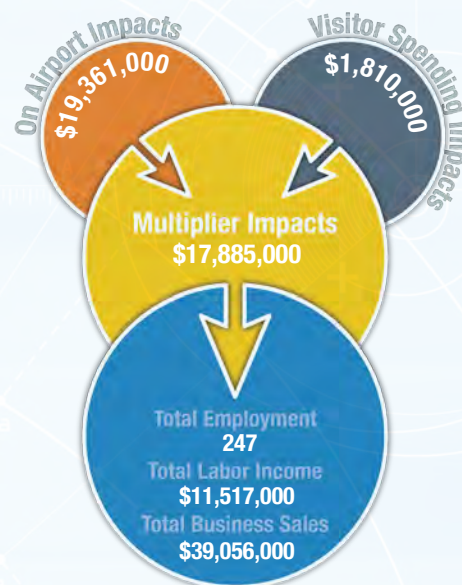




# Economic Impact

Immokalee Regional Airport is in Collier County, approximately 35 miles northeast of Naples and 110 miles northwest of Miami. This airport is thus in an ideal location to provide great business advantages. The airport and has two intersecting runways that are both 5,000 feet. The airport serves the general aviation needs of the region by accommodating most types of general aircraft including smaller business jets.

The airport primarily supports agricultural spraying, recreational flying, and business activity. Local flight instructors frequently use the airport to provide transient flight training activities. The airport also offers an ideal location for first responders staging. The airport is surrounded by orange groves, which help make agricultural spraying the biggest business at the airport. The airport is engaged in the local community and hosts International Hot Rod Association (IHRA) sanctioned weekend drag racing, with the largest race attracting over 250 participants. There is an onsite industrial park at the airport with numerous manufacturing-related businesses, which help contribute to the airport's economic impact.



## Other Airport Characteristics

In 2014, a major runway and taxiway reconstruction project was completed that separated the formerly co-located runway 18 and 9 thresholds and rehabilitated the runway surfaces. Various other safety, drainage, and electrical improvements were also completed during this time.

## Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airport provides Flight Training, Tourism (CA), Business/Recreational and Recreational/Sport services through flight training, sky diving, and agricultural spraying operations. The airport would like to serve additional flight training needs, but not recreational aviation. It would like to become an air cargo center, but as the analysis shows, the facilities are inadequate, primarily because of the runway length. The analysis shows that the airport is only marginally suitable for Flight Training. It is better suited for Business/Recreational, Recreational/Sport, and Tourism (CA).

### General Aviation Airport Role



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