

# LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL



# LAL

**Airport:** Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL)

**City:** Lakeland, Florida

**County:** Polk

**Sponsor:** City of Lakeland

**Role:** General Aviation Reliever (National)

**CFASPP Region:** Central ([cfaspp.com](http://cfaspp.com))

**FDOT District:** 1

**Website:** [Lakeland Intl.](http://Lakeland Intl.)

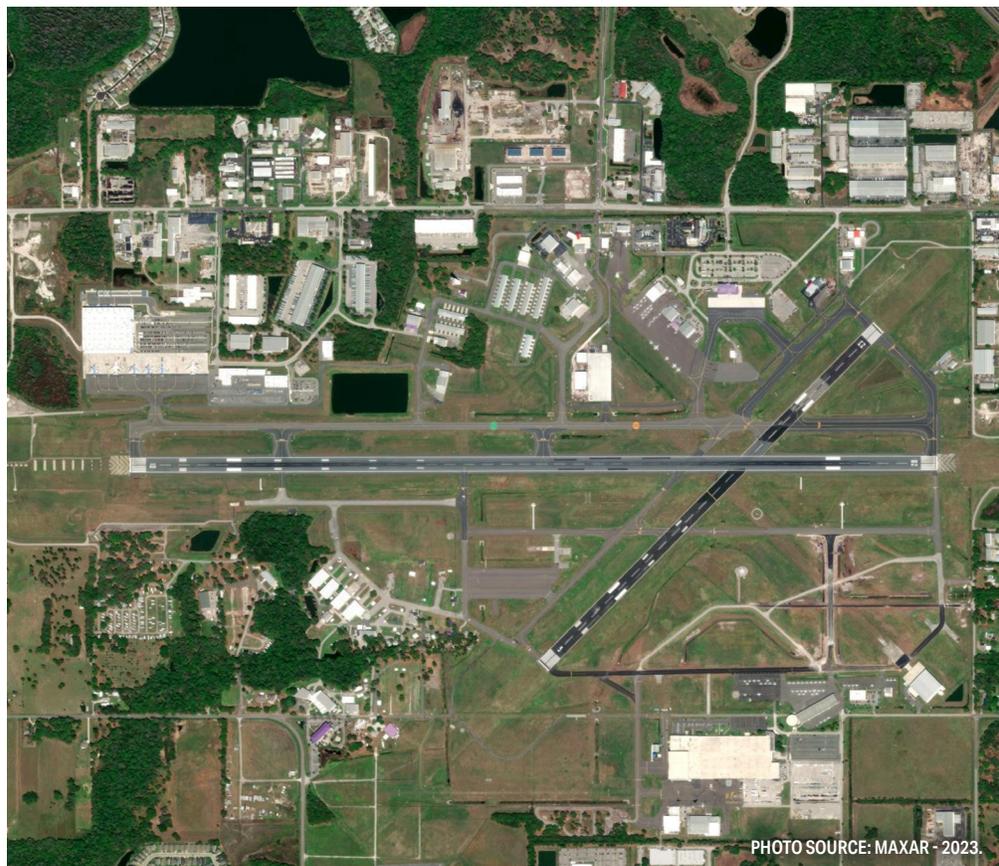
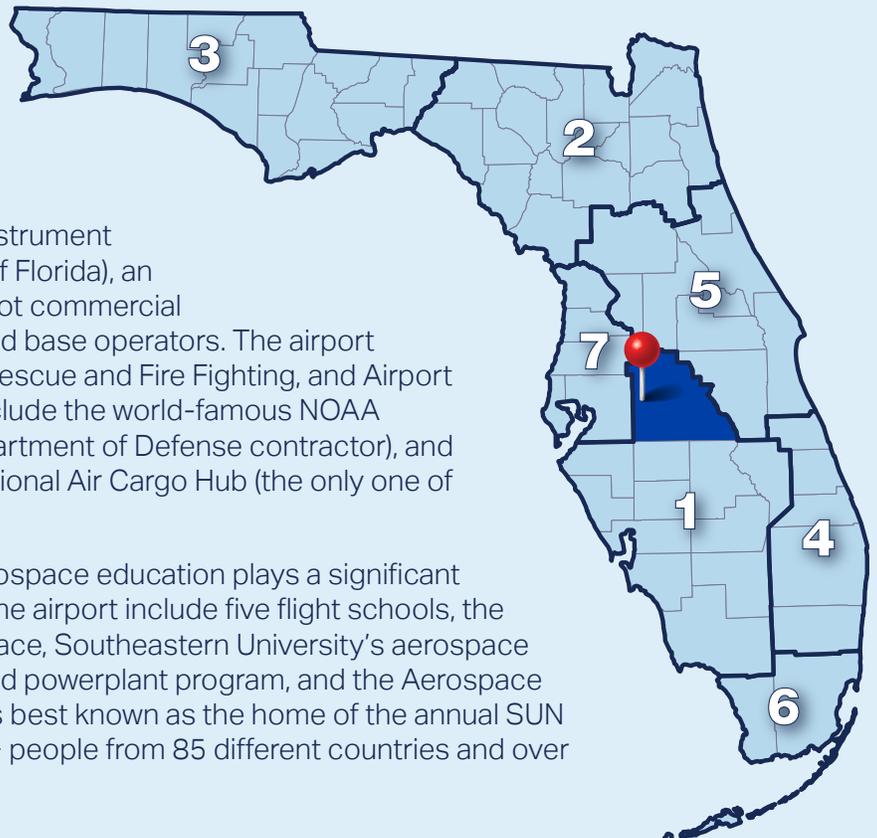


PHOTO SOURCE: MAXAR - 2023.

Lakeland Linder International Airport (LAL) is located in the heart of Florida along the I-4 corridor midway between Tampa and Orlando with easy access to I-4 via the Polk Parkway.

The airport's infrastructure includes a CAT III Instrument Landing System (one of only four in the State of Florida), an 8,500' long primary runway, a 30,000 square foot commercial terminal for passenger operations, and two fixed base operators. The airport provides 24/7/365 Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, and Airport Operations Staff coverage. Notable tenants include the world-famous NOAA Hurricane Hunters, Draken International (a Department of Defense contractor), and most recently the addition of Amazon Air's Regional Air Cargo Hub (the only one of its kind in the southeast).

In addition to its various tenants and users, aerospace education plays a significant role in LAL's success. Educational facilities at the airport include five flight schools, the Florida Air Museum, Polk State College Aerospace, Southeastern University's aerospace program, Travis Technical College's airframe and powerplant program, and the Aerospace Center for Excellence. However, LAL is perhaps best known as the home of the annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo which draws 150,000+ people from 85 different countries and over 2,000 aircraft to LAL each spring.



## ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$1.4B**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)



**\$698M**  
VALUE ADDED



**\$410M**  
PAYROLL



**8,332**  
JOBS



Source: Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study.

## GENERAL AVIATION ROLES



FLIGHT TRAINING



CORPORATE



TOURISM



RECREATIONAL / SPORT



BUSINESS / RECREATIONAL

## COMMERCIAL AVIATION ROLES



AIR CARGO



TOURISM



BUSINESS

Source: FASP 2043 Update.

For more information on airport roles, please refer to the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).



## ACTIVITY FORECASTS

### OPERATIONS

**192,186**

2043

**138,103**

2023

### BASED AIRCRAFT

**376**

2043

**298**

2023



Source: FASP 2043 Update.

## AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

**1** Hosts the Annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo

**2** Tenants Include NOAA's Hurricane Hunters & Amazon

**3** Supports Aerospace Education with 5 Flight Schools

## RUNWAY INFORMATION (3)

Runway 10-28: 8,500' x 150'  
Runway 5-23: 5,000' x 150'

Turf Runway 8-26: 2,208' x 60'



### Overview of the FASP 2043 Update:

Per Florida statute, the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) is periodically updated to summarize the airport and aviation needs in Florida while remaining consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP). The FASP 2043 Update focuses on reviewing the applicability of the various goals, objectives, and performance measures to support two primary goals: 1) provide for more efficiency in decision making within FDOT to support funding and development decisions, and 2) provide airports within the system with recommendations for development that support their individual missions while contributing to the overall strength and health of the Florida airport system.



**2043 FASP**

FLORIDA AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN



FASP 2043 Update