

AOPA's 2006 Aviation Fact Card

Current as of February 2006

U.S. Airports 2003/2004			Activity Estimates 2004				
	Total	%		Total	%		
Aircraft Landing Facilities	19,842	100%	Hours Flown (Millions)	47.6	100%		
Airports	13,817	70%	General Aviation	28.1	59%		
Heliports	5,436	27%	Air Carrier ¹	19.5	41%		
STOLports	88	0%	Miles Flown (Millions)	NA	NA		
Seaplane bases	501	3%	General Aviation	NA	NA		
Publicly owned	5,130	26%	Air Carrier ²	8192.0	NA		
Privately owned	14,715	74%	Departures (Millions)	54.2	100%		
Public use	5,288	27%	General Aviation ³	43.7	81%		
Private use	14,532	73%	Air Carrier ²	11.2	21%		
Airline served (2003) ¹	633	3%	Passengers (Millions)	646.1	100%		
Regionally served (2004) ²	748	4%	General Aviation ⁴	109.2	17%		
Longest runway	19,842	100%	Air Carrier ⁵	536.9	83%		
Less than 3,000 ft	13,726	69%	Fuel Consumed (Millions of Gallons) ⁶	20,632	100%		
Between 3,000 ft and 5,999 ft	5,045	25%	General Aviation	1,201	6%		
Between 6,000 ft and 9,999 ft	802	4%	Air Carrier	19,431	94%		
10,000 ft or more	269	1%	Avgas	315	2%		
Landing facilities abandoned	127	100%	Jet Fuel	20,317	98%		
Public use	10	8%	Source:				
Private use	117	92%	NTSB, FAA				
Source:			Notes:				
FAA			1- Includes US Scheduled and Unscheduled Part 121 and Part 135 operators				
Regional Airline Association			2- Includes US Scheduled and Unscheduled Part 121 and Scheduled Part 135 operators				
Notes:			3- Departures estimated through FAA GA Landing figures				
1-Certificated airports serve Air Carrier Operations with aircraft seating more than than 30 passengers (FAR Part 139)			4- GA Passengers estimated at 2.5 per GA operator				
2-Total airports receiving scheduled service (as per RAA)			5- Includes U.S. Scheduled Part 121 operators only				
			6- Estimate				
Ten Busiest Airports (FY) 2005			Transportation Fatalities 2004				
Airport	Total Operations	GA Operations	%	Total Transportation Fatalities	44,870	100%	
Atlanta Int'l	984,390	11,030		Highway	42636	95%	
Chicago O'Hare Int'l	980,372	25,312		Aviation	651	1%	
Dallas Fort Worth Int'l	739,517	8,520		Marine	757	2%	
Los Angeles International	653,534	14,297		Railroads	802	2%	
Las Vegas/McCarran Int'l	605,493	67,612		Other	24	0%	
Washington Dulles	588,712	75,118		U.S. Civil Aviation Accident Data 2005 (Preliminary Statistics)			
Denver International	566,036	9,592		Total Accidents	1,708	100%	
Phoenix Sky Harbor Int'l	559,887	40,945		General aviation	1,669	97.7%	
Houston/Bush Intercont'l	552,353	17,124		Air Carrier ¹	39	2.3%	
Minneapolis St. Paul Int'l	543,784	32,304		Total Fatal Accidents	324	100%	
Source:				General aviation	321	99.1%	
FAA				Air Carrier ¹	3	0.9%	
Aeronautical Facilities 2005			Total Fatalities			584	100%
Air Route Traffic Control Centers (ARTCC)	24			General aviation	562	96.2%	
Air Traffic Control Towers (ATC)	693			Air Carrier ¹	22	3.8%	
FAA Towers (estimate)	503				Total Accidents	Fatal Accidents	
Military Towers (estimate)	164			Rate per 100,000 hours flown ²	4.04	0.81	
Non-Federal Towers (estimate)	26			General aviation	6.83	1.36	
Radar Approach Control Facilities (RACF)	226			Air Carrier ¹	0.20	0.11	
Instrument Landing Facilities (ILS)	1490			Rate per 100,000 departures ³	3.44	1.28	
Partial ILS	284			General aviation	0.00	0.80	
Localized Directional Aid	28			Air Carrier ¹	0.35	0.21	
Microwave Landing System (MLS)	0			Source:			
Simplified Directional Facility (SDF)	20			NTSB, FAA			
Non-Federal	194			Notes:			
Military	57			All data are preliminary			
VOR, VOR/DME, VORTEC Facilities	1111			1- Includes US Scheduled and Unscheduled Part 121 and Part 135 operators			
Non-Directional Beacons (NDB)	1613			2-Based on NTSB estimated data (25.8 million hours flown by GA operators and 20.4 million hours flown by the Part 121 scheduled/nonscheduled and Part 135 scheduled/nonscheduled airlines)			
Direction Finder Service	47			3-Based on FAA data (43.7 million GA departures) and NTSB estimated data (10.5 million departures by Part 121 scheduled/nonscheduled and Part 135 scheduled air carriers)			
Flight Service Station (FSS)	80						
Automated Flight Service Station (AFSS)	61						
International Flight Service Station (IFSS)	3						
Source:							
FAA Air Traffic Factbook							