Economic Impact of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport is an economic driver for the Cincinnati Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). In spite of global economic setbacks, CVG activity supported in 2015 more than 13,500 direct jobs and more than 31,100 total jobs within the Cincinnati MSA, more than $625 million in direct labor income and more than $1.3 billion in total labor income, and nearly $1.3 billion in direct output and more than $4.4 billion in total output in the Cincinnati MSA.

CVG functions as the largest airport in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area and is the 8th largest cargo airport by tonnage. In addition to serving the MSA as a hub for passenger air transportation and air cargo shipping, CVG contributes to the regional economy through its operations and the operations of supporting industries.

**Overview of CVG**

**Largest airport** in the Greater Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky area  
**6.3 million** total passengers in 2015  
**8th largest** cargo airport by tonnage

**ESTIMATED INCOME TAX REVENUES FOR KENTUCKY AND OHIO**  
**KY** *$21,485,827*  
**OH**  
*includes wages paid to Kenton County Airport Board staff

**EARNINGS BY WORKERS AT CVG BY STATE**  
**KY** *$318,294,945*  
**OH**  
*$176,464,602*
Airport Operations

$858 million in direct output
8,564 direct jobs
$499 million in direct labor income

$3.62 billion in total output
22,910 total jobs
$1.06 billion total direct labor income

Visitors generated nearly $25 million in direct sales tax revenue in 2015.

Construction

$25 million in direct output
200 direct jobs
$9.9 million in direct labor income

$51.7 million in total output
401 total jobs
$17.4 million total labor income

CVG is one of DHL’s top three largest global hubs.

Visitor Spending

$374 million in direct output
4,744 direct jobs
$116 million in direct labor income

$741 million in total output
7,832 total jobs
$229 million total direct labor income

In 2015, average spending was $150 per leisure visitor and $477 per business visitor.

Total Impact

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CVG will experience its third consecutive year of growth in total enplanements in 2016.
To help communicate CVG’s role in the regional economy, the Economics Center at University of Cincinnati, in conjunction with the Center for Economic Analysis and Development at Northern Kentucky University, estimated the economic impacts of CVG both on the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area as a whole and on the Ohio and Northern Kentucky sub-regions. This study considered the distinct roles of operations, including passenger and cargo traffic, and of visitors from outside the region in CVG’s economic impact. The impacts of CVG construction, were estimated using capital investment receipts and employee specific wages. Additionally, this study contains estimates of fiscal impacts, or tax revenues, accruing to local governments as a result of CVG’s economic activity.

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