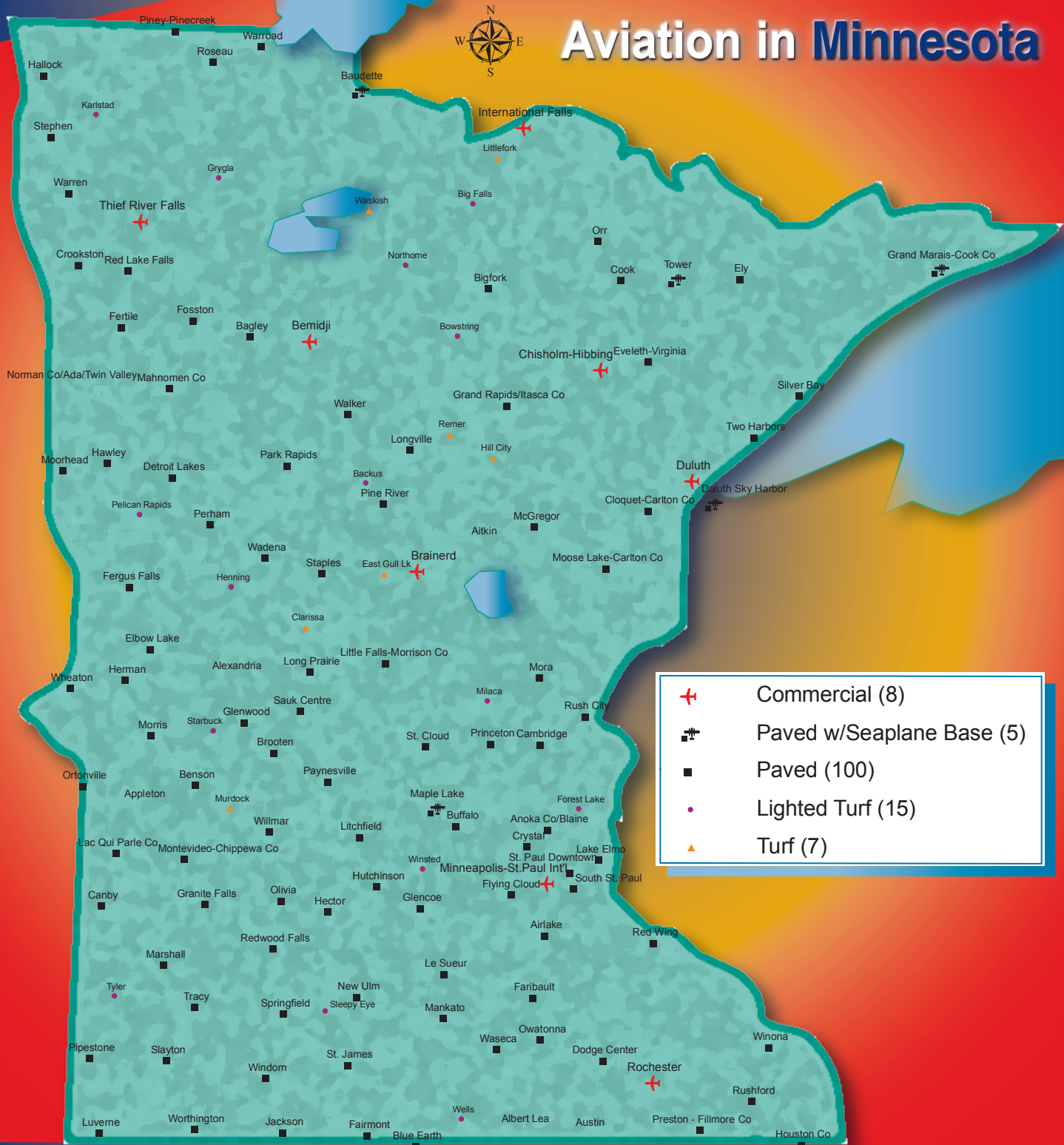


Aviation in Minnesota



Aviation is an important part

of the transportation system in Minnesota. It consists of 3 distinct parts: general aviation, scheduled air carriers, and military. General aviation makes up the largest part of aviation in any state. Your local airport socially and economically impacts your community in many ways that make it a better place to live. Some common uses of general aviation flying and airports include the following:

BUSINESS

- Transport business people
- Customer visits
- Economic development
- Cargo and package delivery
- Just-in-time parts
- News and traffic information gathering by the media for the public
- Aerial survey for real estate information
- Tourism access
- Power and gas line patrol

MEDICAL

- Aircraft medical transport
- Helicopter transport
- Delivery of medical supplies
- Delivery of blood and organs
- Transport doctors and medical personnel often to remote locations

PUBLIC-USE

- Fire fighting
- Public educational airport visits
- Aviation youth camps
- Fly-Ins and air shows
- Aviation outreach programs
- Weather information for the public

GOVERNMENTS

- Law enforcement
- Search and rescue
- Crime surveillance
- Drug enforcement
- Disaster relief
- Wildlife counts
- Prisoner transport
- Aerial surveying
- Mapping
- Highway construction

AVIATION RELATED

- Air charter service for people and parts
- Flight training
- Aircraft rental sightseeing
- Aircraft maintenance
- Aircraft fueling
- Aircraft sales

PERSONAL USE

- Personal travel
- Recreation
- Providing aircraft flights
- Transporting family and friends
- Humanitarian missions
- Sports and skydiving
- Glider operations

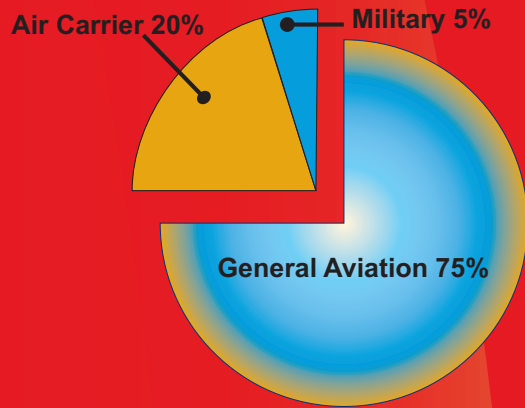
AGRICULTURE

- Spraying and seeding
- Field and crop inspection
- Aerial crop survey
- Transport of equipment parts
- Transport

NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION

- Provide visual reference from air
- Emergency landing sites
- Ground based navigational information
- Communication with air traffic control and airport based personnel
- Weather information for pilots





General aviation is the largest part of the industry.

AVIATION MAKES GOOD BUSINESS CENTS!

Corporate aircraft are important business tools that help companies grow, thrive, expand, and create jobs in our communities. Using their own aircraft, a company can accomplish in one 8-hour day what could otherwise take several people three or four 12-hour days to accomplish using the airlines. The employees are home at night and come to work the next day rested and refreshed. In addition, the aircraft is an office where business can be conducted during the entire flight. There are over 5,100 general aviation airports nationwide where general aviation aircraft can land to conduct business. There are only 500 airports nationwide that have air carrier service. Seventy percent of all airline flights go through only 30 airports.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MINNESOTA'S AIRPORTS?

Airports provide jobs and bring money to your communities. Minnesota's airports contributed more than \$12.1 billion to the state's economy in 2009, while providing nearly 165,000 jobs that produced more than \$6.4 billion in labor income. It is important to note that Minnesota's small and medium airports alone brought more than \$433 million to the state's economy and provided nearly 4,000 jobs that produced approximately \$184 million in labor income!*

* June 2010 Airports Economic Impact study, by the University of Minnesota

THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

has an Aeronautics office that insures the safety of the state's aviation system. Just like the highway department works to keep the roads and highways safe, the Aeronautics office works with the aviation community to make the aviation system safe. The Aeronautics office helps airports keep runways and taxiways paved and markings painted, lights to identify the runways and taxiways, navigation equipment so that pilots can fly from one airport to another, weather information for flying, maintenance equipment to plow snow and mow grass around runways, and promote aviation so that we continue to have an influx of qualified people to keep our state's aviation system successful and thriving.

HOW IS THE AVIATION SYSTEM FUNDED?

The Aeronautics Office is funded from aviation user fees to provide services and support to the Minnesota aviation system. The aviation user fees are generated from:

- aviation gasoline and jet fuel tax
- aircraft registration
- airflight property tax (which is a tax paid by airlines in lieu of other taxes on their flight property such as aircraft and aircraft parts).



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