



What Aviation Means to Our Economy

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- Great things happening at Rutherford County Airport
- *North Carolina: The State of Aviation 2023*
- Economic Impacts of the Rutherford Airport
- Q&A

Supporting the Community and the Economy

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- Aerial agricultural applications
- Aerial firefighting
- Aerial ambulance
- Air Taxi / Passengers on-demand
- Air tours
- Business / corporate use
- Disaster relief
- Drug enforcement
- Flight instructions
- Overnight packages
- Personal / Recreation
- Power line inspections
- Search and rescue
- Traffic advisory
- Transporting human organs
- Weather observations
- Wildlife management
- North Carolina Forest Service

Rutherford County Airport Infrastructure Development Projects

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- Hangar Development
- SPAM (airfield maint.) Project to Repaint White Runway Marking w/Black Outlines
- Airfield Lighting Project (Fully approved and funded and moving forward)
- Eastside Development - Phase 1 (Design/Bid) Preparing for future Development
- Terminal Conceptual Design Project (Seeking funding through aviation grants)



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North Carolina:
First in Flight

N.C. Airports Annual Economic Impacts

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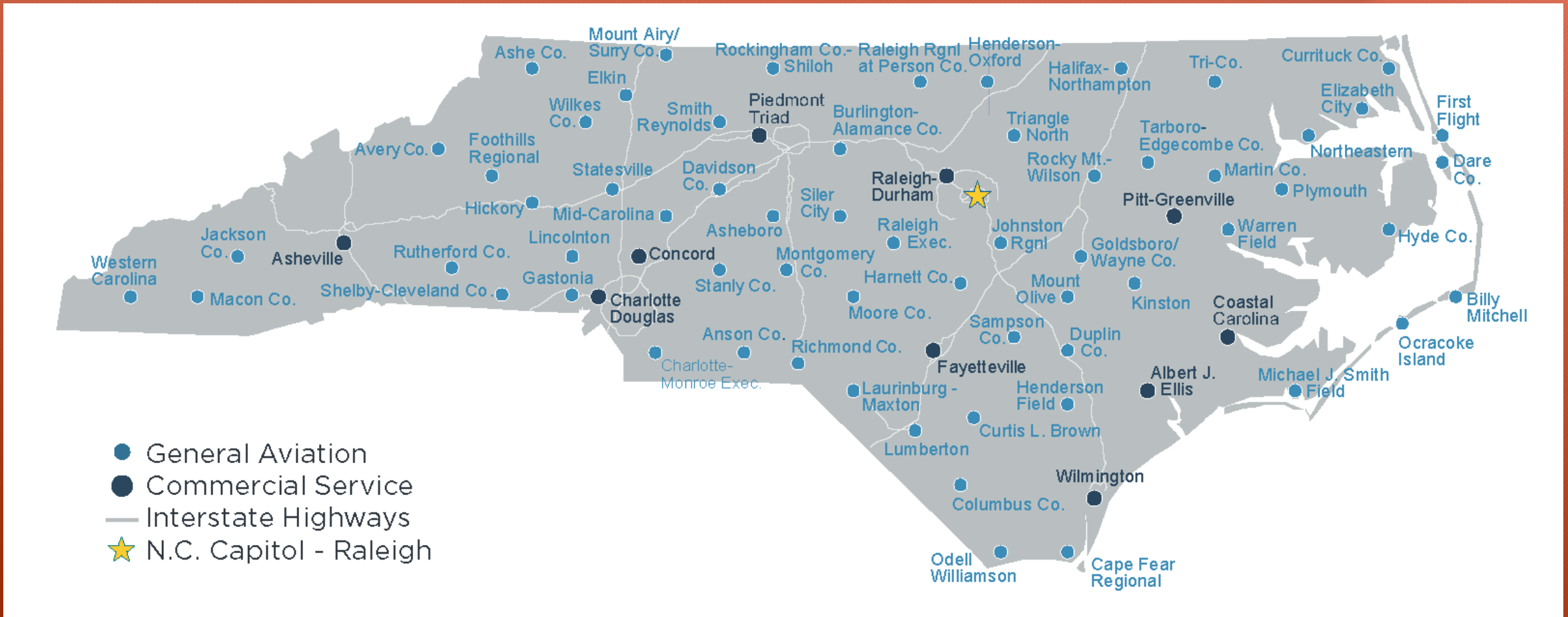


Based on 2019 airport data

NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC AIRPORTS

72 Airports | 10 Commercial Service | 62 General Aviation
94% of N.C.'s population lives within a 30-minute drive of a public airport

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Aviation Activity at N.C. Airports

- **Passenger Service**
 - 60 million annual passenger boardings
 - 17 commercial airlines
 - 15,000 airline jobs
 - \$78,700 average annual salaries
- **Cargo Service**
 - 1.3 billion tons of cargo moved in 2021 - more than ever before
 - 13 major cargo companies
 - \$51,324 average wages



Airports Support Industries

- 10 rental car companies, contributing \$74 million in tax revenues annually
- 4,000 based aircraft, contributing \$5.6 million in aircraft tax revenues annually
- 523 million gallons of aviation fuel sold, contributing \$10.7 million in tax revenues annually



Aerospace Manufacturing

- 200+ aerospace companies
- 400+ aerospace supply chain companies
- 5,600 jobs
- \$99,944 average salaries



Aircraft Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul

- 174 companies
- 8,000 jobs
- \$68,120 average wages
- North Carolina ranks 6th highest in the nation in MRO employment



Military Aviation

- 8 military bases
- 156,000 employees
- 18,000 trained veterans exit service annually



Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS, or Drones)

- 240 UAS companies
- N.C. leading the way in drone medical delivery, backyard food delivery, transportation infrastructure inspection



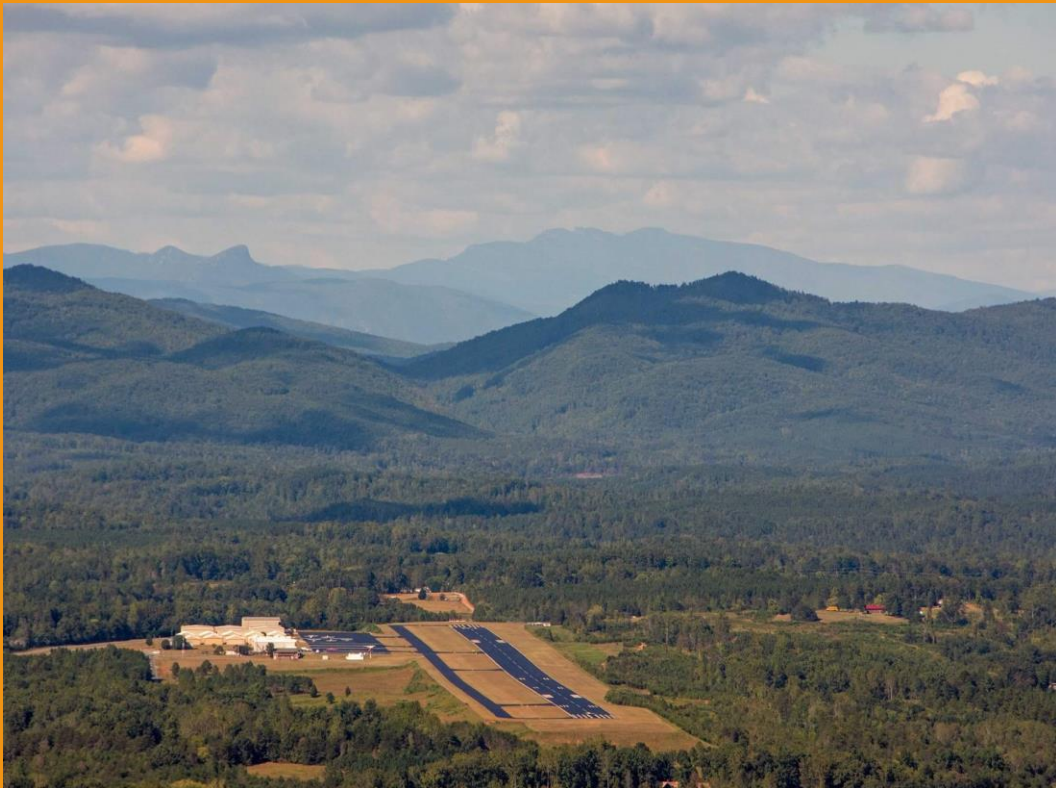
Aviation Education

- 20,500 STEM post-secondary graduates annually
- 4 universities with BS+ in aviation-related fields
- 7 community colleges/ 1 private college with associate degrees, diplomas, certificates
- 28 community colleges with aviation workforce content



Annual Economic Impacts of local aviation related businesses and the Rutherford County Airport

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- \$13,010,000 economic output
- 65 jobs
- \$4,350,000 personal income of workers in those jobs
- \$438,000 state and local tax revenues

Your airport connects people and goods to global markets, driving economic growth

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Questions?

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Thank you for your support of aviation in North Carolina
and at our local Rutherford County Airport!

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Thank you!