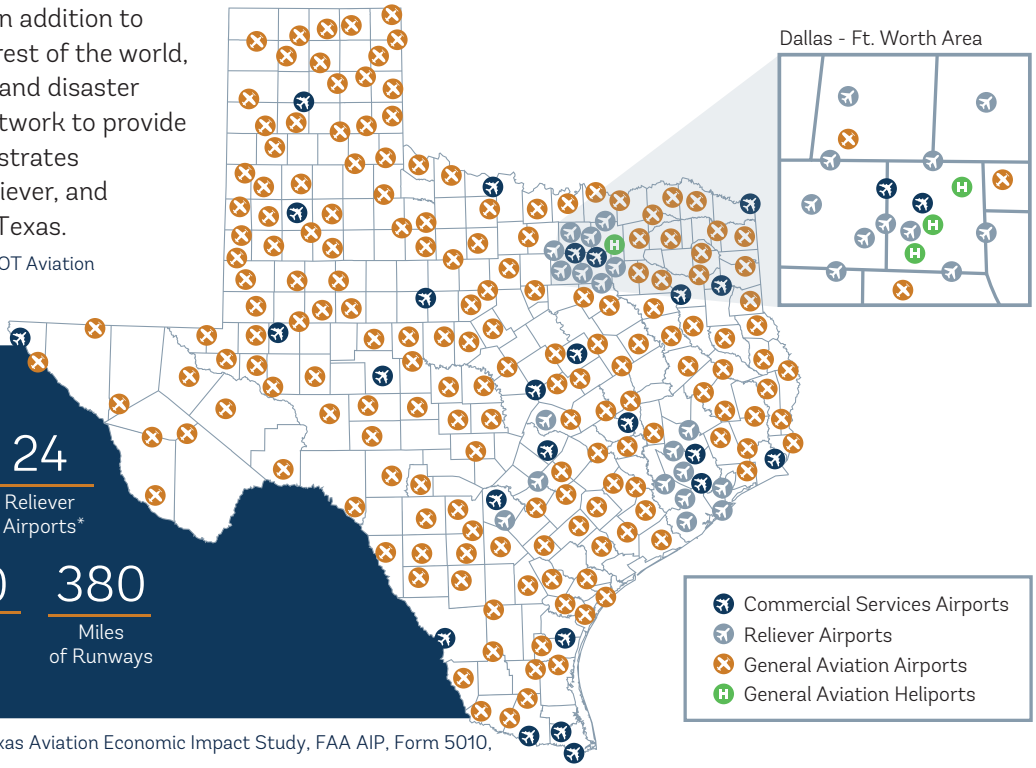
TEXAS TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2050

Aviation

Texas has a vast aviation network that transports people and goods.

In a state as big as Texas, airports are necessary to connect people with services and goods. In addition to connecting Texans to each other and the rest of the world, Emergency Medical Services, evacuation, and disaster relief depend on the extensive aviation network to provide vital services. The accompanying map illustrates the distribution of commercial service, reliever, and general aviation airports and heliports in Texas.

Source: 2018 Texas Airport Economic Impact Study, TxDOT Aviation



Texas Airport Quick Facts

25 Commercial Airports	23 Military Airfields	56 Public Heliports	24 Reliever Airports*
264 General Aviation Airports	52,014 Licensed Pilots	12,100 Based Aircraft	380 Miles of Runways

Sources: FAA NPIAS, Office of Governor Gregg Abbot, 2018 Texas Aviation Economic Impact Study, FAA AIP, Form 5010, 2016 Aviation Division Annual Report

*Reliever airports help reduce congestion at commercial service airports in urban areas.

Percentage of Airport Categories in Texas

General Aviation	72%	Commercial Service	7%
Heliport	15%	Military	6%

Sources: 2018 Texas Aviation Economic Impact Study, FAA AIP, Form 5010

The 2018 Texas Airport Economic Impact Study details the economic contributions of all 289 commercial and general aviation airports in the Texas Airport System. Results showed the annual direct and multiplier (indirect) impact of Texas airports in terms of employment, payroll, and output.

Impact Type	Employment	Payroll	Output
Direct	490,404	$17.5B	$49.2B
Multiplier	288,551	$12.6B	$45.1B
Total	778,955	$30.1B	$94.3B

Source: 2018 Texas Airport Economic Impact Study, TxDOT Aviation

Looking Ahead

Advances in technology such as self-driving cars and drone delivery may change the landscape of aviation over the next 30 years. Making informed investments in technological advancement will help Texas stay ahead of the curve.