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***Role of Airports in the Economy
of Allegheny County***

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The **airport industry** is an important part of the history and economy of Allegheny County in Pennsylvania. The industry creates jobs and compensation for workers throughout this county and influences tax revenues in the county.

The impact of jobs in the airport industry in Allegheny County:

- *For every 100 jobs* — Due to the need to supply the airport industry, other industries in Allegheny County employ an additional 44 workers. Spending of income earned by airport employees and by workers in Allegheny County industries that supply airports on such items as housing, food, health care, and other retail goods and services creates an additional 77 jobs in Allegheny County. In short, every 100 jobs in the Allegheny County airport industry are associated with 221 total jobs in the County.
- *For every 100 jobs* — The airport industry generates \$9.6 million compensation (wages, pensions, income of proprietors) for its own Allegheny County employees and \$2.0 million compensation for employees whose jobs are created because their Allegheny County firms supply the airport industry in the County. Spending of income by airport industry employees and workers in supplying industries generates an additional \$2.6 million compensation for other Allegheny County workers. In this way, the airport industry is responsible for generating \$14.2 million annual compensation for every 100 airport industry workers employed in Allegheny County.
- *For every 100 jobs* — Business activity by the airport industry, the industry's impact on Allegheny County industries that supply it, and the effect of spending by workers employed in the airport industry and its supplying industries generate \$832,000 in property taxes that are paid annually by businesses and individuals in Allegheny County to local governments.

This Brief contains an analysis of activity of establishments primarily engaged in the airport industry in North American Industry Classification System codes 481, 487, 488 and 5615 and does not include the economic impact of retail trade conducted in the airport terminal. Information provided in this Economic & Workforce Brief was calculated using IMPLAN, a macroeconomic model applied by Penn State's Office of Economic and Workforce Development to identify the impact of economic activity on Pennsylvania and its counties. For more information, contact Rose M. Baker (rmb194@psu.edu; 814.865.9919) or David L. Passmore (dlp+irttd@psu.edu; 814.863.2583). Dollar values are expressed as year 2006 dollars.