

Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF)

Fact Sheet



AATF History

- Created by the Airport and Airway Development and Revenue Act of 1970 to finance aviation programs
 - Revenues are derived from aviation-related excise taxes on passengers, cargo, and fuel
 - Provides funding for capital improvements to the U.S. airport and airways system
- Provides the majority of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration
 - 71.5% in FY 2013
 - 80.1% in FY 2014
 - 92.8% in FY 2015
 - 87.8% in FY 2016



AATF Funds these accounts

- **FAA accounts:**
 - Grants-in-Aid for Airports
 - Facilities and Equipment
 - Research, Engineering, and Development
 - Operations (partly supported by the AATF with the rest of budgetary resources coming from the General Fund)
- **Department of Transportation accounts:**
 - Essential Air Services (EAS) program

The General Fund can also contribute to Facilities & Equipment and Airports accounts. For example, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided General Fund contributions to these accounts.

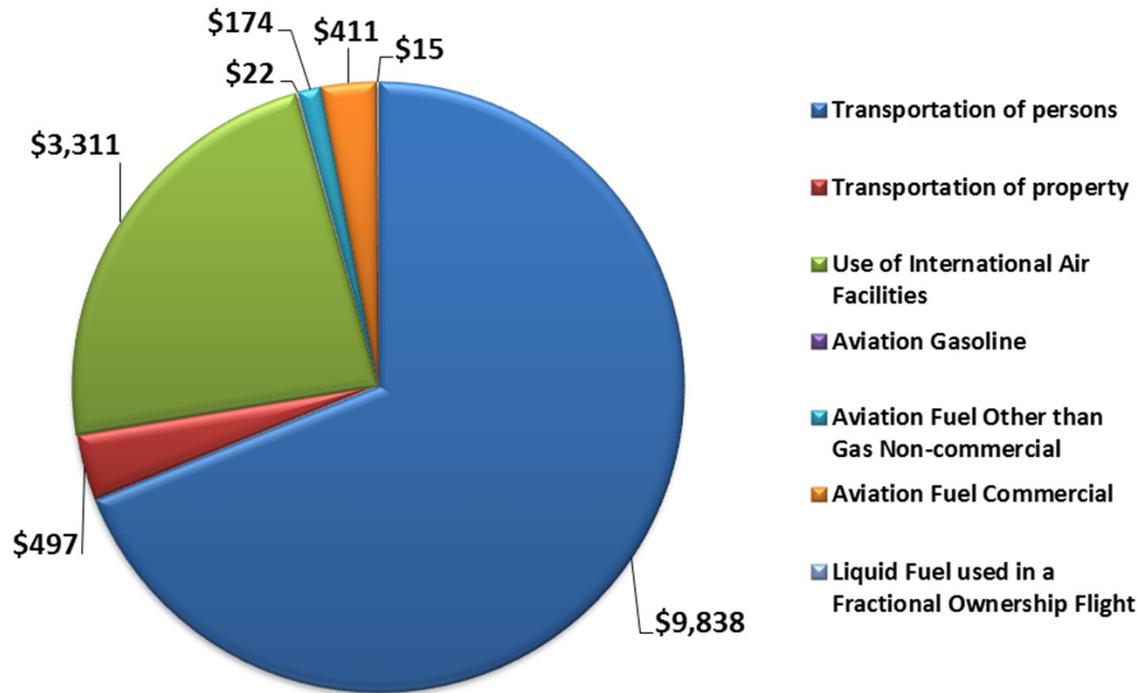
Trust Fund Excise Taxes Structure

Trust Fund Excise Tax Revenue Sources	Rates effective as of January 1, 2016
Domestic passenger ticket tax	7.5 percent
Domestic flight segment tax (excluding flights to or from rural airports)	\$4.00 per passenger per segment; indexed to the Consumer Price Index
Tax on flights between the continental United States and Alaska or Hawaii (or between Alaska and Hawaii)	\$8.90 per passenger; indexed to the Consumer Price Index
International arrival and departure tax	\$17.80 per passenger; indexed to the Consumer Price Index
Tax on mileage awards (frequent flyer awards tax)	7.5 percent of value of miles
Domestic commercial fuel tax	4.3 cents per gallon
Domestic general aviation gasoline tax	19.3 cents per gallon
Domestic general aviation jet fuel tax	21.8 cents per gallon Note: Effective after March 31, 2012 a 14.1 cents per gallon surcharge for fuel used in fractional ownership flights
Tax on domestic cargo or mail	6.25 percent on the price paid for transportation of domestic cargo or mail



AATF FY 2015 Excise Tax Revenues

(in millions of dollars)



Total excise tax revenues = \$14,268

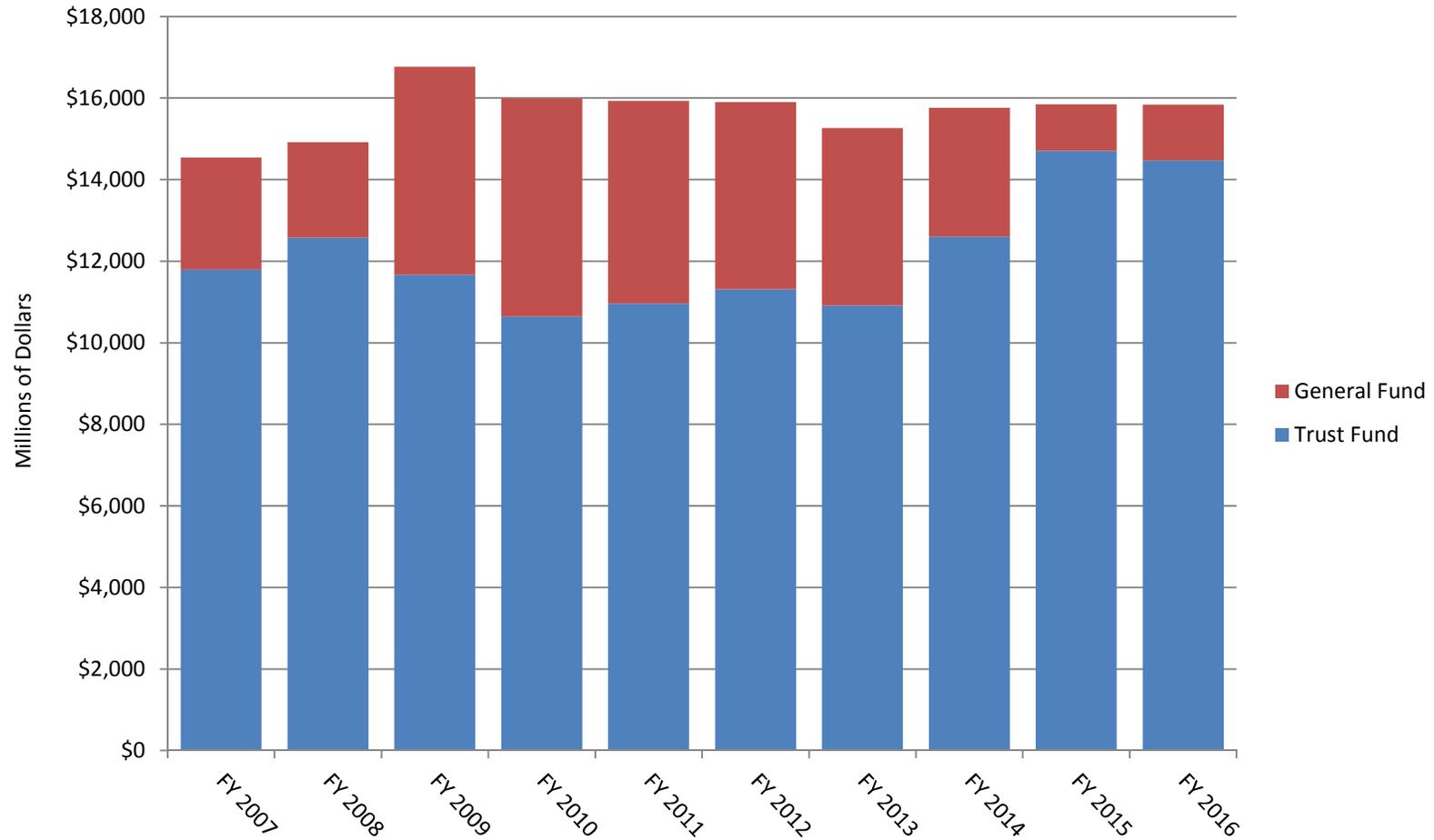
FAA Accounts & AATF Funding (\$ thousands)

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2013 ACTUAL ¹	FY 2014 ACTUAL	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ENACTED	FY 2017 BUDGET REQUEST
Operations	\$9,395,665	\$9,651,422	\$9,740,700	\$9,909,724	\$9,994,352
General	\$4,599,428	\$3,156,214	\$1,145,700	\$1,987,724	\$2,386,352
AATF	\$4,796,237	\$6,495,208	\$8,595,000	\$7,922,000	\$7,608,000
Facilities & Equipment					
AATF	\$2,622,197	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,855,000	\$2,838,000
Research, Engineering & Development					
AATF	\$158,792	\$132,608	\$156,750	\$166,000	\$167,500
Grants in Aid for Airports	\$3,343,300	\$3,480,000	\$3,220,000	\$3,350,000	\$2,900,000
Contract Authority (AATF)	\$3,343,300	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$3,350,000	\$2,900,000
Pop Up Contract Authority (49 USC 48112)		\$130,000	\$130,000		
Rescission			(\$260,000)		
TOTAL:	\$15,519,954	\$15,864,030	\$15,717,450	\$16,280,724	\$15,899,852
[General]	\$4,599,428	\$3,156,214	\$1,145,700	\$1,987,724	\$2,386,352
[AATF]	\$10,920,525	\$12,707,816	\$14,571,750	\$14,293,000	\$13,513,500

¹ Includes sequestration



General Fund/Trust Fund Share of FAA Budget



AATF Tax Revenue Trends

