



## Alaskan Region Aviation Fact Sheet

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Alaska's 663,300 square miles of land and 2,427,971 square miles of airspace are served by:  
3 Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO)      8 FAA and 5 Military Control Towers (ATCT)  
1 Certification Management Office (CMO)      2 Terminal Radar Approach Controls (TRACON)  
1 Aircraft Certification Office (ACO)      1 Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC)  
1 Commercial Spaceport      17 Flight Service Stations (1,406,761 activities)  
151 Aviation Weather Observation System(s): <https://www.weather.gov/aawu/stnlist>

**Aviation Weather Cameras:** <https://weathercams.faa.gov>

232 FAA owned and operated sites in Alaska

31 hosted sites (Continental US), 224 hosted sites (Canada) for a total of 1,027 cameras

**Pilots, Mechanics, & Aircraft:**

Alaska has 9,127 active pilots, 2,735 airframe and power plant mechanics of which 795 have inspection authorizations, and 8,713 registered aircraft.

**Airports:**

Alaska has 761 recorded landing areas (private, public, and military). Of those, 391 are public use airports (283 land-based, 4 heliports, 104 seaplane bases). Of the 391, 252 airports are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airports System, 26 of which are certified under FAR Part 139.

**Airport Improvement:**

In fiscal year 2021, the FAA Alaskan Region distributed \$282 million via 60 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (the largest airport owner/operator in the State) and to other local airport sponsors. Additionally, in fiscal year 2021 the FAA Alaskan Region distributed \$57 million of COVID Relief funding. This funding was utilized by Alaskan airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Since 1982, the AIP has provided approximately \$5.25 billion in Alaska for airport construction, development, and planning.

**Air Commerce**

The number of enplanements (2 million) in Alaska is 2.89 times the state population. Enplanements in the U.S. are only 1.10 times the population. There are 309 certificated air carriers in Alaska providing scheduled and on-demand services.

**Seaplanes:**

Lake Hood seaplane base in Anchorage is the world's largest and busiest and the only one with primary airport status in the U.S. It accommodated 84,000 operations last year.

**Air Traffic Control Tower Operations in (fiscal year) 2021:**

Ted Stevens Anchorage: 290,475	Bethel: 66,180	Kenai: 68,658
Fairbanks: 114,346	King Salmon: 27,267	Juneau: 56,502
Kodiak: 54,923	Merrill Field: 185,511	

**Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):**

BEYOND: operated by University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Pan Pacific Unmanned Aircraft Test Range Complex (PPURTC): operated by UAF

Recreation UAS: 5,369

Part 107 UAS: 2,703

Total UAS in AK: 8,072