

# OKEECHOBEE COUNTY AIRPORT

## OBE



**Airport:** Okeechobee County Airport (OBE)

**City:** Okeechobee, Florida

**County:** Okeechobee

**Sponsor:** Okeechobee County

**Role:** General Aviation (Regional)

**CFASPP Region:** Treasure Coast ([cfaspp.com](https://cfaspp.com))

**FDOT District:** 1

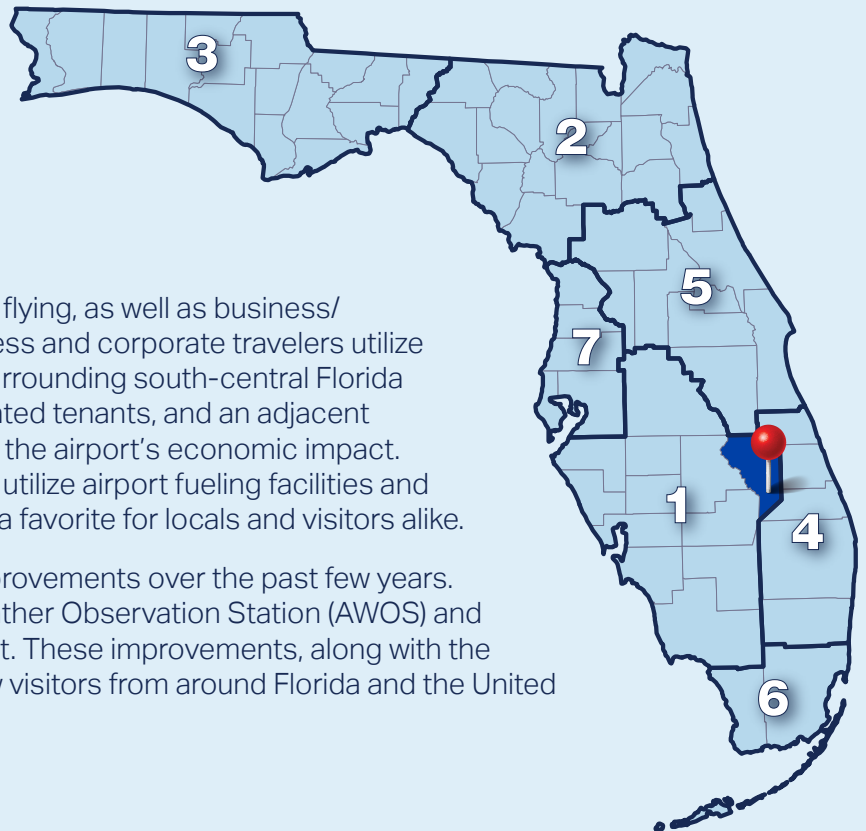
**Website:** [Okeechobee](https://www.okeechobee.com)



Okeechobee County Airport (OBE) is a general aviation (GA) airport located directly northwest of the City of Okeechobee. The airport provides two intersecting paved runways, the longest of which (Runway 5-23) is 5,000 feet long by 100 feet wide.

The airport serves as a hub for recreational GA flying, as well as business/corporate flights and charter air service. Business and corporate travelers utilize OBE to quickly access Okeechobee and the surrounding south-central Florida region. The airport boasts multiple aviation-related tenants, and an adjacent industrial park supports local jobs and bolsters the airport's economic impact. Flying clubs from around Florida fly into OBE to utilize airport fueling facilities and visit the on-site restaurant, which has become a favorite for locals and visitors alike.

The airport has undertaken multiple capital improvements over the past few years. In early 2022, OBE installed an Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) and completed a major runway rehabilitation project. These improvements, along with the airport's numerous amenities, continue to draw visitors from around Florida and the United States.



## ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$153M**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)



**\$73.3M**  
VALUE ADDED



**\$43.1M**  
PAYROLL



**894**  
JOBS

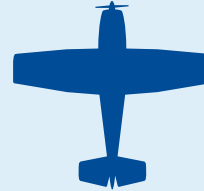


Source: Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study.

## GENERAL AVIATION ROLES



FLIGHT  
TRAINING



RECREATIONAL /  
SPORT



BUSINESS /  
RECREATIONAL

Source: FASP 2043 Update.

For more information on airport roles, please refer to the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).



## ACTIVITY FORECASTS

### OPERATIONS

**71,525**

2043

**51,344**

2023

### BASED AIRCRAFT

**28**

2043

**22**

2023



Source: FASP 2043 Update.

## AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

**1** Adjacent Industrial Park Supporting Local Jobs

**2** Served as an Auxiliary Training Field for the B-17 During World War II

**3** 5,000 Foot Runway to Serve Business and Corporate Travelers

## RUNWAY INFORMATION (2)

Runway 5-23: 5,000' x 100'

Runway 14-32: 4,001' x 75'



### Overview of the FASP 2043 Update:

Per Florida statute, the Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) is periodically updated to summarize the airport and aviation needs in Florida while remaining consistent with the goals of the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP). The FASP 2043 Update focuses on reviewing the applicability of the various goals, objectives, and performance measures to support two primary goals: 1) provide for more efficiency in decision making within FDOT to support funding and development decisions, and 2) provide airports within the system with recommendations for development that support their individual missions while contributing to the overall strength and health of the Florida airport system.

