

# DESTIN-FT. WALTON BEACH AIRPORT

## VPS



**Airport:** Eglin A.F.B / Destin-Ft. Walton Beach Airport (VPS)

**City:** Valparaiso, Florida

**County:** Okaloosa

**Sponsor:** Okaloosa County

**Role:** Primary Commercial Service (Small Hub)

**CFASPP Region:** Northwest ([cfaspp.com](http://cfaspp.com))

**FDOT District:** 3

**Website:** [FlyVPS.com](http://FlyVPS.com)

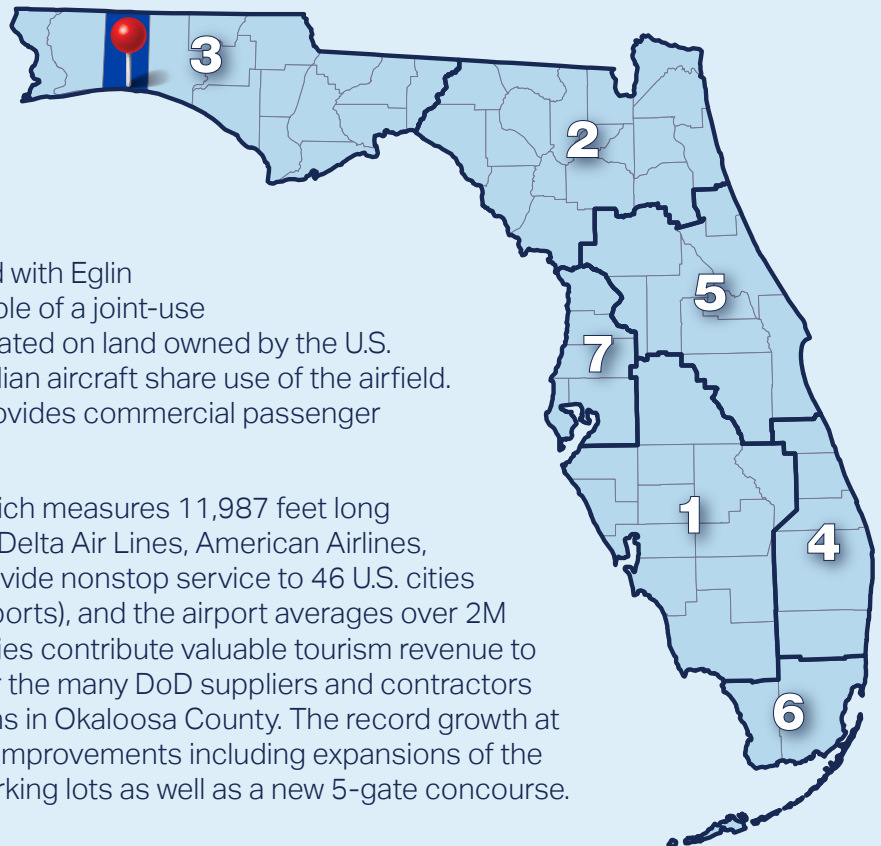


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Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS) is a commercial service civilian/military joint-use airport in Okaloosa County along Florida's Gulf Coast, approximately seven miles north of downtown Fort Walton Beach.

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport is co-located with Eglin Air Force Base and considered a leading example of a joint-use airport. This designation means that VPS is located on land owned by the U.S. Department of Defense, where military and civilian aircraft share use of the airfield. In addition to military operations, the airport provides commercial passenger service for leisure and business travelers.

The airport has two runways, the longest of which measures 11,987 feet long by 300 feet wide (Runway 12-30). Allegiant Air, Delta Air Lines, American Airlines, Southwest, Sun Country, and Avelo Airlines provide nonstop service to 46 U.S. cities from VPS (including flights to 17 Large Hub airports), and the airport averages over 2M passengers annually. These commercial activities contribute valuable tourism revenue to the region and state along with connectivity for the many DoD suppliers and contractors providing service to the four military installations in Okaloosa County. The record growth at VPS has been supported by numerous capital improvements including expansions of the aircraft apron, ticketing, baggage claim, and parking lots as well as a new 5-gate concourse.



## ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$1.6B**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT (OUTPUT)



**\$880M**  
VALUE ADDED



**\$507M**  
PAYROLL



**12,888**  
JOBS

Source: Florida Aviation Economic Impact Study.



## COMMERCIAL AVIATION ROLES



TOURISM



BUSINESS

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

**23,181**

2043

**18,010**

2023

### ENPLANEMENTS

**1,802,696**

2043

**1,089,262**

2023

Source: FASP 2043 Update.



## AIRPORT CHARACTERISTICS

**1** Served by 6 Airlines  
Flying to 46 U.S.  
Cities

**2** Joint Use Civilian/  
Military Airport

**3** Close to Popular  
Beaches & Tourist  
Attractions

## RUNWAY INFORMATION (2)

Runway 12-30: 11,987' x 300'

Runway 2-20: 10,001' x 300'



### 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.

