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Alaskan Region Aviation Fact Sheet

Alaska's 586,412 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)
2 Certificate Management Offices (CMO)	2 Terminal Radar Approach Controls (TRACON)
1 Aircraft Certification Office (ACO)	1 Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC)
147 full time aviation weather reporting stations	17 Flight Service Stations (1.582M activities)
	1 commercial space port

Aviation Weather Cameras: <http://avcams.faa.gov>

230 FAA owned and operated sites with 960 cameras
130 hosted Canadian sites with 430 cameras

Pilots, Mechanics, & Aircraft:

There are 7,853 active pilots, 2,367 airframe and power plant mechanics of which 760 have inspection authorizations, and 9,492 registered aircraft in Alaska.

Airports:

Alaska has 395 public use airports, 278 land-based, 4 heliports (only public use listed this year), 113 seaplane bases, and approximately 749 recorded landing areas (private, public, and military) total. *Of course pilots land on many of the thousands of lakes and gravel bars across the state where no constructed facility exists.*

Air Commerce

The number of enplanements (4.9 million) in Alaska is 6.7 times the state population compared to 2.6 times the U.S. population for all states. *There are 306 certificated air carriers in Alaska providing scheduled and on-demand services.*

Seaplanes:

Lake Hood in Anchorage is the world's largest and busiest seaplane base and the only seaplane base with primary airport status in the U.S. In 2015 it accommodated an average of 195 daily takeoffs and landings with over 650 operations on peak summer days. There were approximately 71,500 operations in 2016; when combined with the Lake Hood gravel strip. *Alaska has the most seaplane bases in the country – 113*

Air Traffic Control Tower Operations in (fiscal year) 2016:

Ted Stevens – Anchorage: 287,432	Bethel: 91,990
Lake Hood: 71,491	Kenai: 45,011
Fairbanks: 130,154	King Salmon: 25,623
Juneau: 93,745	Kodiak: 48,250
Merrill Field: 132,780	

Airport Improvement:

In fiscal year 2016, the FAA Alaskan Region distributed \$215 million in 52 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants to State and other "local" airport sponsors. Since 1982 the AIP has provided over \$4.3 billion for airport construction, development, and planning in Alaska. This funding was provided via approximately 1,576 AIP grants.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):

Pan Pacific Unmanned Aircraft Test Range Complex (PPURTC) located in Fairbanks
Section 333 exemption holders: 31 1804 = registered UAS in Alaska (May 2016)