



# Federal Aviation Administration

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## Subject: Alaska Aviation Fact Sheet

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Alaska's 586,412 square miles of land and 2,427,971 square miles of airspace are served by:

3 Flight Standards district offices	8 FAA control towers and 5 military towers
1 certificate management office	2 terminal radar approach control facilities
1 aircraft certification office	1 air route traffic control center
146 full time aviation weather reporting stations	17 Flight Service Stations
221 aviation weather camera sites	1 commercial space port

### **Pilots, Mechanics, & Aircraft:**

There are 8,032 active pilots, 2,835 air frame and power plant mechanics of which 733 have inspection authorizations, and 9,347 registered aircraft in Alaska.

### **Airports:**

Alaska has 401 public use airports, 283 land-based, 43 heliports, 114 seaplane bases, and approximately 737 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 (4.7 million) in Alaska is 6.3 times the** state population compared to 2.3 times the U.S. population for all states. *There are 295 certified 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 2014 it accommodated an average of 197 daily takeoffs and landings with nearly 600 on peak summer days. There were approximately 72,000 operations in 2014, when combined with the Lake Hood gravel strip. *Alaska has the most seaplane bases in the country – 114*

### **Air Traffic Control Tower Activity in 2014:**

Ted Stevens – Anchorage: 277,011	Bethel: 93,164
Lake Hood: 72,011	Kenai: 39,924
Fairbanks: 125,497	King Salmon: 26,400
Juneau: 99,456	Kodiak: 33,262
Merrill Field: 125,588	

### **Airport Improvement:**

Since 1982 the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) has provided over \$3.9 billion for airport construction, development, and planning in Alaska. This funding was provided via approximately 1,484 AIP grants. *In fiscal year 2014, the FAA Alaskan Region distributed \$198.6 million in 40 AIP grants to State and other "local" airport sponsors.*