

# OUTLAND NEWS - DECEMBER, 2021

Welcome to the sixth edition of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport News (Outland News).

Outland News is intended to be a quarterly glimpse of all things that make Mt. Vernon

Outland Airport a special place including airport tenants (known as Team MVN),

airport events, airport projects, community outreach, and long term goals.



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Mt. Vernon Airport

**ILLINOIS AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN**

## MOUNT VERNON OUTLAND

### ABOUT THE AIRPORT

Mount Vernon Outland Airport (MVN) is a general aviation airport located in Jefferson County in southern Illinois. The Airport is located approximately three miles east of Mount Vernon and is publicly owned and operated by the Mount Vernon Airport Authority. The Airport experiences daily air cargo, corporate, charter, and recreational flying. The Airport also serves as a gateway to the region's outdoor recreational activities which include hunting, fishing, boating, camping, and sight-seeing. Additional activities supported by MVN include aerial inspection and photography, police and law enforcement operations, prisoner transport, military training, aircraft flight testing, government operations, glider flying, and aerial agricultural application. MVN works with FAA Chapter 1155, EAA Young Eagles, Aviation Explorers, Boy Scouts, and Young Eagles Build and Fly to provide a robust aviation education program that is accessible to the community.

To understand the geographic reach of MVN, the map below illustrates the geographic origin and destination of flights into and out of the Airport in 2019.

### MVN Route Map

Source: TRASC 2019

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| <b>On-Airport</b>                | <b>Visitor Spending</b> |
| \$36.3 MILLION                   | \$3.9 MILLION           |
| <b>Employment</b>                | <b>Labor Income</b>     |
| 278 JOBS                         | \$11.6 MILLION          |
| <b>MVN TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT</b> | <b>Value Added</b>      |
| <b>\$40.2 MILLION</b>            | \$17.7 MILLION          |

### WHAT IS ECONOMIC IMPACT?

- On-Airport Activity**  
The impacts generated by airports including airport management and administration, airport tenants, as well as on-airport construction.
- Visitor Spending**  
The impacts generated by out-of-state visitors to Illinois for personal or business reasons, who spend money on accommodations, food, and beverage, local ground transportation, retail, and entertainment.
- Employment**  
Number of people employed, including part-time and full-time.
- Labor Income**  
Also known as "payroll"; total employment compensation, including wages and other benefits (e.g., healthcare insurance payments, retirement).
- Air Cargo**  
Economic contributions from industries in Illinois that receive or ship air cargo through Illinois airport. Air Cargo Impacts are quantified at the District and Statewide levels only.
- Value Added**  
The economic productivity of each aviation-related business establishment, calculated as business revenue earned minus the cost of purchasing goods and services from other businesses. It includes all labor compensation, profits, and business taxes paid.

## REGION 5

• IDOT Districts 8 & 9

Region 5 is situated in the central southern Illinois and occupies Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana. Region 5 is known for its tourist destinations, which include Glenview, the St. Louis metropolitan area, Vandalia, the Gateway Arch, and the Gateway to the West. The St. Louis metropolitan area, Vandalia, the Gateway Arch, and the Gateway to the West are all located in Region 5. The St. Louis metropolitan area is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States. The Gateway Arch is one of the most iconic landmarks in the United States. The Gateway to the West is one of the most scenic areas in the United States.

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| <b>On-Airport</b>   | <b>Visitor Spending</b> |
| \$4.1 MILLION       | \$214.8 MILLION         |
| <b>Employment</b>   | <b>Air Cargo</b>        |
| 1,000 JOBS          | \$1.8 BILLION           |
| <b>Labor Income</b> | <b>Value Added</b>      |
| \$2.1 MILLION       | \$2.8 BILLION           |

### REGIONAL TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

**\$6.1 BILLION**

## STATEWIDE

Illinois boasts a robust aviation system of over 100 airports. It's leading position in the United States in this regard is due to the support of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in the development of the Illinois Aviation Economic Impact Analysis (IAEIA) to quantify each airport's annual monetary contribution to their local, regional, and statewide economies. The IAEIA determined that Illinois airports generated 492,186 jobs and contributed \$95.4 billion to the state's economy in 2019.

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| <b>On-Airport</b>   | <b>Visitor Spending</b> |
| \$26.4 MILLION      | \$21.2 MILLION          |
| <b>Employment</b>   | <b>Air Cargo</b>        |
| 492,186 JOBS        | \$25.8 BILLION          |
| <b>Labor Income</b> | <b>Value Added</b>      |
| \$27.9 BILLION      | \$216.0 BILLION         |

### STATEWIDE TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

**\$95.4 BILLION**

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- **492,186 IL Airport Jobs!**
- **Total Payroll \$21.9 Billion!**
- **Total Economic Output \$95.4 Billion!**

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics has just released the Illinois Aviation System Plan. The Illinois Aviation System Plan assesses the current state of the aviation system in Illinois as well as set a framework for future development across the State. It was also intended to update last Economic Impact Analysis conducted in 2012. The 2021 Aviation System Plan was completed by Mesa, Arizona based Kimley-Horn.

Locally, the study lists the total economic output of Mt. Vernon Outland Airport at **\$40.2 Million and total jobs at 278** when all impacts and multipliers are applied. Both metrics have essentially doubled since the 2012 study (\$18.9 Million annual economic impact and 149 jobs).

"The numbers reflect a vibrant, welcoming facility serving its community and visitors from across the nation." Marty Cox, MVAA Chairman. "I am proud of the airport, Team MVN (tenants, employees, volunteers), and the community. For every \$1 dollar in taxpayer investment, Mt. Vernon Outland Airport returns \$122 to the local economy!" Chris Collins, Airport Director.

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## Flight Training Achievements



IFR Dennis Cramer  
FAA DPE Steve Goetz



Sport Pilot Bob Trober  
FAA DPE Steve Goetz



IFR Josh Harms  
FAA DPE Rodney Resch



1st Solo Monty Simmons  
CFIS Dr. Stan Blank

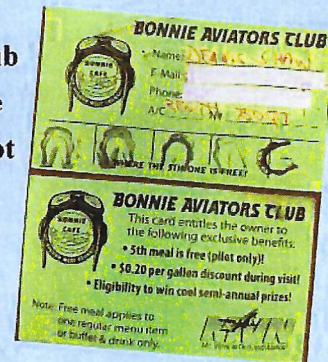


1st Solo Ryan Standford  
CFI Jay Grafton



Dennis Shaw (center) with  
Bonnie Cafe's Derek & Dakota

Congratulations to Dennis Shaw of Centralia. Dennis is the winner of a Sporty's Pilot Shop Gift Certificate. Dennis' Bonnie Aviators Club Card was drawn from 49 cards. Each Bonnie Aviators Club Card represents a regional pilot who has flown into Mt. Vernon Outland Airport five times over the preceding twelve months. The Bonnie Aviators Club was established to encourage both business at the restaurant and overall aircraft operations.



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**COMING EARLY 2022 - AIR EVAC  
#172 JEFFERSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Air Evac #172, Jefferson County, Illinois will begin serving southern and central Illinois from Mt. Vernon Outland Airport in January, 2022. The regional IFR (Instrument Flight Rules) base will compliment the existing Air Evac #11 base at KMVN. Air Evac #172 will utilize a twin engine Eurocopter EC-135 IFR Helicopter. Specially trained crews, using the aircraft's digital automated flight control system (AFCS), will be able to fly safely when the weather is IFR (less than 1000 feet ceilings/3 miles visibilities).

The IFR Base will be temporarily co-located at Innovation Park Hangar #1 at 100 Firebaugh Drive, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. The permanent location at 500 Firebaugh Drive is expected to be operational by summer, 2022. As it has since 2006, Air Evac #11 will continue serving southern Illinoisans from its current location on Aviation Drive.



On December 1, 2021, Governor J.B. Pritzker announced \$94 Million would be made available to improve public airports across the State through the historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program. \$918,000 of Rebuild Illinois funding was awarded to Mt. Vernon Outland Airport to rehabilitate the Koziara Terminal Parking Lot and portions of two entrance roads. The \$1,020,000 project includes milling/replacement of the asphalt parking lot, aircraft apron feeder road, and Firebaugh Drive surfaces; removal/replacement of concrete curbs; and new marking/painting. Airport officials are thrilled the project was selected as it falls outside the realm of normal FAA funding. Without Rebuild Illinois, the project would have been financially burdensome and phased over multiple years.

