



### 3. FORECAST OF AVIATION DEMAND

Forecasts of aviation activity are used to identify expected activity levels and based aircraft at individual airports in the system.

A statewide perspective on aviation activity also affords the opportunity to examine the context for changes at Oregon airports. Where individual master plans or Airport Layout Plans (ALPs) look in detail at the local situation, the system plan offers the view from 30,000 feet. This makes it possible to look at regional and statewide trends that are resulting not only in absolute gains or declines at particular airports, but also changes that come from redistribution of activity.

The last system plan forecasts had a base year of 2005. This forecast starts with the base year of 2015<sup>1</sup> and estimates changes in the next 20 years from 2015 through 2035. The following components of aviation activity are considered in the forecasts:

- Commercial airline enplanements
- General aviation based aircraft
- Total commercial, general aviation, and military operations

This chapter also includes a discussion of national and regional factors that are impacting aviation activity in Oregon as well as changes in the drivers of aviation demand at the State level that could impact forecasts.

#### 3.1 Scope of Aviation Activity in Oregon – Overview

Seven commercial service airports and 90 general aviation airports comprise the Oregon system. Oregon’s economy reflects a rich diversity of economic activity in the state that includes both high tech and natural and agricultural resource industries. During the past three decades, Oregon made the transition from a resource-based economy to a more mixed manufacturing and marketing economy, with an emphasis on high technology. Oregon’s hard times of the early 1980s signaled basic changes had occurred in traditional resource sectors—timber, fishing, and agriculture—and the state and industry worked to develop new economic sectors to replace older ones. Most important, perhaps, was the state’s growing high-tech sector, which centered in the three counties around Portland. However, rural Oregon counties were generally left out of the shift to a new economy.

Population in Oregon is concentrated in a growing metropolitan area that spans from Portland and the Willamette Valley along Interstate 5 as far south as Eugene. It is on this corridor that the largest concentration of commercial air service activity and general aviation operations take place. Not surprisingly, since population correlates directly with aviation activity, Oregon’s population is also concentrated in Oregon Department of Transportation’s (ODOT) Connect Oregon Regions 1 and 2 where 75 percent of the state’s population reside. See **Table 3-1**.

TABLE 3-1: CONNECT OREGON REGIONS POPULATION OVERVIEW

Connect Oregon Region	Population	Share
Region 1	1,803,980	44%
Region 2	1,260,920	31%
Region 3	494,625	12%

<sup>1</sup> Based aircraft forecasts were updated to 2017 due to revised FAA based aircraft figures



Connect Oregon Region	Population	Share
Region 4	328,370	8%
Region 5	188,455	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,076,350</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Population Research Center (PRC), Aviation analysis

The Population Research Center (PRC) at Portland State University estimated that just over four million people reside in Oregon in 2016. **Table 3-2** shows PRC’s 2006 and 2016 as well as Oregon’s 2010 U.S. Census population for each county. Since 2006, population in Oregon has grown nearly one percent annually. The state’s largest county, Multnomah, reached nearly 790,700 in 2016 and grew at an average rate of 1.5 percent annually. Deschutes County is the seventh largest county in Oregon and is the fastest growing county in the state, 1.7 percent annually, between 2006 and 2016. The rest of the state’s population growth is mixed with other areas growing more slowly. Only three counties—Coos, Crook, and Morrow—have declined in population.

TABLE 3-2: OREGON POPULATION, 2006, 2010, AND 2016

Rank	County	July 2006	April 2010	July 2016	AAGR 2006-2016
28	Baker	16,243	16,134	16,510	0.16%
11	Benton	79,061	85,579	91,320	1.45%
3	Clackamas	374,230	375,992	404,980	0.79%
19	Clatsop	37,315	37,039	38,225	0.24%
17	Columbia	49,163	49,351	50,795	0.33%
16	Coos	64,820	63,043	63,190	-0.25%
27	Crook	22,941	20,978	21,580	-0.61%
26	Curry	22,358	22,364	22,600	0.11%
7	Deschutes	149,140	157,733	176,635	1.71%
9	Douglas	105,117	107,667	110,395	0.49%
34	Gilliam	1,775	1,871	1,980	1.10%
31	Grant	7,250	7,445	7,410	0.22%
32	Harney	6,888	7,422	7,320	0.61%
24	Hood River	21,533	22,346	24,735	1.40%
6	Jackson	197,071	203,206	213,765	0.82%
25	Jefferson	20,352	21,720	22,790	1.14%
12	Josephine	81,688	82,713	84,675	0.36%
15	Klamath Falls	66,438	66,380	67,410	0.15%
30	Lake	7,473	7,895	8,015	0.70%
4	Lane	337,870	351,715	365,940	0.80%
18	Lincoln	46,199	46,034	47,735	0.33%
8	Linn	111,489	116,672	122,315	0.93%
20	Malheur	31,247	31,313	31,705	0.15%
5	Marion	311,304	315,335	333,950	0.70%
29	Morrow	11,753	11,173	11,745	-0.01%

Rank	County	July 2006	April 2010	July 2016	AAGR 2006-2016
1	Multnomah	681,454	735,334	790,670	1.50%
14	Polk	73,296	75,403	79,730	0.84%
35	Sherman	1,699	1,765	1,795	0.55%
23	Tillamook	25,380	25,250	25,920	0.21%
13	Umatilla	72,928	75,889	79,880	0.91%
21	Union	24,345	25,748	26,745	0.94%
33	Wallowa	6,875	7,008	7,140	0.38%
22	Wasco	23,712	25,213	26,700	1.19%
2	Washington	514,269	529,710	583,595	1.27%
36	Wheeler	1,404	1,441	1,465	0.43%
10	Yamhill	94,678	99,193	104,990	1.04%
<b>Total Oregon Population</b>		<b>3,700,758</b>	<b>3,831,074</b>	<b>4,076,350</b>	<b>0.97%</b>

Source: Portland State University, Population Research Center (PRC), US Census 2010, Jviation analysis

Oregon has an exceptionally active system of airports given its population base, which is the 27th largest among U.S. states. Portland International (PDX) is the 30th busiest airport in the United States in terms of passengers and 24th in air cargo traffic<sup>2</sup>. PDX serves as a secondary connecting hub for Alaska Airlines.

### 3.2 Commercial Service Activity and Forecasts

Commercial service activity forecasts were developed for passenger enplanements and annual operations. Calendar year 2015 was used as the base year for these forecasts, with the most recent FAA TAF average annual growth rate used as both a reference and a forecast tool for individual airports. Population and economic growth rates were additionally applied to forecasts to provide a multi-sourced forecast estimate.

Oregon's commercial airports, as defined in Chapter 2, are divided in this chapter into the following two categories: commercial service and Essential Air Service (EAS).

TABLE 3-3: COMMERCIAL AND ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE AIRPORTS IN OREGON

Commercial Service Airports (6)	Essential Air Service (1)
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field (EUG)	Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton (PDT)
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional (LMT)	
Portland International Airport (PDX)	
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field (RDM)	
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR)	
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport (OTH)	

Source: Jviation

<sup>2</sup> Airports Council International, 2015 Traffic Report



### 3.2.1 Annual Passenger Enplanements

Passenger enplanement forecasts were developed by using three forecast methodologies. The passenger enplanements forecasts for Oregon’s six commercial and one EAS airports are discussed in the following section.

As shown in **Table 3-4**, total statewide commercial service and EAS passenger enplanements based on FAA TAF data increased from 7,601,966 in 2005 to 9,282,648 in 2015, representing an average annual growth rate of 2.03 percent. Although this represents an overall increase, statewide passenger enplanements experienced a significant decline in 2009 as a result of the Great Recession which had negative impact on enplanement levels at all Oregon’s airports.

Portland International Airport comprises over 85 percent of enplanements in Oregon. **Table 3-5** presents statewide enplanements for the all total statewide commercial service airports other than PDX. FAA TAF enplanement data indicates historical increases from 888,797 in 2005 to 1,136,992 in 2015, representing an average annual growth rate of 2.49 percent for all commercial airports excluding Portland International. Statewide passenger enplanements for the six airports outside of Portland also experienced a significant decline of 11 percent in 2009, as a result of the Great Recession.

For comparison, according to TAF data, total U.S. passenger enplanements grew by a lower average annual growth rate of 0.7 percent over the same period. Historical commercial service airport growth in Oregon is shown in **Figure 3-1**. Enplanements have increased overall from 2000 to 2015 but faced periods of decline as a result the Great Recession of 2008/2009. **Figure 3-2** identifies passenger enplanements for the same period but separates PDX enplanements from the six commercial service airports serving the state. **Figure 3-3** presents the market share of airports with scheduled commercial airline service.

TABLE 3-4: COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS, 2005-2015

Historic	Enplanements	% Growth
2005	7,601,966	
2006	7,835,050	3.07%
2007	8,167,296	4.24%
2008	8,315,061	1.81%
2009	7,314,553	-12.03%
2010	7,433,322	1.62%
2011	7,738,956	4.11%
2012	8,028,743	3.74%
2013	8,339,265	3.87%
2014	8,879,479	6.48%
2015	9,290,866	0.41%
<b>AAGR 2005-2015</b>		<b>2.03%</b>

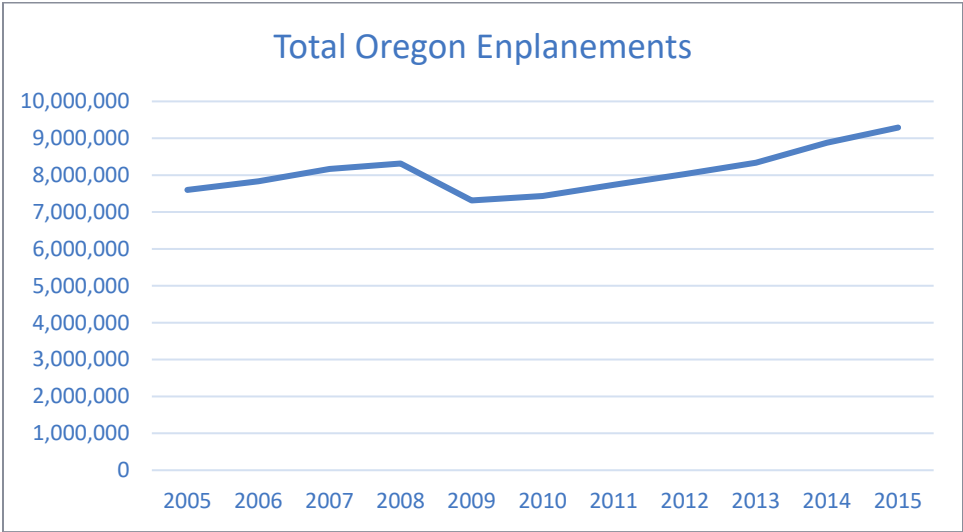
Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation Analysis

TABLE 3-5: COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (NOT INCLUDING PDX), 2005-2015

Historic	Enplanements	% Growth
2005	888,797	
2006	910,517	2.44%
2007	981,033	7.74%
2008	986,356	0.54%
2009	873,558	-11.44%
2010	942,018	7.84%
2011	975,112	3.51%
2012	978,420	0.34%
2013	997,677	1.97%
2014	1,036,946	3.94%
2015	1,136,992	9.65%
<b>AAGR 2005-</b>		<b>2.49%</b>

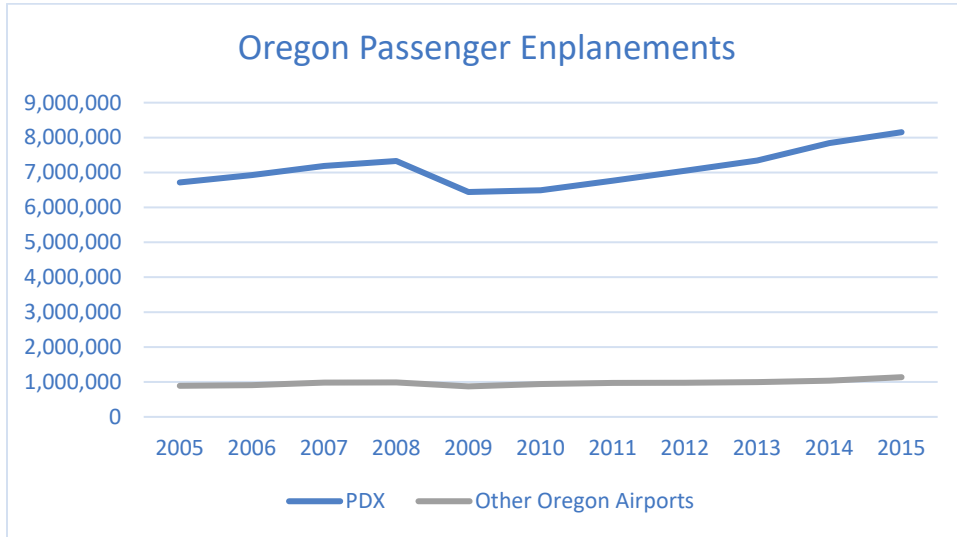
Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Jviation Analysis

FIGURE 3-1: TOTAL COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS, 2005-2015



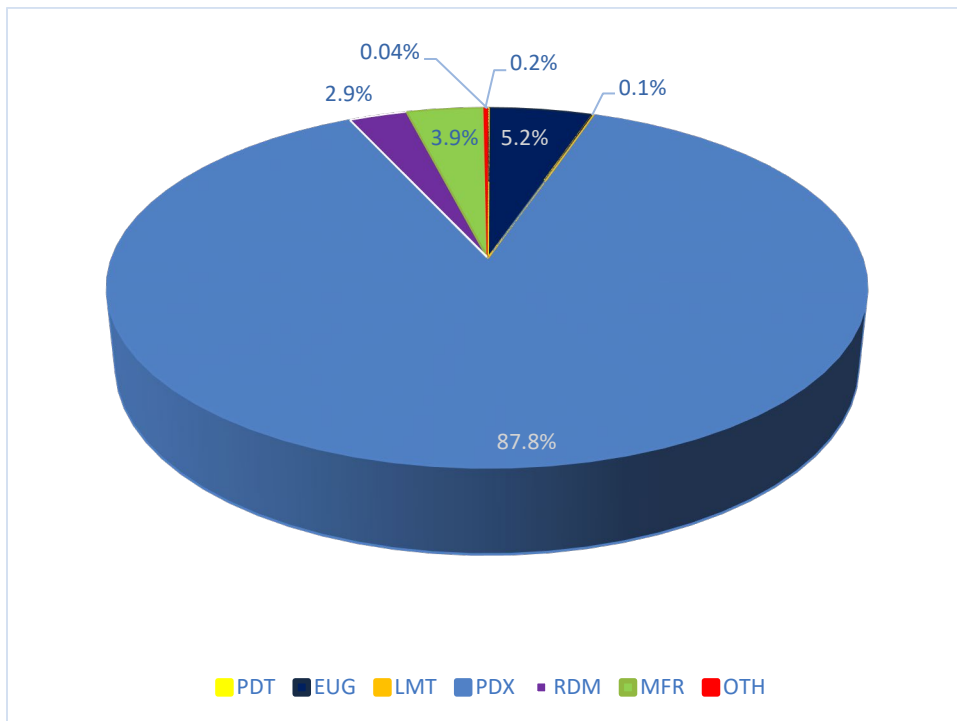
Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Jviation Analysis

FIGURE 3-2: COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS, PDX VS OTHER OREGON COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORTS, 2005-2015



Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation Analysis

FIGURE 3-3: 2015 AIRPORT ENPLANEMENT MARKET SHARE



Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation Analysis

PDX by far has the majority of the Oregon passenger enplanements with nearly 88 percent of all passengers in the state boarding aircraft annually. Eugene Regional Airport is the second busiest in terms of passengers with 5.2 percent of the Oregon air service market, followed by Rogue Valley International Airport in Medford with 3.9 percent. In descending order, airport market shares include Redmond Municipal with 2.9 percent, Southwest Oregon Regional in North Bend with .2 percent, and Klamath with .1 percent. Eastern Oregon

Regional Airport at Pendleton (PDT) is Oregon’s only Essential Air Service airport that receives federal subsidies for airline service. PDT has the smallest market share (0.1 Percent) in Oregon for scheduled passenger service.

A summary of each airport’s historic passenger enplanements is shown in **Table 3-6**. The historic totals and average annual growth rates depicted in **Table 3-6** represent FAA TAF passenger enplanement data from 2005 to 2015. To develop enplanements forecasts for the commercial service airports in Oregon, TAF airport-specific projected enplanements for 2016 to 2035 were used.

### *Total Statewide Passenger Enplanement Forecasts*

According to FAA TAF and average annual growth rate analysis by Aviation, Oregon enplanements are projected to increase from nearly 9.3 million in 2015 to 15.7 million in 2035 (**Table 3-7**). This growth in enplanements represents an overall statewide average annual growth rate of 2.64 percent. This rate is higher than national forecasts of domestic enplanement activity, which project total U.S. passenger enplanements to increase at a lower average annual growth rate of 1.96 percent from 2015 to 2045.<sup>3</sup> It is noteworthy to point out that Crater Lake-Klamath Regional experienced the absence of an air carrier at the airport in 2015 and as a result 2014 enplanement data was used as a proxy base year entry. In October 2016 PenAir initiated passenger service at Crater Lake-Klamath Regional but discontinued service in August 2017.

TABLE 3-6: HISTORIC PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS BY AIRPORT AND AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATES

	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	Portland Int'l	Redmond Municipal - Roberts Field	Rogue Valley Int'l - Medford	Southwest Oregon Reg'l	Total
City	Pendleton	Eugene	Klamath Falls	Portland	Redmond	Medford	North Bend	
FAA ID	PDT	EUG	LMT	PDX	RDM	MFR	OTH	
AAGR	-3.1%	1.8%	-7.6%	1.2%	2.8%	1.5%	-4.9%	1.3%
2005	6,851	362,335	28,912	6,713,169	173,864	281,600	35,235	7,601,966
2006	7,494	357,267	28,348	6,924,533	197,223	283,866	36,319	7,835,050
2007	7,194	371,089	27,491	7,186,263	230,033	308,530	36,696	8,167,296
2008	8,073	365,893	30,060	7,328,705	243,197	300,565	38,568	8,315,061
2009	3,947	330,382	19,811	6,440,995	217,826	277,817	23,775	7,314,553
2010	4,900	361,696	21,670	6,491,304	225,561	305,602	22,589	7,433,322
2011	4,955	390,964	16,810	6,763,844	231,978	307,656	22,749	7,738,956
2012	4,986	400,239	15,415	7,050,323	230,833	307,699	19,248	8,028,743
2013	4,284	425,198	13,677	7,341,588	227,410	310,833	16,275	8,339,265
2014	4,268	440,373	8,218	7,842,533	255,865	312,235	15,987	8,879,479
2015	4,163	480,501	8,218	8,153,874	269,132	359,129	15,849	9,290,866

Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation Analysis

Two alternative methodologies were compiled to forecast statewide enplanements. **Table 3-8** outlines a top-down approach by applying the U.S. BEA Regional Data Per Capita Real GDP<sup>4</sup> compound annual growth rate for Oregon. BEA data indicates that between 2005-2015, Per Capita Real GDP growth was 1.6 percent. This

<sup>3</sup> Aviation: Based on data on FAA TAF Forecast, Fiscal Years 2016 – 2045, pg. 19.

<sup>4</sup> Real GDP by state is an inflation-adjusted measure of each state's gross product that is based on national prices for the goods and services produced within the state. Total GDP is divided by the total population and compared between years to identify the average annual growth rate.

historical growth rate was applied to each airport’s base year enplanement to facilitate its forecast with the assumption that this growth rate will continue for the next 20 years and that airline passenger traffic is tied to this measure of economic growth.

**Table 3-9** utilizes a bottom-up approach by applying the average annual population growth rate for each Connect Oregon Region and its corresponding airport with scheduled airline service. Population growth for Connect Oregon Regions is based on a weighted average of population growth for Oregon counties comprising each region. For example, Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton is located in Connect Oregon Region 5 which has an historical population average annual growth rate of 0.71 percent from 2010 to 2016.

**Table 3-10** and **Figure 3-4** compare these three enplanement forecast results. The preferred growth rate is presented in a subsequent section of this chapter.

**TABLE 3-7: FORECASTED PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS IN OREGON - FAA TAF GROWTH RATES**

Airport	2015	2020	2025	2035	TAF AAGR 2015-2035
Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	4,163	3,780	3,911	4,203	0.05%
Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	480,501	665,583	721,436	839,721	2.83%
Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l*	8,218	7,375	13,620	15,260	3.00%
Portland Int'l	8,153,874	10,411,420	11,446,817	13,692,852	2.63%
Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	269,132	386,380	425,841	513,245	3.28%
Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	359,129	438,797	479,408	568,069	2.32%
Southwest Oregon Reg'l	15,849	15,970	16,781	18,530	0.78%
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>9,290,866</b>	<b>11,929,305</b>	<b>13,107,814</b>	<b>15,651,880</b>	<b>2.64%</b>

Source: 2015 Base year FAA Terminal Area Forecast.

\* In 2015 air carriers did not operate at Klamath but resumed in 2016. 2014 enplanement data is used for 2015.

**TABLE 3-8: ENPLANEMENT FORECAST BASED ON FORECASTED STATE PER CAPITA REAL GDP GROWTH RATE, TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY**

Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	1.60%	4,163	4,507	4,879	5,718
Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	1.60%	480,501	520,191	563,159	660,037
Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l*	1.60%	8,218	8,897	9,632	11,289
Portland Int'l	1.60%	8,153,874	8,827,395	9,556,549	11,200,519
Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	1.60%	269,132	291,363	315,430	369,692
Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	1.60%	359,129	388,794	420,908	493,315
Southwest Oregon Reg'l	1.60%	15,849	17,158	18,575	21,771
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.60%</b>	<b>9,290,866</b>	<b>10,058,304</b>	<b>10,889,132</b>	<b>12,762,341</b>

Source: 2015 Base year FAA Terminal Area Forecast.

\* In 2015 air carriers did not operate at Klamath but resumed in 2016. 2014 enplanement data is used for 2015.

**TABLE 3-9: ENPLANEMENT FORECAST BASED ON HISTORIC REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE, BOTTOM-UP METHODOLOGY**

Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	0.71%	4,163	4,312	4,467	4,794



Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	0.81%	480,501	500,248	520,807	564,495
Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l*	1.59%	8,218	8,891	9,619	11,259
Portland Int'l	1.32%	8,153,874	8,707,964	9,299,706	10,606,558
Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	1.59%	269,132	291,170	315,013	368,716
Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	0.67%	359,129	371,273	383,827	410,223
Southwest Oregon Reg'l	0.67%	15,849	16,385	16,939	18,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.28%</b>	<b>9,290,866</b>	<b>9,900,243</b>	<b>10,550,379</b>	<b>11,984,149</b>

Source: 2015 Base year FAA Terminal Area Forecast.

\* In 2015 air carriers did not operate at Klamath but resumed in 2016. 2014 enplanement data is used for 2015.

TABLE 3-10: COMPARISON SUMMARY OF PASSENGER ENPLANEMENT FORECAST METHODOLOGIES

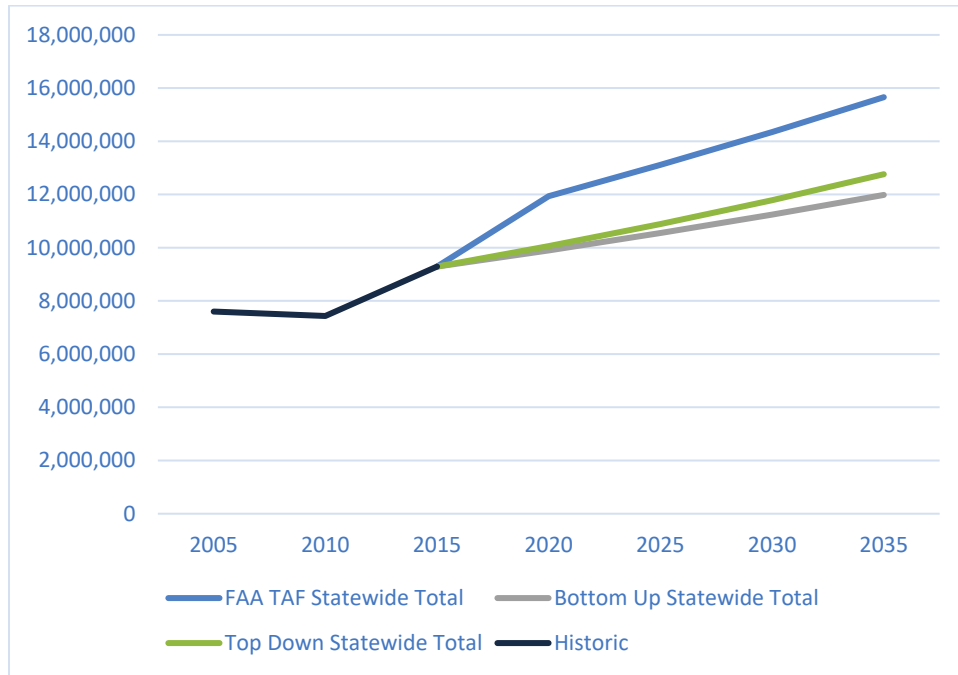
	2015	2020	2025	2035	AAGR 2015-2035
FAA TAF Statewide Total	9,290,866	11,939,084	13,112,683	15,658,097	2.64%
Top-Down Statewide Total	9,290,866	10,058,304	10,889,132	12,762,341	1.60%
Bottom-Up Statewide Total	9,290,866	9,900,243	10,550,379	11,984,149	1.28%

Source: 2015 Base year FAA Terminal Area Forecast, Aviation analysis

### *Preferred Passenger Enplanement Forecast*

**Figure 3-4** displays each forecasted method for passenger enplanements through 2035. A forecast based on the FAA's TAF shows an increase in enplanements to 15,651,880, an annual average of 2.64 percent growth each year and is heavily weighted on enplanement forecasts for PDX. The top-down forecasting approach, based on real GDP growth rate, produces an average growth rate of 1.6 percent each year to a forecast of 12,762,341 enplanements in 2035. The final method of forecasting passenger enplanements used a growth rate based on population growth. An average annual growth rate of 1.28 percent results in a forecast of 11,984,149 passenger enplanements. The preferred forecast for passenger enplanements is the FAA TAF Methodology, a 2.64 percent annual growth rate. This rate was selected since PDX market share is 88 percent of the Oregon enplanement market and is the fastest growing metropolitan area in the state.

FIGURE 3-4: COMPARISON SUMMARY OF PASSENGER ENPLANEMENT FORECAST

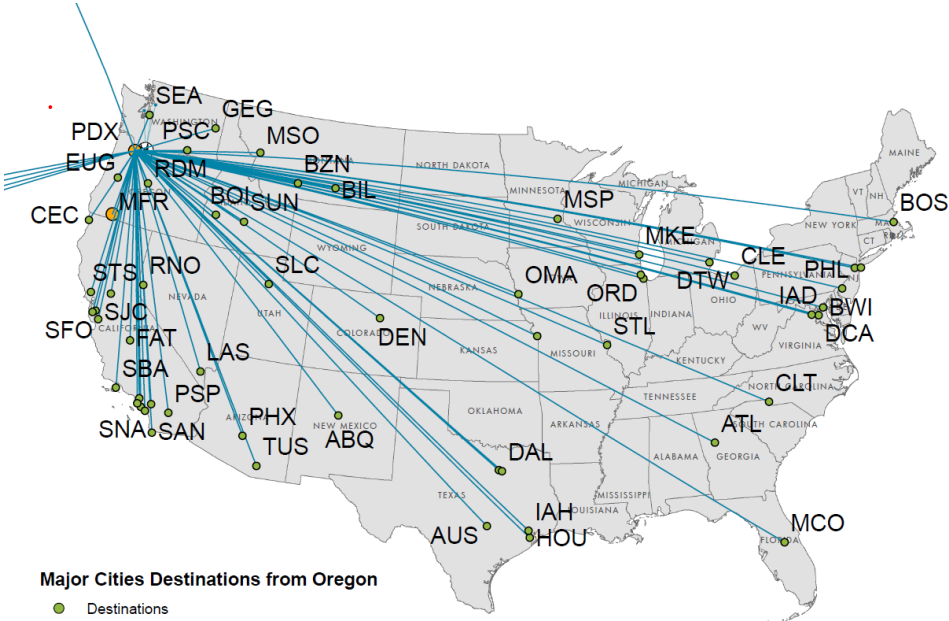


Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation Analysis

### 3.3 Annual Air Carrier Operations Forecast

Commercial airline operations refer to those aircraft takeoffs and landings performed by scheduled airlines, including major, national, regional, and commuter carriers. Portland International is served by 17 air carriers with nonstop routes to over 75 North America destinations. There are several air carriers that serve Oregon’s commercial airports. Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton has one air carrier and is the only airport in Oregon associated with the federal Essential Air Service program. **Figure 3-5** identifies scheduled air carrier North America routes related to PDX while **Figure 3-6** shows routes related to six commercial service airports in Oregon. Scheduled passenger service generates a significant number of take offs and landings (aircraft operations) at Oregon airports. This section of the report forecasts air carrier aircraft operations for a 20-year planning period.

FIGURE 3-5: AIR CARRIER NORTH AMERICA ROUTES RELATED TO PDX



Source: Port of Portland routes data, Jviation

**Table 3-11** identifies the seven commercial airports in Oregon and their historic annual airline operations based on U.S. DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) data. Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton and Southwest Oregon Regional Airport were the only airports that experienced gains in airline aircraft operations. Each of the remaining Oregon airports experienced a decline in air carrier operations from 2005 to 2015 ranging from an average annual decline of -3.4 percent at Medford to -0.6 percent at Portland International. It is important to point out that fewer annual operations do not necessarily translate into less annual passenger capacity. For example, an airline may change from operating a 50-seat regional jet aircraft on a route four times a day to a 90-seat aircraft operating the same route three times per day, thereby gaining 70 seats per day with one less operation.

FIGURE 3-6: AIR CARRIER DOMESTIC ROUTES RELATED TO OREGON AIRPORTS (MINUS PDX OUT-OF-STATE ROUTES)



Source: Flightaware.com

TABLE 3-11: COMMERCIAL AIR OPERATIONS RELATED TO OREGON AIRPORTS

	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	Portland Int'l	Redmond Municipal - Roberts Field	Rogue Valley Int'l - Medford	Southwest Oregon Reg'l
City	Pendleton	Eugene	Klamath Falls	Portland	Redmond	Medford	North Bend
FAA ID	PDT	EUG	LMT	PDX	RDM	MFR	OTH
AAGR	1.4%	-1.9%	-2.9%	-0.6%	-1.5%	-3.4%	0.1%
2005	3,090	22,298	3,468	188,936	14,818	24,982	3,806
2006	3,128	21,614	3,292	192,060	16,458	24,956	3,730
2007	3,162	21,990	3,594	198,042	17,240	24,650	3,978
2008	3,068	19,502	4,290	192,094	16,160	21,352	4,218
2009	3,928	17,734	4,474	174,888	13,954	17,794	3,986
2010	3,808	17,364	4,284	173,190	13,466	17,856	3,910
2011	4,086	17,362	3,712	165,258	12,156	14,406	3,660

	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	Portland Int'l	Redmond Municipal - Roberts Field	Rogue Valley Int'l - Medford	Southwest Oregon Reg'l
2012	3,848	17,636	3,348	167,510	11,894	14,766	4,580
2013	3,874	17,958	3,370	169,402	12,124	14,156	4,044
2014	3,940	18,094	2,692	174,382	12,208	14,402	3,848
2015	3,884	16,510	2,156	172,578	11,554	14,442	3,880

Source: US DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Aviation analysis

**Table 3-12** presents total air carrier operations in Oregon from 2005 to 2015 and includes Portland International Airport. Overall, the average annual growth in operations show a decline of approximately 1.5 percent annually. This decline is a result of the airline industry trend of operating more efficiently in passenger transport, carrying more passengers on fewer flights. **Table 3-13** presents the same information minus annual air carrier operations data for Portland International Airport, an airport with over 76 percent operations market share in Oregon. Overall, the average annual growth in air carrier operations show a decline of approximately 3.2 percent annually.

TABLE 3-12: 2005 TO 2015 TOTAL OREGON CS AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

Historic	Annual Operations	% Growth
2005	261,398	
2006	265,238	1.5%
2007	272,656	2.8%
2008	260,684	-4.4%
2009	236,758	-9.2%
2010	233,878	-1.2%
2011	220,640	-5.7%
2012	223,582	1.3%
2013	224,928	0.6%
2014	229,566	2.1%
2015	225,004	-0.2%
<b>AAGR 2005-2015</b>		<b>-1.5%</b>

Source: US DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Aviation analysis

TABLE 3-13: 2005 TO 2015 COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS FOR ALL OREGON AIRPORTS EXCEPT PDX

Historic	Annual Operations	% Growth
2005	72,462	
2006	73,178	1.0%
2007	74,614	2.0%
2008	68,590	-8.1%
2009	61,870	-9.8%
2010	60,688	-1.9%
2011	55,382	-8.7%
2012	56,072	1.2%



Historic	Annual Operations	% Growth
2013	55,526	-1.0%
2014	55,184	-0.6%
2015	52,426	-5.0%
<b>AAGR 2005-2015</b>		<b>-3.2%</b>

Source: US DOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Aviation analysis

**Table 3-14** identifies projected annual commercial airline aircraft operations based on FAA TAF forecast growth rates. Statewide airline aircraft operations have decreased historically from 260,400 operations in 2005 to 225,000 operations in 2015, representing an average annual growth rate of -1.5 percent during the time period. The FAA forecast growth at Portland International at 2.28 percent annual growth for the 20-year planning period, increasing from 172,000 air carrier operations to over 270,000 by 2035. The FAA also forecast a decline in air carrier activity at Southwest Oregon Regional between 2015 and 2020 followed by a gradual rebound. Aircraft operations at Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton, the only EAS airport in the state, to remain relatively steady. The same TAF forecasts for all commercial and EAS airports for 2015 to 2035 projects an overall statewide average annual growth rate of nearly 2.1 percent for airline operations.

TABLE 3-14: 2015 TO 2035 PROJECTED ANNUAL AIR CARRIER AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS BASED ON FAA TAF GROWTH RATES

FAA ID	Airport	FAA TAF Forecast AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
PDT	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	0.16%	3,720	3,819	3,883	4,010
EUG	Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	1.73%	16,510	18,628	20,640	23,259
LMT	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	2.01%	2,156	2,940	3,028	3,211
PDX	Portland Int'l	2.28%	172,578	215,874	233,389	270,657
RDM	Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	2.35%	11,554	14,956	15,938	18,397
MFR	Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	1.69%	14,442	16,666	17,883	20,201
OTH	Southwest Oregon Reg'l	-2.16%	3,880	2,361	2,410	2,509
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2.12%</b>	<b>225,004</b>	<b>275,245</b>	<b>297,170</b>	<b>342,244</b>

Source: 2015 Base year US DOT BTS airline operations data, growth rate based on FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016

Along with TAF projections, two alternative methodologies were compiled to forecast statewide air carrier operations. **Table 3-15** implements a top-down approach by applying the FAA national growth rate for commercial activity at airports with FAA and Contract towers. Commercial operations at FAA and Contract towers, on a nationwide basis, is forecast to increase at an average rate of 1.5 percent a year between 2017 and 2037. This growth rate was applied to each Oregon airport's base year air carrier operations to facilitate its forecast.

TABLE 3-15: 2015 TO 2035 AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS FORECAST BASED ON FORECASTED STATE PER CAPITA REAL GDP GROWTH RATE, TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY

FAA ID	Airport	Commercial Operations AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
PDT	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	1.50%	3,884	4,184	4,508	5,231
EUG	Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	1.50%	16,510	17,786	19,161	22,237

FAA ID	Airport	Commercial Operations AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
LMT	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	1.50%	2,156	2,323	2,502	2,904
PDX	Portland Int'l	1.50%	172,578	185,916	200,284	232,438
RDM	Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	1.50%	11,554	12,447	13,409	15,562
MFR	Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	1.50%	14,442	15,558	16,761	19,451
OTH	Southwest Oregon Reg'l	1.50%	3,880	4,180	4,503	5,226
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.50%</b>	<b>225,004</b>	<b>242,393</b>	<b>261,126</b>	<b>303,048</b>

Source: FAA Aerospace Forecast Fiscal Years 2017 to 2037 Page 26, Aviation Analysis

**Table 3-16** uses a bottom-up approach by applying the average annual growth rate based on Connect Oregon regional population growth rates that correspond with individual airports. This methodology was also applied to passenger enplanement forecasts. Population growth for Connect Oregon Regions is based on a weighted average of population growth for Oregon counties comprising each region. Overall annual statewide growth in air carrier operations for the planning period is 1.24 percent.

TABLE 3-16: 2015 TO 2035 PROJECTED ANNUAL AIR CARRIER AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS BASED ON HISTORIC POPULATION GROWTH RATES BY CONNECT OREGON REGION, BOTTOM-UP METHODOLOGY

FAA ID	Airport	Connect Oregon Region	Population Growth Rate	2015	2020	2025	2035
PDT	Eastern Oregon Reg'l at Pendleton	5	0.71%	3,884	4,023	4,168	4,472
EUG	Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	2	0.81%	16,510	17,189	17,895	19,396
LMT	Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	4	1.59%	2,156	2,333	2,524	2,954
PDX	Portland Int'l	1	1.32%	172,578	184,305	196,830	224,489
RDM	Redmond Municipal-Roberts Field	4	1.59%	11,554	12,500	13,524	15,829
MFR	Rogue Valley Int'l-Medford Airport	3	0.67%	14,442	14,930	15,435	16,497
OTH	Southwest Oregon Reg'l	3	0.67%	3,880	4,011	4,147	4,432
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1.24%</b>	<b>225,004</b>	<b>239,292</b>	<b>254,522</b>	<b>288,070</b>

Source: 2015 Base year US DOT BTS data, Aviation Analysis

**Table 3-17** compares these three methodologies and depicts a wide range of growth rate possibilities and outcomes. Out of the three methodologies, the bottom-up and top-down forecasts provide moderate growth rates ranging from 1.24 percent to 1.5 percent, respectively. Air carrier annual forecasts based on FAA TAF growth provide a more robust forecast of 2.12 percent in air carrier operations over the planning period.

**Figure 3-7** illustrates the growth projections based on the three methodologies. The preferred growth rate is presented in a subsequent section of this chapter.

TABLE 3-17: COMPARISON SUMMARY OF AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS FORECAST METHODOLOGIES

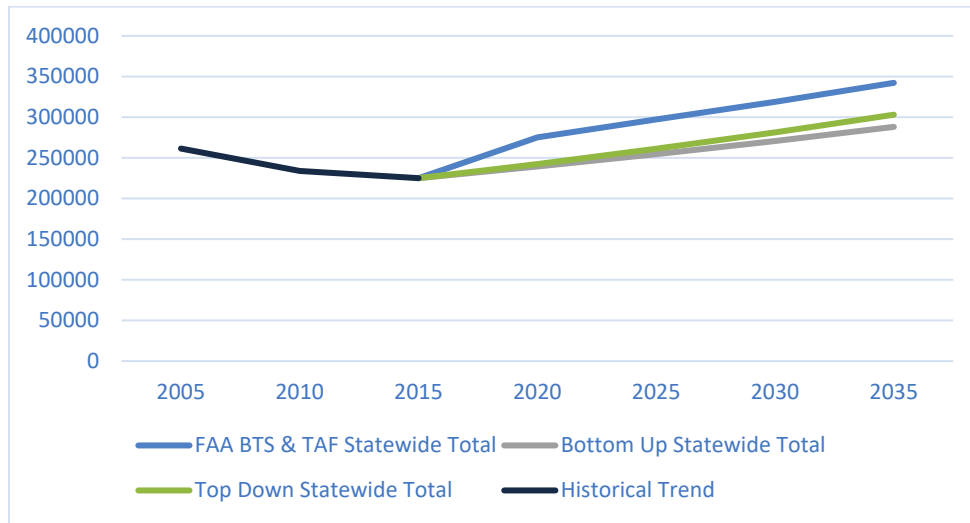
Forecast Method	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	AAGR 2015-2035
FAA BTS & TAF Statewide Total	225,004	275,245	297,170	318,940	342,244	2.12%



Forecast Method	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	AAGR 2015-2035
Top-Down Statewide Total	225,004	242,393	261,126	281,307	303,048	1.50%
Bottom-Up Statewide Total	225,004	239,292	254,522	270,758	288,070	1.24%

Source: 2015 Base year US DOT BTS data, growth rate based on FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation analysis

FIGURE 3-7: COMPARISON SUMMARY OF AIR CARRIER OPERATIONS FORECAST METHODOLOGIES



Source: US DOT BTS historical air carrier scheduled operations data, FAA Terminal Area Forecast 2016, Aviation analysis

### Preferred Air Carrier Operations Forecast

**Table 3-17** and **Figure 3-7** display each of the three methods used to forecast air carrier operations in Oregon over the 20-year planning period. The preferred forecast is based on a top-down methodology and has an average annual growth rate of 1.5 percent. This rate applies the FAA national growth rate for commercial activity at airports with FAA and Contract towers. This rate is lower than the preferred enplanement growth rate and is reflective of anticipated increases in average number of seats per departure over the planning period.

### 3.4 General Aviation Operations

In terms of aircraft operations, general aviation is the largest aviation segment in the state and takes place at all 97 system airports. General aviation includes private recreational flying, business and corporate flights, air taxi, and helicopter operations. In 2010, an estimated 1.68 million operations (takeoffs and landings) took place in the state for a wide variety of reasons including business and personal travel, recreational flying, flight instruction, emergency airlift, and agricultural spraying. **Table 3-18** shows the 20 airports in Oregon with the largest number of general aviation operations. These top 20 airports support 72 percent of total general aviation operations in the state. Portland-Hillsboro is by far the largest general aviation airport in the state, supporting approximately 12 percent of all general aviation operations.

TABLE 3-18: TOTAL ANNUAL GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS PROJECTION, 2015

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	2015 Total GA Operations*	Share of Operations
Portland -Hillsboro Airport	1	199,155	12%



Airport	Connect Oregon Region	2015 Total GA Operations*	Share of Operations
Bend Municipal Airport	4	141,175	9%
Portland -Troutdale Airport	1	121,977	8%
Aurora State Airport	2	94,935	6%
McMinnville Municipal Airport	2	63,500	4%
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1	60,000	4%
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	4	55,071	3%
Corvallis Municipal Airport	2	52,300	3%
Eugene Airport -Mahlon Sweet Field	2	51,866	3%
Portland International Airport	1	51,445	3%
Redmond Municipal Airport -Roberts Field	4	41,438	3%
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	2	38,721	2%
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	2	38,500	2%
Salem McNary Field	2	35,657	2%
Independence State Airport	2	33,658	2%
Roseburg Regional Airport	3	31,750	2%
Rogue Valley International -Medford Airport	3	31,589	2%
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	3	26,050	2%
Tillamook Airport	2	25,600	2%
Grants Pass Airport	3	25,000	2%
Top 20 Airports for General Aviation Operations		1,219,387	75%
Remaining Airports		397,759	25%
<b>Total General Aviation Operations</b>		<b>1,684,803</b>	

Source: FAA 5010 and FAA TAF. \*does not includes military operations

The estimated number of general aviation operations for 2015 is slightly larger than the 1.62 million general aviation operations estimated for 2005 and presented in the 2007 OAP. Higher fuel prices and the economic recession that began in 2007 had a large impact on general aviation activity. Because most general aviation airports estimate operations, it is difficult to discern trends. However, nationally there was a significant decline in operations following the spike of fuel prices in 2008 which impacted overall growth in general aviation operations.

### *General Aviation Operations Projections*

Total annual aircraft operational demand consists of several types of activity including air carrier, air taxi, military, and general aviation. For those airports with scheduled commercial air service, air carrier (including major/national and regional/commuter operations) activity was projected separately in a previous section. Additionally, air taxi operations are considered general aviation operations at general aviation airports. For those airports with military operations, the military operations were included in the total aircraft operations estimate, to arrive at a total annual general aviation operation for each system airport. Only those airports that have air traffic control towers have records of actual activity these airports include: Portland International, Eugene Airport, Aurora State, Crater Lake-Klamath Regional, Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport, Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton, Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field, Salem-McNary,



Southwest Oregon Regional, Portland-Troutdale, and Portland-Hillsboro. Airports without a tower provide estimates of annual operations when completing their FAA Form 5010. Therefore, annual operational estimates for this study were developed through a number of sources such as FAA 5010, FAA TAF, ODA, and airport data.

***Bottom-Up: General Aviation Operations per Regional Population Growth Methodology***

In the bottom-up growth rate methodology, applies the average annual historical growth rate based on Connect Oregon regional population growth rates that correspond with individual airports. This methodology was also applied to passenger enplanement forecasts. Population growth for Connect Oregon Regions is based on a weighted average of population growth for Oregon counties comprising each region.

The proportional increase was determined by the projected population growth of each airport’s associated ODOT Connect Oregon region. This type of projection is referred to as a bottom-up methodology as it looks at activity from the airport-specific level and then totals the individual projections to develop a statewide total. As shown in

**Table 3-19**, using the bottom-up methodology, total statewide general aviation operations<sup>5</sup> are projected to increase from 1.64 million in 2015 to 2.0 million in 2035, a statewide average annual growth rate of 1.1 percent over the 20-year planning period.

TABLE 3-19: TOTAL ANNUAL GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS PROJECTION,  
BOTTOM-UP METHODOLOGY

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	23,300	24,258	25,255	27,373
Alkali Lake State	4	1.59%	50	54	59	69
Arlington Municipal	4	1.59%	910	985	1,065	1,247
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	3	0.81%	26,000	27,069	28,181	30,545
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	2	0.81%	38,721	40,693	42,772	47,277
Aurora State Airport	2	0.81%	94,655	98,545	102,595	111,201
Baker City Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	16,100	16,678	17,277	18,539
Bandon State Airport	3	0.67%	7,000	7,237	7,481	7,996
Beaver Marsh	4	1.59%	150	162	176	206
Bend Municipal Airport	4	1.59%	141,075	152,627	165,125	193,276
Boardman Airport	5	0.71%	1,500	1,554	1,610	1,727
Brookings Airport	3	0.67%	22,500	23,261	24,047	25,701
Burns Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	7,900	8,184	8,477	9,097
Cape Blanco State Airport	3	0.67%	750	775	802	857
Cascade Locks State Airport	1	1.32%	1,500	1,602	1,711	1,951

<sup>5</sup> Includes air taxi operations.

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Chehalem Airpark	2	0.81%	12,500	13,014	13,549	14,685
Chiloquin State Airport	4	1.59%	3,500	3,787	4,097	4,795
Christmas Valley Airport	4	1.59%	3,600	3,895	4,214	4,932
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	4	1.59%	15,482	16,750	18,121	21,211
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	4	1.59%	3,940	4,263	4,612	5,398
Corvallis Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	51,500	53,617	55,820	60,502
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	2	0.81%	16,685	17,371	18,085	19,602
Country Squire Airpark	1	1.32%	2,000	2,136	2,281	2,602
Crescent Lake State Airport	4	1.59%	300	325	351	411
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	2	0.81%	38,500	40,082	41,730	45,230
Davis Field	2	0.81%	1,000	1,041	1,084	1,175
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	5	0.71%	9,717	10,066	10,427	11,189
Enterprise Municipal	5	0.71%	4,850	5,024	5,204	5,585
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	2	0.81%	48,416	50,406	52,477	56,879
Florence Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	5,500	5,726	5,961	6,461
George Felt	3	0.67%	1,500	1,551	1,603	1,713
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	5,400	5,583	5,771	6,168
Grant County Regional Airport	5	0.71%	8,900	9,219	9,550	10,248
Grants Pass Airport	3	0.67%	24,900	25,742	26,612	28,443
Hermiston Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	24,800	25,690	26,613	28,557
Illinois Valley Airport	3	0.67%	6,000	6,203	6,413	6,854
Independence State Airport	2	0.81%	33,658	35,041	36,481	39,542
Joseph State Airport	5	0.71%	3,850	3,988	4,131	4,433
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1	1.32%	14,150	15,112	16,138	18,406
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	4	1.59%	34,305	37,114	40,153	46,999
La Grande / Union County Airport	5	0.71%	15,500	16,056	16,633	17,848
Lake Billy Chinook	4	1.59%	560	606	655	767
Lake County Airport	4	1.59%	6,000	6,491	7,023	8,220
Lake Woahink SPB	5	0.71%	3,000	3,108	3,219	3,455
Lakeside Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	1,600	1,654	1,710	1,828
Lebanon State Airport	2	0.81%	9,855	10,260	10,682	11,578
Lenhardt Airpark	1	1.32%	6,000	6,408	6,843	7,805
Lexington Airport	5	0.71%	4,420	4,579	4,743	5,090
Madras Municipal Airport	4	1.59%	10,635	11,506	12,448	14,570



Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Malin	4	1.59%	700	757	819	959
McDermitt State Airport	5	0.71%	2,200	2,279	2,361	2,533
McKenzie Bridge State	2	0.81%	400	416	434	470
McMinnville Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	62,000	64,548	67,201	72,838
Memaloose USFS	5	0.71%	600	622	644	691
Miller Memorial Airpark	5	0.71%	2,000	2,072	2,146	2,303
Monument Municipal	5	0.71%	130	135	140	150
Mulino State Airport	1	1.32%	21,300	22,747	24,293	27,707
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	2,280	2,357	2,437	2,604
Nehalem Bay State Airport	2	0.81%	2,260	2,353	2,450	2,655
Newport Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	16,000	16,658	17,342	18,797
Oakridge State	2	0.81%	1,800	1,874	1,951	2,115
Ontario Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	12,930	13,394	13,875	14,889
Owyhee Reservoir State	5	0.71%	550	570	590	633
Pacific City State Airport	2	0.81%	2,000	2,082	2,168	2,350
Paisley	4	1.59%	400	433	468	548
Pinehurst State Airport	3	0.67%	620	641	663	708
Portland Downtown Heliport	1	1.32%	5,040	5,382	5,748	6,556
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1	1.32%	198,780	212,288	226,714	258,573
Portland International Airport	1	1.32%	47,928	51,185	54,663	62,345
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1	1.32%	121,744	130,017	138,852	158,365
Powers Hayes Field	3	0.67%	400	414	428	457
Prineville Airport	4	1.59%	10,300	11,143	12,056	14,111
Prospect State Airport	3	0.67%	1,225	1,266	1,309	1,399
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	4	1.59%	40,983	44,339	47,970	56,148
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	3	0.67%	31,108	32,160	33,247	35,534
Rome State	5	0.71%	100	104	107	115
Roseburg Regional Airport	3	0.67%	31,700	32,772	33,880	36,210
Salem McNary Field	2	0.81%	37,126	38,652	40,240	43,616
Sandy River	1	1.32%	11,500	12,281	13,116	14,959
Santiam Junction State	2	0.81%	100	104	108	117
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1	1.32%	59,400	63,436	67,747	77,268
Seaside Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	2,200	2,290	2,385	2,585
Siletz Bay State Airport	2	0.81%	3,830	3,987	4,151	4,500
Silver Lake USFS	4	1.59%	25	27	29	34
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	4	1.59%	1,400	1,515	1,639	1,918

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Skyport	1	1.32%	2,000	2,136	2,281	2,602
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	3	0.67%	10,831	11,197	11,576	12,372
Sportsman Airpark	2	0.81%	11,650	12,129	12,627	13,686
Stark's Twin Oaks	1	1.32%	22,195	23,703	25,314	28,871
Sunriver Airport	4	1.59%	6,100	6,600	7,140	8,357
Tillamook Airport	2	0.81%	25,500	26,548	27,639	29,958
Toketee State	3	0.67%	350	362	374	400
Toledo State Airport	2	0.81%	1,150	1,197	1,246	1,351
Valley View	1	1.32%	2,965	3,166	3,382	3,857
Vernonia Municipal	1	1.32%	3,000	3,204	3,422	3,902
Wakonda Beach State	2	0.81%	830	864	900	975
Wasco State Airport	4	1.59%	2,435	2,634	2,850	3,336
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.10%</b>	<b>1,636,699</b>	<b>1,728,135</b>	<b>1,825,189</b>	<b>2,037,667</b>

Source: Jviation

### *Top-Down Methodology: FAA General Aviation Hours Flown*

This methodology uses the FAA's projected average annual growth rate of national general aviation hours flown, 0.9 percent, (as found in FAA Aerospace Forecast 2017) and applies that growth rate to each airport's total air taxi, local and itinerant general aviation operations. In this methodology, forecasted general aviation operations are based on the assumption that general aviation operations at Oregon system airports increase at the same rate as the number of hours flown nationally. The FAA's projected average annual growth rate of national general aviation hours flown from 2015 to 2035 is 0.9 percent. When this growth rate is applied to each of Oregon's system airports, total statewide general aviation operations at system airports increase from 1.64 million in 2015 to 1.96 million in 2035. **Table 3-20** identifies the projected general aviation operations for each of Oregon's system airports using this methodology.

TABLE 3-20: GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS PROJECTION,  
TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY, FAA GENERAL AVIATION HOURS FLOWN

Airport	FAA Hours Flown AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	0.90%	23,300	24,368	25,484	27,873
Alkali Lake State	0.90%	50	52	55	60
Arlington Municipal	0.90%	910	952	995	1,089
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	0.90%	26,000	27,191	28,437	31,103
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	0.90%	38,721	40,810	43,016	47,807
Aurora State Airport	0.90%	94,655	98,992	103,527	113,231
Baker City Municipal Airport	0.90%	16,100	16,838	17,609	19,260
Bandon State Airport	0.90%	7,000	7,321	7,656	8,374
Beaver Marsh	0.90%	150	157	164	179
Bend Municipal Airport	0.90%	141,075	147,539	154,299	168,762



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Boardman Airport	0.90%	1,500	1,569	1,641	1,794
Brookings Airport	0.90%	22,500	23,531	24,609	26,916
Burns Municipal Airport	0.90%	7,900	8,262	8,640	9,450
Cape Blanco State Airport	0.90%	750	784	820	897
Cascade Locks State Airport	0.90%	1,500	1,569	1,641	1,794
Chehalem Airpark	0.90%	12,500	13,073	13,672	14,953
Chiloquin State Airport	0.90%	3,500	3,660	3,828	4,187
Christmas Valley Airport	0.90%	3,600	3,765	3,937	4,307
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	0.90%	15,482	16,191	16,933	18,520
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	0.90%	3,940	4,121	4,309	4,713
Corvallis Municipal Airport	0.90%	51,500	53,860	56,327	61,607
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	0.90%	16,685	17,449	18,249	19,959
Country Squire Airpark	0.90%	2,000	2,092	2,187	2,393
Crescent Lake State Airport	0.90%	300	314	328	359
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	0.90%	38,500	40,264	42,109	46,056
Davis Field	0.90%	1,000	1,046	1,094	1,196
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	0.90%	9,717	10,162	10,628	11,624
Enterprise Municipal	0.90%	4,850	5,072	5,305	5,802
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	0.90%	48,416	50,634	52,954	57,918
Florence Municipal Airport	0.90%	5,500	5,752	6,016	6,579
George Felt	0.90%	1,500	1,569	1,641	1,794
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	0.90%	5,400	5,647	5,906	6,460
Grant County Regional Airport	0.90%	8,900	9,308	9,734	10,647
Grants Pass Airport	0.90%	24,900	26,041	27,234	29,787
Hermiston Municipal Airport	0.90%	24,800	25,936	27,125	29,667
Illinois Valley Airport	0.90%	6,000	6,275	6,562	7,178
Independence State Airport	0.90%	33,658	35,200	36,813	40,264
Joseph State Airport	0.90%	3,850	4,026	4,211	4,606
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	0.90%	14,150	14,798	15,476	16,927
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	0.90%	34,305	35,877	37,521	41,037
La Grande / Union County Airport	0.90%	15,500	16,210	16,953	18,542
Lake Billy Chinook	0.90%	560	586	612	670
Lake County Airport	0.90%	6,000	6,275	6,562	7,178
Lake Woahink SPB	0.90%	3,000	3,137	3,281	3,589
Lakeside Municipal Airport	0.90%	1,600	1,673	1,750	1,914
Lebanon State Airport	0.90%	9,855	10,307	10,779	11,789
Lenhardt Airpark	0.90%	6,000	6,275	6,562	7,178
Lexington Airport	0.90%	4,420	4,623	4,834	5,287

Airport	FAA Hours Flown AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Madras Municipal Airport	0.90%	10,635	11,122	11,632	12,722
Malin	0.90%	700	732	766	837
McDermitt State Airport	0.90%	2,200	2,301	2,406	2,632
McKenzie Bridge State	0.90%	400	418	437	479
McMinnville Municipal Airport	0.90%	62,000	64,841	67,812	74,168
Memaloose USFS	0.90%	600	627	656	718
Miller Memorial Airpark	0.90%	2,000	2,092	2,187	2,393
Monument Municipal	0.90%	130	136	142	156
Mulino State Airport	0.90%	21,300	22,276	23,297	25,480
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	0.90%	2,280	2,384	2,494	2,727
Nehalem Bay State Airport	0.90%	2,260	2,364	2,472	2,704
Newport Municipal Airport	0.90%	16,000	16,733	17,500	19,140
Oakridge State	0.90%	1,800	1,882	1,969	2,153
Ontario Municipal Airport	0.90%	12,930	13,522	14,142	15,468
Owyhee Reservoir State	0.90%	550	575	602	658
Pacific City State Airport	0.90%	2,000	2,092	2,187	2,393
Paisley	0.90%	400	418	437	479
Pinehurst State Airport	0.90%	620	648	678	742
Portland Downtown Heliport	0.90%	5,040	5,271	5,512	6,029
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	0.90%	198,780	207,888	217,412	237,791
Portland International Airport	0.90%	47,928	50,124	52,420	57,334
Portland-Troutdale Airport	0.90%	121,744	127,322	133,156	145,637
Powers Hayes Field	0.90%	400	418	437	479
Prineville Airport	0.90%	10,300	10,772	11,265	12,321
Prospect State Airport	0.90%	1,225	1,281	1,340	1,465
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	0.90%	40,983	42,861	44,824	49,026
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	0.90%	31,108	32,533	34,024	37,213
Rome State	0.90%	100	105	109	120
Roseburg Regional Airport	0.90%	31,700	33,152	34,671	37,921
Salem McNary Field	0.90%	37,126	38,827	40,606	44,412
Sandy River	0.90%	11,500	12,027	12,578	13,757
Santiam Junction State	0.90%	100	105	109	120
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	0.90%	59,400	62,122	64,968	71,057
Seaside Municipal Airport	0.90%	2,200	2,301	2,406	2,632
Siletz Bay State Airport	0.90%	3,830	4,005	4,189	4,582
Silver Lake USFS	0.90%	25	26	27	30
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	0.90%	1,400	1,464	1,531	1,675
Skyport	0.90%	2,000	2,092	2,187	2,393

Airport	FAA Hours Flown AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	0.90%	10,831	11,327	11,846	12,957
Sportsman Airpark	0.90%	11,650	12,184	12,742	13,936
Stark's Twin Oaks	0.90%	22,195	23,212	24,275	26,551
Sunriver Airport	0.90%	6,100	6,379	6,672	7,297
Tillamook Airport	0.90%	25,500	26,668	27,890	30,504
Toketee State	0.90%	350	366	383	419
Toledo State Airport	0.90%	1,150	1,203	1,258	1,376
Valley View	0.90%	2,965	3,101	3,243	3,547
Vernonia Municipal	0.90%	3,000	3,137	3,281	3,589
Wakonda Beach State	0.90%	830	868	908	993
Wasco State Airport	0.90%	2,435	2,547	2,663	2,913
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,636,699</b>	<b>1,712,003</b>	<b>1,790,778</b>	<b>1,959,394</b>

**Table 3-21** presents projected statewide general aviation operations for Oregon also using the top-down methodology. The U.S. Bureau Economic Analysis Per Capita Real GDP for Oregon 2005-2015 data indicates per capita GDP increased 1.6 percent annually between 2005 and 2015. This top-down projection assumes this average annual growth rate continues at this rate from 2015 to 2035. Individual airport general aviation aircraft operations projections were derived by applying this growth rate to each airport's current operations total through the end of the planning period. As shown in **Table 3-21**, using the top-down methodology, total statewide general aviation aircraft operations are projected to increase from 1.64 million in 2015 to 2.25 million in 2035.

TABLE 3-21: GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS PROJECTION,  
TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY, HISTORICAL PER CAPITA REAL GDP

Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	1.60%	23,300	25,225	27,308	32,006
Alkali Lake State	1.60%	50	54	59	69
Arlington Municipal	1.60%	910	985	1,067	1,250
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	1.60%	26,000	28,148	30,473	35,715
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	1.60%	38,721	41,719	44,951	52,192
Aurora State Airport	1.60%	94,655	102,474	110,938	130,022
Baker City Municipal Airport	1.60%	16,100	17,430	18,870	22,116
Bandon State Airport	1.60%	7,000	7,578	8,204	9,616
Beaver Marsh	1.60%	150	162	176	206
Bend Municipal Airport	1.60%	141,075	152,728	165,344	193,787
Boardman Airport	1.60%	1,500	1,624	1,758	2,060
Brookings Airport	1.60%	22,500	24,359	26,371	30,907
Burns Municipal Airport	1.60%	7,900	8,553	9,259	10,852
Cape Blanco State Airport	1.60%	750	812	879	1,030



Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Cascade Locks State Airport	1.60%	1,500	1,624	1,758	2,060
Chehalem Airpark	1.60%	12,500	13,533	14,650	17,171
Chiloquin State Airport	1.60%	3,500	3,789	4,102	4,808
Christmas Valley Airport	1.60%	3,600	3,897	4,219	4,945
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	1.60%	15,482	16,761	18,145	21,267
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	1.60%	3,940	4,265	4,618	5,412
Corvallis Municipal Airport	1.60%	51,500	55,754	60,359	70,743
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	1.60%	16,685	18,063	19,555	22,919
Country Squire Airpark	1.60%	2,000	2,165	2,344	2,747
Crescent Lake State Airport	1.60%	300	325	352	412
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	1.60%	38,500	41,680	45,123	52,885
Davis Field	1.60%	1,000	1,083	1,172	1,374
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	1.60%	9,717	10,520	11,389	13,348
Enterprise Municipal	1.60%	4,850	5,251	5,684	6,662
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	1.60%	48,416	52,415	56,745	66,506
Florence Municipal Airport	1.60%	5,500	5,954	6,446	7,555
George Felt	1.60%	1,500	1,624	1,758	2,060
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	1.60%	5,400	5,846	6,329	7,418
Grant County Regional Airport	1.60%	8,900	9,635	10,431	12,225
Grants Pass Airport	1.60%	24,900	26,957	29,183	34,204
Hermiston Municipal Airport	1.60%	24,800	26,849	29,066	34,066
Illinois Valley Airport	1.60%	6,000	6,496	7,032	8,242
Independence State Airport	1.60%	33,658	36,438	39,448	46,234
Joseph State Airport	1.60%	3,850	4,168	4,512	5,289
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1.60%	14,150	15,319	16,584	19,437
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	1.60%	34,305	37,139	40,206	47,123
La Grande / Union County Airport	1.60%	15,500	16,780	18,166	21,291
Lake Billy Chinook	1.60%	560	606	656	769
Lake County Airport	1.60%	6,000	6,496	7,032	8,242
Lake Woahink SPB	1.60%	3,000	3,248	3,516	4,121
Lakeside Municipal Airport	1.60%	1,600	1,732	1,875	2,198
Lebanon State Airport	1.60%	9,855	10,669	11,550	13,537
Lenhardt Airpark	1.60%	6,000	6,496	7,032	8,242
Lexington Airport	1.60%	4,420	4,785	5,180	6,072
Madras Municipal Airport	1.60%	10,635	11,513	12,464	14,609
Malin	1.60%	700	758	820	962
McDermitt State Airport	1.60%	2,200	2,382	2,578	3,022



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Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
McKenzie Bridge State	1.60%	400	433	469	549
McMinnville Municipal Airport	1.60%	62,000	67,121	72,666	85,166
Memaloose USFS	1.60%	600	650	703	824
Miller Memorial Airpark	1.60%	2,000	2,165	2,344	2,747
Monument Municipal	1.60%	130	141	152	179
Mulino State Airport	1.60%	21,300	23,059	24,964	29,259
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	1.60%	2,280	2,468	2,672	3,132
Nehalem Bay State Airport	1.60%	2,260	2,447	2,649	3,104
Newport Municipal Airport	1.60%	16,000	17,322	18,752	21,978
Oakridge State	1.60%	1,800	1,949	2,110	2,473
Ontario Municipal Airport	1.60%	12,930	13,998	15,154	17,761
Owyhee Reservoir State	1.60%	550	595	645	756
Pacific City State Airport	1.60%	2,000	2,165	2,344	2,747
Paisley	1.60%	400	433	469	549
Pinehurst State Airport	1.60%	620	671	727	852
Portland Downtown Heliport	1.60%	5,040	5,456	5,907	6,923
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1.60%	198,780	215,199	232,975	273,053
Portland International Airport	1.60%	47,928	51,887	56,173	65,836
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1.60%	121,744	131,800	142,687	167,233
Powers Hayes Field	1.60%	400	433	469	549
Prineville Airport	1.60%	10,300	11,151	12,072	14,149
Prospect State Airport	1.60%	1,225	1,326	1,436	1,683
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	1.60%	40,983	44,368	48,033	56,296
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	1.60%	31,108	33,678	36,459	42,731
Rome State	1.60%	100	108	117	137
Roseburg Regional Airport	1.60%	31,700	34,318	37,153	43,545
Salem McNary Field	1.60%	37,126	40,193	43,513	50,998
Sandy River	1.60%	11,500	12,450	13,478	15,797
Santiam Junction State	1.60%	100	108	117	137
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1.60%	59,400	64,307	69,618	81,594
Seaside Municipal Airport	1.60%	2,200	2,382	2,578	3,022
Siletz Bay State Airport	1.60%	3,830	4,146	4,489	5,261
Silver Lake USFS	1.60%	25	27	29	34
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	1.60%	1,400	1,516	1,641	1,923
Skyport	1.60%	2,000	2,165	2,344	2,747
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	1.60%	10,831	11,726	12,694	14,878
Sportsman Airpark	1.60%	11,650	12,612	13,654	16,003
Stark's Twin Oaks	1.60%	22,195	24,028	26,013	30,488

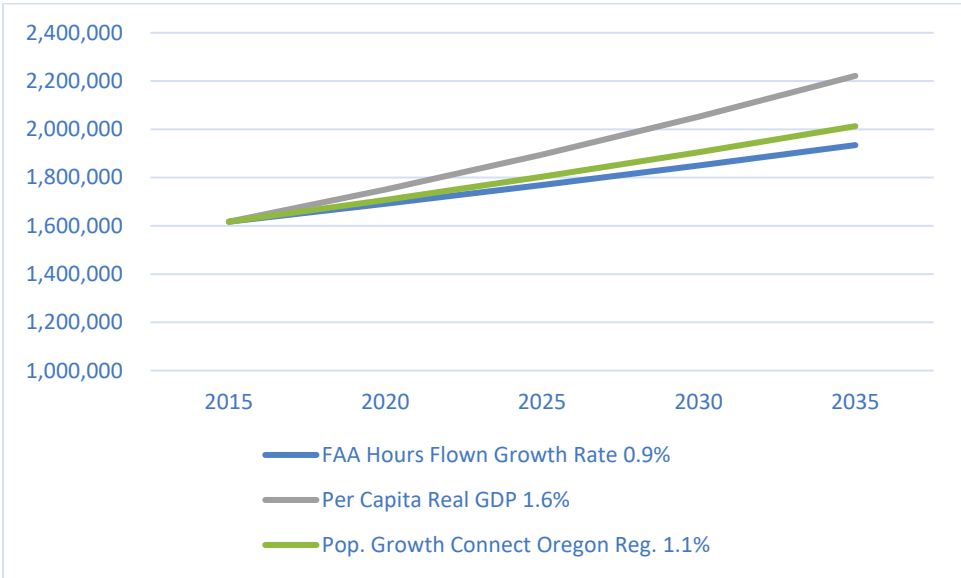
Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Sunriver Airport	1.60%	6,100	6,604	7,149	8,379
Tillamook Airport	1.60%	25,500	27,606	29,887	35,028
Toketee State	1.60%	350	379	410	481
Toledo State Airport	1.60%	1,150	1,245	1,348	1,580
Valley View	1.60%	2,965	3,210	3,475	4,073
Vernonia Municipal	1.60%	3,000	3,248	3,516	4,121
Wakonda Beach State	1.60%	830	899	973	1,140
Wasco State Airport	1.60%	2,435	2,636	2,854	3,345
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,636,699</b>	<b>1,771,692</b>	<b>1,917,822</b>	<b>2,247,245</b>

Source: Jviation

*Preferred General Aviation Operations Forecast*

The results from the three general aviation operations projection methodologies developed in this forecast are compared in **Figure 3-8**. In 2015, the Oregon system airports examined in this analysis accommodated 1.6 million general aviation operations. The bottom-up methodology produced a 2035 statewide projection of 2.0 million general aviation operations, an average annual growth rate of 1.1 percent. The top-down methodology based on FAA Hours Flown projections produced a 2035 statewide projection of 1.93 million general aviation operations, an average annual growth rate of 0.9 percent. The alternative top-down methodology based on historical GDP growth produced a 2035 statewide projection of 2.22 million general aviation operations, an average annual growth rate of 1.6 percent. After comparing the results and the average annual growth rates of each methodology, the bottom-up growth rate of 0.9 percent was chosen as the preferred growth rate since it is based on FAA national average growth forecasted for hours flown. Although the preferred growth rate for general aviation based aircraft in Oregon is slightly higher, 1.1 percent, it is likely that operations per aircraft will decrease over the planning period.

FIGURE 3-8: GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS PROJECTIONS COMPARISON



Source: Jviation

### 3.5 Military Operations Forecast

FAA 5010 data indicates military operations occur at 43 Oregon system airports and reflect a wide range of activity levels. Crater Lake-Klamath Regional is the busiest airport in the state in terms of military followed by Port of Astoria Regional Airport. Astoria Regional is home of Coast Guard Air Station Astoria which support C130 aircraft and MH65 helicopters. Crater Lake-Klamath Regional is home to Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base site of the Oregon Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing. Total military operations have increased from 39,345 in 2005 to 51,240 in 2015, reflecting an average annual growth rate of 1.33 percent. Future military operations in Oregon will be subject to a wide range of variables such as military budgets, national security issues, military participation in forest fire fighting and U.S. Coast Guard activity making it challenging to forecast. **Table 3-22** forecasts military operations for airports with known military operations for the 20-year planning period by utilizing this historical growth rate of 1.33 percent. Total annual military operations in Oregon are projected to increase from an estimated 67,700 to over 88,000 annual operations by 2035.

TABLE 3-22: MILITARY AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS PROJECTION,  
TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY, HISTORICAL MILITARY OPERATIONS

Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Alkali Lake State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Arlington Municipal	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	1.33%	14,000	14,956	15,977	18,234
Aurora State Airport	1.33%	280	299	320	365
Baker City Municipal Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Bandon State Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Beaver Marsh	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Bend Municipal Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Boardman Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Brookings Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Burns Municipal Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Cape Blanco State Airport	1.33%	150	160	171	195
Cascade Locks State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Chehalem Airpark	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Chiloquin State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Christmas Valley Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	1.33%	971	1,037	1,108	1,265
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Corvallis Municipal Airport	1.33%	800	855	913	1,042
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Country Squire Airpark	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Crescent Lake State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-

Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Davis Field	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	1.33%	2,129	2,274	2,430	2,773
Enterprise Municipal	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	1.33%	3,450	3,686	3,937	4,493
Florence Municipal Airport	1.33%	1,500	1,602	1,712	1,954
George Felt	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	1.33%	150	160	171	195
Grant County Regional Airport	1.33%	25	27	29	33
Grants Pass Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Hermiston Municipal Airport	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Illinois Valley Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Independence State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Joseph State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1.33%	60	64	68	78
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	1.33%	20,766	22,184	23,699	27,047
La Grande / Union County Airport	1.33%	500	534	571	651
Lake Billy Chinook	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Lake County Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Lake Woahink SPB	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Lakeside Municipal Airport	1.33%	200	214	228	260
Lebanon State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Lenhardt Airpark	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Lexington Airport	1.33%	12	13	14	16
Madras Municipal Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Malin	1.33%	-	-	-	-
McDermitt State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
McKenzie Bridge State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
McMinnville Municipal Airport	1.33%	1,500	1,602	1,712	1,954
Memaloose USFS	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Miller Memorial Airpark	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Monument Municipal	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Mulino State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Nehalem Bay State Airport	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Newport Municipal Airport	1.33%	3,600	3,846	4,108	4,689
Oakridge State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Ontario Municipal Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Owyhee Reservoir State	1.33%	-	-	-	-



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Airport	AAGR	2015	2020	2025	2035
Pacific City State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Paisley	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Pinehurst State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Portland Downtown Heliport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1.33%	375	401	428	488
Portland International Airport	1.33%	3,517	3,757	4,014	4,581
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1.33%	233	249	266	303
Powers Hayes Field	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Prineville Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Prospect State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	1.33%	455	486	519	593
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	1.33%	481	514	549	626
Rome State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Roseburg Regional Airport	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Salem McNary Field	1.33%	4,084	4,363	4,661	5,319
Sandy River	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Santiam Junction State	1.33%	6	6	7	8
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1.33%	600	641	685	781
Seaside Municipal Airport	1.33%	400	427	456	521
Siletz Bay State Airport	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Silver Lake USFS	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Skyport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	1.33%	6,113	6,530	6,976	7,962
Sportsman Airpark	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Stark's Twin Oaks	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Sunriver Airport	1.33%	50	53	57	65
Tillamook Airport	1.33%	100	107	114	130
Toketee State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Toledo State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Valley View	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Vernonia Municipal	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Wakonda Beach State	1.33%	-	-	-	-
Wasco State Airport	1.33%	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,657</b>	<b>72,277</b>	<b>77,213</b>	<b>88,120</b>

Source: Jviation

### 3.6 Based Aircraft Forecast

In 2017, there were 4,521 based aircraft at Oregon system airports. Of these, 755 are located at commercial airports and 3,766 are located at general aviation airports. **Table 3-23** lists the airports in Oregon with the largest number of based aircraft. Aurora State Airport out-distances all the other airports by a large margin with 7.7 percent of all based aircraft in the state.

TABLE 3-23: TOP 20 AIRPORTS WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF BASED AIRCRAFT, 2015

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	OAP Functional Role	Based Aircraft Count	Percentage of Share
Aurora State Airport	2	II	346	7.7%
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1	II	296	6.5%
Bend Municipal Airport	4	II	241	5.3%
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	3	I	207	4.6%
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1	IV	197	4.4%
Independence State Airport	2	IV	191	4.2%
Grants Pass Airport	3	III	189	4.2%
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	2	I	185	4.1%
Salem McNary Field	2	II	136	3.0%
Corvallis Municipal Airport	2	II	134	3.0%
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1	II	119	2.6%
Prineville Airport	4	IV	117	2.6%
Lenhardt Airpark	1	IV	113	2.5%
Stark's Twin Oaks	1	V	113	2.5%
McMinnville Municipal Airport	2	II	109	2.4%
Roseburg Regional Airport	3	III	105	2.3%
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	2	IV	102	2.3%
Albany Municipal Airport	2	IV	92	2.0%
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	4	I	84	1.9%
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	4	I	83	1.8%
Top 20 Airports			<b>3,159</b>	69.9%
Other Airports			<b>1,362</b>	30.1%
Total			<b>4,521</b>	100.0%

Source: FAA 5010, Basedaircraft.com, FAA Terminal Area Forecast, Aviation Analysis

#### 3.6.1 Based Aircraft Projections

##### *Bottom-Up: General Aviation Operations per Based Aircraft Methodology*

The bottom-up growth rate methodology, applies the average annual historical growth rate based on Connect Oregon regional population growth rates that correspond with individual airports in each region. This methodology was also applied to passenger enplanement forecasts and general aviation operations forecasts. Population growth for Connect Oregon Regions is based on a weighted average of population growth for



Oregon counties comprising each region. Overall annual statewide growth in air carrier operations for the planning period is 1.25 percent.

The proportional increase was determined by the projected population growth of each airport’s associated region. This type of projection is referred to as a bottom-up methodology as it looks at activity from the airport-specific level and then totals the individual projections to develop a statewide total. As shown in **Table 3-24**, using the bottom-up methodology, total statewide based aircraft are projected to increase from 4,530 in 2017 to 5,463 in 2035, a statewide average annual growth rate of 1.0 percent over the planning period.

TABLE 3-24: GENERAL AVIATION BASED AIRCRAFT PROJECTION, BOTTOM-UP METHODOLOGY

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR *	2017	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	92	94	98	106
Alkali Lake State	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Arlington Municipal	4	1.59%	1	1	1	1
Ashland Municipal Airport-Summer Parker Field	3	0.81%	58	59	62	67
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	2	0.81%	45	46	48	52
Aurora State Airport	2	0.81%	346	354	369	400
Baker City Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	24	25	25	27
Bandon State Airport	3	0.67%	25	26	26	28
Beaver Marsh	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Bend Municipal Airport	4	1.59%	241	253	273	320
Boardman Airport	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Brookings Airport	3	0.67%	18	18	19	20
Burns Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	14	14	15	16
Cape Blanco State Airport	3	0.67%	7	7	7	8
Cascade Locks State Airport	1	1.32%	0	0	0	0
Chehallem Airpark	2	0.81%	31	32	33	36
Chiloquin State Airport	4	1.59%	6	6	7	8
Christmas Valley Airport	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	4	1.59%	62	65	70	82
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	4	1.59%	11	12	12	15
Corvallis Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	134	137	143	155
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	2	0.81%	26	27	28	30
Country Squire Airpark	1	1.32%	27	28	30	34
Crescent Lake State Airport	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	2	0.81%	102	104	109	118
Davis Field	2	0.81%	5	5	5	6
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	5	0.71%	77	80	83	70



Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR *	2017	2020	2025	2035
Enterprise Municipal	5	0.71%	31	32	33	35
Eugene Airport - Mahlon Sweet Field	2	0.81%	185	193	201	214
Florence Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	12	12	13	25
George Felt	3	0.67%	17	18	18	19
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	10	10	11	11
Grant County Regional Airport	5	0.71%	13	13	14	14
Grants Pass Airport	3	0.67%	189	193	199	206
Hermiston Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	39	40	41	43
Illinois Valley Airport	3	0.67%	35	36	37	38
Independence State Airport	2	0.81%	191	196	204	212
Joseph State Airport	5	0.71%	14	14	15	15
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1	1.32%	197	205	219	234
Crater Lake-Klamath Reg'l	4	1.59%	84	88	95	103
La Grande / Union County Airport	5	0.71%	65	66	69	71
Lake Billy Chinook	4	1.59%	10	10	11	12
Lake County Airport	4	1.59%	16	17	18	20
Lake Woahink SPB	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Lakeside Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	6	6	6	7
Lebanon State Airport	2	0.81%	49	50	52	54
Lenhardt Airpark	1	1.32%	113	118	126	134
Lexington Airport	5	0.71%	12	12	13	13
Madras Municipal Airport	4	1.59%	67	70	76	82
Malin	4	1.59%	4	4	5	5
McDermitt State Airport	5	0.71%	1	1	1	1
McKenzie Bridge State	2	0.81%	0	0	0	0
McMinnville Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	109	112	116	121
Memaloose USFS	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Miller Memorial Airpark	5	0.71%	4	4	4	4
Monument Municipal	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Mulino State Airport	1	1.32%	63	66	70	75
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	3	0.67%	12	12	13	13
Nehalem Bay State Airport	2	0.81%	0	0	0	0
Newport Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	24	25	26	27
Oakridge State	2	0.81%	5	5	5	6
Ontario Municipal Airport	5	0.71%	38	39	40	42
Owyhee Reservoir State	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Pacific City State Airport	2	0.81%	5	5	5	6

Airport	Connect Oregon Region	AAGR *	2017	2020	2025	2035
Paisley	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Pinehurst State Airport	3	0.67%	7	7	7	8
Portland Downtown Heliport	1	1.32%	0	0	0	0
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1	1.32%	296	308	329	375
Portland International Airport	1	1.32%	78	81	87	99
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1	1.32%	41	43	46	52
Powers Hayes Field	3	0.67%	1	1	1	1
Prineville Airport	4	1.59%	117	123	133	155
Prospect State Airport	3	0.67%	1	1	1	1
Redmond Municipal Airport-	4	1.59%	113	118	128	150
Rogue Valley International-	3	0.67%	207	211	218	233
Rome State	5	0.71%	0	0	0	0
Roseburg Regional Airport	3	0.67%	105	107	111	118
Salem McNary Field	2	0.81%	136	139	145	157
Sandy River	1	1.32%	28	29	31	35
Santiam Junction State	2	0.81%	0	0	0	0
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1	1.32%	119	124	132	151
Seaside Municipal Airport	2	0.81%	3	3	3	3
Siletz Bay State Airport	2	0.81%	13	13	14	15
Silver Lake USFS	4	1.59%	0	0	0	0
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	4	1.59%	17	18	19	23
Skyport	1	1.32%	0	0	0	0
Southwest Oregon Regional	3	0.67%	56	57	59	63
Sportsman Airpark	2	0.81%	44	45	47	51
Stark's Twin Oaks	1	1.32%	113	118	126	143
Sunriver Airport	4	1.59%	28	29	32	37
Tillamook Airport	2	0.81%	19	19	20	22
Tuketee State	3	0.67%	0	0	0	0
Toledo State Airport	2	0.81%	9	9	10	10
Valley View	1	1.32%	33	34	37	42
Vernonia Municipal	1	1.32%	5	5	6	6
Wakonda Beach State	2	0.81%	3	3	3	3
Wasco State Airport	4	1.59%	4	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,489</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>4,879</b>	<b>5,420</b>

Source: Oregon Population Center, Source: FAA 5010, FAA Terminal Area Forecast, Aviation Analysis

\* Based on Connect Oregon region population growth

### *Top-Down Methodology*

**Table 3-25** presents projected statewide based general aviation aircraft for Oregon using the top-down methodology. The US Bureau Economic Analysis Regional Data Per Capita Real GDP Oregon 2005-2015 increased 1.6 percent annually between 2005 and 2015. This top down projection assumes this average annual growth rate continues at this rate from 2017 to 2035. Individual airport based aircraft projections were derived

by applying these growth rates to each airport's current based aircraft total through the end of the planning period. As shown in **Table 3-25**, using the Top Down methodology, total statewide based aircraft are projected to increase from 4,530 in 2017 to 6,028 in 2035.

TABLE 3-25: GENERAL AVIATION BASED AIRCRAFT PROJECTION,  
TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY, HISTORICAL PER CAPITA REAL GDP

Airport	AAGR	2017	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	1.60%	92	96	104	122
Alkali Lake State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Arlington Municipal	1.60%	1	1	1	1
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	1.60%	58	61	66	77
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	1.60%	45	47	51	60
Aurora State Airport	1.60%	346	363	393	460
Baker City Municipal Airport	1.60%	24	25	27	32
Bandon State Airport	1.60%	25	26	28	33
Beaver Marsh	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Bend Municipal Airport	1.60%	241	253	274	321
Boardman Airport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Brookings Airport	1.60%	18	19	20	24
Burns Municipal Airport	1.60%	14	15	16	19
Cape Blanco State Airport	1.60%	7	7	8	9
Cascade Locks State Airport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Chehalem Airpark	1.60%	31	33	35	41
Chiloquin State Airport	1.60%	6	6	7	8
Christmas Valley Airport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	1.60%	62	65	70	83
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	1.60%	11	12	12	15
Corvallis Municipal Airport	1.60%	134	141	152	178
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	1.60%	26	27	30	35
Country Squire Airpark	1.60%	27	28	31	36
Crescent Lake State Airport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	1.60%	102	107	116	136
Davis Field	1.60%	5	5	6	7
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	1.60%	62	65	70	83
Enterprise Municipal	1.60%	31	33	35	41
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	1.60%	185	194	210	246
Florence Municipal Airport	1.60%	22	23	25	29
George Felt	1.60%	17	18	19	23
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	1.60%	10	10	11	13
Grant County Regional Airport	1.60%	13	14	15	17
Grants Pass Airport	1.60%	189	198	215	252



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Hermiston Municipal Airport	1.60%	39	41	44	52
Illinois Valley Airport	1.60%	35	37	40	47
Independence State Airport	1.60%	191	200	217	254
Joseph State Airport	1.60%	14	15	16	19
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1.60%	197	207	224	262
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	1.60%	84	88	95	112
La Grande / Union County Airport	1.60%	65	68	74	86
Lake Billy Chinook	1.60%	10	10	11	13
Lake County Airport	1.60%	16	17	18	21
Lake Woahink SPB	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Lakeside Municipal Airport	1.60%	6	6	7	8
Lebanon State Airport	1.60%	49	51	56	65
Lenhardt Airpark	1.60%	113	119	128	150
Lexington Airport	1.60%	12	13	14	16
Madras Municipal Airport	1.60%	67	70	76	89
Malin	1.60%	4	4	5	5
McDermitt State Airport	1.60%	1	1	1	1
McKenzie Bridge State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
McMinnville Municipal Airport	1.60%	109	114	124	145
Memaloose USFS	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Miller Memorial Airpark	1.60%	4	4	5	5
Monument Municipal	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Mulino State Airport	1.60%	63	66	72	84
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	1.60%	12	13	14	16
Nehalem Bay State Airport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Newport Municipal Airport	1.60%	24	25	27	32
Oakridge State	1.60%	5	5	6	7
Ontario Municipal Airport	1.60%	38	40	43	51
Owyhee Reservoir State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Pacific City State Airport	1.60%	5	5	6	7
Paisley	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Pinehurst State Airport	1.60%	7	7	8	9
Portland Downtown Heliport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1.60%	296	310	336	394
Portland International Airport	1.60%	78	82	89	104
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1.60%	41	43	47	55
Powers Hayes Field	1.60%	1	1	1	1
Prineville Airport	1.60%	117	123	133	156

Airport	AAGR	2017	2020	2025	2035
Prospect State Airport	1.60%	1	1	1	1
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	1.60%	113	119	128	150
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	1.60%	207	217	235	275
Rome State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Roseburg Regional Airport	1.60%	105	110	119	140
Salem McNary Field	1.60%	136	143	154	181
Sandy River	1.60%	28	29	32	37
Santiam Junction State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1.60%	119	125	135	158
Seaside Municipal Airport	1.60%	3	3	3	4
Siletz Bay State Airport	1.60%	13	14	15	17
Silver Lake USFS	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	1.60%	17	18	19	23
Skyport	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	1.60%	56	59	64	75
Sportsman Airpark	1.60%	44	46	50	59
Stark's Twin Oaks	1.60%	113	119	128	150
Sunriver Airport	1.60%	28	29	32	37
Tillamook Airport	1.60%	19	20	22	25
Toketee State	1.60%	0	0	0	0
Toledo State Airport	1.60%	9	9	10	12
Valley View	1.60%	33	35	37	44
Vernonia Municipal	1.60%	5	5	6	7
Wakonda Beach State	1.60%	3	3	3	4
Wasco State Airport	1.60%	4	4	5	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,489</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>5,097</b>	<b>5,974</b>

Source: US Bureau Economic Analysis Regional Data Per Capita Real GDP, Aviation Analysis

### *Top-Down Methodology*

**Table 3-26** presents projected statewide based general aviation aircraft for Oregon using an additional top-down methodology. The FAA Terminal Area Forecast indicates based aircraft for NPIAS airports in Oregon will increase 1.1 percent annually between 2017 and 2035. Individual airport based aircraft projections were derived by applying these growth rates to each airport's current based aircraft total through the end of the planning period. Although 41 of the 97 airports in Oregon are not in the NPIAS this forecast assumes this based aircraft growth rate applies to all ODA system airports. However, 89 percent of based aircraft in 2017 on Oregon system airports were located on NPIAS airports. As shown in **Table 3-26**, using the Top Down methodology, total statewide based aircraft are projected to increase from 4,530 in 2017 to 5,505 in 2035.



TABLE 3-26: GENERAL AVIATION BASED AIRCRAFT PROJECTION,  
TOP-DOWN METHODOLOGY, FAA TERMINAL AREA FORECAST FOR OREGON

Airport	AAGR 2015-2035	2017	2020	2025	2035
Albany Municipal Airport	1.10%	92	95	100	112
Alkali Lake State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Arlington Municipal	1.10%	1	1	1	1
Ashland Municipal Airport - Sumner Parker Field	1.10%	58	60	63	71
Port of Astoria Regional Airport	1.10%	45	47	49	55
Aurora State Airport	1.10%	346	358	378	421
Baker City Municipal Airport	1.10%	24	25	26	29
Bandon State Airport	1.10%	25	26	27	30
Beaver Marsh	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Bend Municipal Airport	1.10%	241	249	263	293
Boardman Airport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Brookings Airport	1.10%	18	19	20	22
Burns Municipal Airport	1.10%	14	14	15	17
Cape Blanco State Airport	1.10%	7	7	8	9
Cascade Locks State Airport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Chehalem Airpark	1.10%	31	32	34	38
Chiloquin State Airport	1.10%	6	6	7	7
Christmas Valley Airport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Columbia Gorge Regional - The Dalles	1.10%	62	64	68	75
Condon State Airport - Pauling Field	1.10%	11	11	12	13
Corvallis Municipal Airport	1.10%	134	138	146	163
Cottage Grove State Airport - Jim Wright Field	1.10%	26	27	28	32
Country Squire Airpark	1.10%	27	28	29	33
Crescent Lake State Airport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Creswell Hobby Field Airport	1.10%	102	105	111	124
Davis Field	1.10%	5	5	5	6
Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton	1.10%	62	64	68	75
Enterprise Municipal	1.10%	31	32	34	38
Eugene Airport-Mahlon Sweet Field	1.10%	185	191	202	225
Florence Municipal Airport	1.10%	22	23	24	27
George Felt	1.10%	17	18	19	21
Gold Beach Municipal Airport	1.10%	10	10	11	12
Grant County Regional Airport	1.10%	13	13	14	16
Grants Pass Airport	1.10%	189	195	206	230
Hermiston Municipal Airport	1.10%	39	40	43	47
Illinois Valley Airport	1.10%	35	36	38	43

Airport	AAGR 2015-2035	2017	2020	2025	2035
Independence State Airport	1.10%	191	197	208	233
Joseph State Airport	1.10%	14	14	15	17
Ken Jernstedt Airfield	1.10%	197	204	215	240
Crater Lake-Klamath Regional	1.10%	84	87	92	102
La Grande / Union County Airport	1.10%	65	67	71	79
Lake Billy Chinook	1.10%	10	10	11	12
Lake County Airport	1.10%	16	17	17	19
Lake Woahink SPB	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Lakeside Municipal Airport	1.10%	6	6	7	7
Lebanon State Airport	1.10%	49	51	53	60
Lenhardt Airpark	1.10%	113	117	123	138
Lexington Airport	1.10%	12	12	13	15
Madras Municipal Airport	1.10%	67	69	73	82
Malin	1.10%	4	4	4	5
McDermitt State Airport	1.10%	1	1	1	1
McKenzie Bridge State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
McMinnville Municipal Airport	1.10%	109	113	119	133
Memaloose USFS	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Miller Memorial Airpark	1.10%	4	4	4	5
Monument Municipal	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Mulino State Airport	1.10%	63	65	69	77
Myrtle Creek Municipal Airport	1.10%	12	12	13	15
Nehalem Bay State Airport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Newport Municipal Airport	1.10%	24	25	26	29
Oakridge State	1.10%	5	5	5	6
Ontario Municipal Airport	1.10%	38	39	41	46
Owyhee Reservoir State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Pacific City State Airport	1.10%	5	5	5	6
Paisley	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Pinehurst State Airport	1.10%	7	7	8	9
Portland Downtown Heliport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Portland-Hillsboro Airport	1.10%	296	306	323	360
Portland International Airport	1.10%	78	81	85	95
Portland-Troutdale Airport	1.10%	41	42	45	50
Powers Hayes Field	1.10%	1	1	1	1
Prineville Airport	1.10%	117	121	128	142
Prospect State Airport	1.10%	1	1	1	1
Redmond Municipal Airport-Roberts Field	1.10%	113	117	123	138

Airport	AAGR 2015-2035	2017	2020	2025	2035
Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport	1.10%	207	214	226	252
Rome State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Roseburg Regional Airport	1.10%	105	109	115	128
Salem McNary Field	1.10%	136	141	148	166
Sandy River	1.10%	28	29	31	34
Santiam Junction State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Scappoose Industrial Airpark	1.10%	119	123	130	145
Seaside Municipal Airport	1.10%	3	3	3	4
Siletz Bay State Airport	1.10%	13	13	14	16
Silver Lake USFS	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Sisters Eagle Air Airport	1.10%	17	18	19	21
Skyport	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Southwest Oregon Regional Airport	1.10%	56	58	61	68
Sportsman Airpark	1.10%	44	45	48	54
Stark's Twin Oaks	1.10%	113	117	123	138
Sunriver Airport	1.10%	28	29	31	34
Tillamook Airport	1.10%	19	20	21	23
Toketee State	1.10%	0	0	0	0
Toledo State Airport	1.10%	9	9	10	11
Valley View	1.10%	33	34	36	40
Vernonia Municipal	1.10%	5	5	5	6
Wakonda Beach State	1.10%	3	3	3	4
Wasco State Airport	1.10%	4	4	4	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,489</b>	<b>4,639</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>5,466</b>

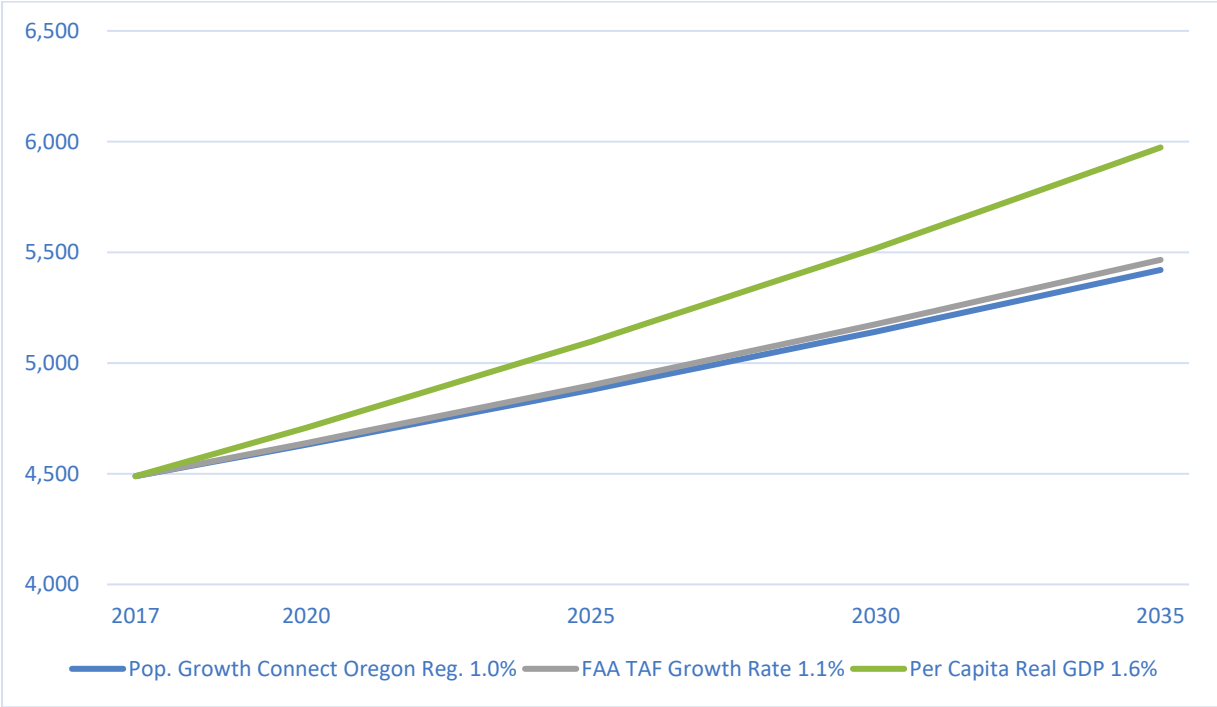
Source: FAA Terminal Area Forecast Based Aircraft Projection Growth Rate for Oregon, Aviation Analysis

### *Preferred Based Aircraft Forecast*

The results from the three based aircraft projection methodologies developed in this forecast are compared in **Figure 3-9**. In 2017, the Oregon airports examined as part of this analysis were home to 4,489 based aircraft. The bottom-up methodology produced a 2035 statewide projection of 5,420 based aircraft and an average annual growth rate of 1.0 percent. The top-down methodology based on historical Per Capita Real GDP produced a 2035 statewide projection of 5,974 based aircraft with the highest average annual growth rate, of the three projections, at 1.6 percent. The alternative top-down methodology utilizing FAA Terminal Area Forecast projections for NPIAS airports in Oregon produced more moderate 5,466 based aircraft total at the end of the planning period. After comparing the results and the average annual growth rates of each methodology, and although the historical Per Capita Real GDP projection had the strongest growth, it was decided to be highly optimistic since sustaining a 1.6 percent GDP growth rate over the planning period is unlikely. As a result, the more conservative bottom-up growth rate of 1.1 percent was chosen as the preferred forecast which is based on FAA TAF growth rates for based aircraft.



FIGURE 3-9: BASED AIRCRAFT FORECAST COMPARISON

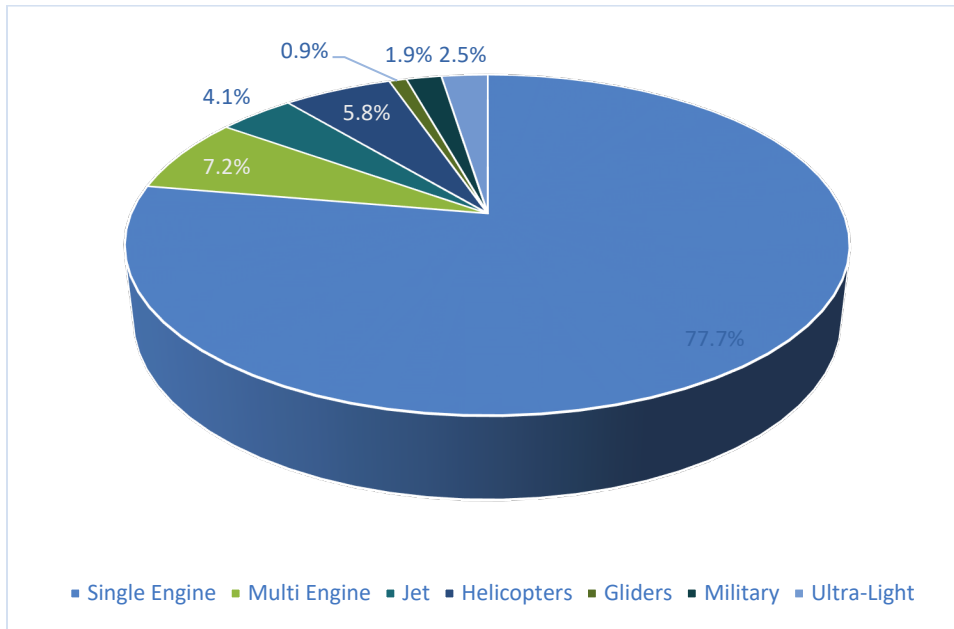


Source: Jviation

### 3.7 Oregon Aircraft Fleet Mix Forecast

Forecasts of the types of based aircraft within Oregon were based on 2015 fleet mix from each airport’s FAA 5010 Airport Master Record. Multiple growth rates were utilized in developing based aircraft fleet mix forecasts over the 20-year planning period. These rates came from Oregon population forecasts, historical per capita real GDP (2010 to 2016) and the 2017 FAA Aerospace Forecast publication. Forecasting based aircraft fleet mix assists in understanding Oregon’s future airport activity and system growth. **Figure 3-10** identifies total aircraft type by market share. Nearly 78 percent of all general aviation based aircraft are single-engine aircraft with seven percent being twin engine. Jet aircraft comprise over four percent of the fleet with helicopters making up nearly six percent.

FIGURE 3-10: 2015 OREGON AIRCRAFT FLEET MIX



Source: Jviation

**Table 3-27, Table 3-28, and Table 3-29** show the results of each growth rate applied to the based aircraft base year by aircraft type. An historical statewide average annual population growth rate of 0.97% was applied as this forecasting method. The result of the analysis indicates total single-engine aircraft increase from 3,608 to 4,337 by the end of the planning period while multi-engine and jet aircraft increase from 332 to 403 and 189 to 229 respectively. Helicopters increase from 269 to 3026, gliders from 43 to 52 and military increase from 87 to 105. Ultralights increase from 114 to 139 over the planning horizon.

TABLE 3-27: BASED AIRCRAFT FLEET MIX FORECAST PER POPULATION GROWTH

	Single-Engine	Multi-Engine	Jet	Helicopters	Gliders	Military	Ultra-Light	Total
AAGR	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	0.97%	
2015	3,608	332	189	269	43	87	114	4,642
2020	3,787	349	198	282	45	91	120	4,872
2025	3,974	366	208	296	47	96	126	5,112
2035	4,377	403	229	326	52	105	139	5,631

Source: Jviation

A second forecasting method used was applying the US BEA Regional Data Per Capita Real GDP<sup>6</sup> compound annual growth rate for Oregon, (**Table 3-28**). BEA data indicates that between 2005-2015, Per Capita Real GDP growth was 1.6 percent for Oregon. This historical growth rate was applied to each airport’s 2015 based aircraft count to facilitate its forecast with the assumption that this growth rate will continue for the next 20 years and that based aircraft ownership is tied to this measure of economic growth. A 1.6 percent growth rate and is the most robust growth rate of the fleet mix projections presented in this analysis. The result indicates total single-

<sup>6</sup> Real GDP by state is an inflation-adjusted measure of each state's gross product that is based on national prices for the goods and services produced within the state. Total GDP is divided by the total population and compared between years to identify the average annual growth rate.

engine aircraft increase from 3,608 to 4,956 by the end of the planning period while multi-engine and jet aircraft increase from 332 to 456 and 189 to 259 respectively. Helicopters increase from 269 to 369, gliders from 43 to 59, and military increase from 87 to 119. Ultralights increase from 114 to 157 over the planning horizon.

TABLE 3-28: BASED AIRCRAFT FLEET MIX FORECAST PER CAPITA GDP GROWTH

	Single-Engine	Multi-Engine	Jet	Helicopters	Gliders	Military	Ultra-Light	Total
AAGR	1.60%	1.60%	1.60%		1.60%	1.60%	1.60%	
2015	3,608	332	189	269	43	87	114	4,642
2020	3,906	360	204	291	47	94	124	5,025
2025	4,229	389	221	315	50	102	134	5,441
2035	4,956	456	259	369	59	119	157	6,376

Source: Jviation

The FAA Aerospace Forecast prepares forecasts for the years 2015-2035 and looks at segments of the industry including: Airline Traffic, General Aviation activity, other FAA work and Unmanned Aircraft System trends. This report is respected throughout the industry and is utilized in other forecasting capacities. This forecast utilizes the FAA Aerospace Forecast of Active General Aviation Aircraft growth rate of 0.2 percent over the 20-year planning period. The exception to this rate is jet aircraft and helicopters which are forecast to grow at the national forecasted manufacturing rate of 2.5 and 2.1 percent respectively. **Table 3-29** shows the results of this forecasting method.

The result of the analysis indicates total single-engine aircraft decrease from 3608 to 3755 by the end of the planning period while multi-engine and jet aircraft increase from 342 to 515 and 183 to 257 respectively. Helicopters increase from 257 to 367, gliders from 44 to 91, and military increase from 89 to 113. Ultralights increase from 116 to 239 over the planning horizon. Total based aircraft increase slightly overall from 4642 to 5094 which is the lowest total based aircraft forecast of the three presented.

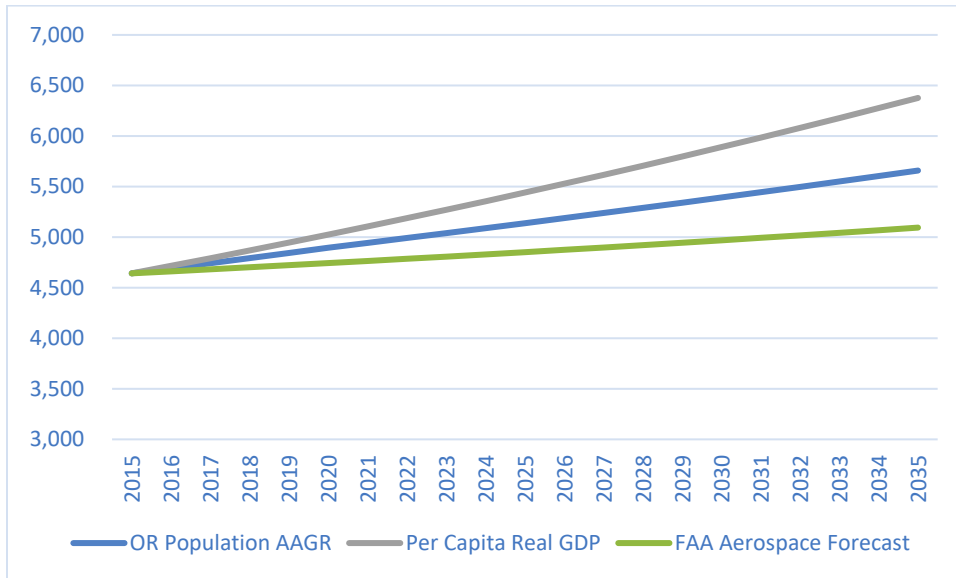
TABLE 3-29: BASED AIRCRAFT FLEET MIX FORECAST PER 2016 FAA AEROSPACE FORECAST GROWTH RATES

	Single-Engine	Multi-Engine	Jet	Helicopters	Gliders	Military	Ultra-Light	Total
AAGR	0.20%	0.20%	2.50%	2.10%	0.20%	1.33%	0.20%	
2015	3,608	332	189	269	43	87	114	4,642
2020	3,645	336	213	298	43	93	115	4,743
2025	3,681	339	241	331	44	99	117	4,852
2035	3,755	346	309	407	45	113	119	5,094

Source: Jviation

**Figure 3-11** displays the difference between each forecast. As seen, the FAA Aerospace fleet mix forecast has the lowest total growth rate, with based aircraft totaling just 5094 in 2035. A forecast based on per capita GDP results in the highest forecast at 6,376 based aircraft in 2035.

FIGURE 3-11: FLEET MIX FORECASTS OF TOTAL BASED AIRCRAFT IN OREGON THROUGH 2035



Source: Jviation

*Preferred Forecast of Based Aircraft Fleet Mix*

As seen in **Figure 3-11**, the three methodologies vary widely. The preferred forecast for based aircraft in Oregon is based on the FAA Aerospace forecast and a comparison of 2015 fleet mix to 2035 forecasted fleet mix is illustrated in **Figure 3-12**.

FIGURE 3-12: FLEET MIX FORECAST BY PERCENT SHARE COMPARISON 2015 VS. 2035 BASED ON FAA FORECAST GROWTH RATES

