

# CLT Powers Region's Economy

## Annual Economic Impact



**Charlotte·Douglas®**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



### Direct vs. Indirect Impacts

**Direct impacts** result from economic activities conducted on Airport property by airlines and tenants, Airport management, and various labor, construction and airside aviation contractors. Purchasing of locally-produced goods and services also is included.

**Indirect impacts** come from off-site economic activities that would not have occurred without the presence of the Airport. Among the activities included: services provided by hotels, restaurants and other retailers; visitor spending; capital expenditures; and aviation-dependent government agencies.

## Supporting Healthy Growth in Jobs and Payroll

The economic impact and contributions of the Airport in 2015 shows that growth is most likely to be driven by additional jobs, as businesses choose Charlotte and the surrounding region as a base for their operations.

In 2015, CLT operations and activities supported approximately 224,400 jobs in the regional economy, which is more than double the 100,700 level a decade ago. Of the jobs total, 29,185 are directly tied to the Airport operations, services and expansion of aviation facilities. This includes tenant and contractor jobs and over 10,800 American Airlines' jobs.

Researchers found that 195,225 jobs are indirectly tied to the Airport as regional employers and many

other supporting businesses such as hotels, are spurred on by the Airport's vitality and other factors.

This healthy job growth in the region pumped more than \$11.5 billion into the area economy through wages and salaries. The majority of the wage impact is from regional employers, reaching about \$10 billion in 2015. American Airlines' wage impact was \$913 million. Airport tenant and contractor wages and salaries were \$532 million.

