



IV. IMPACTS OF MAJOR INSTALLATIONS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE

Located in Illinois' Metro East region, Scott Air Force Base (AFB) employed 4,512 active duty military personnel and 5,085 civilians¹ in FY2013. Private sector contracts worth \$518.2 million were performed at Scott AFB in FY2013. In addition, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units that depend on the base employed 2,204 full-time and part-time personnel². These activities, along with related retiree spending and educational aid payments, added \$3.5 billion to Illinois' GDP.

The Department of Defense (DOD) allots educational impact aid payment directly to local school districts for: (1) local revenue lost due to the presence of federally owned property, which is therefore tax-exempt, and (2) costs incurred due to 'federally connected' students, such as the children of armed services personnel working at a nearby military base. In the 12th Congressional District, these payment totaled \$8.9 million in FY2013. More than 85% of the payments in the district went to Mascoutah School District, which includes Scott AFB within its boundaries.

Retirees often depend on the services provided by major military installations for shopping, health care, and recreational opportunities. Career military retirement and Veterans' Affairs benefits paid to retirees in the 12th Congressional District totaled \$74.3 million. Military related retirement payments in the Missouri portion of the St. Louis metro area were a significant \$271.4 million.

Scott AFB impacts are presented on the regional and *statewide* levels. *Regional impacts* refer to the 12th Congressional District plus the Missouri side of the St. Louis metropolitan area just across the border. *Statewide impacts* refer to impacts that occur throughout the state of Illinois.

Regional Impacts

Combined, these activities supported a total of 30,485 jobs in the 12th Congressional District with total personal income of \$1.7 billion, and contributed \$3.2 billion to the district's gross domestic

¹ Personnel and Contracts Source: Scott Air Force Base.

² Includes 126th ARW (Source: Illinois National Guard) and 932nd AW (Source: 932nd AW Fact Sheet: <http://www.932aw.afrc.af.mil/library/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=261>).

product (Figure 4). The Missouri side of the St. Louis metropolitan area is also heavily affected. Impacts related to Scott AFB supported 9,854 jobs in the Missouri part of the St. Louis area³ with a total income of \$890 million and contributed \$847 million to the region’s GDP.

Across the region, the operations of Scott AFB and related economic activity supported an estimated 40,339 jobs. Total personal income dependent on Scott AFB was almost \$2.6 billion. The economic activity generated more than \$4 billion in regional GDP.

Figure 4: Regional Economic Impacts of Scott Air Force Base (\$ Millions), FY2013

	Illinois 12 th Congressional District			Missouri Portion of St. Louis Metro			Region Total		
	Jobs	GDP	Income	Jobs	GDP	Income	Jobs	GDP	Income
Total	30,485	\$3,176	\$1,700	9,854	\$847	\$890	40,339	\$4,023	\$2,590
Scott AFB	29,089	\$3,087	\$1,416	5,461	\$495	\$271	34,550	\$3,582	\$1,687
Impact Aid	192	\$13	\$6	0	\$0	\$0	192	\$13	\$6
Retirees	1,204	\$76	\$278	4,393	\$352	\$619	5,597	\$428	\$897

Source: REMI, 2014.

Statewide Impacts

As shown in Figure 5, Scott AFB operations and related economic activity supported more than 33,000 jobs across Illinois. Personal income in the state dependent on the base was more than \$2 billion and the economic activities added about \$3.5 billion to Illinois’ GDP. The majority of these impacts occurred within the 12th Congressional District, home to Scott AFB. The neighboring 13th and 15th Congressional Districts each had more than 500 jobs supported by the base’s operations.

Figure 5: Statewide Economic Impacts of Scott Air Force Base (\$ Millions), FY2013

	Illinois 12 th Congressional District			All Other Illinois Districts			Statewide Illinois		
	Jobs	GDP	Income	Jobs	GDP	Income	Jobs	GDP	Income
Total	30,485	\$3,176	\$1,700	2,524	\$274	\$341	33,009	\$3,450	\$2,041
Scott AFB	29,089	\$3,087	\$1,416	2,524	\$274	\$341	31,613	\$3,361	\$1,757
Impact Aid	192	\$13	\$6				192	\$13	\$6
Retirees	1,204	\$76	\$278				1,204	\$76	\$278

Source: REMI, 2014.

³ The Missouri part of the St. Louis area includes St. Louis City and, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington Counties.