

**ECONOMIC ENGINE**

**alaska aviation system**

*Largest aviation system in North America*

**COMMUNITY LIFELINE**

# Three busiest airports at a glance



## Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport

- 5 million passengers annually
- New terminal in 2009
- World's largest and busiest seaplane base
- Ranked #5 in world cargo tonnage
- #2 airport in the U.S. for landed cargo weight
- 522,000 annual flight operations

[anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com)



## Fairbanks International Airport

- 1 million passengers annually
- New terminal and 11,800' runway in 2009
- Seaplane base with 322 tie-downs and 185 float slips
- 118,000 annual flight operations
- Hub airport for Interior Alaska and alternate for ANC

[dot.state.ak.us/faiiap](http://dot.state.ak.us/faiiap)



## Bethel Airport

- 300,000 passengers annually
- New runway in 2009
- 2nd busiest cargo airport in Alaska
- 122,000 annual flight operations
- Serves 56 villages in Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

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# AIR FREIGHT GATEWAY

The Alaska International Airports System, comprised of the Anchorage (ANC) and Fairbanks (FAI) airports, is a vital gateway for trade and commerce between North America and Asia.

Alaska is the halfway point between Asian countries and the Continental U.S. Freighters carry maximum cargo payloads and refuel in Alaska, which in turn creates lower costs and access to imported goods for American households.

2.5 million tons of air cargo handled at ANC ranking it the #2 airport in North America for volume of cargo handled.

5% of the value of all U.S. international cargo or \$41 billion worth of merchandise trade passed through ANC in 2008.

Largest aircraft in the world can land at these airports.

## AVIATION *CONTRIBUTES TO* ALASKA'S ECONOMY

**\$3.5 BILLION**  
to the State economy

**47,000 JOBS**  
represents 10% of  
all jobs in Alaska

**1 in 8 JOBS**  
in Anchorage attributable  
to ANC Airport







#### DISTANCE FROM ALASKA

City	Nautical Miles
Singapore.....	5,792
Hong Kong.....	4,415
Frankfurt .....	4,064
London .....	3,902
Moscow.....	3,791
Miami.....	3,479
Beijing.....	3,442
Seoul.....	3,286
Mexico City.....	3,284
Tokyo.....	2,983
New York.....	2,941
Chicago.....	2,473
Honolulu.....	2,413
Los Angeles .....	2,037

**9.5 HOURS  
FROM 90%  
OF THE WORLD**

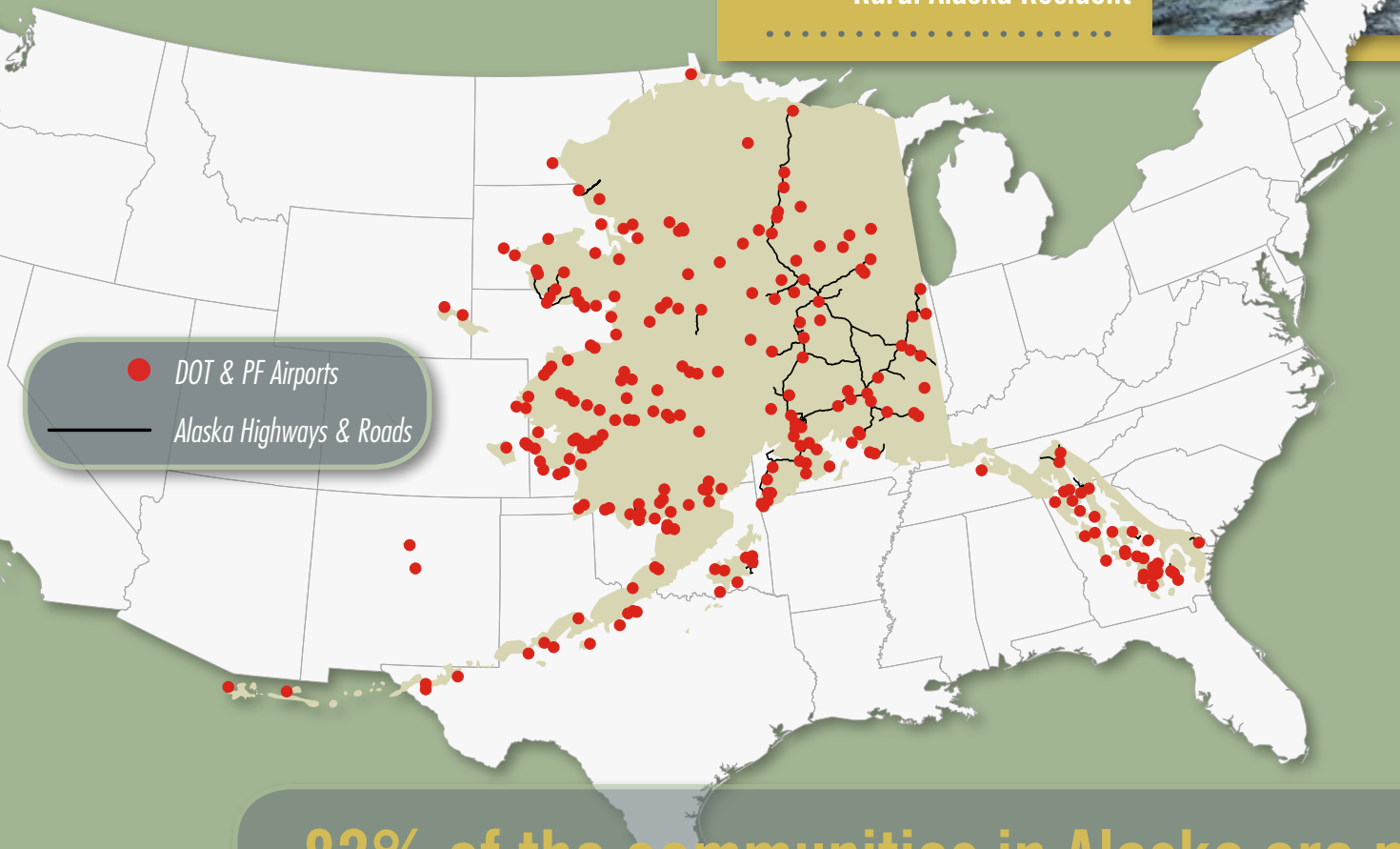
# Alaska's Aviation Lifeline

Aviation is more important in Alaska than anywhere else in the United States.

- 255 airports are owned and operated by the State of Alaska
- Airports provide a vital link for access to food, mail, schools, medical services and travel

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"If we didn't have the airport we wouldn't have anything. The airport is a fact of life for living out here in the villages. The airport is our roads, highway, ocean, our lifeline."  
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-Rural Alaska Resident



**82% of the communities in Alaska are not connected to a highway or road system.**

# COMMUNITY LIFELINE



## mission

*To provide for the safe movement  
of people & goods and the  
delivery of State services.*



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