Alaska covers 663,300 square miles, but only has an estimated 15,718 miles of public roads. With a landmass equivalent to about one-fifth of the entire contiguous U.S., air travel is the norm and aviation safety is critical when conducting business.

**Largest aviation system in North America**

- **700 Airports**
- **7,922 Active Pilots**

- **6X more pilots**
- **16X more aircraft**

- **82% of Alaskan communities are located off of the contiguous road system.**

**Non-fire aviation is in support of Cadastral survey, scientific studies, tribal consultation, mining compliance, oil and gas compliance, projects, law enforcement, and VIP trips.**

**BLM Alaska Non-Fire Aviation**

- **Alaska State Office, Cadastral Survey, and Anchorage District**
  - **3,000 aviation flight hours** annual avg.
  - **$3 MILLION+** aviation related expenditures annual avg.
  - **1,800-2,000 hours** aviation flight hours annual avg.
  - **$2-2.5 MILLION** aviation related expenditures annual avg.
  - **~250 employees** directly use or are involved in aviation operations annual avg.

- **Fairbanks District and Arctic District**
  - **1,000-1,200 hours** aviation flight hours annual avg.
  - **$1-1.5 MILLION** aviation related expenditures annual avg.
  - **~100 employees** directly use or are involved in aviation operations annual avg.

- **300,000 aviation flight miles** annual avg.

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