



# NKY KNOWS AVIATION

## AVIATION SUPPORT TAKES FLIGHT IN NKY

Home to the fastest-growing cargo airport in North America and 12th largest in the world, with two major air hubs, and more than 55 direct destinations on 14 carriers at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG), Northern Kentucky is a hub for the aviation industry. A 2022 study by EY found that Aviation Maintenance is a top sector for growth in Northern Kentucky.



### Aviation and Aviation Maintenance Industries in the Cincinnati MSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYEES	AVG. ANNUAL WAGES
Scheduled Freight Air Transportation	1,722	\$72,130
Other Support Activities for Air Transportation	2,563	\$120,343
Scheduled Passenger Air Transportation	2,329	\$91,454
Other Airport Operations	888	\$71,047
Nonscheduled Chartered Passenger Air Transportation	590	\$120,644
Nonscheduled Chartered Freight Air Transportation	12	\$97,427
Other Nonscheduled Air Transportation	15	\$90,929
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,119</b>	<b>\$96,405</b>

Source: JobsEQ Q3 2024; 2022 EY Target Industry Study

**#1** Fastest-growing freight and cargo airport in North America

**55+** Nonstop Destinations from CVG

## Recent Announcements

DHL Express  
\$292M | 300 jobs

Epic Flight Academy | FEAM Aero  
\$7M | 250 students/class

FEAM Aero  
\$40.2M | 250 jobs

L2 Aviation  
\$12.2M | 250 jobs

“We have accomplished great success through our partnership with CVG and the public support from the state of Kentucky. We look forward to growing our local economic impact by creating meaningful careers within the region and bringing our best-in-class standards of quality and safety to the already thriving cargo ecosystem at CVG.”

**Fred Murphy, Founder and CEO, FEAM AERO**



## Workforce Overview

With a labor shed of 1.5 million people and more than 8,000 people currently employed in the [aviation](#) sector in the Cincinnati region, Northern Kentucky has a strong core of both professional and aircraft maintenance and mechanic workers. The talent pipeline features 6,000 engineering graduates per year within a 75-mile radius of Northern Kentucky. A new aircraft maintenance and repair school built by Epic Aviation and FEAM AERO at CVG is training up to 250 students per class.

### Selected Occupations in the Cincinnati MSA to Support Aviation and Aviation Maintenance

OCCUPATION	EMPLOYEES	AVG. ANNUAL WAGES
Pilots, Copilots, Flight Engineers and Airfield Operation Specialists	842	\$239,400
Aircraft Service Attendants	158	\$45,900
Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	256	\$63,200
Avionics Technicians	180	\$81,800
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	2,311	\$86,300
Passenger Attendants	189	\$45,200
Flight Attendants	1,044	\$67,000
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	26,596	\$43,200
Cargo and Freight Agents	1,752	\$51,800

Source: JobsEQ Q3 2024

### Wage Comparison

REGION	AVG. ANNUAL WAGE
Northern Kentucky	\$59,200
Cincinnati	\$52,700
Columbus	\$47,200
Indianapolis	\$47,700
Louisville	\$51,000

Source: JobsEQ Q3 2024. Average wages reflect selected occupations based on SOC code.

## Major Employers

### Aviation Companies

- AIT Worldwide Logistics
- Amazon Air (KCVG)
- Anca Cargo
- Atlas Air
- Avenir Aviation
- DHL Express Global Superhub
- DHL Global Forwarding
- Diatom
- DX Logistics
- Epic Aviation, Flight Academy
- FEAM Aero
- GE Aerospace (On Wing Support)
- GE Aerospace, Engine Services
- L2 Aviation
- Menzies Aviation
- PSA Airlines
- Unilode Aviation Solutions
- VSE Aviation Services
- Wheels Up

### Airlines

- Air Canada
- Alaska Airlines
- Allegiant
- American Airlines
- Apple Vacations
- Breeze Airways
- British Airways
- Delta
- Frontier Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
- Sun Country Airlines
- United Airlines
- Vacation Express
- Viva Aerobus