



## PHOENIX GOODYEAR AIRPORT

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### Airport Facts

Phoenix Goodyear Airport (GYR or Goodyear Airport) is a General Aviation (GA) airport supporting significant Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) of large aircraft, airline flight training, corporate aircraft, and general aviation flying.

Goodyear Airport is owned and operated by the City of Phoenix and is located inside the Goodyear city limits. GYR encompasses 789 acres and is located 25 miles west of Phoenix Sky Harbor. The main terminal is 5,500 sq. ft. and was built in 2000.

In 2022, Phoenix Goodyear Airport handled nearly 164,484 operations. In 2023, Phoenix Goodyear Airport expects to accommodate more than 200,000 operations.

### GYR Features:

- Based Aircraft: 294
  - 147 hangars
  - 22 covered tie downs (CTD)
- Runway 03/21:
  - 8,500 feet long and 150 feet wide (capable of accommodating a B-747 aircraft)
  - 24-hour access
  - GPS approach
  - Lighted heliport
- Five commercial tenants
  - AerSale
    - Maintenance, Repair, & Overhaul (MRO) of aircraft up to a B-777
  - United Aviate Academy (UAA)
    - Training up to 500 airline pilots per year
    - Lufthansa Airlines and German Air Force train at GYR as sublease to UAA
  - Lux Air Jet Centers - Fixed Based Operator
    - 66,000 sq. ft. facility, including:
      - 18,000 square feet of office space
      - 3 hangars at 12,500 square feet each
      - 10,000 square foot FBO facility
  - Fly Goodyear Flight School
    - Flight training
  - Galaxy International
    - Repair and inspection of aircraft parts

- Year-round sunny and clear skies make Goodyear an ideal place for flight operations, manufacturing, and data storage.
- Luke Air Force Base is located north of Goodyear, providing businesses additional aerospace-defense opportunities in the Goodyear area.
- In 2021, the United Aviate Academy (UAA), a wholly owned subsidiary of United Airlines, started a state-of-the-art training facility at Phoenix Goodyear Airport. The first graduating class was in January 2023. Airport operations are increasing significantly due to the growth of this campus.
- Goodyear Airport has invested more than \$24M in capital projects over the last eight years including repaving the runway and taxiway, as well as constructing T hangar aprons. The airport also completed an airport master plan update in 2018 and is currently designing a new aircraft apron to support two B-767 aircraft. Over the next five years, the airport will likely have more than \$175M of private and public investment.

### **Economic Facts**

With more than 80 years of aviation tradition and featuring internationally recognized companies such as AerSale, Lockheed Martin, Lufthansa Airlines, United Airlines, and more, Phoenix Goodyear Airport offers a combination of assets that make it a place of opportunity for business in our GYR Aviation & Aerospace Corridor including:

- 256 acres of leasable airport land.
- +/- 2,500 acres of available property within close proximity of the airport.
- Skilled aviation and aerospace workforce.
- GYR's Aviation corridor is south of I-10 extending to Highway MC-85 and the Union Pacific Railroad.
- Military Reuse Zone that provides tax benefits for aviation and aerospace companies.
- Foreign Trade Zones providing continuous property tax benefits for qualifying companies.

Public Investments in calendar year 2023:

- Crack fill & seal Runway 3/21 – ADOT APMS project to start in September 2023. Project will crack fill, seal the runway, and repaint. ADOT funds 90% - \$760K.
- Pave Infield Islands – ADOT grant to pave 2" pavement section in islands between the runway and taxiway. Project will prevent erosion, eliminate wildlife, and improve safety - \$2M.
- Construct new B-767 aircraft parking apron – New ramp will allow airport to accommodate existing demand to park more large aircraft at GYR. FAA and ADOT will fund 95% or eligible costs - \$10M.

Potential Public Investments in calendar year 2024:

- Lux Air Jet Centers proposing to build two new corporate hangars (30,000 sq.ft. each).
- Additional developer proposing +/- 65 corporate hangars for development.
- Proposed new 28-acre air cargo facility for development.

## Development Around GYR:

In the last five years, approximately 500 acres north of the airport has been developed with logistics facilities, and 170 acres west of the airport are currently under construction for additional logistics buildings. Next year, about 600 acres south of GYR will be under construction with logistics and office facilities. The development is coordinated with the Planning & Environmental Division to ensure the development is compatible and will not restrict the ultimate growth of the airport.

### **Historical Facts**

Before it became a part of the City of Phoenix airport system, Goodyear was known as the Naval Air Facility Litchfield Park (or NAF Litchfield Park). It had a long history of military service. In 1941, with World War II raging in Europe, the Goodyear Aerospace Corporation offered land to the U.S. Defense Plant Corporation. The U.S. Navy used the land to build aircraft flight decks and established a U.S. Naval Air Facility to test fly and deliver aircraft. This necessitated the construction of a landing field, hangar, and runway.

After the war ended, the naval facility remained operational to preserve and store aircraft from 1945 to 1965. At one point, more than 5,000 aircraft were in storage. The Korean Conflict brought the airfield back to active duty in the fifties. At the end of the conflict, the facility was decommissioned. The majority of remaining aircraft were moved to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson and the U.S. General Service Administration put the entire 800-acre site on its surplus list.

In 1968, the City of Phoenix purchased the property as a general aviation reliever airport to Phoenix Sky Harbor. An initial master plan was crafted for the airport in 1986 that called for a new terminal building, hangars, and support facilities. To date, Goodyear Airport's improvements have included a new terminal, T-hangars, ramp space, tie downs, a new fixed base operator, and an airport maintenance facility.