

Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF)

Fact Sheet



**Federal Aviation
Administration**



AATF History

- Created by the Airport and Airway Development and Revenue Act of 1970 to finance aviation programs
 - Revenues are derived from aviation-related excise taxes on passengers, cargo, and fuel
 - Provides funding for capital improvements to the U.S. airport and airways system
 - Provides the majority of funding for the Federal Aviation Administration
 - 69.6% in FY 2009
 - 66.6% in FY 2010
 - 68.8% in FY 2011
 - 71.4% in FY 2012



AATF Funds these Accounts

- FAA accounts:
 - Operations (funded by the General Fund and AATF)
 - Facilities and Equipment¹
 - Research, Engineering, and Development
 - Grants-in-Aid for Airports¹
- DOT accounts:
 - Essential Air Services (EAS)

¹ The General Fund can also contribute to Facilities & Equipment and Airports accounts. An example includes the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)



FAA Accounts & AATF Funding

Dollars in thousands

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2009 ACTUAL	FY 2010 ACTUAL	FY 2011 ACTUAL	FY 2012 ENACTED	FY 2013 BUDGET REQUEST
Operations	\$9,046,167	\$9,351,400	\$9,513,962	\$9,653,395	\$9,718,000
General	\$3,808,162	\$5,351,400	\$4,964,080	\$4,592,701	\$2,997,000
AATF	\$5,238,005	\$4,000,000	\$4,549,882	\$5,060,694	\$6,721,000
Facilities & Equipment	\$2,942,095	\$2,928,315	\$2,730,731	\$2,730,731	\$2,850,000
General	\$200,000				
AATF	\$2,742,095	\$2,936,203	\$2,730,731	\$2,730,731	\$2,850,000
Unobligated Balance Rescission		(\$7,888)			
Research, Engineering & Development					
AATF	\$171,000	\$190,500	\$169,660	\$167,556	\$153,816
Grants in Aid for Airports	\$4,906,800	\$3,121,000	\$3,515,000	\$3,350,000	\$2,424,000
General	\$1,100,000				
Contract Authority (AATF)	\$3,900,000	\$3,515,000	\$3,515,000	\$3,350,000	\$2,424,000
Rescission	(\$93,200)	(\$394,000)			
TOTAL:	\$17,066,062	\$15,591,215	\$15,929,353	\$15,901,682	\$15,145,816
[General]	\$5,108,162	\$5,351,400	\$4,964,080	\$4,592,701	\$2,997,000
[AATF]	\$11,957,900	\$10,239,815	\$10,965,273	\$11,308,981	\$12,148,816



AATF Taxes – Types and Rates

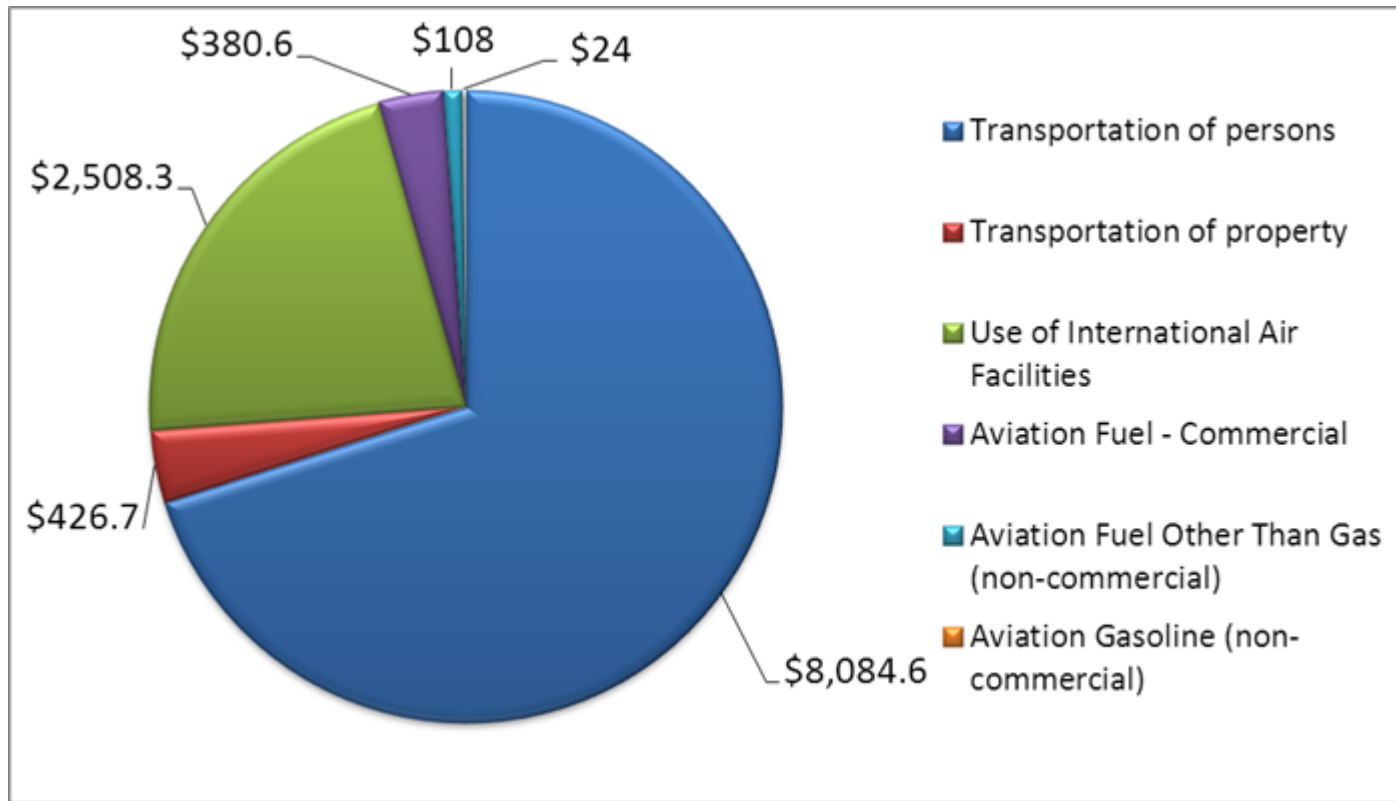
Tax Type	Tax Rate
Transportation of persons by air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic Ticket Tax (ad valorem tax) ▪ Domestic flight segment tax (a flight segment is one takeoff and one landing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7.5 percent of ticket price (or amounts paid for the right to provide mileage awards) ▪ \$3.80 (indexed) per segment during 2012 (does not apply to flights to and from rural airports)
Use of international air facilities tax (flat tax that applies to passengers arriving or departing for foreign destinations that are not subject to the domestic ticket tax)	\$16.70 (indexed) per arrival / departure during 2012 (\$8.40 (indexed) for departures from Alaska and Hawaii)
Transportation of property by air (ad valorem tax)	6.25 percent of amount paid for the transportation of property by air
Noncommercial aviation fuel	Aviation gasoline: 19.3 cents per gallon Other aviation fuel: 21.8 cents per gallon Fractional ownership program: 14.1 cents per gallon surcharge ¹
Commercial aviation fuel	4.3 cents per gallon

¹Effective after March 31, 2012



AATF Taxes – FY 2011 Actuals

(in millions)



Total Tax Revenue: \$11,532 million