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Introduction

With the release of **CATS 2.0**, the FAA has redesigned the platform to deliver a modern, intuitive, and accessible user experience. CATS 2.0 introduces:

- **Modernized Interface:** A clean, refreshed visual design and streamlined navigation that make filing, managing, and viewing reports faster and more efficient.
- **Enhanced Public & Sponsor Dashboards:** Upgraded layouts for public users to search and download airport financial data, for airport sponsors to submit and amend annual filings, and for FAA staff to administer compliance oversight.

For information on reporting requirements, please see [AC 150/5100-19D](#) - Guide for Airport Financial Reports Filed by Airport Sponsors.

Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to familiarize users with publicly accessible information and how to view and export financial data.

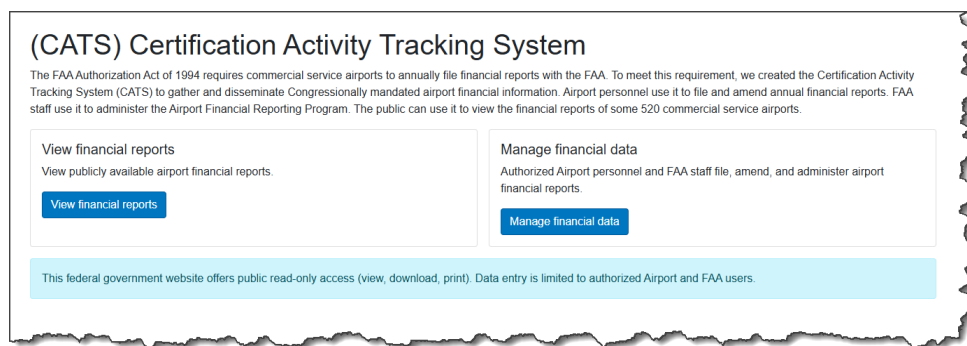
Viewing Best Practices

Recommended Browser: Microsoft Edge (official supported browser).

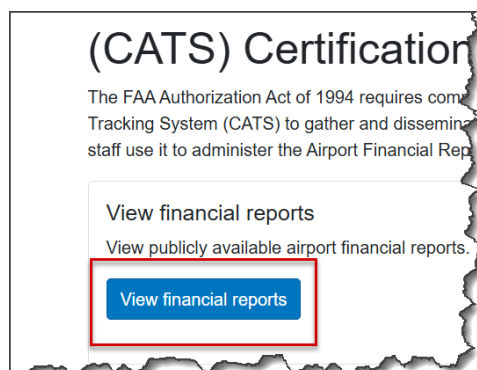
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Accessing the Public Reports Area

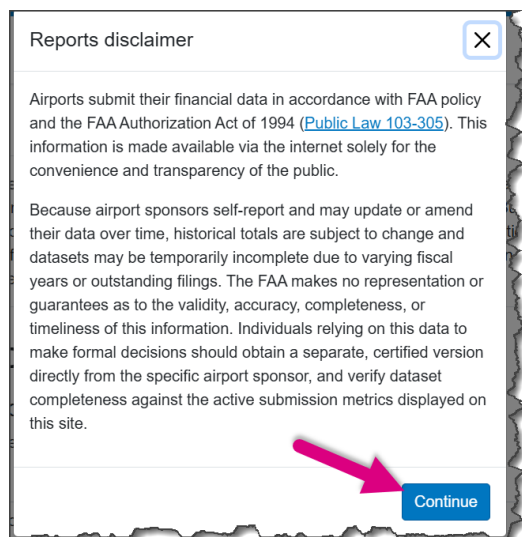
1. Navigate to <https://cats.airports.faa.gov> .



2. On the CATS homepage, select the **View financial reports** button.



3. A **Reports Disclaimer** pop-up window will appear. Review the disclaimer text and select **Continue** to land on the Public Financial Reports page.



Side Navigation Structure

The left-hand navigation pane contains **9 links** structured into primary categories and sub-reports:

- **Reports** (Main Landing Page)
- **Form 126: Financial Government Payments**
- **Form 126: All Airports**
- **Form 126 Glossary**
- **Form 127: Operating and Financial Summary**
 - Prior to 2009

Note: Prior to 2009 link is currently not available yet and will be developed as a future enhancement.

- **Form 127: All Airports**
 - Prior to 2009

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- **Form 127 Glossary**

Note: The side navigation menu remains visible on every report page, allowing you to move freely between reports without using your browser's Back button.

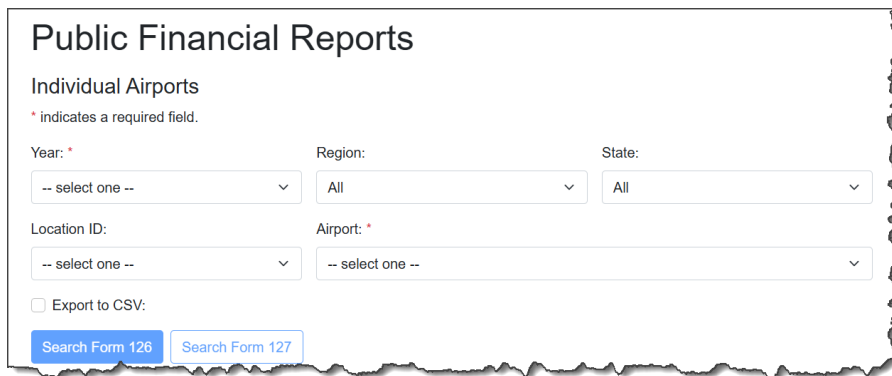


Viewing Form 126: Financial Government Payments

Form 126 details official government entity payments made by individual commercial service airports.

Searching for an Individual Airport

1. On the **Public Financial Reports** page, find the **Individual Airports** section.
2. Select your desired search criteria using the drop-down menus:
 - **Year** (*Required*)
 - **Region**
 - **State**
 - **Location ID**
 - **Airport** (*Required*)



The screenshot shows the 'Public Financial Reports' section with a sub-header 'Individual Airports'. A note states '* indicates a required field.' Below this are five drop-down menus: 'Year: *' (with '-- select one --'), 'Region:' (with 'All'), 'State:' (with 'All'), 'Location ID:' (with '-- select one --'), and 'Airport: *' (with '-- select one --'). There is also an 'Export to CSV:' checkbox. At the bottom are two buttons: 'Search Form 126' and 'Search Form 127'.

Filter Tip: Drop-downs narrow down choices from top to bottom (e.g., selecting a **Region** resets any active **State**, **Location ID**, or **Airport** selections). Choosing a **Location ID** will automatically populate the **Airport** field if only one airport matches that ID.

3. Select **Search Form 126**.

Understanding the Form 126 Page

- **Current Filed Version Box:** Displays filing details including **Version** and **Filing Date**.
- **Government Entity Payments Cards:** Displays individual cards for each government entity, showing its **Classification** (e.g., Federal, City) and a table breaking down **Payment type** and **Amount**.

- **Paperwork Reduction Act Burden:** Displays the standard statutory notice at the bottom of the page.

Viewing Form 127: Operating and Financial Summary

Form 127 provides a complete operating and financial breakdown for an individual airport.

Searching for an Individual Airport

1. On the **Reports** page under **Individual Airports**, select your search filters (**Year**, **Region**, **State**, **Location ID**, **Airport**).
2. Select **Search Form 127**.

The screenshot shows the 'Public Financial Reports' section for 'Individual Airports'. It includes a note that an asterisk indicates a required field. There are five dropdown menus: 'Year' (with a red asterisk), 'Region', 'State', 'Location ID', and 'Airport' (with a red asterisk). The 'Year' dropdown is currently set to '-- select one --'. Below the dropdowns is an 'Export to CSV' checkbox and two buttons: 'Search Form 126' and 'Search Form 127'.

Year to Compare

1. Under **Individual Airports**, select your search filters (**Year**, **Region**, **State**, **Location ID**, **Airport**).
2. Select **Search Form 127**.
3. Select a **Year** in the **Year to compare** drop-down menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Form 127' section for 'Operating and Financial Summary'. It includes a note that an asterisk indicates a required field. There are five dropdown menus: 'Year' (with a red asterisk), 'Year to compare', 'Region', 'State', and 'Location ID'. The 'Year' dropdown is set to '2024' and the 'Year to compare' dropdown is set to '2025'. A red callout box with an arrow points to the 'Year to compare' dropdown, containing the text: 'Notice a Year to compare: drop-down menu.' Below the dropdowns are 'All' buttons for 'State' and 'Location ID'.

4. Then select **Search**.

5. Notice there are now a total of 3 columns.

- First column for the original drop-down **Year** selected.
- Second column for the year selected in the **Year to compare:**
- Third column is the **Change** between the two years in percentage.

Section 1.0 Passenger Airline Aeronautical Revenue			
Line item	2024	2025	Change
1.1 Passenger airline landing fees	\$52,013,213	\$56,918,652	9.43%
1.2 Terminal arrival fees, rents, and utilities	\$151,831,567	\$160,893,941	5.97%
Terminal area apron charges/tiedowns	\$10,866,830	\$13,018,051	19.80%
1.4 Federal Inspection Fees	\$3,432,130	\$3,913,730	14.03%
Other passenger aeronautical fees	(\$1,780,592)	(\$540,375)	-69.65%
1.6 Total	\$216,363,148	\$234,203,999	8.25%

Key Features on the Form 127 Page

- **Year to Compare:** A drop-down field near the top allows side-by-side comparison with a second reporting year.
- **Header Information:** Displays **Airport Name**, **State**, **Airport 3 Digit ID Code**, **Consolidated**, **For Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) date**, and **Based on Audited Info**.
- **Financial Sections:** Tables detailing **Sections 1.0 through 16.0** (excluding Section 7.0).
 - *Formatting:* Negative monetary values appear inside brackets with currency signs (e.g., (\$50)).

Aggregated Reports: All Airports (Form 126)

To view government payment totals across all reporting airports for a single year:

1. Select **Form 126: All Airports** in the left navigation menu.
2. Select your search criteria:
 - **Year*** (*Required*)
 - **Government entity*** (*Required*) — Choose from *Not provided in legacy data*, *City*, *County*, *State*, *Federal*, *Port Authority*, or *Other*.
 - **Hub size** (*Optional*) — Choose from *All*, *Large*, *Medium*, *Small*, or *NonHub*.



Form 126: All Airports

* indicates a required field.

Year: * Government entity: * Hub size:

-- select one -- -- select one -- All

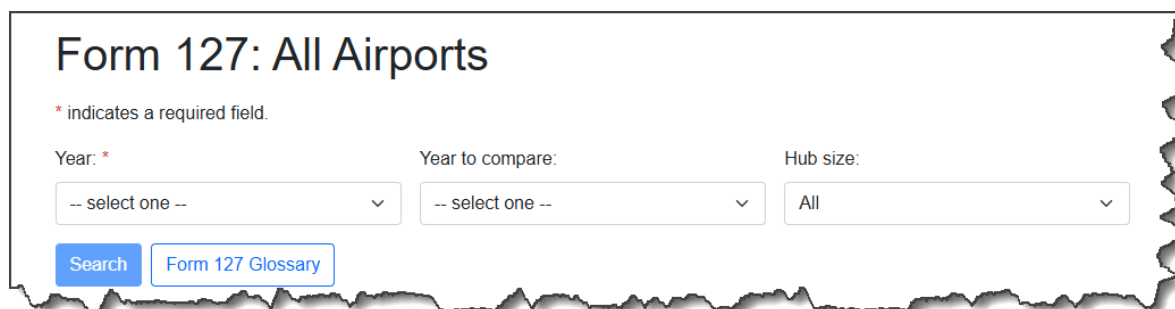
Search Form 126 Glossary

3. Select **Search**.
4. **Results Summary:**
 - **Payments to Government Entity:** Displays aggregate payment totals organized by payment type.
 - **Property and Services Provided to Government Entity:** Displays aggregate totals for *Fair Market Value*, *Value In Kind Services*, and *Cash Compensation*, along with a grand total.

Aggregated Reports: All Airports (Form 127)

To view operating and financial summary totals across all reporting airports for a single year:

1. Select **Form 127: All Airports** in the left navigation menu.
2. Select your search criteria:
 - **Year*** (*Required*)
 - **Year to compare** (Optional)
 - **Hub size** (*Optional*) — Choose from *All*, *Large*, *Medium*, *Small*, or *NonHub*.



Form 127: All Airports

* indicates a required field.

Year: * Year to compare: Hub size:

-- select one -- -- select one -- All

Search Form 127 Glossary

3. Select **Search**.
4. **Results Summary:**
 - Total number of airports that were filed in that year.
 - Totals across all airports for each line item, section by section, in the same layout as the single-airport Form 127.
 - When a **Year to compare** comparison is selected from the drop-down menu, the tool calculates and displays the percent change between the two selected years.



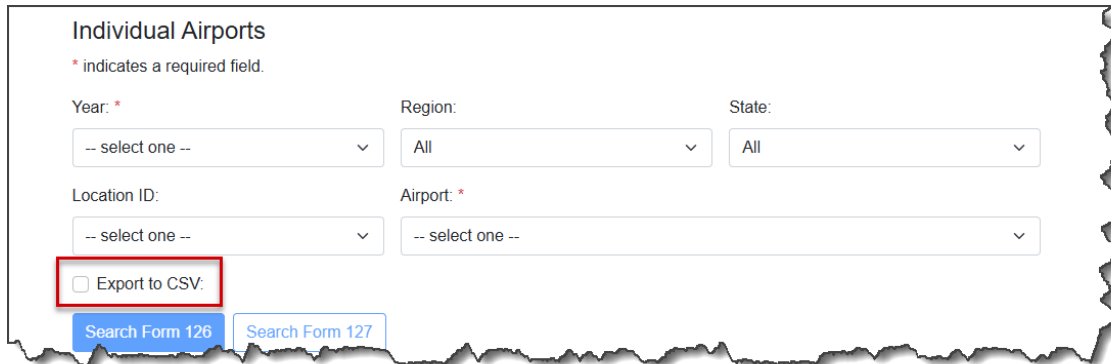
Line item	2020
1.1 Passenger airline landing fees	\$3,236,323,128
1.2 Terminal arrival fees, rents, and utilities	\$5,512,836,071
Terminal area apron charges/tiedowns	\$187,899,275
1.4 Federal Inspection Fees	\$258,725,030
Other passenger aeronautical fees	\$161,608,609
1.6 Total	\$9,357,392,113
Section 2.0 Non-Passenger Aeronautical Revenue	
Line item	2020

Exporting Reports to CSV

Public financial reports for individual airports can be exported directly as standard CSV spreadsheets.

Step-by-Step Export Instructions

1. On the **Reports** page in the **Individual Airports** section on the main reports landing page, check the **Export to CSV:** box.



Individual Airports

* indicates a required field.

Year: * Region: State:

-- select one -- All All

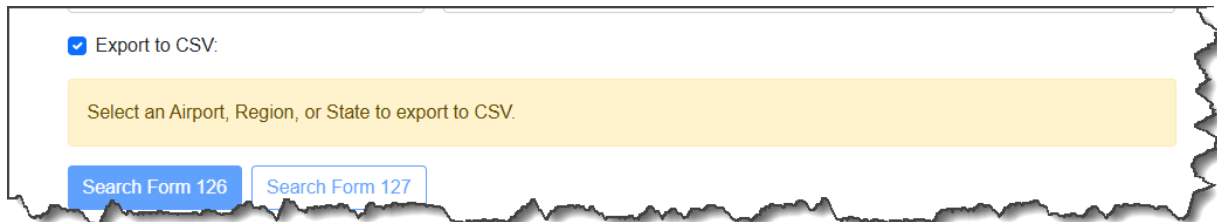
Location ID: Airport: *

-- select one -- -- select one --

☐ Export to CSV:

Search Form 126 Search Form 127

2. Select a **Year**.
3. Select an **Airport**, **Region**, or **State**.
 - o *Validation Rule:* If only a Year is selected while "Export to CSV" is checked, the search buttons will remain disabled and a warning banner will state: "Select an Airport, Region, or State to export to CSV."



☒ Export to CSV:

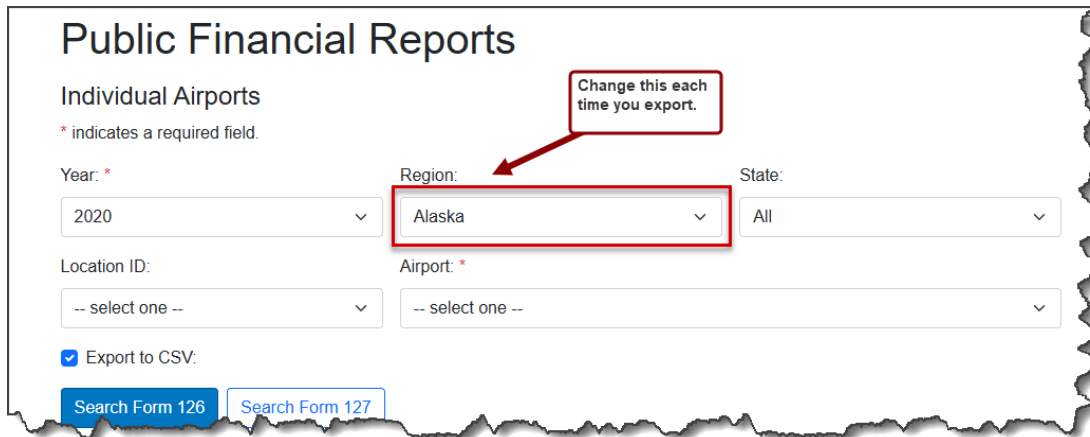
Select an Airport, Region, or State to export to CSV.

Search Form 126 Search Form 127

4. Select **Search Form 126** or **Search Form 127**.

Exporting Public Financial Data for All Airports by Year

1. Select a **Year** and a **Region**.
2. Check the Export to CSV checkbox.
3. Select the **Search Form 126** or **Search Form 127** button.
4. To gather all the Airport data for the Year, repeat steps 1-3 for every **Region**.



Public Financial Reports

Individual Airports

* indicates a required field.

Year: *
2020

Region: Alaska

State: All

Location ID: -- select one --

Airport: *
-- select one --

☒ Export to CSV:

Search Form 126 Search Form 127

CSV Export Details

- Selecting an export initiates a direct download without refreshing or navigating away from the page.
- **File Naming Format:** CATS_Report_Form_126_YYYY-MM-DD.csv **OR** CATS_Report_Form_127_YYYY-MM-DD.csv.
- **Data Formatting:** All values in the CSV file are enclosed in double quotation marks. Unpopulated fields appear as a single hyphen ("-"), whereas \$0 indicates an explicitly reported zero-dollar amount.

Additional Help

For additional financial questions or concerns, please contact the Airports Compliance Division (ACO) at FinancialCompliance@faa.gov.