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ECONOMIC IMPACT
FISCAL YEAR 2012
Columbus Air Force Base (CAFB) is home to the 14th Flying Training Wing (FTW) under Air Education and Training Command (AETC). The 14 FTW is one of the Air Force’s three Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) bases and one of only three Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) bases. Its mission is to **PRODUCE PILOTS, ADVANCE AIRMEN, and FEED THE FIGHT**. In order to accomplish this mission, the wing flies approximately 267 sorties a day—making our air traffic control complex the busiest in the United States Air Force for three of the last four years. Last year, we graduated 420 officers through all of our flying training programs and sent an additional 31 student pilots to other bases to finish their training. CAFB flew 58,850 sorties and 81,603 hours in FY12.

In 2012, this category totaled $143.8M in payroll expenditures, a growth of $3.6M from 2011, as a reflection of an increase in Contract Employees.

Indirect jobs are the jobs created on the local economy in order to support Columbus AFB and its personnel with adequate goods and services.

1228 Indirect Jobs were created in FY12, an increase of 251 from FY11.

Contracts, Supplies and Equipment totaled $75.4M. The primary driver are services contracts, accounting for 75% of this category. The service contracts include the DynCorp aircraft maintenance contract, custodial services, grounds maintenance, a physician assistant, and chapel service contracts.

99% of the miscellaneous expenditures were attributed to Health Care at $7.39M. From 2011 to 2012, CAFB saw a slight decrease in local hospital support and Tri-Care payments of $110K ($7.5M).