

**U.S. GENERAL AVIATION
ACTIVE AIRCRAFT AND HOURS FLOWN BY PRIMARY USE**

Calendar Years 1999–2003

Primary Use	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ACTIVE AIRCRAFT AS OF DECEMBER 31 (Thousands)					
TOTAL	<u>219.5</u>	<u>217.5</u>	<u>211.4</u>	<u>211.2</u>	<u>209.7</u>
Executive	10.8	11.0	10.5	10.8	10.5
Business	24.5	25.2	25.5	24.2	25.0
Air Taxi ^a	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.9	2.6
Instructional	16.1	14.9	14.3	13.2	12.7
Personal	147.1	148.2	144.0	146.0	146.7
Aerial Application	4.3	4.3	3.8	4.0	3.3
Aerial Observation	3.2	5.1	5.0	4.5	4.2
Aerial Other	0.4	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.8
Sight Seeing	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.9
Public Use	4.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Air Tours.....	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
External Load	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Medical	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Other Work	2.4	1.8	1.5	1.7	1.7
HOURS FLOWN (Thousands)^f					
TOTAL	<u>31,231</u>	<u>29,960</u>	<u>27,017</u>	<u>27,040</u>	<u>27,329</u>
Executive	3,535	3,341	3,657	3,275	3,227
Business	3,602	3,588	3,579	3,287	3,327
Air Taxi ^a	1,874	1,487	1,440	1,346	1,171
Instructional	5,795	5,050	4,307	4,182	4,393
Personal	11,072	11,477	11,266	11,025	11,251
Aerial Application	1,408	1,318	1,038	1,182	1,099
Aerial Observation	1,244	1,545	1,442	1,366	1,262
Aerial Other	120	234	163	187	172
Sight Seeing	218	197	183	134	175
Air Tours.....	111	635	145	149	161
Public Use	1,109	NA	NA	NA	NA
Medical	415	431	408	441	524
External Load	123	161	131	97	103
Other Work	605	496	256	369	414

Source: Federal Aviation Administration, "General Aviation and Air Taxi Activity Survey" (Annually).

a Air taxis under 12,500 pounds.