

# General Aviation Advances America

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# About NATA

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- Has served the interests of the general aviation business community for more than 80 years
- Represents over 3,700 businesses including FBOs, part 135 operators, fractionals, MROs, repair stations, and training providers
- Member driven advocacy reflecting our companies' lines of business
  - Airport Business Committee
  - Environment Committee
  - General Aviation Airports Committee
  - Air Charter Committee
  - Aircraft Maintenance Committee
  - Safety Committee
  - Workforce Development Committee
  - Aircraft Management Committee



# Industry Trends (2017-2021)

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- 2017-2018
  - Industry was experiencing flat GA growth
  - Trump Tax Cut/Bonus depreciation on preowned aircraft incentive for buyers
  - Aircraft owners looked to purchase larger aircraft → infrastructure impacts
- March 2020
  - COVID-19 pandemic...business flight activity essentially came to a halt
  - May 2020, flight activity picked up; mostly 135, very little 91
- September 2021
  - Historic highs in charter activity & historic lows with aircraft inventory
  - New users and buyers not previously in the industry
  - Flying private now seen as essential rather than just a luxury

# Infrastructure

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- Unprecedented growth has brought unprecedented demand for private aviation
- NATA is working collaboratively to address issues, including:
  - Space
  - Cost
  - Supply chain issues
- Working with airport/leaseholder

# Workforce

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- GA bridge programs
- Telling industry stories of success
- Working to build A&Ps and Pilots

# NATA Training Programs

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- Safety 1<sup>st</sup>
- FQMS
- Safety-related programs

# General Aviation Advancing America (GAAA)

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- The GAAA initiative encourages open dialogue on how
  - GA stakeholders facilitate the success of the community
  - Airports serve key roles in economic and job recovery
  - General aviation has been essential in assisting during the pandemic and instrumental throughout the recovery in getting America back to work
- To date, NATA staff have traveled to 17 states and 50 locations
  - Listening to the needs of airports and their users to assist in business recovery





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