

# 2019 ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Survey

#### **Overview**

The ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Survey is designed by the ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Working Group to collect important airport concessions data. The goal is to build a comprehensive database of key industry measures that member airports can use for comparing and contrasting with their peers.

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#### **Survey Methodology**

The ACI-NA Concessions Benchmarking Survey was launched in January 2019 and sent to all ACI-NA airport members. Data was collected during February – April 2019 using an online survey tool for CY2018.

Survey questionnaire in three parts:

- > Part 1 General Information
- > Part 2 Food & Beverage
- > Part 3 Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail



# **Survey Sample**

Hub Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Large	26	28	27	25	23
Medium	21	22	21	20	20
Small	19	33	24	22	22
Canadian	10	9	9	9	9
Other	4	-	4	4	2
Total	80	92	85	80	76

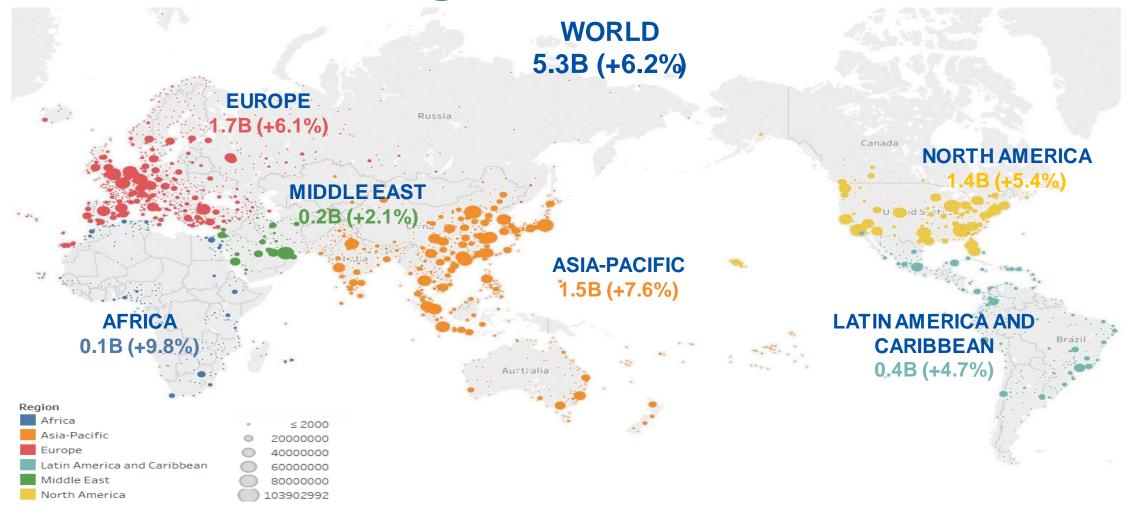
The 2019 survey incorporates data on concessions revenue from 76 airports, reflecting 68% of passenger traffic in the United States and 52% of the traffic in Canada.



#### **General Information**



# World Passenger Traffic Growth in 2018





Source: ACI World 2018 World Annual Traffic Dataset

#### Distribution of Non-Aeronautical Revenue

Region	Retail con- cessions	Food and beverage	Car parking	Rental car concessions	Advertising	Fuel and oil	Aviation catering services	Utility pass- through charges	Property and real estate revenue or rent	Other non-aero- nautical revenue
Africa	31.9%	1.5%	10.7%	3.2%	3.5%	2.5%	0.3%	4.9%	12.7%	28.8%
Asia-Pacific	45.4%	3.7%	7.1%	0.8%	3.7%	2.7%	0.8%	1.8%	22.2%	11.8%
Europe	35.7%	4.7%	16.1%	2.3%	1.9%	2.3%	0.5%	5.0%	16.4%	14.9%
Latin America-Caribbean	26.9%	6.9%	10.6%	4.0%	4.5%	4.4%	1.7%	1.3%	9.8%	29.8%
Middle East	52.9%	3.9%	9.1%	1.3%	1.7%	4.6%	1.6%	3.1%	13.6%	8.1%
North America	8.0%	7.7%	40.7%	17.1%	0.6%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	15.5%
World	30.2%	5.3%	20.1%	6.2%	2.2%	2.8%	0.5%	2.5%	15.0%	15.2%

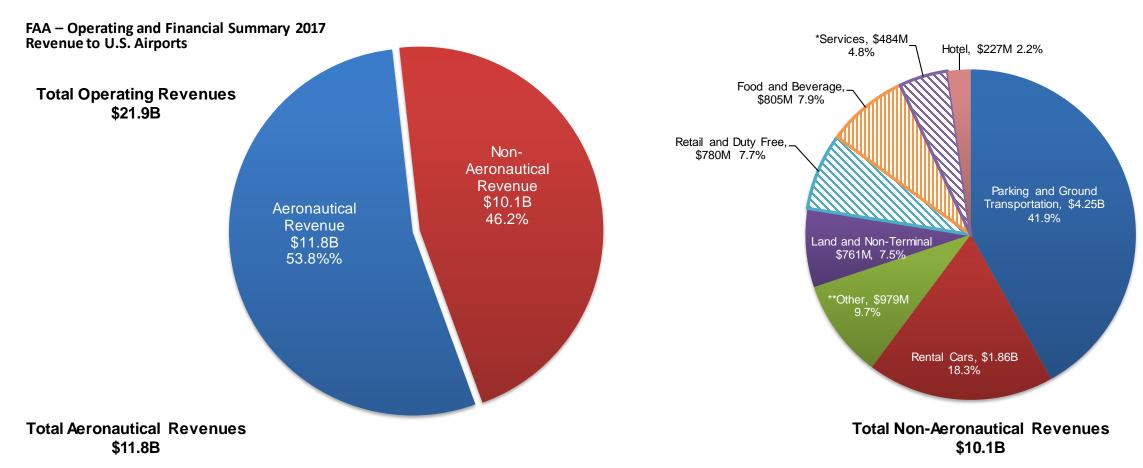
Source: ACI Airport Economics Survey 2018



<sup>\*\*</sup>Car Parking revenue includes revenue from airport-operated parking lots and car parking concessions revenue

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Other non-aeronautical revenue includes revenue from other unspecified concessions.

# Big Picture of U.S. Airports Aeronautical vs. Non-Aeronautical Revenue

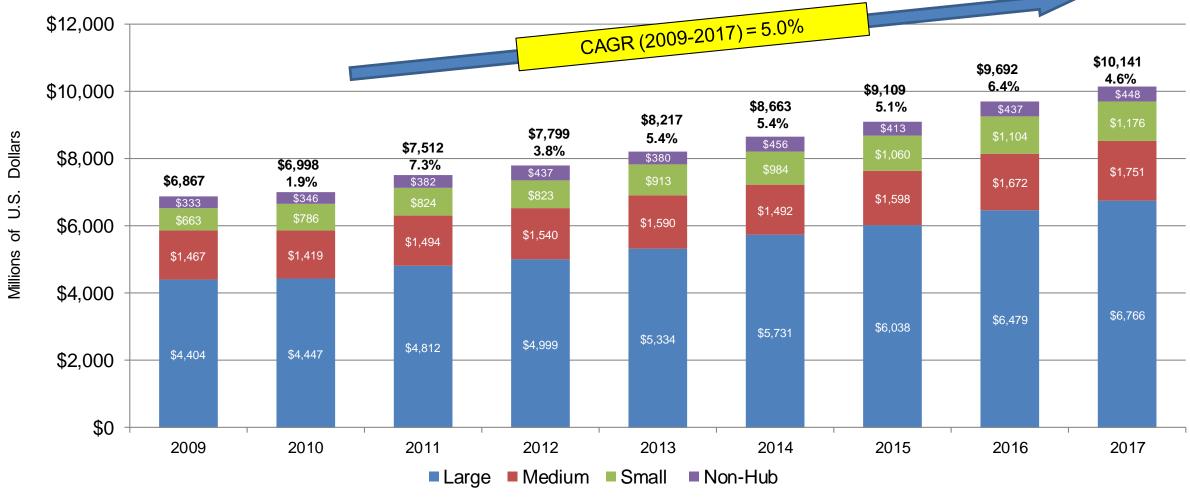




<sup>\*\*</sup>All other non-aeronautical operating revenues earned from the non-aeronautical use of the airport



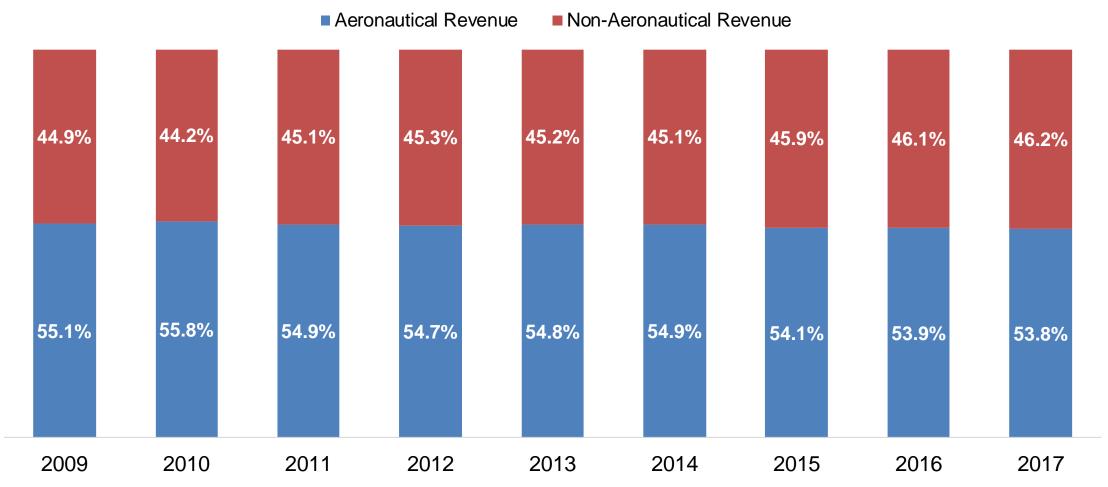
#### Non-Aeronautical Revenue Annual Growth





Source: FAA, CATS: Report 127

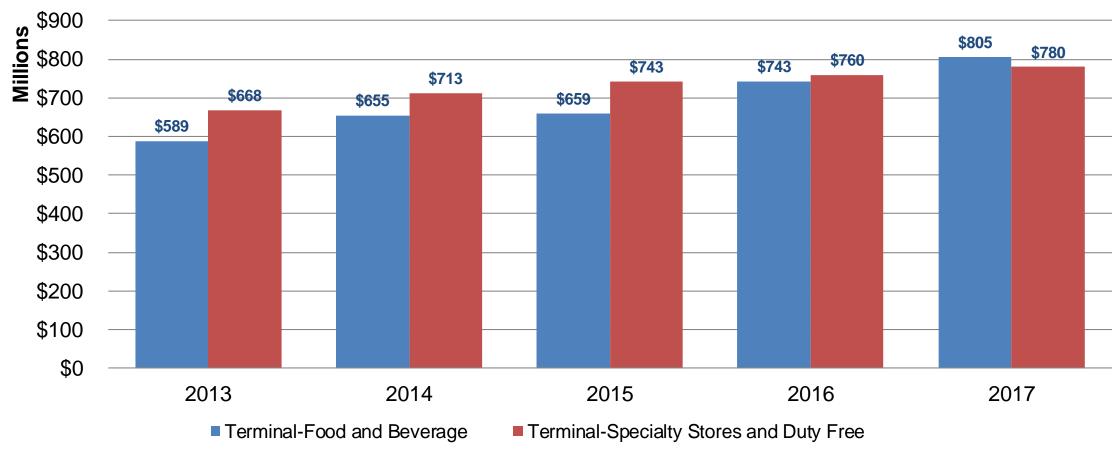
#### Aeronautical vs. Non-Aeronautical Revenue





Source: FAA, CATS: Report 127

# Food and Beverage Revenue & Retail and Duty Free Revenue





Source: FAA, CATS: Report 127

#### **Concessions Statistics Overview**

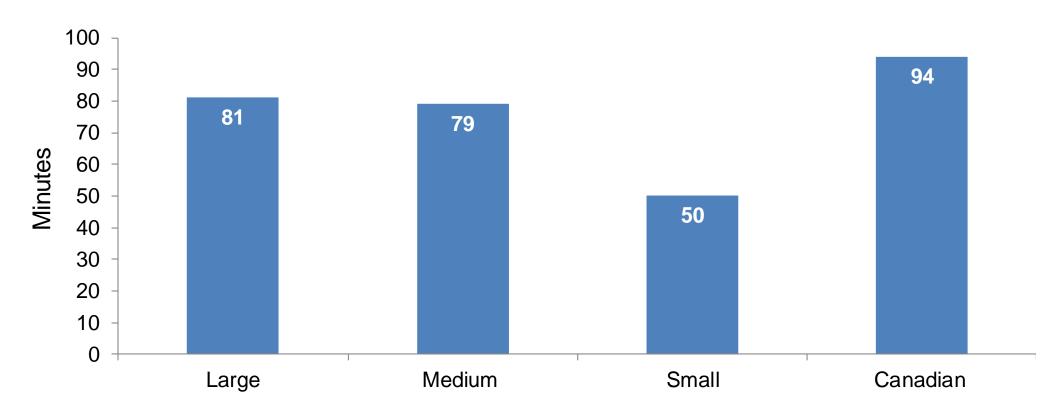


# 2018 Passenger Demographics

- 81% of airports have collected passenger demographic information in the last two years.
- > The median age band of passengers is 45-54.
- The median household income is \$75,000 to \$99,999, which is significantly higher than the national median of \$61,372\*.
- Only 8 out of 76 airports reported more business travelers than leisure travelers.



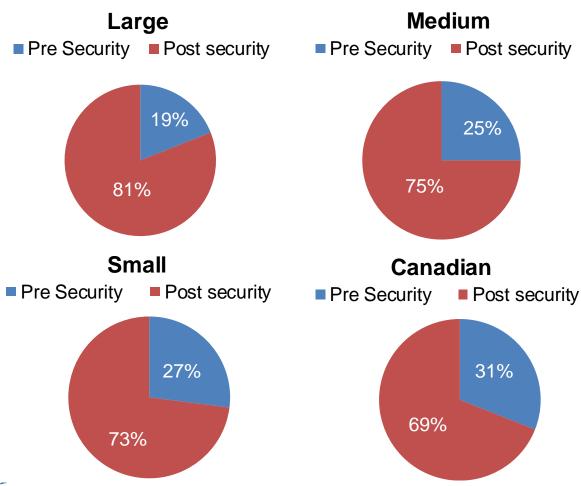
#### **Average Dwell Time CY2018**



The average dwell time is much higher at Canadian airports as well as Large and Medium U.S. airports due to higher proportion of international traffic, which requires an earlier check-in time. Small hubs have relatively shorter dwell time due to the point to point traffic.



# Concessions Square Footage Relative to Security CY2018



- ➤ The majority of concession space is located post security, regardless of hub size.
- Canadian airports have the highest percentage of concessions square footage before security, on average, standing at 31%.



# Where Passengers Spend...

Median\* Amount per Enplanement Spent at Airports in 2018

Food & Beverage

\$7.08

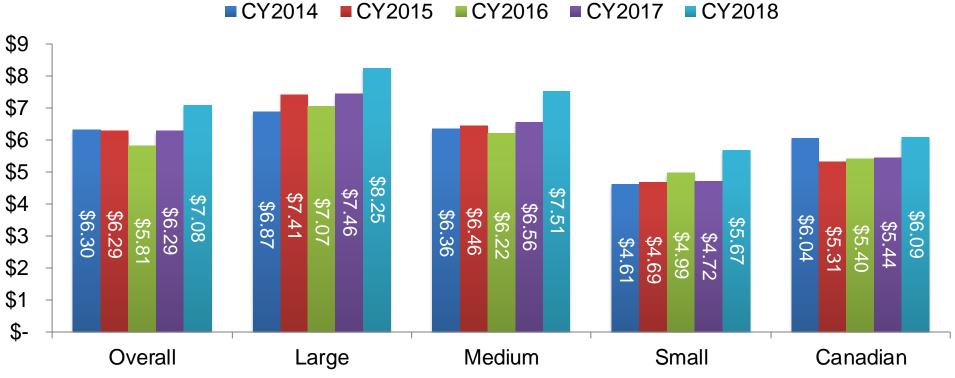
Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail

\$3.94

\*Median is determined by ranking the data from largest to smallest, and then identifying the middle value so that there is an equal number of data values larger and smaller than the number.



### Food & Beverage Median Gross Sales – Per Enplanement

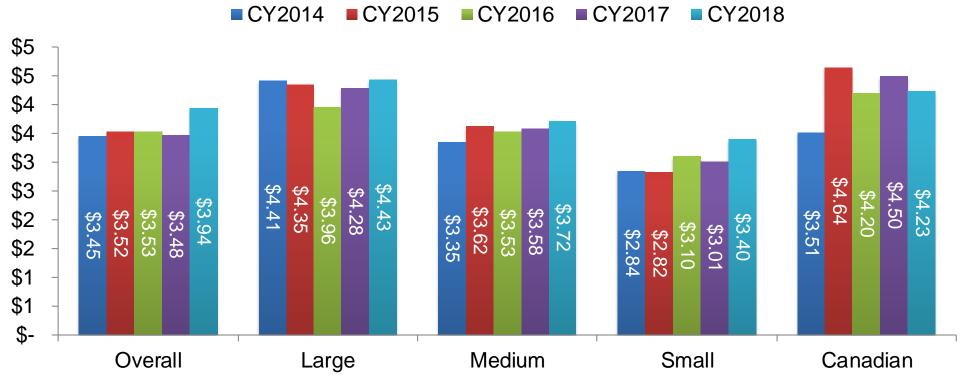


The overall Food & Beverage median gross sales per enplanement is \$7.08 compared to \$6.29 in 2017 primarily due to the slight increase across all hub sizes that participated in the survey.



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# Duty Free, News, Gift & Specialty Retail Median Gross Sales – Per Enplanement

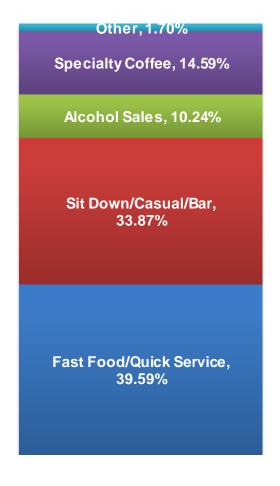


The overall Duty Free, News, Gift & Specialty Retail median gross sales per enplanement is \$3.94 compared to \$3.48 in 2017. Large, Medium, and Small airports saw slight increase in their Duty Free, News, Gift & Specialty Retail gross sales per enplanement.



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#### Percentage Breakdown of Gross Sales by Category





Food & Beverage

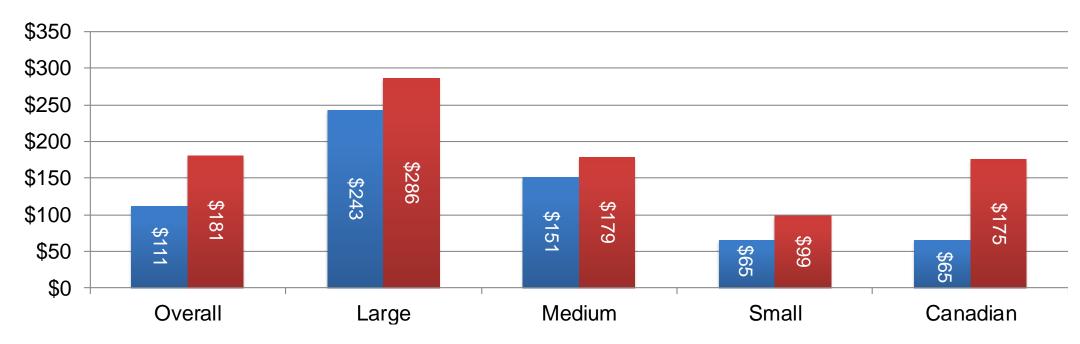
**Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail** 



#### Median Total Rent Per Square Foot



■ News, Duty Free, Gift and Specialty Retail



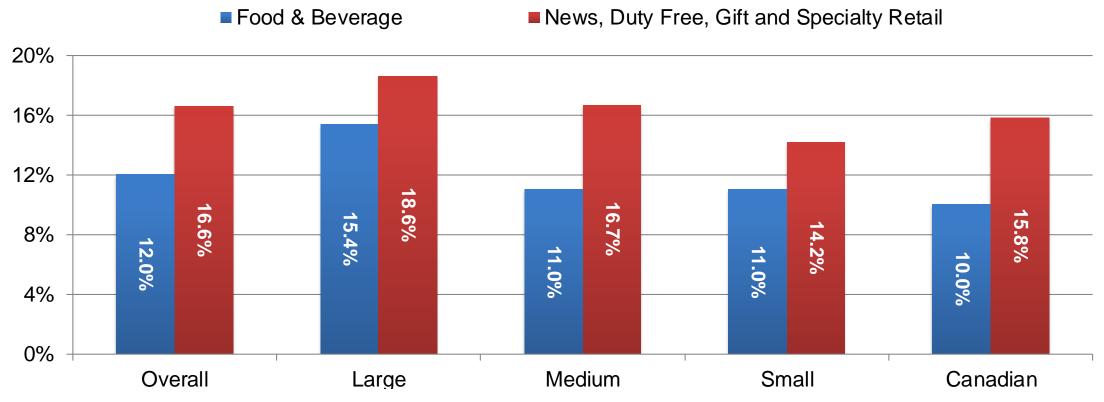
Overall, the median total rent per square foot is \$111 for Food and Beverage, while the median total rent per square foot for Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail is \$181. Across all North American airports, Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail has a higher median rent per square foot.



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#### **Rent Percent of Gross Sales**



Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail have a higher rent percentage of gross sales across all hub sizes. The average rent of Food and Beverage is 12% of its gross sales, while Duty Free, News, Gift and specialty Retail accounts for 16.6% of its gross sales.

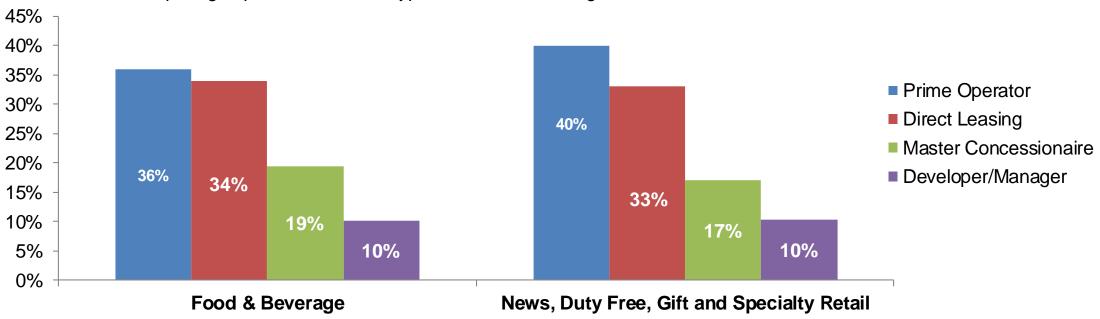
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# Type of Concessions Agreements

% of Participating Airports with These Types of Concessions Agreements



- 1) Direct leasing Airport leases individual locations or small groups of locations (no more than 3) directly to the operators.
- 2) Prime operator Airport leases packages of locations to two or more operators, each of which has multiple locations (more than 3) within the airport.
- 3) Master concessionaire Airport leases all food service concessions to a single operator, who may or may not also operate retail. The Master Concessionaire may sublease some of the locations to other operators.
- 4) Developer Airport has agreement with a third party to develop/lease and manage the concessions without operating any directly. Developer invests in facilities directly.



# **Concessions Contract Length**

The most common contract length of airport concessions is 10 years

	Minimum	Median
Fast Food/Quick Service	1 Year	10 Years
Sit Down/Casual/Bar	3 Years	10 Years
Specialty Coffee	4 Years	10 Years
News & Gift	3 Years	10 Years
Duty Free	2 Years	10 Years
Specialty Retail	3 Years	7 Years
Other	2 Years	6 Years



# Carts & Kiosks Program

#### **Total Percent of Airports With Carts & Kiosks Programs**

45%

Food & Beverage

42%

News, Gift & Specialty Retail

Airports' carts and kiosks programs provide small businesses the opportunity to have an increased presence in concession programs as well as enable airports to cater to ever-evolving market trends and demands.





# Carts & Kiosks Program

	Food & Beverage	News, Gift & Specialty Retail		
Presence at the airport	> 45% Yes	> 42% Yes		
Status	<ul> <li>62% Permanent</li> <li>15% Temporary (Seasonal)</li> <li>24% Both</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>52% Permanent</li> <li>10% Temporary (Seasonal)</li> <li>38% Both</li> </ul>		
Management Options	Airport leases directly to vendor(	aire/Prime Operator operates them directly tly to vendor(s) aire/Prime Operator/Developer leases directly		
Median Gross Sales	▶ \$618,498	> \$1,172,624		



#### **Automated Retail**







2018 Average Annual Gross Sales per Unit = \$77,682



Automated retail units are becoming increasingly visible at airports. They help airports generate revenue from spaces that otherwise are too small to accommodate traditional retail outlets. These units provide immediate access to essential items any time of day: envision upscale vending machines where you can buy cosmetics or personal electrical items at the press of a button.



#### **Duty Free**

Responding Airports Have Duty Free Stores

49%

Offer Duty Paid Stores to Domestic Passengers

69%



#### **Duty Paid Stores are for all passengers:**

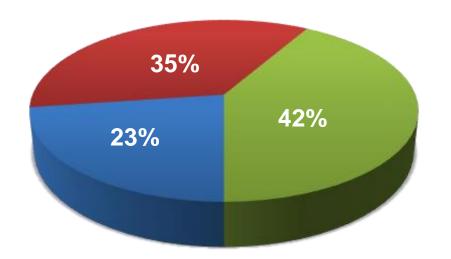
- International passengers can purchase all goods exempt from sales taxes.
- Domestic passengers can purchase anything except liquor and tobacco. Domestic passengers are not exempt from sales taxes.



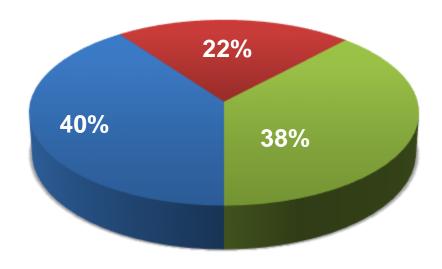
# **Concessions Branding**

■ Airport Brands/Non Brands ■ Local/Regional Brands ■ National/International Brands

Food & Beverage



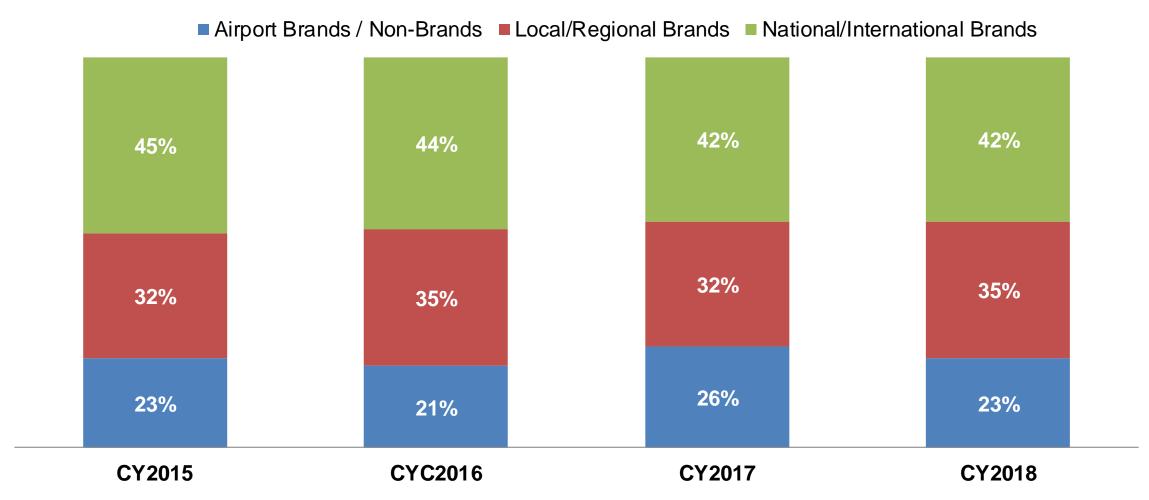
**Duty Free, News, Gift and Specialty Retail** 



- > Airport Brand/Non Brand A generic brand relative only to the airport.
- Local/Regional Brand A brand that is developed, distributed and promoted within a defined geographical area.
- National/International Brand A brand that is marketed and distributed nationally/internationally.



# Food & Beverage Branding



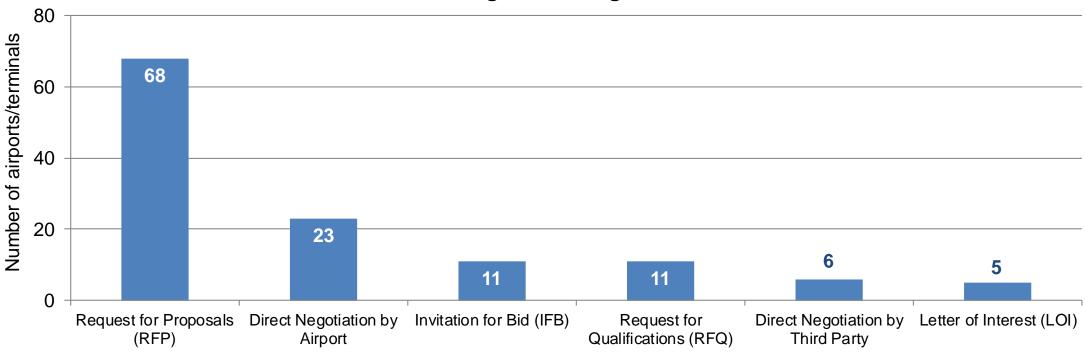


# **Commercial Management: Operations and Programs**



# **Concessions Planning**

#### Methods of soliciting & awarding concessions contracts



The most common method of soliciting and awarding concessions contracts is by Request for Proposals (RFPs). However, many airports often use a mixture of methods. In addition, 53% of airports require minimum staffing levels, while 73% of airports define & control product lines sold.



# **Concessions Marketing Program**

- 47% of participating airports have a marketing program for airport concessions.
  - ➤ 89% of these airports collect a concessions marketing fee.
  - > The majority of airports calculate their concession marketing fee by a percent of gross revenue to the airport.
- > Top 3 in-kind services airports contribute to the marketing of the concessions program:
  - In-terminal advertising
  - Marketing materials preparation/printing/distribution
  - Out of terminal advertising
- > Top 5 items airports spend marketing funds on:
  - Second language training
  - In-terminal advertising (CNN monitors, etc.)
  - Social media
  - Shopper service (mystery shopping/award)
  - Customer service training



## **Monitoring Customer Satisfaction**

Airports use a range of customer satisfaction monitoring programs for concessionaires

Routine Meetings with Concessionaires

99%

**Social Media** 

96%

**Website Feedback** 

92%

**Customer Surveys** 

**78%** 

Customer Comment Cards

67%

Tenant Recognition Programs

66%

Customer Service Training

53%

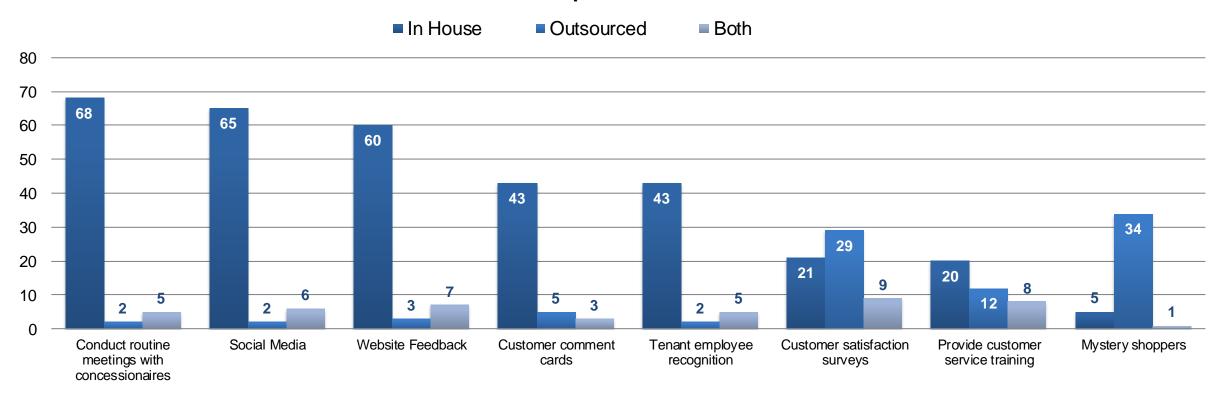
**Mystery Shoppers** 

53%



# **Customer Satisfaction Monitoring Programs**

#### **Number of Airports/Terminals**

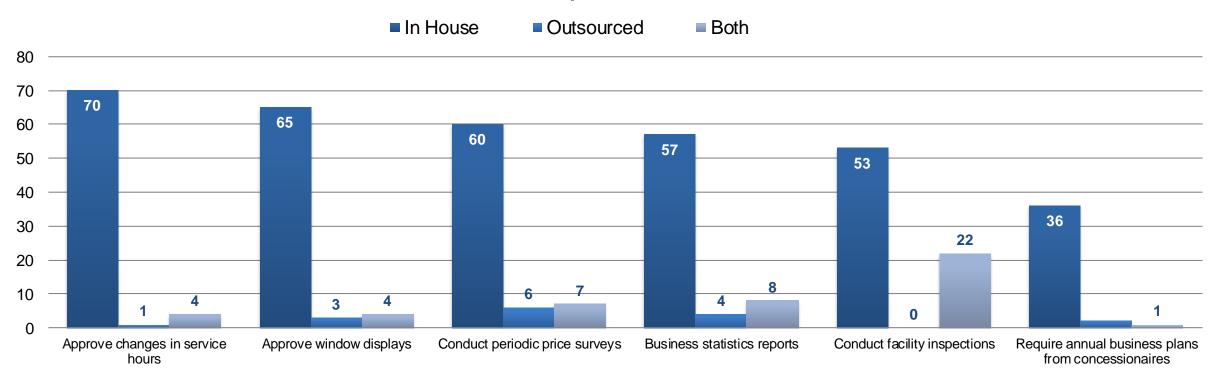


Airports use a variety of customer satisfaction monitoring programs for concessionaires. The most common ones include frequent meetings with concessionaires, website feedback, customer comment cards and social media. Social media is now the second most popular customer satisfaction/monitoring programs for airports.



#### **Operations & Performance**

#### **Number of Airports/Terminals**



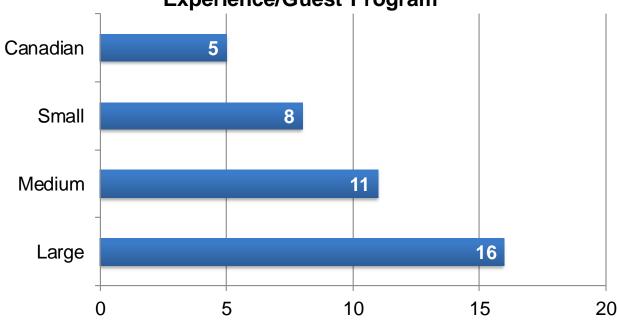
All respondents perform operational/performance audits. Fewer respondents require annual business plans from concessionaires, while most of them approve changes in service hours and window displays, and they also conduct periodic price surveys and facility inspections. 39% of airports have fines tied to these audits for non-compliance.



# Customer Experience/Guest Program

62% of Airports have a Customer Experience/Guest Program

#### Number of Airports that have Customer Experience/Guest Program

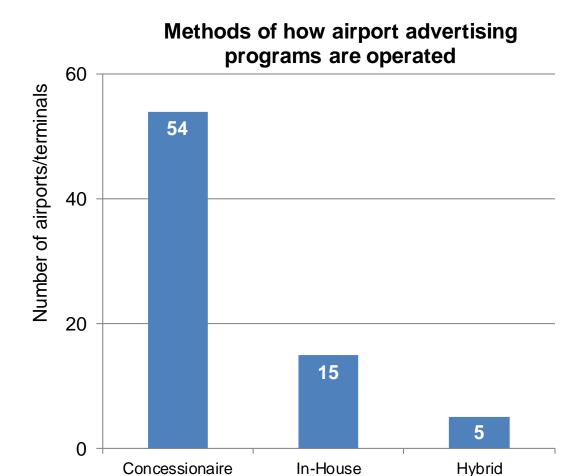




Airports that have a Customer Experience/Guest Program are most likely to have at least one FTE and ambassadors/volunteers.



## **Airport Advertising**





2018 Median Airport Advertising Revenue\* = \$700,000

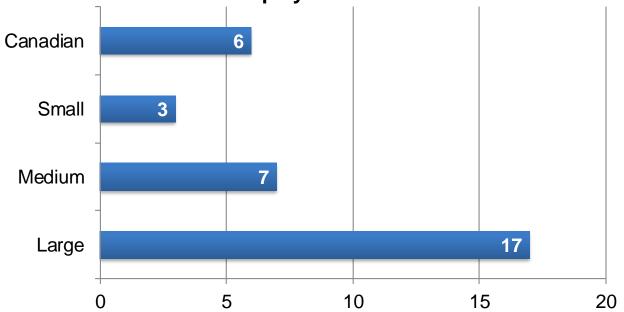
\*CY2018 Revenue to the Airport from the advertising program



# Concessionaire Employee Recruitment

46% of Airports support concessionaire employee recruitment

#### Number of Airports that support concessionaire employee recruitment





Airports use a range of methods to support concessionaire employee recruitment, such as:

- Advertisements
- Job Fairs
- Social Programs
- Airport Committee
- Social Media/Website



## Food Delivery/Pick-up Mobile Apps



Airports have digital/self-service ordering systems



Airports have a customer mobile app/mobile-friendly website



Airports websites promote airport concessions offerings



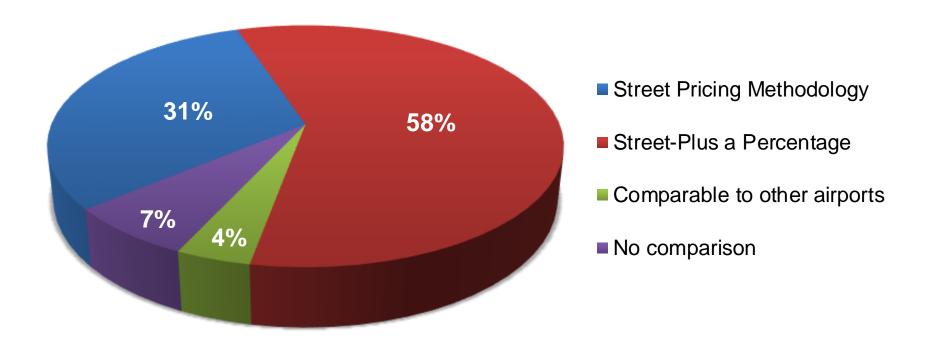
Airports have food delivery/pick-up passenger mobile apps operate at the airport (e.g. Grab)



Airports/concessionaires have common use stand-alone kiosks that allow passengers to order food within the terminal



#### **Pricing Methodologies**



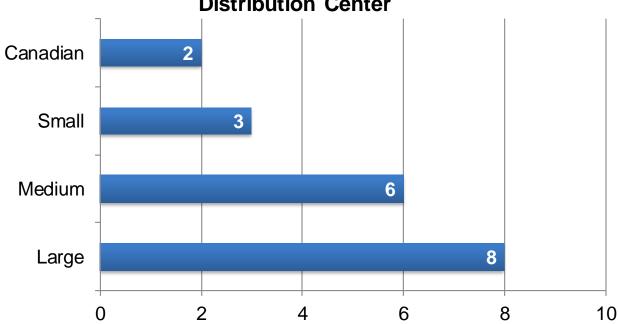
The majority of airports use street-plus or street pricing methodologies. These two pricing methodologies are used by 89 percent of responding airports. Only six airports have no comparison, all of which are small hub airports. Street pricing or street-plus pricing methodologies are often used in conjunction with other airports based on airport size or geographic location. 10 percent is the average amount for "Street Plus a Percentage".



#### **Central Distribution Center**

**Central Distribution Center** is defined as a location for the receipt, staging, and handling of most goods and supplies delivered to the airport and the distribution of the goods and supplies to all concessionaires, other tenants, and aviation departments as deemed appropriate, whether operated by an airport, third party tenant or other.

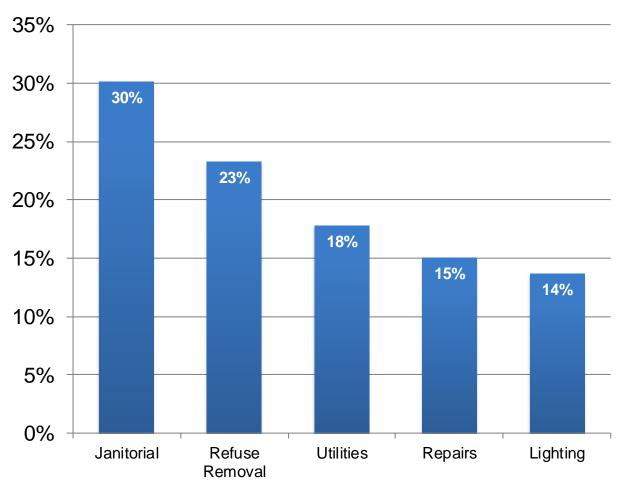
#### Number of Airports that have a Central Distribution Center



- Only 18 out of 76 airports have a Central Distribution Center.
- > 72 airports have a **recycling program** for airport concessions
  - Both Airport & Tenant 48
  - Airport 19
  - ➤ Tenant 5



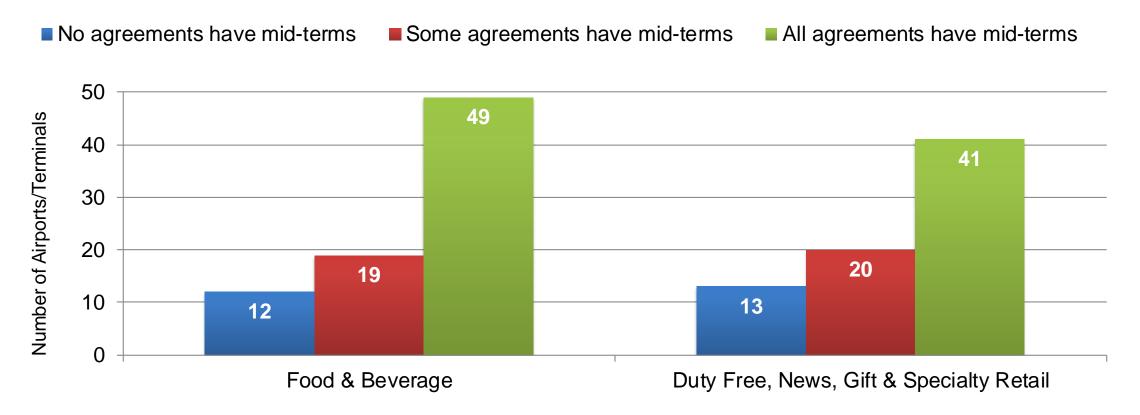
### Common Area Maintenance Charges



- Common Area Maintenance Charges are paid to the airport or to another concessionaire as reimbursement for the maintenance of common (shared) areas, such as food courts.
- A large number of airports/terminals levy a Common Area Maintenance Charge on food and beverage concessionaire(s).
- The most common charge is for janitorial services, which accounts for 30% of all airports/terminals that levy this charge.
- Other Common Area Maintenance Charges include Refuse Removal, Utilities, Lighting and Repairs.



## Refurbishment Requirements



Airport concession agreements usually have mid-term refurbishment requirements, particularly for Food and Beverage. Airports prefer mid-term requirements rather than annual refurbishment requirements for Food & Beverage and New, Gift and Specialty Retail.



#### **Survey Data**

- Use survey data with caution, because airports may have different reporting mechanisms.
- Choose your peers for comparison based on a number of factors such as airports size, hub status, and geographical location.
- When making decisions consider your local situation as well as what is going on nationally.
- Airports who participated in the survey are provided with an interactive database of key industry metrics and measures for benchmarking with peer airports.
- Airports will be able to filter raw data responses for all questions.



### **Participating Airports**

Large Hub		Medium Hub		Small Hub		Non-Hub	Canadian
23 Airports		20 Airports		22 Airports		2 Airports	9 Airports
BOS BWI CLT DFW DTW EWR FLL IAH JFK JFK-T4 LAX	MCO MDW MSP ORD PDX PHL PHX SAN SEA SFO SLC TPA	AUS BUR CLE CMH CVG DAL HOU IND JAX MCI	MKE MSY OAK PBI PIT RDU RSW SAT SJC SNA	AVL BOI COS ELP FAI FAT GEG GRR GSP HSV ICT	IWA LGB MEM MSN MYR PIE RNO SAV SDF SRQ TUS	LAN STS	YEG YHZ YMM YOW YUL YVR YWG YYJ YYT

Note: (\*Separate Responses)

EWR – Terminal A&B EWR – Terminal C JFK – Terminal 4 JFK – Terminal 8



#### **Definitions**

**Developer** - Airport has agreement with a third party to develop/lease and manage the concessions without operating any directly. Developer invests in facilities directly.

Direct leasing - Airport leases individual locations or small groups of locations (no more than 3) directly with the operators.

Fast Food/Quick Service - Food is served at counters or is pre-prepared for "grab and go." Food may be quickly prepared to order, and may be branded or non-branded.

Fee Manager - Airport has agreement with a third party to develop/lease and manage the concessions without operating any directly. Fee manager does not invest in facilities.

Master concessionaire - Airport leases all food service concessions to a single operator, who may or may not also operate retail. The Master Concessionaire may sublease some of the locations to other operators.

National/International Brand - A brand that is marketed and distributed nationally/internationally.

**News/Gift** (also referred to as Convenience Retail, Newsstand or Sundries Retail) - A type of Concessions Operation that specializes in the sale of magazines, newspapers and other periodicals, candy, gum, snacks, sundries, magazines, paperback books and souvenirs. Some news/gift stores may sell hardcover books as part of its product mix, but such books are not the primary item offered. Single-serve canned or bottled drinks may also be sold at such locations.

Prime operator - Airport leases packages of locations to two or more operators, each of which has multiple locations (more than 3) within the airport.

Sit Down/Casual/Bar - Typified by table service, although there may be carry-away or "grab and go" components. Food is prepared to order and restaurants of this type often include a bar. Examples include TGIFridays, Carabbas, Outback, Max & Ermas, Chili's, etc.

**Specialty Coffee** - These venues focus on coffee & may offer other beverages as well along with pastries, bakery items or other light food. The venue may have take away items such as sandwiches & bottled beverages. Includes Starbucks, Seattle's Best, Peet's Coffee or a local specialty coffee concept.

**Specialty Retail** - A type of Concessions Operations that specializes in the sale of a particular category of consumer products such as clothing, sporting goods, electronics, travel accessories, books, leather goods and luggage, souvenirs, lotions and personal care items, and home accessories. Automated retail of a good that would generally be sold in specialty retail shops may also be included in this category; may be individual locations or small "stores-within-a-store" that are accounted for separately from the larger location. Stand-alone bookstores should be included as specialty retail.

Total Rent - Consideration received by the airport for the right to operate at your airport, not including fees paid for parking, security badging, deliveries, marketing, etc.





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