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## Chino Airport booming - bucking downward trend in aviation

Five months into 2009, Chino Airport is experiencing its busiest year since 2005. Through the end of June, Chino Airport has seen more than 86,000 aircraft operations, marking the highest total in four years and a rebound from declines that began in 2006.

The growing general aviation airport, which recently hosted one of the world's top-ranked air shows (according to Aviation.com), has seen a 36.6 percent increase in operations during the past year. The growth matches other encouraging trends, including the recent announcement of new investment from Southern California Edison to relocate its aircraft to Chino, as well as a significant increase in inquiries from businesses interested in Chino Airport.

These facts run counter to downward trends in aviation and the current economic troubles roiling industries around the country.

"This news confirms why we are investing in Chino Airport," said San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt. "The potential for Chino Airport is significant and impressive. Our efforts to market and improve this economic engine of the county will lead to jobs, economic benefit and a better Chino Airport for the region."

In the past two years, Supervisor Ovitt worked to organize an effort to grow Chino Airport. That effort led to the 2008 launch of an aggressive marketing and economic development effort for Chino Airport designed to raise awareness, attract investment and create jobs. The effort has been spearheaded by the Department of Airports with help from the Economic Development Agency.

"Although we're still in the early stages of building a bright future for Chino Airport, it's encouraging to see it grow during a time of economic turmoil," said Mike N Williams, A.A.E., Director of Airports for the County of San Bernardino.

### ***About Chino Airport:***

*Located minutes from Los Angeles County and Orange County, the County of San Bernardino's Chino Airport is a preferred and growing destination for general aviation and corporate aviation in Southern California. The historic airport, which once trained World War II pilots as Cal Aero Field, is home to unique aviation museums, an acclaimed air show and excellent facilities for private and business aviation. To learn more, visit [www.ChinoAirport.org](http://www.ChinoAirport.org).*