

STATEWIDE

Annual Economic Impacts

Findings from this study show that statewide all 35 study airports are supporting:

JOBS

12,268



ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

\$526.4 MILLION



ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

\$1.4 BILLION



ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

\$55 MILLION



JOBS WHOSE EFFICIENCY IS IMPROVED BY USING AVIATION

38,100



Summary of Economic Impacts for LUSK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Findings from the study estimate the annual economic impacts for Lusk Municipal Airport as they relate to Wyoming's statewide economy and to just the economy of the local area the airport serves. Local and state impacts for the airport follow:

JOBS

Local

4

State

5



ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

Local

\$209,410

State

\$234,730



ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Local

\$777,590

State

\$1,031,440



In addition to jobs, payroll, and output benefits, airports in Wyoming support a variety of uses that contribute to the quality of life for all Wyoming residents and businesses. Airports in Wyoming are critical to supporting activities such as emergency response, fire fighting, insect and predator control, and doctor and patient transport. More information on the economic benefits of Lusk Municipal Airport and the state study can be obtained from:



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2013 WYOMING AIRPORTS Economic Impact Study



The Economic Impact of Lusk Municipal Airport

Lusk, Wyoming

WYOMING

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The Wyoming Department of Transportation's (WYDOT) Aeronautics Division recently completed a research project to identify potential links between state and local economies and Wyoming's 35 paved public-use commercial and general aviation airports. Statewide, as well as specific impacts for Lusk Municipal Airport, are included in this summary.

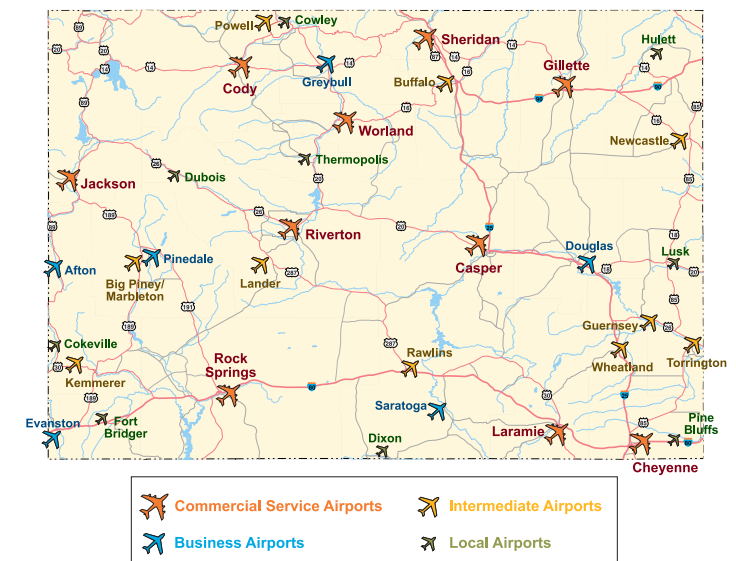
The study concluded that airports in Wyoming are important to supporting various aspects of the economy; contributing to state and local tax revenues; improving efficiency for hundreds of Wyoming businesses; and supporting many vital services which help to improve the quality of life for everyone in Wyoming.

The study considered three primary measures to express economic impacts associated with each airport:

- » employment/jobs,
- » annual payroll, and
- » annual output or economic activity.

Airport related economic impacts include both initial and multiplier impacts. Initial economic impact activities, as discussed in this report, are impacts that start with the day-to-day operation of each airport or with spending by visitors who arrive by air. Multiplier impacts are associated with the re-circulation of initial impacts in the economy being studied. Total impacts in this report are the sum of initial and multiplier impacts. All statewide economic impacts were estimated using a state model. Economic impacts for each airport were estimated using the state model, but were also estimated using a county-based model specific to each airport to quantify each airport's local economic impact.

Study Airports



- Commercial Service Airports
- Business Airports
- Intermediate Airports
- Local Airports

Lusk Municipal Airport (LSK)

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS



For all study airports, including Lusk Municipal Airport, initial, multiplier, and total airport related economic impacts were estimated in the following categories:

ON-AIRPORT

- » Airport administration, operation, and maintenance
- » Airport tenants or businesses
- » Capital investment to improve, maintain, or expand study airports



OFF-AIRPORT

- » Spending associated with visitors who arrive by air



Study analysis shows that Lusk Municipal Airport supports 3 initial jobs related to on-airport activities. These jobs are associated with airport management, aviation businesses that may operate at the airport, and capital investment. When airport related capital investment is made, over the duration of the project, jobs and associated economic impacts are realized.

While some visitors occasionally arrive in Wyoming via the airport, the level of spending associated with these visitors is not sufficient to support a full-time initial or direct job in the visitor spending category. Nevertheless, economic activity in the general aviation visitor category does result in some economic benefit for the airport's immediate market area.

Data to develop estimates of economic impact for the airport came from airport administration, any businesses that operate at the airport, and surveys of visitors using the airport.

Annual Economic Impacts of the Lusk Municipal Airport on the Local Economy

Total initial employment for Lusk Municipal Airport was estimated at **3 jobs**. As these initial jobs and the payroll and annual output associated with them enter the airport's local economy, additional multiplier jobs, payroll, and output are supported. The accompanying tables show annual economic impacts estimated using a local model for the airport's market area.

Local Economic Impacts From Airport Administration, Airport Tenants, and Capital Investment

| IMPACTS | INITIAL | MULTIPLIER | TOTAL |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Jobs | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Payroll | \$185,680 | \$17,110 | \$201,790 |
| Output | \$695,010 | \$58,640 | \$753,650 |

Local Economic Impacts From General Aviation Visitor Spending

| IMPACTS | INITIAL | MULTIPLIER | TOTAL |
|----------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Jobs | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Payroll | \$5,700 | \$1,920 | \$7,620 |
| Output | \$19,220 | \$4,720 | \$25,940 |

Annual State and Local Aviation Tax Impacts for Lusk Municipal Airport

Airport and visitor related activities result in contributions to both local and state tax revenues. The WYDOT study estimated that on an annual basis activities supported by Lusk Municipal Airport contribute an estimated **\$28,780 in state and local tax revenues**.

ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

\$28,780



Aviation Benefits to Area Residents, Businesses, and Organizations

As part of this project, airports, airport tenants, airport visitors, and area businesses and residents were contacted to determine how they benefit from Lusk Municipal Airport. Flight records from the airport show that businesses and individuals use the airport to support their travel. Study interviews revealed that airports support medical related needs for Wyoming residents; airports bring medical specialist to local hospitals and enable residents to travel to more distant medical facilities for advanced treatment. Local businesses rely on general aviation airports for their employees and for customers and vendors who fly to Wyoming to visit them.

General Aviation Flights



This map provides a partial representation of GA departures and arrivals at Lusk Municipal Airport. Flight records indicate that in 2013, in addition to facilitating air travel to various locations in Wyoming, the airport supported direct flights to 5 other different states.

The airport supports different types of users and businesses. This research identified some of the airport's more frequent users as follows: Niobrara County Predator Board, Niobrara County Weed and Pest Control, and the Wyoming Department of Corrections.

Example Benefits From Lusk Municipal Airport

The Wyoming Department of Corrections operates the Wyoming Women's Center in Lusk, and the Wyoming Parole Board sometimes uses Lusk Municipal Airport to travel to this facility. Occasionally, Lusk Municipal Airport is used for transporting detainees that are assigned to this particular women's facility.

Niobrara County is a frequent user of the airport for the services it provides to local residents, businesses, and agricultural interests in the area. Niobrara County Predator Board and Niobrara County Weed and Pest Control use the airport on a regular basis for predator control and to facilitate aerial applications to control both weeds and pests in agricultural areas. Both of these County services are important to area residents and land holders.

While a monetary value is difficult to place on recreational activities, some of Wyoming's smaller general aviation airports support recreational activities for the communities they serve. The Lusk Municipal Airport is one such airport. According to airport management, the airport accommodates recreational flying on a daily basis.

Note: More examples of airport-specific users are included in the technical report.

