

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 HUNT FIELD

Findings from the study estimate the annual economic impacts for Hunt Field 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	State
13	14



ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

Local	State
\$398,060	\$414,090



ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Local	State
\$1,544,630	\$1,672,820



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 Hunt Field and the state study can be obtained from:



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2013 WYOMING AIRPORTS Economic Impact Study



The Economic Impact of Hunt Field

Lander, Wyoming

WYOMING

Annual Economic Impacts

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 Hunt Field, 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



Hunt Field (LND)

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS



For all study airports, including Hunt Field, 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 Hunt Field 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.

In addition, spending by visitors who arrive in Wyoming via Hunt Field supports 7 other jobs. These jobs are supported by the spending of visitors who arrive on general aviation aircraft.

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 Hunt Field on the Local Economy

Total initial employment for Hunt Field was estimated at **10 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	\$114,940	\$54,750	\$169,690
Output	\$693,080	\$156,850	\$849,930

Local Economic Impacts From General Aviation Visitor Spending

IMPACTS	INITIAL	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL
Jobs	7	2	9
Payroll	\$156,970	\$71,400	\$228,370
Output	\$477,360	\$217,340	\$694,700

Annual State and Local Aviation Tax Impacts for Hunt Field

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 Hunt Field contribute an estimated **\$51,170 in state and local tax revenues**.

ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

\$51,170



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 Hunt Field. 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 Hunt Field. Flight records indicate that in 2013, in addition to facilitating air travel to various locations in Wyoming, the airport supported direct flights to 21 other different states.

The airport supports many different types of users and businesses. This research identified some of the airport's more frequent users as follows: the U.S. Forest Service, Lander Regional Hospital, Wyoming Life Flight, Classic Helicopters, Fremont Motor Company, High Country Construction, Triple L, Inc., Wyoming Catholic College, and the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management.

Example Benefits From Hunt Field

Local employers rely on the airport on a regular basis. These businesses include the Fremont Motor Company, a weekly user of the airport; High Country Construction, specializing in heavy equipment and road construction; and Triple L, Inc., a company that provides services to oil and gas companies. The airport is an important resource to each of these local businesses as it relates to their efficiency and productivity.

Lander Regional Hospital benefits from the airport in many ways. Guardian Flight is a flight for life operator that uses the airport on a weekly basis for emergency patient transport. Classic Helicopters and Wyoming Life Flight also serve the airport to transport patients in emergency situations. With various offices in the mountain west, Rocky Mountain Retina frequently uses the airport to bring in eye specialists to Lander. Medical services supported by the airport are important to improving the quality of life for all residents in the Lander area.

When forest fires threaten the Lander area, the airport supports firefighting activities. Salt Lake City smoke jumpers have used the airport to attack fire hot spots. Twin Otters (general aviation aircraft) and Black Hawk helicopters are also used to fight forest fires using the airport as a base of operations. Protecting persons, property, and Wyoming's forest resources is an important activity that is supported by the airport.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) also use the airport on a regular basis to support their operations and improve their efficiency by using general aviation aircraft for aerial inspections.

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

