

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 RAWLINS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT/ HARVEY FIELD

Findings from the study estimate the annual economic impacts for Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey 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
17	18



ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

Local	State
\$628,880	\$664,810



ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Local	State
\$1,666,820	\$1,837,970



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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field and the state study can be obtained from:



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2013 WYOMING AIRPORTS Economic Impact Study



The Economic Impact of Rawlins Municipal Airport/ Harvey Field

Rawlins, 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field, are included in this summary.

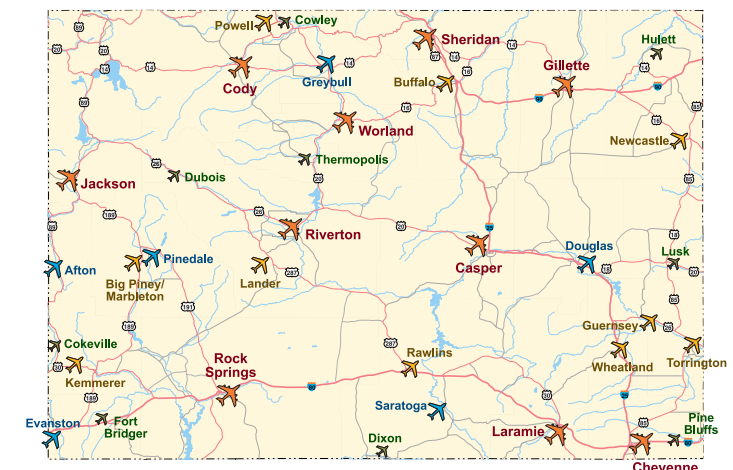
The study concluded that airports in Wyoming are important to supporting various aspects of the economy; contributing to state and local tax revenues; improving efficiency for hundreds of Wyoming businesses; and supporting many vital services which help to improve the quality of life for everyone in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



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

Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field (RWL)

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

For all study airports, including Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field supports 11 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field supports 3 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field on the Local Economy

Total initial employment for Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field was estimated at **14 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	>11	>2	14
Payroll	\$467,670	\$83,040	\$550,710
Output	\$984,480	\$410,460	\$1,394,940

Local Economic Impacts From General Aviation Visitor Spending

IMPACTS	INITIAL	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL
Jobs	3	1	4
Payroll	\$62,150	\$16,020	\$78,170
Output	\$206,250	\$65,630	\$271,880

Annual State and Local Aviation Tax Impacts for Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field contribute an estimated **\$40,910 in state and local tax revenues**.

ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

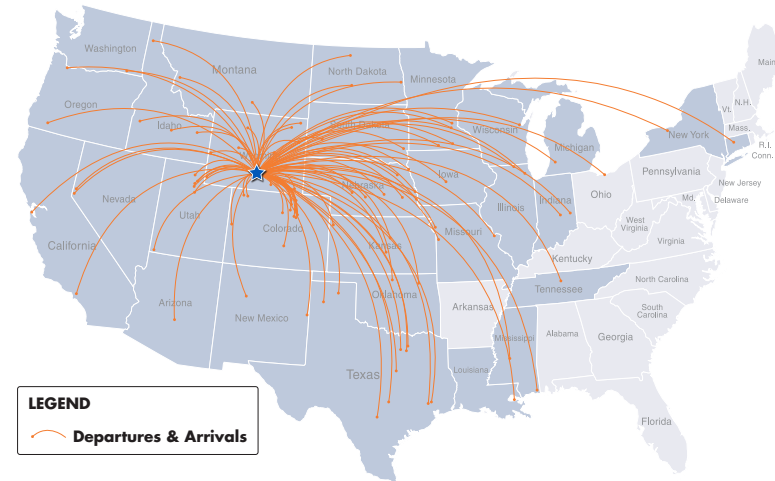
\$40,910



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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey 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 Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field. Flight records indicate that in 2013, in addition to facilitating air travel to various locations in Wyoming, the airport supported direct flights to 28 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: Sinclair Oil Corporation, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, El Paso Corporation, Hawkeye Helicopter, Memorial Hospital of Carbon County, Wyoming Life Flight, Skyline Motors, the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming Spine and Neurosurgery Associates, and Premier Bone and Joint.

Example Benefits From Rawlins Municipal Airport/Harvey Field

The Carbon County Economic Development Corporation indicates the airport is used on a regular basis by the Sinclair Oil Corporation. Sinclair has about 450 employees in the local area and the company flies to the airport about twice week. BP is another frequent user of the airport, as are Anadarko Petroleum Corporation and El Paso Corporation. Local jobs are dependent upon the ability of employees in corporate headquarters to reach them on a timely and convenient basis. Hawkeye Helicopter also uses the airport to perform aerial inspections of oil and gas pipelines in the area.

Memorial Hospital of Carbon County uses the airport for Medivac and Life Flights. One member of the local airport board reports that his father's life was saved by the airport. When the patient's kidneys stopped functioning, he was quickly transported to Denver, saving his life. The flight happened when roads were icy and snowy; if the patient would have been transported in an ambulance, it is likely he would not have survived. Wyoming Life Flight estimates that they fly approximately 200 Life Flight operations in Wyoming each year. In some instances, their patients are transported to Casper, but more frequently they are transported to specialty medical facilities in Greeley, Loveland, or Denver, Colorado. Daily UPS flights into the airport also bring needed medical supplies to the hospital.

Skyline Motors depends on the airport to improve its efficiency. Using the airport, this local business is able to save time by flying to various business meetings within the state. The company also relies on just-in-time inventory and parts that arrive via the airport. The company has increased its efficiency so much by using general aviation that they plan to purchase their own aircraft that will be based at Rawlins Municipal Airport-Harvey Field.

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

