

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 DUBOIS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Findings from the study estimate the annual economic impacts for Dubois 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

6

State

6



ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

Local

\$252,010

State

\$265,250



ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

Local

\$733,110

State

\$887,090



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 Dubois Municipal Airport and the state study can be obtained from:



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2013 WYOMING AIRPORTS Economic Impact Study



The Economic Impact of Dubois Municipal Airport

Dubois, 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 Dubois 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

Dubois Municipal Airport (U25)

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

For all study airports, including Dubois 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 Dubois 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.

In addition, spending by visitors who arrive in Wyoming via Dubois Municipal Airport supports one other job. This job is 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 Dubois Municipal Airport on the Local Economy

Total initial employment for Dubois Municipal Airport was estimated at **4 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	2	5
Payroll	\$156,210	\$79,150	\$235,300
Output	\$460,510	\$220,190	\$680,700

Local Economic Impacts From General Aviation Visitor Spending

IMPACTS	INITIAL	MULTIPLIER	TOTAL
Jobs	<1	<1	<1
Payroll	\$11,260	\$5,390	\$16,650
Output	\$36,000	\$16,410	\$52,410

Annual State and Local Aviation Tax Impacts for Dubois 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 Dubois Municipal Airport contribute an estimated **\$14,450 in state and local tax revenues**.

ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

\$14,450



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 Dubois 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



LEGEND
Departures & Arrivals

This map provides a partial representation of GA departures and arrivals at Dubois 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 8 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: Dubois Telephone Exchange, Wyoming Trial Lawyers College, Teton Valley Ranch Camp, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services-Wildlife Services.

Example Benefits From Dubois Municipal Airport

Founded by noted defense attorney Gerry Spence, the Wyoming Trial Lawyers College is located about 20 miles east of Dubois on the Thunderhead Ranch. The College is focused on improving the skills of both attorneys and judges. Between the ranch which provides housing for the students and the administrative staff of the College, there are between 10 and 15 full-time employees in the Dubois area. The airport is used by both faculty and staff when traveling to and from the Trial Lawyers College.

The Dubois Telephone Exchange (DTE) is a local business that relies on the airport to support their operations and improve their efficiency. DTE has been providing communication services in Wyoming since 1930. DTE provides phone and internet services to over 2,600 customers in Wyoming; DTE has an estimated 18 employees in the Dubois area.

During fire seasons, the airport is used as a base for fighting forest fires. Aerial firefighting is extremely important to containing large forest fires which can destroy property, critical wildlife habitat, and even threaten lives. The airport is used by both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, as appropriate, to load up with and then drop fire-retarding agents on fires. This service, supported by the airport, is important to all area residents, land owners, and businesses.

The Teton Valley Ranch Camp relies on the airport. The airport is used by families who are dropping off or picking up their children, and staff who travel to and from the area using the airport. Various suppliers of the camp also use the airport. The airport enables the camp to extend the area from which it recruits campers and staff, helping with economic viability and efficiency of their operations.

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

