



2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY



Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Erie Municipal (EIK)

Erie Municipal Airport (EIK) dates back to 1977 when it was built as a privately owned airfield with an adjacent residential subdivision providing residential through-the-fence access. EIK has a single concrete runway (16/34) with a length of 4,700 feet and width of 60 feet. The airport is conveniently located just 20 minutes north of downtown Denver and serves as a flight training alternative to Rocky Mountain Metropolitan and Vance Brand Airports. The airport is home to Vector Air which offers flight training, maintenance and FBO services, as well as Rocky Mountain Propellers which services customers from all across the Country. EIK has an onsite business park which is home to several companies that provide both aeronautical and non-aeronautical services including aircraft upholstery repair, metal fabrication, consulting, and real estate development. The airport receives approximately 45,000 aircraft operations annually, with the majority being flight training operations coming from surrounding airports.

Top Activities



Flight Training



Recreational Flying



Recreational Activities



Aircraft Maintenance



Corporate/
Business Activity



Economic Impacts of Erie Municipal (EIK)

Erie Municipal is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how EIK and other airports support economic activity, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Division of Aeronautics undertook the 2025 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study (CEIS). The study determined that EIK generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the \$23.5 million of total business revenues generated by EIK, \$15.5 million were generated by on-airport activities and \$8.1 million generated by visitor spending.¹



¹ Totals may not sum due to rounding

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Direct Impacts



Airport Administration



Airport Tenants



Capital Improvements



Commercial Visitor Spending



General Aviation Visitor Spending



Multiplier Effects

Supplier Sales and Income Re-spending



Total Impacts



Jobs



Payroll



Value Added



Business Revenues

What is Economic Impact?

Two types of economic impacts are generated as a result of airport activity: Direct Impacts and Multiplier Effects (supplier sales and income re-spending). Direct impacts come from the activities of the airport administration, on-airport tenants, capital improvement spending, and spending by visitors arriving on commercial and general aviation aircraft. Multiplier effects are generated when portions of direct revenues are used to purchase goods and services from Colorado businesses (supplier sales), and when income earned by workers in airport-supported jobs is spent at Colorado businesses (income re-spending). Total Impacts represent the summation of the direct impacts, supplier sales, and income re-spending effects for the state.

Economic Impact Measures

Economic Impacts are communicated by the total jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenues generated by each airport. These are defined as:



Jobs

Total number of people employed, both full-time and part-time.



Payroll

Total employment compensation, including wages, benefits, and taxes paid on behalf of employees.



Value Added

Total contribution to the Gross State Product. It includes all payroll, profits, and business taxes paid.



Business Revenues

Total expenditures for airport administration, capital projects and tenant sales of goods and services, as well as visitor spending in Colorado's hospitality-related sectors. Also referred to as "output," "sales," or "economic activity/impact."

Statewide Aviation Economic Impacts

Colorado's 66 public use airports range from small GA airports to a major international airline hub, all of which contribute to the state's economy. The impacts of on-airport activities and visitor spending associated with each airport, combined with the statewide impacts of off-airport air cargo operations, helped Colorado's aviation system generate \$68.9 billion in total economic activity (business revenues) in 2023.

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total business revenues



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