

# 2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY



Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

# Perry Stokes (TAD)

Situated just northeast of the Town of Trinidad, Perry Stokes Airport (TAD) is a general aviation airport located in southern Colorado. The airport is owned and operated by Las Animas County and is used by many visitors to access recreation areas such as Fishers Peak, Trinidad Lake, and the Spanish Peaks Wilderness. TAD has a single asphalt runway (03/21) with a length of 5,500 feet and width of 75 feet as well as a turf and gravel runway (09/27) that is 5,500-feet long and 100-feet wide. TAD supports a variety of general aviation activities including recreational flying, air cargo, and air ambulance services. The region also attracts seasonal sportsmen who use the airport to access hunting areas in the local wilderness areas. In addition to general aviation activity, the airport is frequently used by military aircraft from nearby bases for their flight training activities. In the near future, TAD plans to develop a business park on airport property, attracting more businesses and aviation activity to the community.

# **Top Activities**



Recreational Activities



Aerial Medical Operations



Military Activities



Air Cargo



Search and Rescue



Economic Impacts of

# **Perry Stokes (TAD)**

Perry Stokes is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how TAD 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 TAD generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the \$2.5 million of total business revenues generated by TAD, \$1.9 million were generated by on-airport activities and \$528 thousand generated by visitor spending.<sup>1</sup>









total business revenues

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What is Economic

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

spending effects for the state.

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-

Impact?









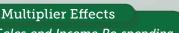


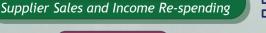
Airport Administration

Airport Tenants

Capital Improvements

Commercial Visitor General Aviation Spending Visitor Spending













Payroll Johs

Value Added

**Business** Revenues

# **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:



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.







added



total business revenues

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