2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Saguache Municipal (04V)

Saguache Municipal Airport (04V) is located in the San Luis Valley two miles northwest of the Town of Saguache. The airport sits at an elevation of 7,850 feet above sea level and is surrounded by natural attractions including the San Luis Peak, Rio Grande National Forest, Great Sand Dunes National Park, Blanca Peak, and the Crestone Needle. 04V is owned and operated by Saguache County, has a 7,957-foot-long gravel runway and supports general aviation users in the region. The extensive runway length proves as a useful asset for aircraft performance needs at such a high elevation. The airport serves as a rest stop for private pilots on cross-country flights as well pilots conducting civilian flight training. Saguache Municipal Airport also supports military flight training operations and medical activities such as Flight for Life. Agricultural and other businesses located in the area utilize Saguache Municipal to meet their needs, while the airport also supports recreation and tourism in region.

Top Activities

- Flight Training
- Corporate/ Business Activity
- Recreational Activities
- Aerial Medical Operations
- Military Activities



Economic Impacts of

Saguache Municipal (04V)

Saguache Municipal is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how 04V 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 04V generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $22 thousand of total business revenues generated by 04V, $10 thousand were generated by on-airport activities and $12 thousand generated by visitor spending.[1]

2 total jobs

$10K total payroll

$15K total value added

$22K total business revenues

[1] *Totals may not sum due to rounding*

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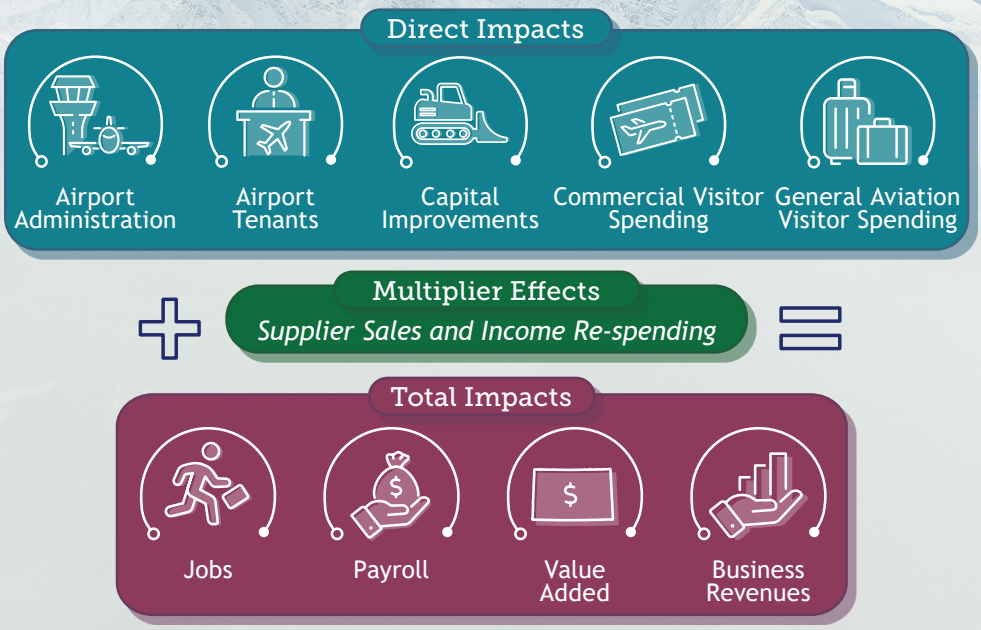

What is Economic Impact?

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.

348,466 total jobs

$23.5B total payroll

$40.3B total value added

$68.9B total business revenues

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