2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Walden-Jackson County (33V)

Walden-Jackson County Airport (33V) is a general aviation airport in northwestern Colorado. 33V has two runways: 04/22, which is an asphalt runway spanning 5,900 feet in length and 17/35, which is a 4,020-foot turf runway. The airport is owned and operated by Jackson County and is located approximately one mile north of the Town of Walden's central business district. Walden-Jackson County Airport is surrounded by abundant attractions including the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge, State Forest State Park, Independence Mountain, and many more destinations. 33V supports several types of general aviation activity in the area including recreational flying, business travel, leisure visits, and aerial firefighting. Leisure travelers use 33V to access to nearby recreation areas such as North Park Basin, Lake John, Delaney Butte, and the Arapaho Wildlife Refuge. The airport is also located along Colorado State Highway 125, providing quick access to Walden and other communities to the south, and access to the Colorado-Wyoming border to the north. Additionally, 33V supports seasonal aerial firefighting activities, as well as wildlife population management practices by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Top Activities

- Recreational Activities
- Aerial/ Wildland Firefighting
- Aerial Inspection
- Corporate/ Business Activity
- Military Activities



Economic Impacts of

Walden-Jackson County (33V)

Walden-Jackson County is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how 33V 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 33V generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $184 thousand of total business revenues generated by 33V, $122 thousand were generated by on-airport activities and $62 thousand generated by visitor spending.[1]

4 total jobs

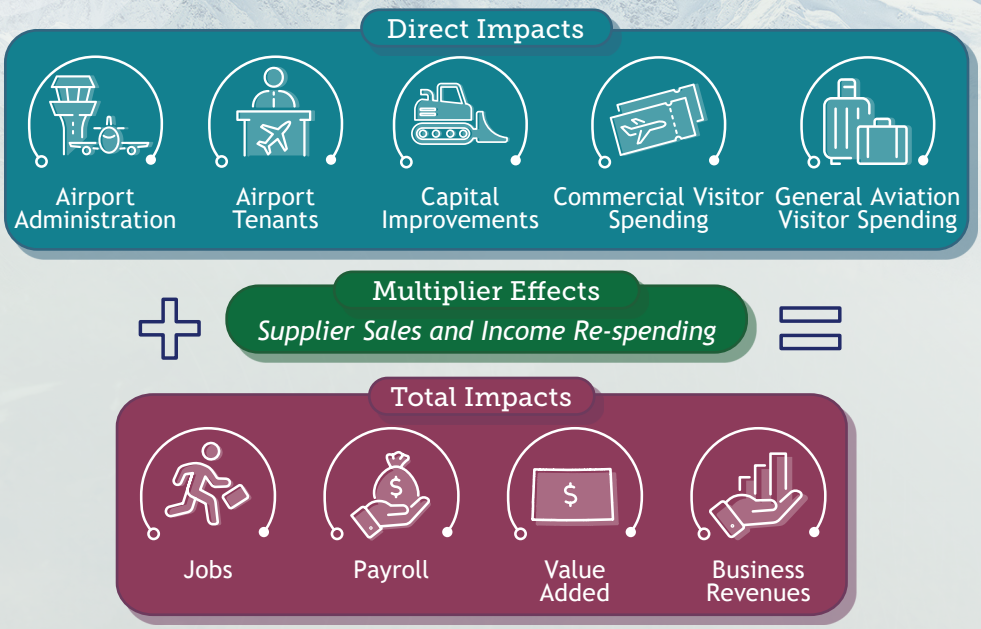
$70K total payroll

$113K total value added

$184K 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

For more information on the Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study, please visit our webpage at *https://www.coloradoaviationsystem.com/*