2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Rangely (4V0)

Located in northwestern Colorado just 15 miles east of the Utah-Colorado border, Rangely Airport (4V0) is a general aviation airport owned and operated by Rio Blanco County. 4V0 has a 6,409-foot-long asphalt runway and primarily serves the flight school activity of Colorado Northwestern Community College, which is located just two miles from the main campus. The airport is known for having favorable weather conditions and on average has 300 or more days in which students can fly each year. Other activities include private pilots accessing recreational activities and attractions in the area which include Dinosaur National Monument, white-water rafting, the White River National Forest, and many camping destinations. 4V0 supports operations of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management's White River Field Office in Meeker. Rangely Airport serves an important role locally and regionally, providing a critical flight training site for future pilots, supporting government agencies, and allowing visitors to access many of the surrounding recreational activities.

Top Activities

- Flight Training
- Aerial/ Wildland Firefighting
- Recreational Flying
- Aerial Medical Operations
- Recreational Activities



Economic Impacts of

Rangely (4V0)

Rangely is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how 4V0 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 4V0 generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $5.5 million of total business revenues generated by 4V0, $2.9 million were generated by on-airport activities and $2.5 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

46 total jobs

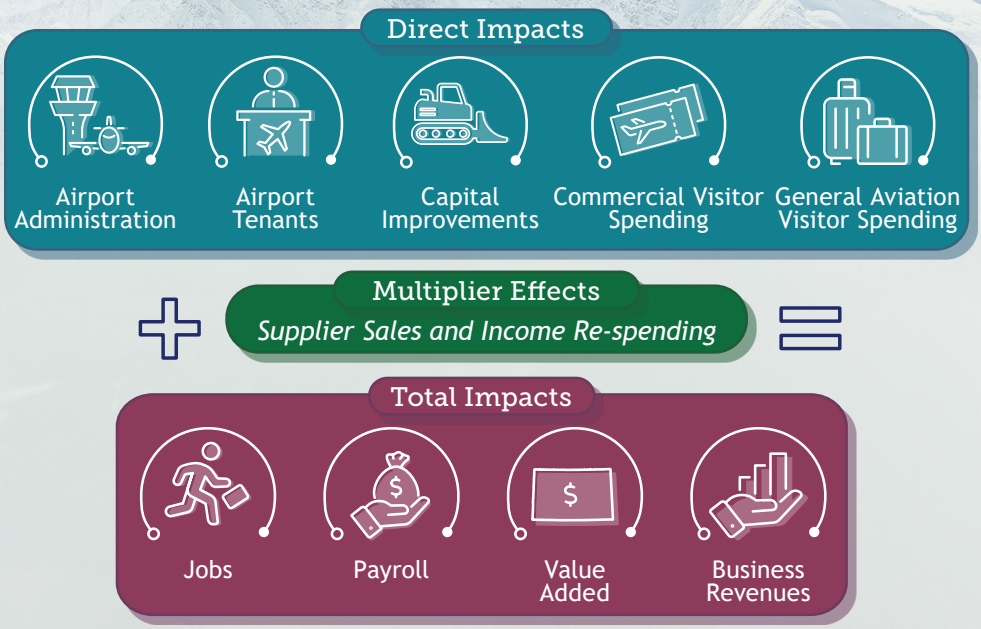
$2.4M total payroll

$3.5M total value added

$5.5M 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/*