2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

North Fork Valley (7V2)

North Fork Valley Airport (7V2) is a general aviation airport in western Colorado, bordered by the West Elk Mountains to the east and the Grand Mesa to the north, putting the airport in a unique geographical location. 7V2 is located three miles southwest of the Town of Paonia and is jointly owned and operated by Delta County and the Town of Paonia. North Fork Valley Aiport has a single asphalt runway (06/24) with a length of 4,500 feet and width of 60 feet. The airport is primarily used by recreational aircraft and visitors doing business in the local community. Additional activities that are accommodated at 7V2 include law enforcement, military flight training, and occasional aerial agriculture operations. Depending on regional conditions each year, the airport may also act as a temporary aerial firefighting base supporting first responders working to preserve and secure the surrounding communities.

Top Activities

- Recreational Activities
- Aerial/ Wildland Firefighting
- Agricultural Application
- Police/Law Enforcement
- Military Activities



Economic Impacts of

North Fork Valley (7V2)

North Fork Valley is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how 7V2 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 7V2 generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $294 thousand of total business revenues generated by 7V2, $116 thousand were generated by on-airport activities and $178 thousand generated by visitor spending.[1]

3 total jobs

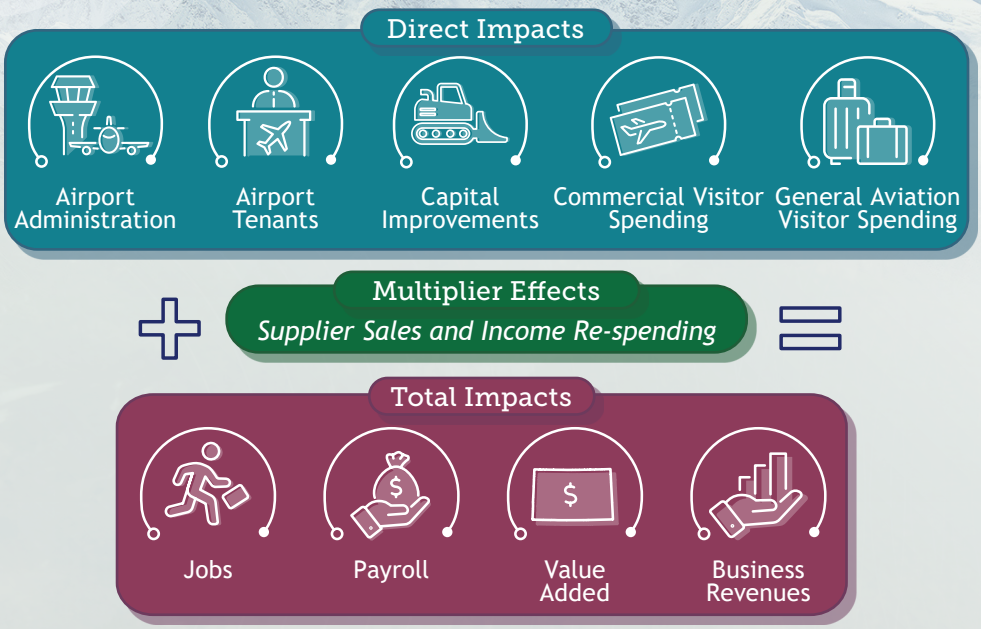
$98K total payroll

$174K total value added

$294K 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/*