2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Las Animas-Bent County (7V9)

Las Animas-Bent County Airport (7V9) is a general aviation airport located in Colorado's southeastern plains that is owned and operated by both the City of Las Animas and Bent County. 7V9 is located approximately one mile southwest of the city and has a 3,870-foot long by 40-foot wide asphalt runway (08/26) that primarily serves private pilot activity. The airport sits 15 miles west of the frequently visited John Martin Reservoir State Park, a regional recreation destination. 7V9 accommodates helicopter activity for both emergency medical operations and military flight training. Other activities at the airport include aerial agriculture and charity events such as the Disabled American Veterans; which fly six to eight aircraft in each winter holiday season to bring gifts to underprivileged children. 7V9 provides an opportunity for pilots to rest on long cross country training flights offering fuel, aircraft parking, and amenities in nearby Las Animas. Las Animas-Bent County Airport plays an important role promoting general aviation and providing a critical training site for pilots.

Top Activities

- Recreational Flying
- Aerial Medical Operations
- Agricultural Application
- Recreational Activities
- Military Activities



Economic Impacts of

Las Animas-Bent County (7V9)

Las Animas-Bent County is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how 7V9 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 7V9 generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $40 thousand of total business revenues generated by 7V9, $27 thousand were generated by on-airport activities and $14 thousand generated by visitor spending.[1]

4 total jobs

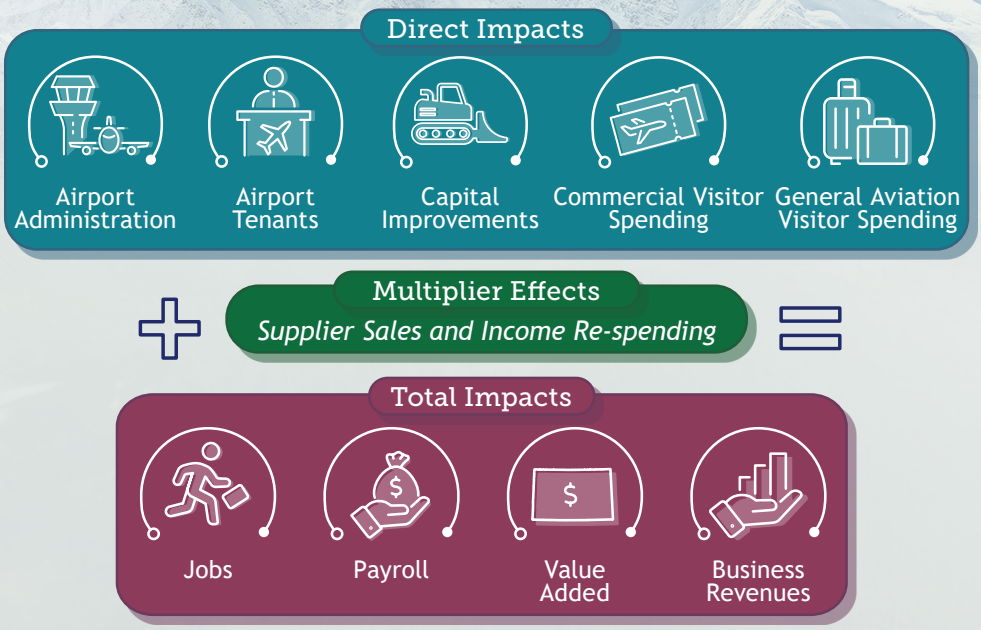
$21K total payroll

$28K total value added

$40K 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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