2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

San Luis Valley Regional (ALS)

San Luis Valley Regional Airport (ALS) is located just one and a half miles south of downtown Alamosa and serves as a crucial node in both the local and broader Colorado aviation systems. ALS caters to a diverse range of aviation needs including general aviation, commercial airline service, air ambulance operations, air cargo, and flight training. Owned by the City of Alamosa and operated by Alamosa County, ALS facilitates daily airline connections to Denver, offering 12 round trips per week which are essential for business, tourism, and local connectivity. Additionally, the airport supports critical emergency services with two air ambulance aircraft operators located onsite, enhancing healthcare access for the residents of the San Luis Valley. The airport attracts many visitors to the area on trips to nearby attractions such as the Monte Vista National Refuge, Great Sand Dunes National Park, and several hot springs. Unique recreational activities including sand boarding or ice picking on frozen waterfalls draw visitors all across the country, with ALS helping to stimulate economic activity in Alamosa and surrounding areas.

Top Activities

- Commercial Service
- Aerial Medical Operations
- Air Cargo
- Flight Training
- Recreational Flying



Economic Impacts of

San Luis Valley Regional (ALS)

San Luis Valley Regional is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how ALS 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 ALS generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $52.4 million of total business revenues generated by ALS, $43.4 million were generated by on-airport activities and $9.0 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

258 total jobs

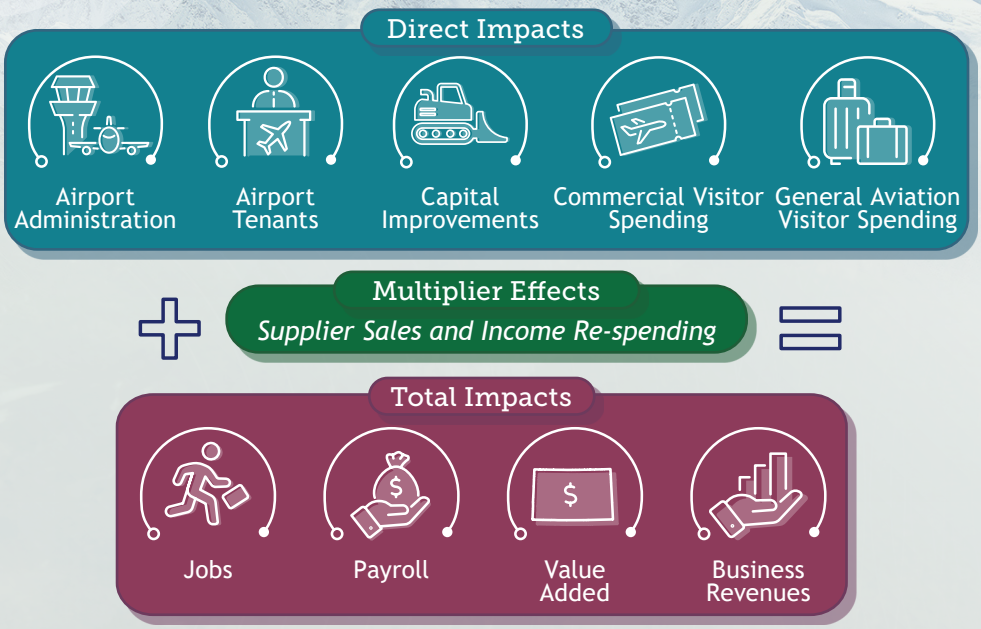
$15.0M total payroll

$26.9M total value added

$52.4M 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/*