# 2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

## Meeker-Coulter Field (EEO)

Meeker Airport/Coulter Field (EEO) is a general aviation airport in Colorado's Western Slope region located two miles east of the Town of Meeker. EEO is owned and operated by the Town of Meeker and has a single 6,500-foot long asphalt and 100-foot wide runway (3/21). Coulter Field supports pilots interested in accessing the host of recreational activities in the region, accommodates private helicopter transportation to and from nearby ranch properties, draws student pilot operations from a flight school (Colorado Northwestern Community College) in the Town of Rangely, and allows the Bureau of Land Management's White River Field Office and the U.S. Forest Service office, both in Meeker, to conduct aerial surveying for management of natural resources. Meeker Airport supports a wide range of aeronautical activities, assists government agencies, as well as provides access and economic benefits for the nearby Town of Meeker and the Western Slope region.

## Top Activities

- Recreational Activities
- Aerial/ Wildland Firefighting
- Recreational Flying
- Flight Training
- Corporate/ Business Activity



*Economic Impacts of*

## Meeker-Coulter Field (EEO)

Meeker-Coulter Field is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how EEO 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 EEO generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $6.4 million of total business revenues generated by EEO, $3.6 million were generated by on-airport activities and $2.8 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

**42** total jobs

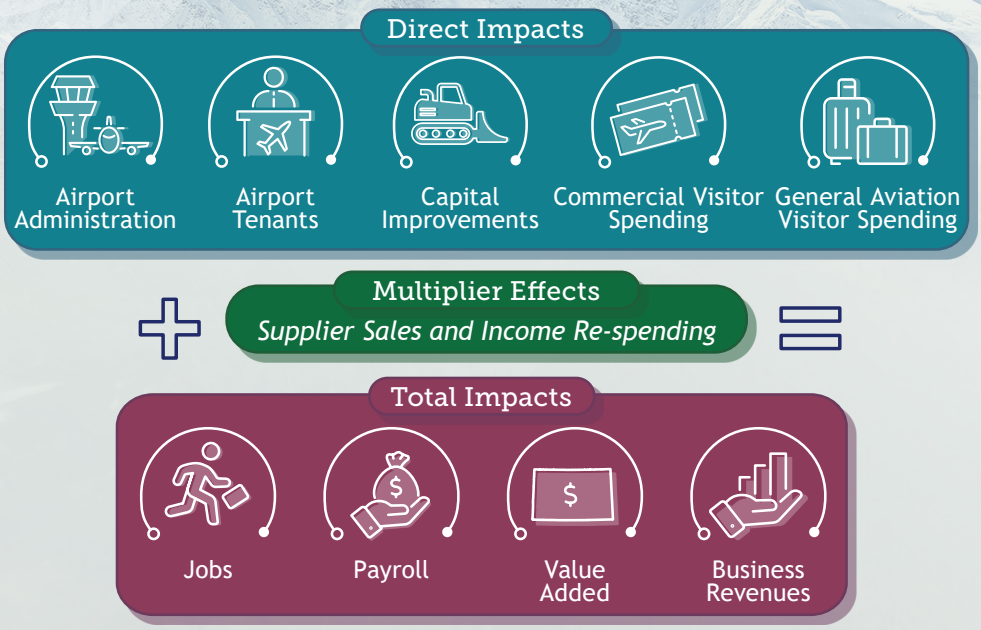
**$1.9M** total payroll

**$3.5M** total value added

**$6.4M** 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

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