2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Eagle County Regional (EGE)

Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE) is a commercial service airport in the central Rocky Mountains, located in Gypsum, approximately 35 miles west of Vail. The airport is owned and operated by Eagle County. The airport has a single asphalt runway (07/25) that is 9,000 feet long by 150 feet wide. Located 47 miles from the historical Camp Hale National Monument, EGE serves as the gateway for outdoor adventure enthusiasts to ski, hike, bike, hunt, and fish in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. EGE is currently served by three commercial airlines that offer flights to 12 destinations around the country. Additionally, Frontier Airlines began offering service in December 2024. EGE also sees heavy usage by large corporate jets and private general aviation aircraft. The airport is also used for military training exercises, civilian flight training, and aerial/wildland firefighting. The airport's surrounding rugged terrain provides an ideal training ground for the Department of Defense with EGE being home to the High-Altitude Army National Guard (ARNG) High Altitude Aviation Training Site (HAATS). At this training facility all branches of the military and foreign allies are trained to navigate mountainous terrain or harsh weather. EGE is a significant contributor to the local economy and supports the state airport system while providing direct access to one of Colorado's and the nation's premier skiing destinations.

Top Activities

- Commercial Service
- Corporate/ Business Activity
- Recreational Flying
- Military Activities
- Flight Training



Economic Impacts of

Eagle County Regional (EGE)

Eagle County Regional is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how EGE 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 EGE generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $783.4 million of total business revenues generated by EGE, $251.9 million were generated by on-airport activities and $531.5 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

4,404 total jobs

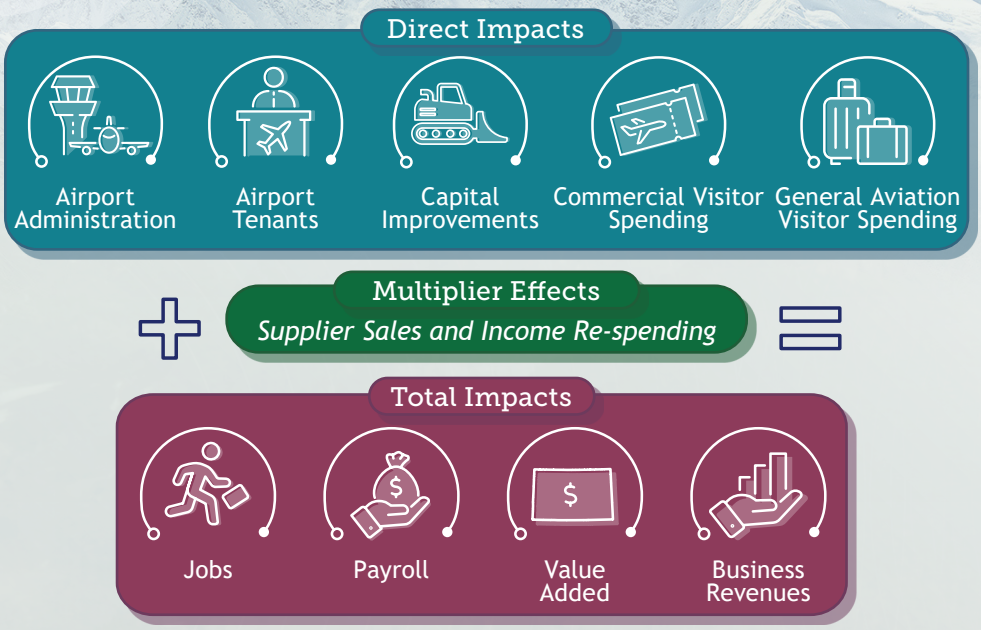
$269.3M total payroll

$487.7M total value added

$783.4M 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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