2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Erie Municipal (EIK)

Erie Municipal Airport (EIK) dates back to 1977 when it was built as a privately owned airfield with an adjacent residential subdivision providing residential through-the-fence access. EIK has a single concrete runway (16/34) with a length of 4,700 feet and width of 60 feet. The airport is conveniently located just 20 minutes north of downtown Denver and serves as a flight training alternative to Rocky Mountain Metropolitan and Vance Brand Airports. The airport is home to Vector Air which offers flight training, maintenance and FBO services, as well as Rocky Mountain Propellers which services customers from all across the Country. EIK has an onsite business park which is home to several companies that provide both aeronautical and non-aeronautical services including aircraft upholstery repair, metal fabrication, consulting, and real estate development. The airport receives approximately 45,000 aircraft operations annually, with the majority being flight training operations coming from surrounding airports.

Top Activities

- Flight Training
- Recreational Flying
- Recreational Activities
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Corporate/ Business Activity



Economic Impacts of

Erie Municipal (EIK)

Erie Municipal is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how EIK 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 EIK generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $23.5 million of total business revenues generated by EIK, $15.5 million were generated by on-airport activities and $8.1 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

144 total jobs

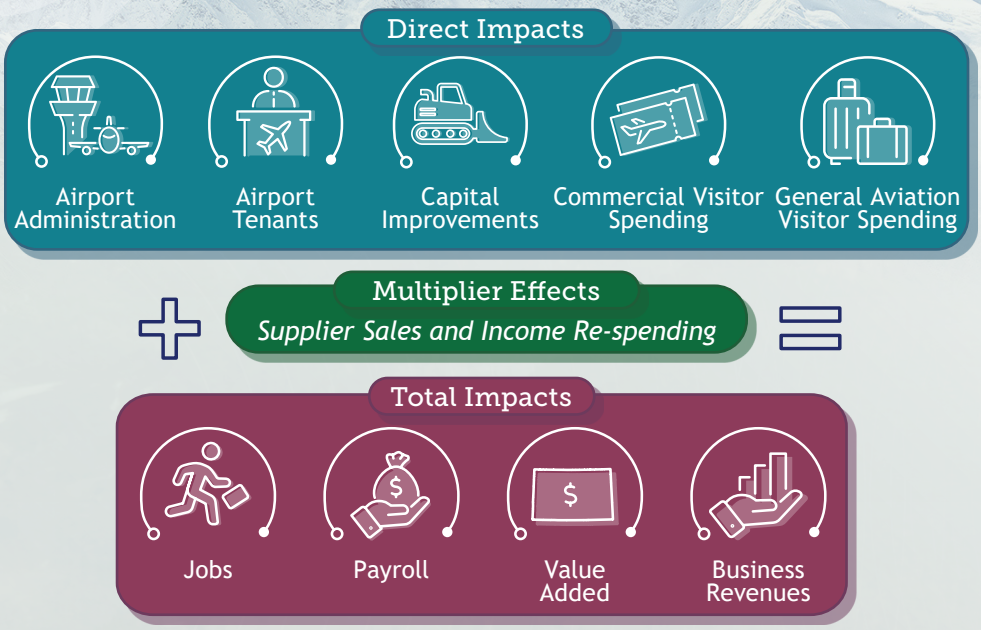
$8.4M total payroll

$13.2M total value added

$23.5M 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/*