2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

Northern Colorado Regional (FNL)

Situated 50 miles north of Denver and minutes from the charming historic downtown districts of Loveland and Fort Collins, Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL) sits at the heart of northern Colorado. The airport was established in 1963 with the assistance of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) land grant and is jointly owned by the cities of Loveland and Fort Collins. While continuing to provide general aviation, business, and charter air travel services for more than 60 years, the airport's activity continues to grow along with the population of the region. FNL is a commercially certified regional airport with a FAR Part 139 certificate, indicating it can serve both scheduled and unscheduled aircraft and meets certain operational and safety standards to do so. The airport also offers daily non-stop connections to the Denver International Airport through United Airlines ground transportation service. The airport accommodates over 120,000 annual flight operations, has over 200 hangar units, and 300 based aircraft. The airport, its fixed-base operator (FBO) jetCenters of Colorado, and many other businesses cater to the diverse needs of the aviation community. The list of amenities and services continues to grow based on demand and further solidifies FNL as a thriving center of aviation activity.

Top Activities

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



Economic Impacts of

Northern Colorado Regional (FNL)

Northern Colorado Regional is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how FNL 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 FNL generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $160.5 million of total business revenues generated by FNL, $131.2 million were generated by on-airport activities and $29.3 million generated by visitor spending.[1]

839 total jobs

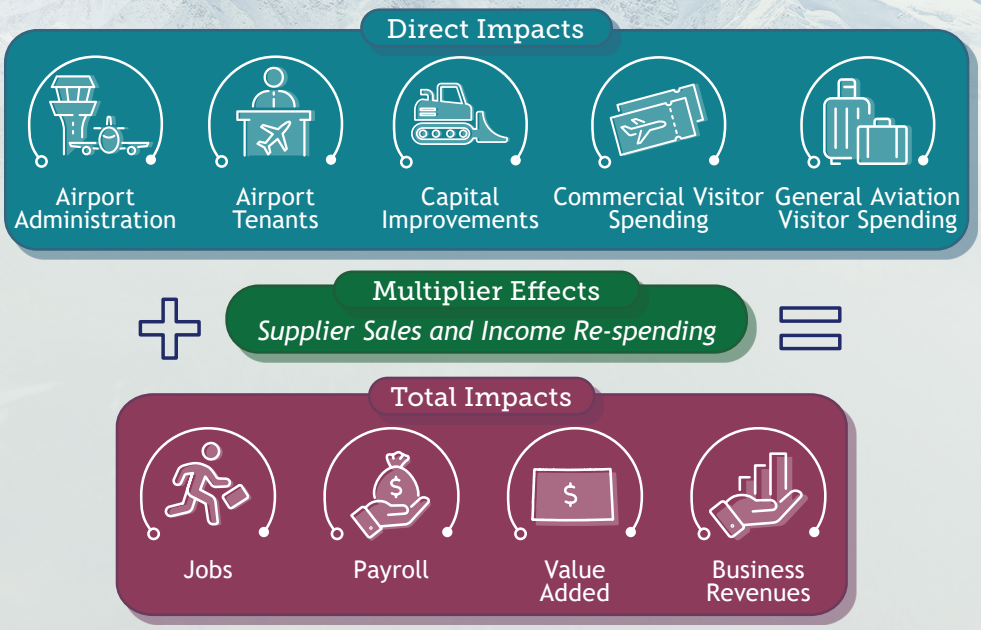
$52.6M total payroll

$87.4M total value added

$160.5M 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/*