2025 Colorado Aviation ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Individual Airport Economic Impact Report

La Junta Municipal (LHX)

La Junta Municipal Airport (LHX) is a public use general aviation facility situated in southeast Colorado, approximately three miles north of La Junta. Owned and managed by the City of La Junta, the airport plays a pivotal role in the region's transportation network. La Junta Municipal has two runways: 08/26 is a 6,849-foot asphalt runway and 12/30 is a 5,803-foot asphalt/concrete runway. LHX serves as a hub for diverse activities including recreational flying and corporate aviation. Its strategic location and facilities, which include a helipad, pilot's lounge, a 24/7 self-serve fuel system, and ramp or tie down aircraft parking make it an essential resource for the local economy and community. Notably, the airport supports various critical services such as aerial applications for agriculture and emergency medical transportation. Additionally, LHX facilitates connections to nearby areas, contributing to regional accessibility and economic development. With its helipad and other amenities, La Junta Municipal Airport remains a vital asset for both residents and visitors alike, fostering growth and connectivity in the surrounding area.

Top Activities

- Recreational Flying
- Recreational Activities
- Military Activities
- Flight Training
- Agricultural Application



Economic Impacts of

La Junta Municipal (LHX)

La Junta Municipal is one of 66 public use airports that contribute to the State's aviation economic impact. To understand how LHX 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 LHX generated the below total economic activity in 2023. Of the $9.2 million of total business revenues generated by LHX, $9.2 million were generated by on-airport activities and $31 thousand generated by visitor spending.[1]

38 total jobs

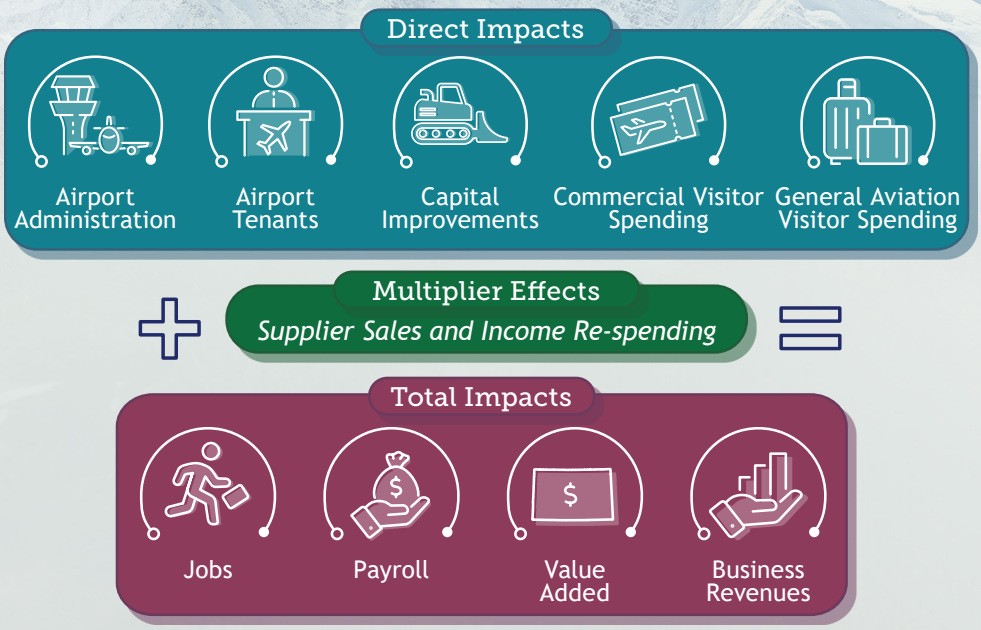
$2.5M total payroll

$4.1M total value added

$9.2M 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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