



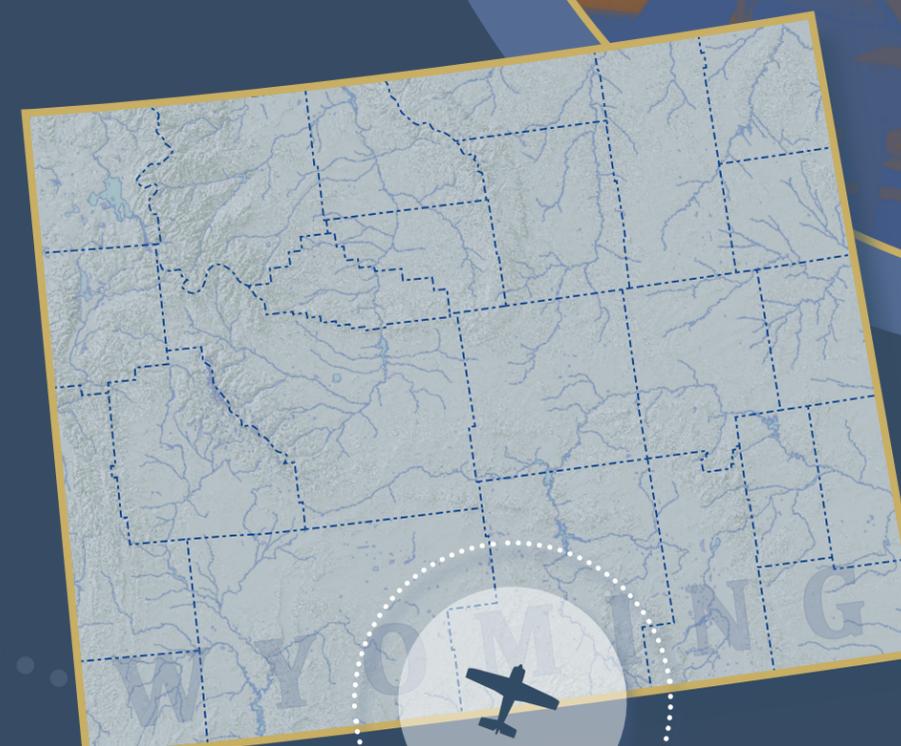
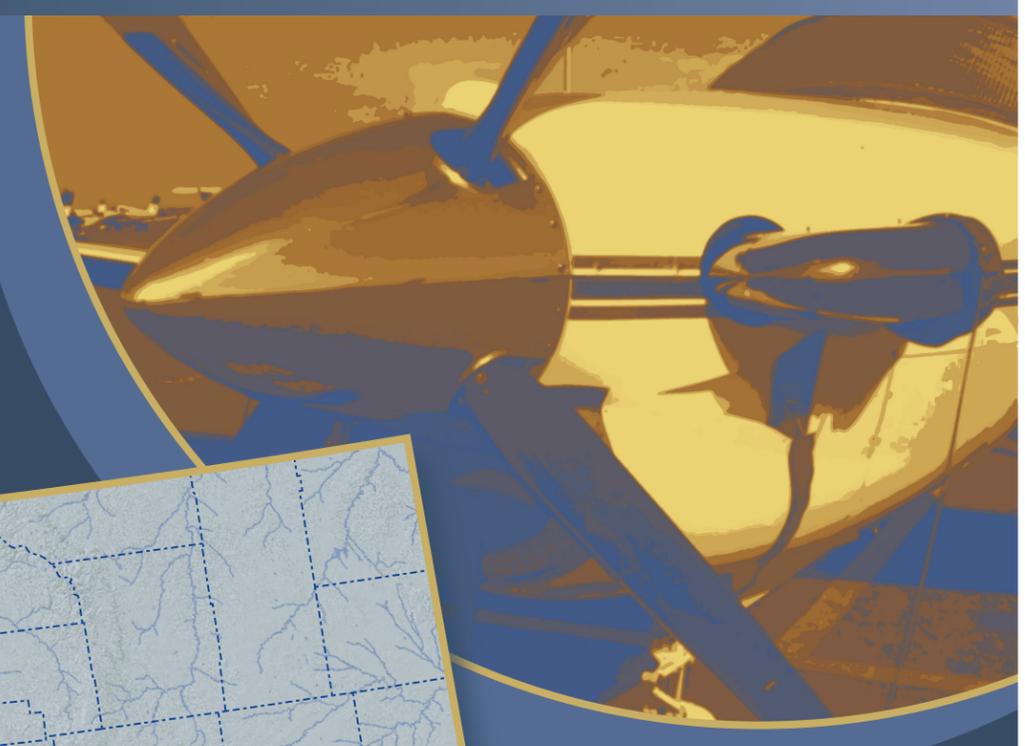
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# The Economic Impact of

## *Dixon Airport*



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# Aviation Makes Life in Wyoming Even Better

Wyoming's public use airport system provides substantial benefits to the people of Wyoming. Wyoming has the lowest population density of any state in the continental U.S., making aviation an important transportation component of Wyoming. Airports are a critical part of the state's infrastructure that make it possible for the people of Wyoming to enjoy the state's high quality of life while still being connected to the national economy. Many businesses that appreciate the quality of life found in Wyoming would not be able to stay there without airports.

Airports in Wyoming have helped to both lead and sustain growth and economic diversification. For example, they support oil and natural gas field development and maintenance, enhance medical care, provide transportation for businessmen and vacationers, and move goods via air cargo. Wyoming's airports serve as the base of operation for a multitude of businesses, including airlines, air cargo companies, fixed based operators, flight schools, government agencies, crop dusters, and aircraft maintenance companies. Airports also support Wyoming's tourist industry by providing access to the state through both commercial and general aviation airports. Hundreds of thousands of visitors come to Wyoming each year via airports, and spend hundreds of millions of dollars on lodging, dining, and entertainment.

Wyoming's continued participation in the global economy is important for the future well being of the state and its people. To ensure that the Wyoming airport system continues to serve as an integral connection between Wyoming businesses and residents and the global economy, the Wyoming Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division recently completed a statewide study to assess the economic impact of the state's 10 commercial service airports and 25 general aviation airports. Each airport's economic activity was quantified in terms of jobs, payroll, and output. Through a comprehensive survey effort, the direct economic benefits related to on-airport business tenants and the indirect impacts associated with visitor-related spending were determined for each airport. An economic model was developed to estimate the induced impacts associated with the direct and indirect impacts, in order to estimate the total economic impacts.

Wyoming's airports accounted for nearly 14,500 jobs in 2008. Those jobs yielded an annual payroll in excess of \$375 million. Total economic output for Wyoming's airports amounted to more than \$1.4 billion, or about 4.6 percent of the state's annual gross product. Besides economic benefits, airports in Wyoming provide services that enhance the health, safety, and quality of life in Wyoming. Examples include medical flights, law enforcement, firefighting, wildlife management, and recreation.



## Total Impacts of Wyoming's Airports

**Total Employment:** 14,460 jobs  
**Total Payroll:** \$375.5 million  
**Total Economic Activity:** \$1.4 billion

# Dixon Airport

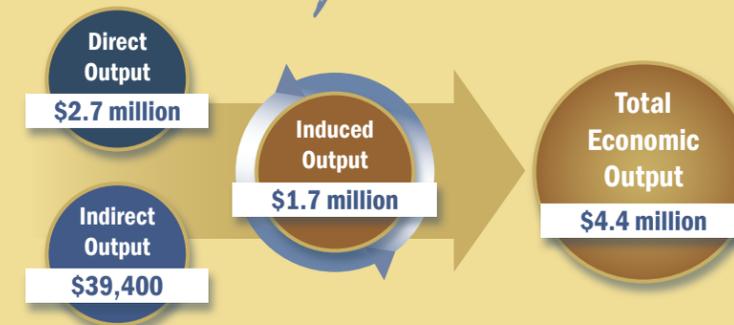
Dixon Airport is a general aviation airport located near Dixon. It is owned and operated by Carbon County.

The airport's runway is 7,500 feet long and 75 feet wide. Three Forks Aviation provides aircraft services at the airport.

Guests of the Three Forks Resort, based in nearby Savery, use the airport when traveling to and from the area. Three Forks Resort also bases its aircraft at the airport. These aircraft are used to transport guests to and from remote areas for hunting, fishing, hiking and other activities, as well as to provide connections at Denver International Airport.

The airport is also frequently used for recreational flights, business flights, and real estate tours. Other uses aerial inspections and flight training flights.

## Total Impacts of Dixon Airport



<b>Total Employment:</b>	<b>37 jobs</b>
<b>Total Payroll:</b>	<b>\$1.4 million</b>
<b>Total Economic Output:</b>	<b>\$4.4 million</b>

## IMPACT TYPES

**Direct impacts** are those benefits associated with on-airport business and government spending that support aviation.

**Indirect impacts** are the result of spending by visitors – both those arriving by commercial airlines and general aviation aircraft. This spending, which generally takes place off-airport, supports jobs and businesses in the local community.

**Induced impacts** are a function of the recirculation of direct and indirect impacts within the economy of Wyoming. Money that is used to purchase goods on the airport is then spent by those airport employees in the local community, and so on. Each time this money gets spent over again, additional benefits are created. These added benefits are commonly referred to as the multiplier effect.

**Total impacts** are the combination of direct, indirect, and induced benefits.

## IMPACT MEASURES

**Employment** measures the number of full-time equivalent jobs related to aviation activity, where a part-time job is counted as half a full-time job.

**Payroll** measures the total annual salary, wages, and benefits, paid to all workers related to aviation activity.

**Economic Activity (Output)** measures the value of all goods and services related to airports in Wyoming. The output of airport related businesses is typically estimated by combining annual gross sales and average annual capital expenditures.