



WYOMING AVIATION 2013 Economic Impact Study

Facts

WYOMING AIRPORT BENEFITS

- There are an estimated 145 aviation related companies that operate at Wyoming's airports; these businesses support almost 1,600 full-time jobs.
- Between 2004 and 2011, \$23 million in economic development related grants were made to airports by the Wyoming Business Council. This total capital investment supported 297 jobs, \$14 million in payroll, and \$35 million in total annual economic activity or output while construction was underway.
- 523,000 visitors arrive annually in Wyoming by either a commercial airline flight or a general aviation plane and spend \$597 million for lodging, food, local transportation, retail purchases, entertainment, and recreation.

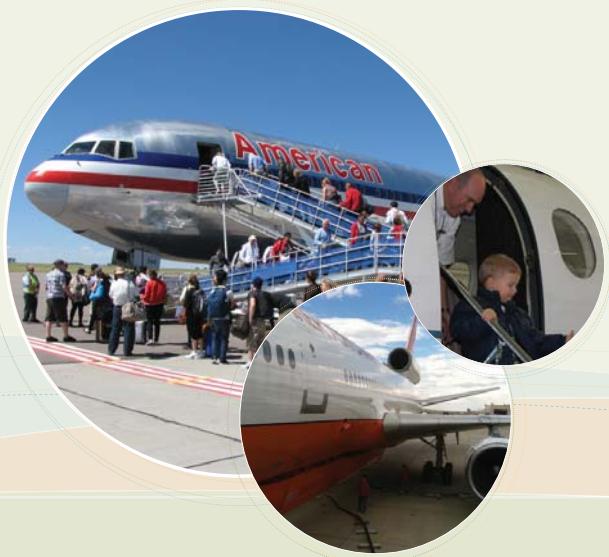
- There are over 38,100 non-aviation jobs in Wyoming that rely on aviation to improve their efficiency.
- \$1.4 billion in annual activity supported by Wyoming airports is 3.6% of Wyoming's Gross State Product.
- Jobs supported by airports and air visitors, along with jobs that rely on aviation to improve their efficiency, represent about 13% of Wyoming's total workforce.



COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SERVICE IN WYOMING

- Over 50% of all passengers on commercial airline flights, traveling for business, are associated in some way with Wyoming's energy industries.
- Wyoming is one of the only states over the past 5 years to experience increased airline service (measured by the number of departing seats) along with increased boarding airline passengers.

- Average airline fares in the U.S. went up 20% between 2007 and 2013. Over the same time, fares in Wyoming increased by only 12%. If Jackson Hole's air fares are excluded from the comparison, Wyoming's average air fares increased by only 2%.
- 374,326 visitors come to Wyoming on commercial airline flights and spend annually an estimated \$547 million on lodging, food, local transportation, retail purchases, recreation and entertainment.
- Commercial airline functions at the ten commercial airports support 10,012 jobs, \$413 million in annual payroll associated with these jobs, and \$1 billion in annual economic activity or output.
- Commercial airline functions at the commercial airports contribute an estimated \$46 million annually in local and state tax revenues.
- For every passenger (resident and visitor) that boards a commercial airline flight in Wyoming, about \$2,000 in annual economic activity is realized and \$88 is contributed to state and local tax revenues.



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WYOMING AIRPORTS

- Activities associated with managing Wyoming airports support: 283 jobs, \$13.7 million in annual payroll, and \$46.4 million in annual economic activity or output.
- Aviation related businesses/tenants at the airports support: 2,388 jobs, \$151.1 million in annual payroll and \$463.2 million in annual economic activity or output.
- Average annual capital investment for construction at Wyoming airports supports: 305 jobs, \$17.5 million in annual payroll and \$61.0 million in annual economic activity or output.
- Spending in Wyoming by visitors who arrive on commercial airlines supports: 8,438 jobs, \$318.0 million in annual payroll and \$747.6 million in annual economic activity or output.
- Spending by visitors who arrive in Wyoming on general aviation planes supports: 855 jobs, \$26.1 million in annual payroll and \$71.2 million in annual economic activity or output.
- All airport related and air visitor related activities in Wyoming support: 12,268 jobs, \$526.4 million in annual payroll, and \$1.4 billion in annual economic activity.
- Airports and aviation related activities in Wyoming contribute annually \$55 million in local and state tax revenues.



DAILY ACTIVITIES AT WYOMING AIRPORTS

- Hospitals in Wyoming rely heavily on aviation to attract and retain experienced doctors, airports help to save lives by supporting patient transport in emergency situations, and airports help to bring specialty physicians to communities throughout the state, improving medical services for almost all Wyoming residents.

- Wyoming businesses and colleges expand their reach to domestic and international markets by using aviation, and air service is important for attracting and retaining the best available employees for Wyoming businesses and colleges.
- Federal and state agencies use airports in Wyoming everyday to monitor millions of acres of forest and grasslands, wildlife habitat, agricultural areas and other important natural resources.
- Farmers and ranchers in Wyoming use aviation to bring customers to Wyoming for auctions, to monitor their herds, to support aerial applications to control pests and weeds, and to search for lost cattle.
- Wyoming airports reduce travel times for Wyoming residents and businesses, help residents stay connected with friends and family and support safer travel during nighttime and bad weather travel conditions.



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