

# STATEWIDE

## Annual Economic Impacts

Findings from this study show that statewide all 35 study airports are supporting:

### JOBS

12,268



### ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

\$526.4 MILLION



### ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

\$1.4 BILLION



### ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

\$55 MILLION



### JOBS WHOSE EFFICIENCY IS IMPROVED BY USING AVIATION

38,100



## Summary of Economic Impacts for COKEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Findings from the study estimate the annual economic impacts for Cokeville Municipal Airport as they relate to Wyoming's statewide economy and to just the economy of the local area the airport serves. Local and state impacts for the airport follow:

### JOBS

| Local | State |
|-------|-------|
| 1     | 1     |



### ANNUAL PAYROLL (WAGES/BENEFITS)

| Local    | State    |
|----------|----------|
| \$46,650 | \$49,470 |



### ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT

| Local     | State   |
|-----------|---------|
| \$150,950 | 176,280 |



In addition to jobs, payroll, and output benefits, airports in Wyoming support a variety of uses that contribute to the quality of life for all Wyoming residents and businesses. Airports in Wyoming are critical to supporting activities such as emergency response, fire fighting, insect and predator control, and doctor and patient transport. More information on the economic benefits of Cokeville Municipal Airport and the state study can be obtained from:



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## 2013 WYOMING AIRPORTS Economic Impact Study



## The Economic Impact of Cokeville Municipal Airport

Cokeville, Wyoming

# WYOMING

## Annual Economic Impacts

The Wyoming Department of Transportation's (WYDOT) Aeronautics Division recently completed a research project to identify potential links between state and local economies and Wyoming's 35 paved public-use commercial and general aviation airports. Statewide, as well as specific impacts for Cokeville Municipal Airport, are included in this summary.

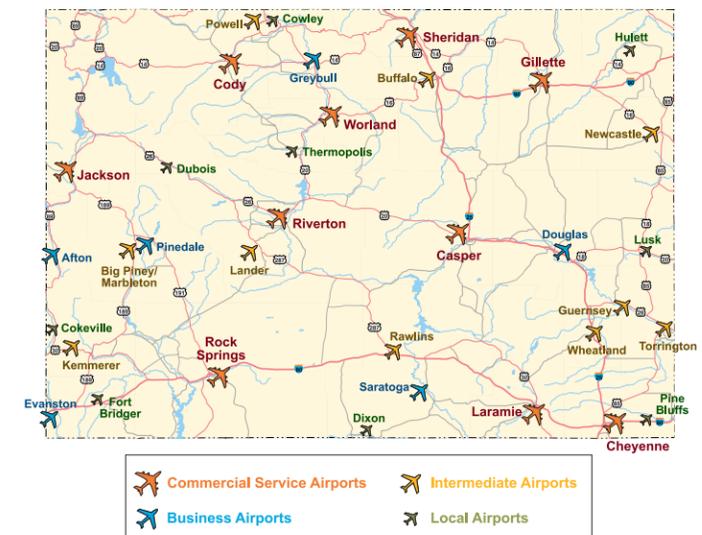
The study concluded that airports in Wyoming are important to supporting various aspects of the economy; contributing to state and local tax revenues; improving efficiency for hundreds of Wyoming businesses; and supporting many vital services which help to improve the quality of life for everyone in Wyoming.

The study considered three primary measures to express economic impacts associated with each airport:

- » employment/jobs,
- » annual payroll, and
- » annual output or economic activity.

Airport related economic impacts include both initial and multiplier impacts. Initial economic impact activities, as discussed in this report, are impacts that start with the day-to-day operation of each airport or with spending by visitors who arrive by air. Multiplier impacts are associated with the re-circulation of initial impacts in the economy being studied. Total impacts in this report are the sum of initial and multiplier impacts. All statewide economic impacts were estimated using a state model. Economic impacts for each airport were estimated using the state model, but were also estimated using a county-based model specific to each airport to quantify each airport's local economic impact.

Study Airports



- Commercial Service Airports
- Business Airports
- Intermediate Airports
- Local Airports

# Cokeville Municipal Airport (U06)

## ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS

For all study airports, including Cokeville Municipal Airport, initial, multiplier, and total airport related economic impacts were estimated in the following categories:

### ON-AIRPORT

- » Airport administration, operation, and maintenance
- » Airport tenants or businesses
- » Capital investment to improve, maintain, or expand study airports



### OFF-AIRPORT

- » Spending associated with visitors who arrive by air



Study analysis shows that Cokeville Municipal Airport supports one initial job related to on-airport activities. This job is associated with airport management, aviation businesses that may operate at the airport, and capital investment. When airport related capital investment is made, over the duration of the project, jobs and associated economic impacts are realized.

While some visitors occasionally arrive in Wyoming via the airport, the level of spending associated with these visitors is not sufficient to support a full-time initial or direct job in the visitor spending category. Nevertheless, economic activity in the general aviation visitor category does result in some economic benefit for the airport's immediate market area.

Data to develop estimates of economic impact for the airport came from airport administration, any businesses that operate at the airport, and surveys of visitors using the airport.

### Annual Economic Impacts of the Cokeville Municipal Airport on the Local Economy

Total initial employment for Cokeville Municipal Airport was estimated at **1 job**. As this initial job and the payroll and annual output associated with it enter the airport's local economy, additional multiplier jobs, payroll, and output are supported. The accompanying tables show annual economic impacts estimated using a local model for the airport's market area.

#### Local Economic Impacts From Airport Administration, Airport Tenants, and Capital Investment

| IMPACTS        | INITIAL   | MULTIPLIER | TOTAL     |
|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Jobs</b>    | <1        | <1         | 1         |
| <b>Payroll</b> | \$37,520  | \$8,990    | \$46,510  |
| <b>Output</b>  | \$112,110 | \$38,180   | \$150,290 |

#### Local Economic Impacts From General Aviation Visitor Spending

| IMPACTS        | INITIAL | MULTIPLIER | TOTAL |
|----------------|---------|------------|-------|
| <b>Jobs</b>    | <1      | <1         | <1    |
| <b>Payroll</b> | \$100   | \$40       | \$150 |
| <b>Output</b>  | \$480   | \$190      | \$670 |

### Annual State and Local Aviation Tax Impacts for Cokeville Municipal Airport

Airport and visitor related activities result in contributions to both local and state tax revenues. The WYDOT study estimated that on an annual basis activities supported by Cokeville Municipal Airport contribute an estimated **\$440 in state and local tax revenues**.

#### ANNUAL LOCAL AND STATE AVIATION TAX REVENUES

**\$440**



### Aviation Benefits to Area Residents, Businesses, and Organizations

As part of this project, airports, airport tenants, airport visitors, and area businesses and residents were contacted to determine how they benefit from Cokeville Municipal Airport. Flight records from the airport show that businesses and individuals use the airport to support their travel. Study interviews revealed that airports support medical related needs for Wyoming residents; airports bring medical specialist to local hospitals and enable residents to travel to more distant medical facilities for advanced treatment. Local businesses rely on general aviation airports for their employees and for customers and vendors who fly to Wyoming to visit them.

The airport supports different types of users and businesses. This research identified some of the airport's more frequent users as follows: Willis Spraying and Cokeville Medical Clinic.



### Example Benefits From Cokeville Municipal Airport

Over 55% of Wyoming is classified as farm land. While livestock is Wyoming's highest yielding commodity, crop production is also important. Agricultural spraying is important to the success of crop production in Wyoming. Crops are sprayed for both pest and weed control, helping to increase production per acre. In order to effectively treat crops, aerial sprayers must take off from an airport near the area they are treating. During growing season, the airport supports agricultural spraying flights on a regular basis, helping the area's farmers to increase their returns from the number of acres they have in production. Willis Spraying is an aerial applicator that operates from the airport.

Cokeville Medical Clinic, part of South Lincoln Hospital District, also relies on the airport. This small rural medical facility occasionally uses the airport to transport its patients to larger medical facilities either within or beyond the state. Both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters are used to support the clinic. With Cokeville's location on the Wyoming/Utah border, patients are most frequently transported by fixed-wing aircraft to hospitals in Salt Lake City. This ability of emergency medical transfer via the airport helps to improve the quality of life for all area residents.

While a monetary value is difficult to place on recreational activities, some of Wyoming's smaller general aviation airports support recreational activities for the communities they serve. Cokeville Municipal is one such airport. According to airport management, the airport accommodates recreational flying on at least a monthly basis.

*Note: More examples of airport-specific users are included in the technical report.*

