

FOREST LAKE AIRPORT

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY BENEFITS

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR FOREST LAKE AIRPORT

In 2019, the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Office of Aeronautics conducted a study of the annual economic impacts generated by Minnesota's public airports.* These annual economic impacts are related to activities associated with management of the airport, business tenants at the airport, average annual capital investment in the airport, and spending by visitors who arrive via the airport.



VISITORS 1,534



SPENDING \$1.9 MILLION



AREA EMPLOYMENT 31



ECONOMIC ACTIVITY \$3.0 MILLION



PAYROLL \$1.1 MILLION



STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES \$109,750

Note: Annual Economic Activity is the sum of the Annual Payroll and Annual Spending.

ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR FOREST LAKE AIRPORT

	AREA EMPLOYMENT	PAYROLL	SPENDING	ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
Airport Management and Business Tenants	10	\$381,100	\$410,060	\$791,160
Capital Investment	10	\$378,190	\$1,053,400	\$1,431,590
General Aviation Visitor Spending	11	\$334,000	\$443,000	\$777,000
TOTAL	31	\$1,093,290	\$1,906,460	\$2,999,750

Note: More detail on the airport's economic impact estimates can be found in the Technical Report at: MnDOT.gov/aero.



FOREST LAKE AIRPORT SUPPORTS NON-STOP DAILY CONNECTIVITY TO MANY DESTINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE LOWER 48 STATES.

A flight from this airport can take you almost anywhere. This connectivity is particularly important for the many businesses that rely on Minnesota's airports to deliver and receive products, reach their customers, and remain competitive.

Flight data from the FAA shown on this map displays just some of the destinations flown to and from this airport.



EXAMPLES OF HOW FOREST LAKE AIRPORT SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

The airport supports many uses and users that help sustain vital services and business needs.



Business Use. The airport provides access to Running Aces Casino, Hotel & Racetrack. This complex provides gaming, harness racing, various restaurants, and a hotel. While many visitors to this casino drive from the Twin Cities, some fly from longer distances and use the airport. The casino supports many local jobs; visitor spending helps to support these jobs. The casino has its own expenditures for food, equipment, and supplies, which it purchases from local vendors/companies. This business helps to support economic benefits in the airport's market area.



Law Enforcement. Law enforcement agencies use aircraft for traffic control, ground support, search and rescue, high-speed car pursuits, observation, and other routine law enforcement activities. The Minnesota State Highway Patrol relies on the airport to support its operations. Airports are integral parts of an area's resiliency plans when natural disasters occur. By supporting law enforcement, the airport helps to contribute to the area's quality of life.



Military Support. Minnesota Air National Guard (ANG) units are Air Reserve Components of the United States Air Force. Minnesota ANG units are trained and equipped by the Air Force. As state militia units, the Minnesota ANG is subject to being activated by order of the Governor to provide protection of life and property, and preserve peace, order, and public safety. State missions include disaster relief in times of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and forest fires; search and rescue; protection of vital public services; and support to civil defense. Minnesota has two ANG units, one based in Minneapolis-St. Paul and the other in Duluth. Aircraft operated by the ANG sometimes operate at the Forest Lake Airport; the airport helps to improve the safety of the state's residents.



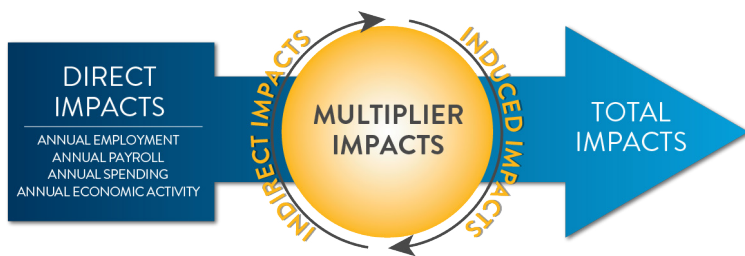
Aerial Applications. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District promotes the health of Minnesota residents by protecting the public from disease and annoyance caused by mosquitoes, black flies, and ticks. The agency operates in an environmentally safe manner and uses aircraft to disperse treatments. The District covers the Twin Cities metro area which includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties. The District uses the airport to support its air application services. By helping to support important activities undertaken by the District to curtail the spread of disease, the airport is adding to the quality of life for all area residents.



Healthcare/Medical Support. Fairview Health Services supports area healthcare needs. In instances where immediate medical treatment is needed that cannot be provided locally, the airport is available to support emergency air ambulance services. The airport is available to provide important support for the area's healthcare and emergency needs and is an asset to the community's healthcare system.

STUDY PROCESS

First, direct economic impacts were collected. Direct impacts are the start of the economic impact cycle. Next, an econometric input/output model was used to estimate **indirect/induced** impacts, also sometimes referred to as multiplier impacts. Combined, direct and indirect/induced impacts equal **total impacts**. For this study, direct, indirect/induced, and total impacts were estimated for **annual employment, payroll, annual spending, and annual economic activity**.



ECONOMIC IMPACT CATEGORIES

Direct, indirect/induced, and total impacts were measured for each category shown below. These impacts were estimated for each airport.

	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT	Activities associated with the daily operation of each airport
	BUSINESS TENANTS	On-airport aviation-related businesses that generate revenue and have employment
	CAPITAL INVESTMENT	Five-year average annual state, federal, airport, and private investment for airport improvements
	COMMERCIAL VISITOR SPENDING	Spending by visitors to Minnesota who arrive on a scheduled commercial airline flight
	GENERAL AVIATION VISITOR SPENDING	Spending by visitors to Minnesota who arrive on general aviation airplanes
	STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES	Airport-supported sales and state income taxes

TOTAL ANNUAL STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACTS FOR ALL MINNESOTA PUBLIC AIRPORTS

Airport visits, interviews, surveys, and research supported development of the total annual statewide economic impact estimate for all Minnesota public airports.*

 94,037 STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT	 \$4.4 Billion STATEWIDE PAYROLL	 \$13.8 Billion STATEWIDE SPENDING	 \$18.2 Billion STATEWIDE ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	 \$66.3 Million STATEWIDE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR 126 STUDY AIRPORTS	 \$557.1 Million STATEWIDE & LOCAL TAX REVENUES FOR THE SEVEN MAC AIRPORTS
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*Note: Total Annual Statewide Economic Impacts reflect those associated with all 133 Minnesota system airports. Economic impacts for the seven airports operated by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) were obtained from separate economic impact studies conducted by the MAC. For more information on the MAC studies, visit mspairport.com or metroairports.org.