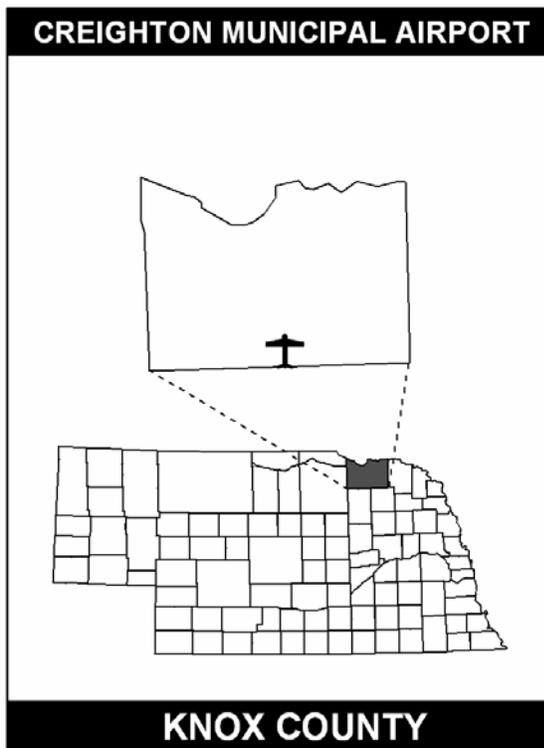


Airport Location

Creighton Municipal Airport is located one mile east of Creighton, Nebraska, in Knox County. Creighton has a population of 1,120. The 202-acre airport opened in 1949. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, is constructed of asphalt measuring 3,100 feet in length and 50 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Creighton Community Schools, Creighton Care Centre, Lundberg Memorial Hospital, Creighton Livestock Market, North Central Public Power District, Creighton Post & Pipe, Inc., American National Bank, Largen Manufacturing Co., and Morrill Grain Company, Inc.

The airport, with five based aircraft, experiences approximately 2,200 aircraft operations annually.



Economic Impact

Economic impacts at an airport are measured through employment, payroll, and output (spending). On-airport business and government activities (direct impacts) account for a significant portion of an airport's first round

economic benefits. Additional first round benefits are also linked to visitors who arrive via the State's system of airports (indirect impacts). Spending by these visitors supports additional employment and associated annual payroll. These first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. The secondary or induced benefits were measured with Nebraska-specific IMPLAN multipliers. When combined, first round and secondary benefits equal the total economic impact associated with each airport.

First Round Impact

In 2002, the only aviation-related tenant on the airport was the airport's management, which supported one employee. This tenant's direct or first round employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$6,000 annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of this tenant is \$2,000. Operational data indicated that approximately 109 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported one additional part-time job for an employee earning over \$3,000 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$5,900.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors also create secondary impacts throughout the State. Secondary impacts are induced impacts calculated using the Nebraska specific IMPLAN multipliers. The accompanying table presents the 2002 first round, secondary, and total impacts for output, payroll, and employment as they relate to on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to

Creighton Municipal Airport was approximately \$17,300. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 2.5 full-time equivalent jobs, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$7,800 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Creighton Municipal Airport offers several services to the local community. The airport operates primarily as a recreational facility, accommodating flights by both local pilots and visitors to the area’s attractions. The area is home to many parks and hunting and fishing areas. A significant amount of the airport’s traffic is related to corporate activity. The airport was used extensively by the Fagan Corporation while the company constructed an ethanol plant nearby. Several government agencies, such as Game and Parks, and Environmental Protection use the airport for inventories and surveillance. Additionally, the airport accommodates doctors and specialists attending clinics at the local hospital.

A survey of over 100 hospitals in Nebraska gathered data to obtain information relating to how often hospitals use airports in Nebraska to bring specialists from out of the area, as well as how often airports are used for patient transfer. Survey data indicated Creighton Area Health Services uses the airport on average 148 times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from Lincoln, Omaha, and Yankton. In addition, the hospital use aircraft occasionally for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance. The facility ranks in the top tier of Nebraska Airports in terms of medical-related aircraft operations.

Summary

On an annual basis, Creighton Municipal Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Creighton Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	1	0.5	1.5
GA Visitors	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	1.5	1	2.5
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$2,000	\$600	\$2,600
GA Visitors	<u>\$3,300</u>	<u>\$1,900</u>	<u>\$5,200</u>
Total	\$5,300	\$2,500	\$7,800
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$6,000	\$1,800	\$7,800
GA Visitors	<u>\$5,900</u>	<u>\$3,600</u>	<u>\$9,500</u>
Total	\$11,900	\$5,400	\$17,300

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

In a year’s time, capital improvement-related construction spending at airports in Nebraska typically produce the following impacts:

Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending			
	First-Round Impact	Secondary Impact	Total Impact
Employment	1.8	2.3	4.1
Payroll	\$55,264	\$41,206	\$96,470
Output	\$100,000	\$70,250	\$170,250

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc. & IMPLAN multipliers