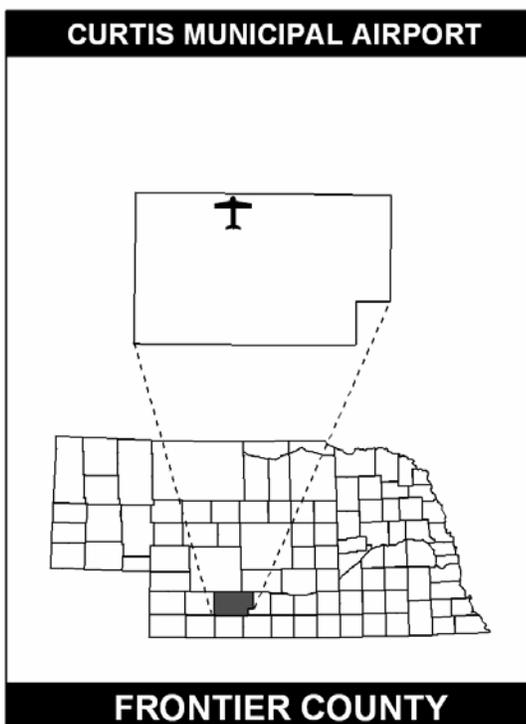


Airport Location

Curtis Municipal Airport is located two miles east of Curtis, Nebraska, in Frontier County. Curtis has a population of 748. The 189-acre airport opened in 1948. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, is an asphalt runway measuring 3,400 feet in length and 60 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Ag Valley Co-op, Sunset Haven, and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

The airport, with 10 based aircraft, experiences approximately 6,050 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, there was one aviation-related tenant located on the airport. This tenant functions as the as the FBO and as airport management for the airport sponsor. In order to preserve tenant confidentiality, total tenant and visitor impacts have been combined. This tenant's direct employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. For 2002, the total combined first round output stemming from all on-airport tenants and general aviation visitors to Curtis Municipal Airport was approximately \$499,800. Total first-round full time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors is estimated at two persons with a total first round payroll of approximately \$46,000 annually. Survey data indicated that approximately 300 visitors used the airport in 2002.

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 Curtis Municipal Airport was approximately \$755,800. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately three persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$70,200 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Curtis Municipal Airport offers several services to the local community. A significant amount of the airport's activity comes from recreational flying, either by local pilots or by visitors to the area. The airport is also the home of an aerial application service, which operates from the field during the growing season. A small amount of the airport's activity comes from corporate aircraft. The airport occasionally accommodates flights transporting doctors into the community. From time to time, aerial surveying and inspections are based at the airport, and emergency personnel are known to base firefighting operations infrequently at the facility.

The airport participates in community events, such as an open house and occasional fly-ins. Space on the property is also provided for an active local gun club.

Summary

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

Curtis Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	2	1	3
GA Visitors	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	2	1	3
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	***	***	***
GA Visitors	***	***	***
Total	\$46,000	\$24,200	\$70,200
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	***	***	***
GA Visitors	***	***	***
Total	\$499,800	\$256,000	\$755,800

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