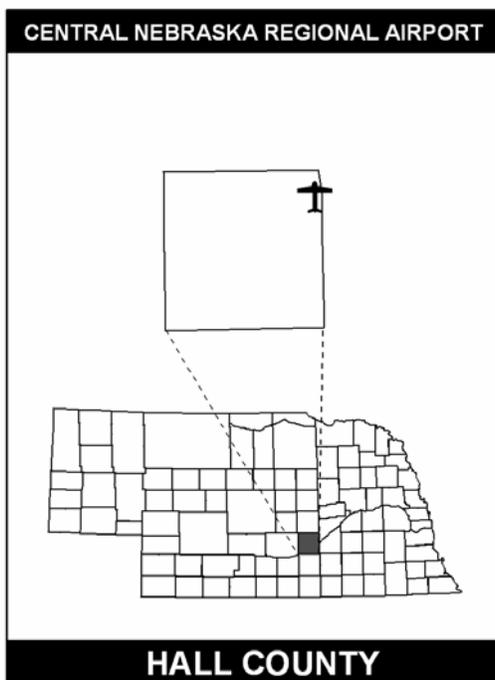


**Airport Location**

Central Nebraska Regional Airport is located 3 miles northeast of Grand Island, Nebraska, in Hall County. Grand Island has a population of 41,950. The 2,435-acre airport opened in 1935. The primary runway, Runway 17/35, is an asphalt runway measuring 7,002 feet in length and 150 feet in width. Major employers in the community include ConAgra Beef, Saint Francis Medical Center, Chief Industries, Principal Financial Group, Case-New Holland, McCain Foods USA, Inc., Grand Island Public Schools, the City of Grand Island, Overhead Door Corporation, and a Cabela's call center. Local attractions include the Heritage Zoo, Fonner Park Thoroughbred Races and the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer. The airport, with 63 based aircraft, experiences approximately 42,624 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 were 13 aviation-related tenants on the airport who supported 113 employees. These tenants' first round or direct employment, payroll, and output impacts were derived from survey data. Direct output from all on-airport aviation-related tenants is estimated at \$12.8 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$3.75 million. Visitors using commercial airlines also create economic impacts. Survey data indicated that approximately 2,720 visitors arrived via Central Nebraska Regional Airport in 2002. Commercial airline visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional 36 full-time jobs for employees earning \$601,200 annually. Output from commercial airline visitors is estimated at \$1.2 million. Operational data indicated that approximately 6,200 general aviation visitors used the airport in 2002. This visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional eight full-time jobs with a total annual payroll of \$128,600. Output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$335,200.

**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 all commercial airline and general aviation visitors to Central Nebraska Regional Airport was approximately \$21.14 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and all visitors is estimated at approximately 245 persons. A total annual payroll of approximately \$6.61 million is associated with these jobs.

**Other Benefits**

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Central Nebraska Regional Airport provides several services to the community. The airport welcomes many recreational aircraft in addition to airline activity and corporate aircraft, such as those belonging to Chief Industries, Global, and Anderson A/C. The airport also has a significant amount of air cargo activity with aircraft from FedEx, Airborne, UPS, and Suburban Air using the airport daily.

The airport's property includes a large industrial park with a variety of non-aviation tenants. These businesses include Bel-Wood Buildings, Hornady Manufacturing, KB Ag Repair, Nova-Tech, Optical Technologies, and Overhead Door.

The airport also supports local law enforcement and fire and rescue agencies. The airport is home to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, where a wide range of police education and training activities occur. The Immigration and Naturalization Service occasionally uses the airport for deportations. Currently, the airport is constructing a new Air National Guard Apache helicopter base and armory. The airport also sponsors Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting training by local fire departments, and performs crash drills occasionally. The airport often accommodates doctor and medical specialist flights, as well as medical evacuation flights for St. Francis Medical Center.

Central Nebraska Regional is the home of many community events. The airport is the location of the town's Christmas festivities, which include tree decorating by local children and visits by Santa. The airport takes part in Husker Harvest Days, an annual agricultural fair. The airport also has a restaurant, the Flight Deck.

**Summary**

On an annual basis, Central Nebraska Regional Airport currently provides the following benefits:

<b>Central Nebraska Regional</b>			
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	113	72	185
GA Visitors	8	2	10
CA Visitors	<u>36</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$3,752,500	\$1,675,700	\$5,428,200
GA Visitors	\$128,600	\$73,500	\$202,100
CA Visitors	<u>\$601,200</u>	<u>\$383,600</u>	<u>\$984,800</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,482,300</b>	<b>\$2,132,800</b>	<b>\$6,615,100</b>
<b>OUTPUT</b>			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$12,804,800	\$5,928,200	\$18,733,000
GA Visitors	\$335,200	\$203,600	\$538,800
CA Visitors	<u>\$1,164,000</u>	<u>\$703,800</u>	<u>\$1,867,800</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,304,000</b>	<b>\$6,835,600</b>	<b>\$21,139,600</b>

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

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

<b>Construction Impacts - Per \$100,000 in CIP Spending</b>			
	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