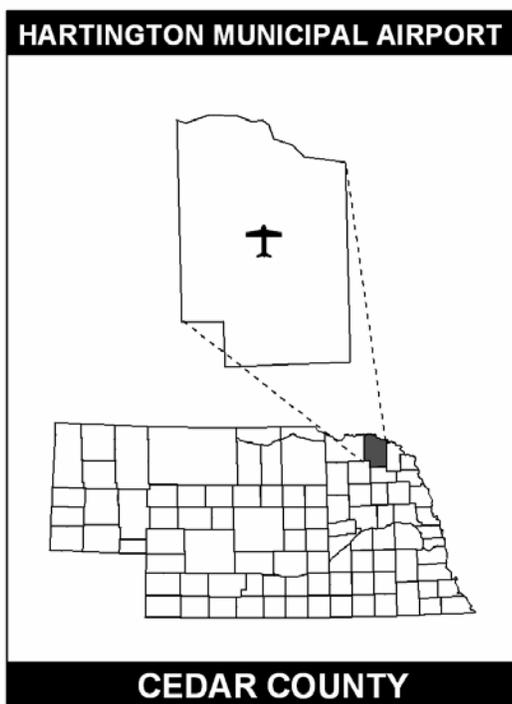


Airport Location

Hartington Municipal Airport is located two miles southeast of Hartington, Nebraska, in Cedar County. Hartington has a population of 1,651. The 243-acre airport opened in 1949. The primary runway, Runway 13/31, is a concrete runway measuring 3,950 feet in length and 60 feet in width. Major employers in the community include Leprino Foods, Hydraulic Components Industries, Hartington Concrete, Beverly Healthcare, Cedar County, the City of Hartington, Hartington Telemarketing, Hartington Public Schools, Radec Construction, and Gerry Miller Implement.

The airport, with 11 based aircraft, experiences approximately 6,750 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. The first round impacts create additional spin-off benefits that ripple through the economy. These 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 no aviation-related tenants located on the airport. In addition, the airport sponsor had no employees involved in airport management or maintenance. For 2002, the total combined first round output stemming from airport sponsor expenditures and general aviation visitors to Hartington Municipal Airport was approximately \$23,500. Total first round full-time employment related general aviation visitors is estimated at one person with a total first round payroll of approximately \$15,000 annually. Survey data indicated that approximately 436 visitors used the airport in 2002.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with the airport 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 the airport.

Total Impact

For 2002, the total output (including first round and secondary impacts) stemming from airport activity and general aviation visitors to Hartington Municipal Airport was approximately \$37,800. Total full-time employment related to general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately one and a half full-time equivalent jobs, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$23,600 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Hartington Municipal Airport provides a number of services to the local community. The airport is primarily a recreational facility, catering to local pilots who use the field for their own aircraft, as well as for pilots who visit the area. The airport is occasionally used for corporate activity. The airport is also important to the local community in terms of providing access to the State's health care system, either by accommodating physician flights or for medical evacuation. Other emergency services, such as rangeland or forest firefighting and search and rescue use the field infrequently.

Summary

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

Hartington Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	0	0	0
GA Visitors	<u>1</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>
Total	1	0.5	1.5
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$0	\$0	\$0
GA Visitors	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$8,600</u>	<u>\$23,600</u>
Total	\$15,000	\$8,600	\$23,600
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$0	\$0	\$0
GA Visitors	<u>\$23,500</u>	<u>\$14,300</u>	<u>\$37,800</u>
Total	\$23,500	\$14,300	\$37,800

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

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

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