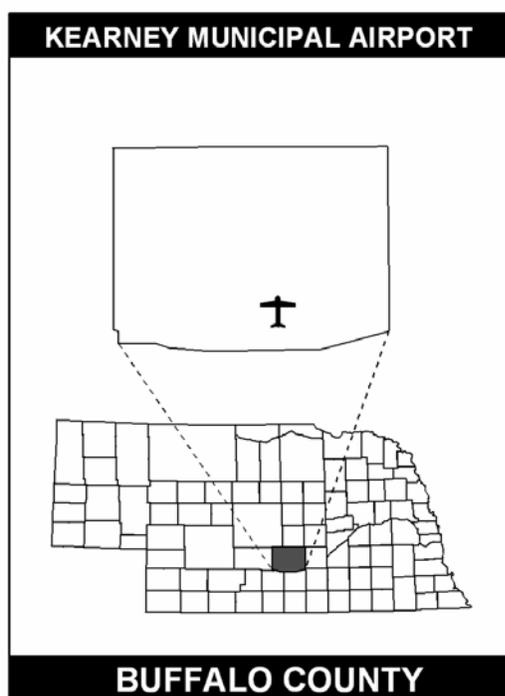


Airport Location

Kearney Municipal Airport is located four miles northeast of Kearney, Nebraska, in Buffalo County. Kearney has a population of 28,381. The 2,500-acre airport opened in 1942. The primary runway, Runway 18/36, is an asphalt runway measuring 7,094 feet in length and 150 feet in width. Major employers in the community include The University of Nebraska at Kearney, Good Samaritan Health Systems, Baldwin Filters, Eaton Corporation, Coleman Powermate, Cabela's, The Buckle, Morris Press Divisions, Cash Wa, and Marshall Engines. Local attractions include the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument, Kearney Area Childrens' Museum, Cabela's, Fort Kearney State Historical Park, Museum of Nebraska Art, Trails and Rails Museum, and the George West Frank House.

The airport, with 64 based aircraft, experiences approximately 33,300 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 eight aviation-related tenants on the airport who supported 46 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 \$4.94 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$1.37 million. Visitors using commercial airlines also create economic impacts. Survey data indicated that approximately 2,460 visitors arrived via Kearney Municipal Airport in 2002. Commercial airline visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional 33 full-time jobs for employees earning \$551,100 annually. Output from commercial airline visitors is estimated at \$1.05 million. Operational data indicated that approximately 9,325 general aviation visitors used the airport in 2002. This visitor-related output (spending) supported an additional 19 full-time jobs with a total annual payroll of \$319,000. Output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$503,500.

Secondary Impact

The first round impacts associated with on-airport tenants and 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 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 Kearney Municipal Airport was approximately \$9.73 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and all visitors is estimated at approximately 145 persons. A total annual payroll of approximately \$3.37 million is associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Kearney Municipal Airport offers several services to the community. The airport welcomes many recreational aircraft in addition to airline and corporate aircraft such as those belonging to Eaton, Cabela's, The Buckle, and USA Industries. The airport's Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) provide aircraft maintenance, fuel, and courtesy transportation. The airport is also the base for an aerial application service.

The airport serves the local medical community by accommodating flights with doctors and medical specialists visiting Good Samaritan Hospital. The airport is also the location for UPS express package service provided by Suburban Air Freight. Area firefighters use the facility for training, and the Kearney National Guard Armory is located on the airport.

Kearney Municipal Airport hosts a number of community events and services. The airport is an important flight training facility, used by the University of Nebraska at Kearney's aeronautics school. Sports teams often fly into the airport to play UNK's teams. The airport also provides facilities for various flying clubs and other organizations.

Summary

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

Kearney Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	46	28	74
GA Visitors	19	6	25
CA Visitors	<u>33</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>46</u>
Total	98	47	145
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$1,373,200	\$595,600	\$1,968,800
GA Visitors	\$319,000	\$182,400	\$501,400
CA Visitors	<u>\$551,100</u>	<u>\$351,700</u>	<u>\$902,800</u>
Total	\$2,243,300	\$1,129,700	\$3,373,000
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$4,936,500	\$2,287,600	\$7,224,100
GA Visitors	\$503,500	\$305,800	\$809,300
CA Visitors	<u>\$1,054,500</u>	<u>\$637,600</u>	<u>\$1,692,100</u>
Total	\$6,494,500	\$3,231,000	\$9,725,500

Source: Wilbur Smith Associates & IMPLAN multipliers

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