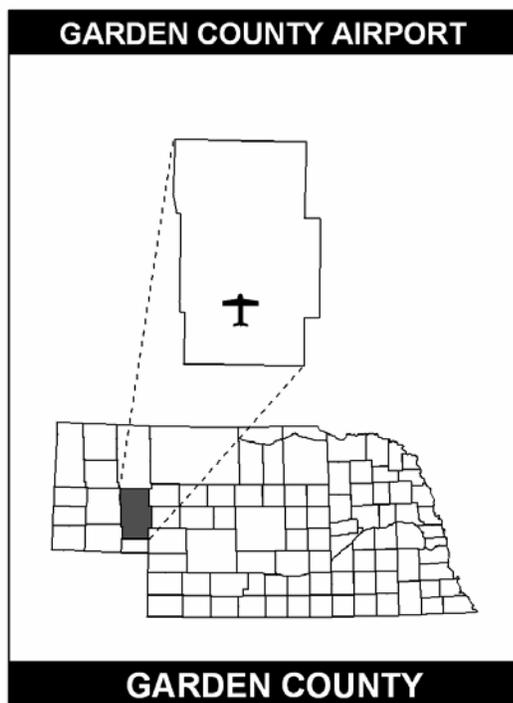


Airport Location

Garden County Airport is located one mile southwest of Oshkosh, Nebraska, in Garden County. Oshkosh has a population of 848. The 172-acre airport opened in 1958. The primary runway, Runway 12/30, is a concrete surface measuring 3,701 feet in length and 50 feet in width. Cabela's operates a merchandise return facility in the city, and is Oshkosh's largest employer. Local attractions include the Historical Society of Garden County.

The airport, with 15 based aircraft, experiences approximately 5,820 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 were two aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported one full-time equivalent employee. These tenants' 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 \$187,100 annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$28,200. Operational data indicated that approximately 1,252 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional three full-time jobs for employees earning over \$43,400 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$67,600.

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 Garden County Airport was approximately \$384,200. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately six persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$107,500 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Garden County Airport offers several services to the local community. The airport welcomes many recreational flights, as well as a number of corporate aircraft such as those belonging to Buggy Pole Ranch and Grace Land & Cattle. The airport is home to an aerial application service, which operates on the field during the growing season. The airport occasionally accommodates various emergency agencies, such as law enforcement and firefighting activities. Additionally, the airport is important to the local community in terms of access to the region’s health care system, by accommodating both arriving physicians and medical evacuation flights.

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 Garden County Hospital uses the airport on average 48 times a year to bring doctors and specialists to the hospital to conduct clinics. These doctors fly in from Denver, Fort Collins, and Scottsbluff. In addition, the hospital uses aircraft 65 times per year for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance.

Summary

On an annual basis, Garden County Airport currently provides the following total benefits:

Garden County Airport			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	1	1	2
GA Visitors	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	4	2	6
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$28,200	\$11,100	\$39,300
GA Visitors	<u>\$43,400</u>	<u>\$24,800</u>	<u>\$68,200</u>
Total	\$71,600	\$35,900	\$107,500
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$187,100	\$88,400	\$275,500
GA Visitors	<u>\$67,600</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$108,700</u>
Total	\$254,700	\$129,500	\$384,200

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