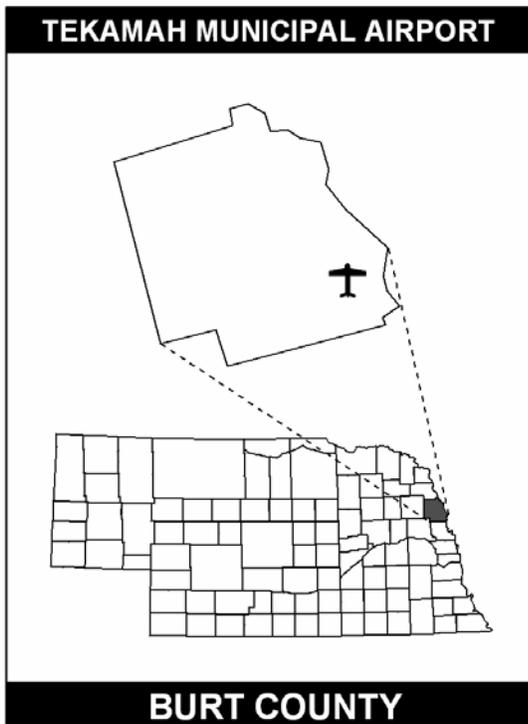


Airport Location

Tekamah Municipal Airport is located two miles southeast of Tekamah, Nebraska, in Burt County. Tekamah has a population of 1,932. Basic economic activities of Tekamah, the county seat, include: farming, livestock feeding, retailing, light manufacturing, and agribusiness sales and services. More than 60 retail businesses and three wholesale businesses provide a variety of goods and services for the community. Local attractions include the Burt County Museum.

The airport, with 18 based aircraft, experiences approximately 27,020 aircraft operations annually. The 277-acre airport opened in 1968. The primary runway, Runway 14/32, is constructed of concrete measuring 4,002 feet in length and 75 feet in width.



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. 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 four aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported five employees. 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 \$1.33 million annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$74,100. Operational data indicated that approximately 4,360 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional nine full-time jobs for employees earning over \$148,600 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$235,200.

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 general aviation visitors to Tekamah Municipal Airport was approximately \$2.38 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately 20 persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$345,500 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Tekamah Municipal Airport offers several services to the community. The airport supports many recreational aircraft in addition to corporate aircraft. The airport’s Fixed Base Operator (FBO) offers aircraft maintenance and fuel. The FBO experiences a number of fly-in maintenance customers. The airport is also the base for an aerial applicator company that serves the surrounding farming community.

The airport serves Burt County by providing facilities for rangeland firefighting and for refueling of SkyMeds air ambulance aircraft. An independent flight instructor offers training from the airport, and the facility also provides transient flight students from Omaha with a location for practice. The airport helps the local economy by providing a gateway for visiting corporate traffic. Parts delivery services and visits by corporate leaders are a benefit for many of the area’s businesses.

Tekamah Municipal Airport participates in several community activities, such as school visits and occasional aerial applicator inspection and checks.

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 the hospital uses aircraft

17 times per year for emergency patient transfer via air ambulance

Summary

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

Tekamah			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	5	3	8
GA Visitors	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	14	6	20
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$74,100	\$37,900	\$112,000
GA Visitors	<u>\$148,600</u>	<u>\$84,900</u>	<u>\$233,500</u>
Total	\$222,700	\$122,800	\$345,500
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$1,332,900	\$668,700	\$2,001,600
GA Visitors	<u>\$235,200</u>	<u>\$142,800</u>	<u>\$378,000</u>
Total	\$1,568,100	\$811,500	\$2,379,600

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