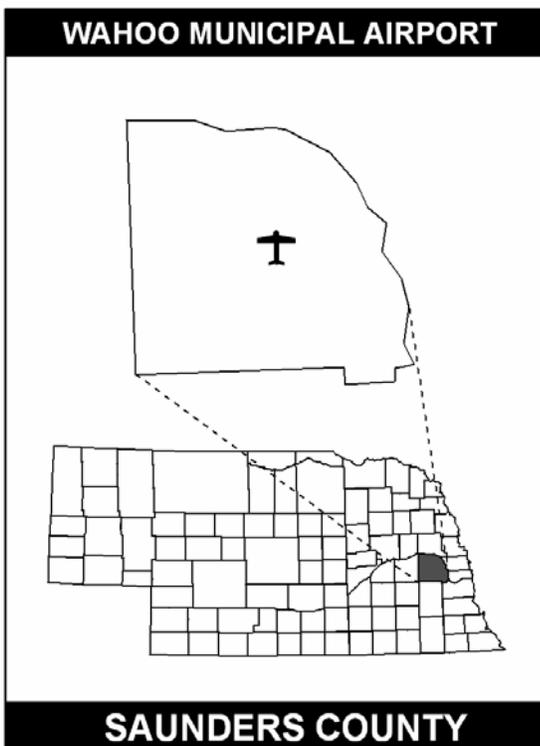


Airport Location

Wahoo Municipal Airport is located two miles northeast of Wahoo, Nebraska, in Saunders County. Wahoo has a population of 3,821. The 126-acre airport opened in 1947 and the primary runway is a concrete runway, Runway 02/20, measuring 4,101 feet in length and 75 feet in width. Major employers in the community include M.E. Collins, Burkely Envelope, JEO, Great American Appetizers, Denver Plastics, Wahoo Concrete Products, Six B and Saunders County Health Care. Local attractions include the Saunders County Historical Society Museum.

The airport, with 41 based aircraft, experiences approximately 13,150 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. 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 three aviation-related tenants on the airport, including airport management, who supported three full-time equivalent 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 \$704,100 annually. The estimated direct annual payroll of these tenants is \$71,200. Operational data indicated that approximately 1,634 visitors used the airport. Visitor-related spending supported an additional three full-time jobs for employees earning \$55,100 annually. Indirect output from general aviation visitors is estimated at \$88,200.

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 Wahoo Municipal Airport was approximately \$1.21 million. Total full-time employment related to airport tenants and general aviation visitors, including all secondary impacts, is estimated at approximately ten persons, with a total annual payroll (first round and secondary) of approximately \$194,300 associated with these jobs.

Other Benefits

In addition to the economic benefits described above, Wahoo Municipal Airport provides several services to the local community. The airport welcomes many recreational flights as well as a number of corporate aircraft. The airport's Fixed Base Operator (FBO) provides aircraft maintenance and repair. The airport is also the home of an aerial agricultural application service, which serves much of the county's cropland in the growing season.

The airport occasionally serves other types of aviation-related activities, such as aerial property and livestock inspection and surveying, flight instruction exercises, and military training.

Wahoo Municipal is also important to the local community in terms of accommodating emergency services. The facility is sometimes used for police and firefighting exercises. The airport also provides an access point for the State's health care system, by accommodating doctors' and medical evacuation flights.

Summary

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

Wahoo Municipal			
EMPLOYMENT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	3	2	5
GA Visitors	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	6	3	10
PAYROLL			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$71,200	\$36,500	\$107,700
GA Visitors	<u>\$55,100</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>	<u>\$86,600</u>
Total	\$126,300	\$68,000	\$194,300
OUTPUT			
	First Round	Secondary	Total
On-Airport Activity	\$704,100	\$361,100	\$1,065,200
GA Visitors	<u>\$88,200</u>	<u>\$53,600</u>	<u>\$141,800</u>
Total	\$792,300	\$414,700	\$1,207,000

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