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WHEELING OHIO COUNTY AIRPORT

Wheeling Ohio County Airport is a general aviation (GA) facility located in proximity to the Ohio River, which separates Ohio and West Virginia and the Pennsylvania/West Virginia state line. The airport's location allows it to serve communities from all three states. The airport is praised for its local aviation history museum which highlights the region's contributions during World War II, the days in which the airport provided commercial service flights, and the famous political figures who have visited in the past. The presence of an air traffic control tower is ideal for student pilots from aviation programs at Ohio University to train within controlled airspace. Wheeling Ohio County Airport serves as a reliever for medical evacuation operations due to its proximity to Wheeling Hospital and frequently accommodates corporate and business activity in the area.

City: Wheeling
(HLG is approximately 8 miles NE)

County: Ohio

Tourism Region:
Northern Panhandle

Ownership: Public

Primary Runway 03/21:
5,002' x 150'



AIRPORT ACTIVITIES



**Corporate/Business
Activity**



**Military
Exercises/Training**



**Search and Rescue/
Civil Air Patrol**



**Location of
Community Facilities**



**Career Training/
Flight Instruction**

AIRPORT CLASSIFICATION

Wheeling Ohio County Airport is one of 17 GA facilities in West Virginia's aviation system. GA airports serve as integral gateways to communities across the state and accommodate activities such as emergency medical operations, business and recreational operations, mail and cargo transportation, remote access, and many more. The airport is classified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a Nonprimary – Regional airport and is eligible for federal aviation funding through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).



AVIATION'S ECONOMIC IMPACT

The 2020 West Virginia Aviation Economic Impact Study (WV AEIS) was conducted using 2019 data to quantify the economic contributions of West Virginia's airport system to the state's economy. The 24 publicly owned airports in the state support the transportation of people, goods, and services to, from, and within the Mountain State. This generates quantitative economic value in the form of jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenues, but airports also enhance the quality of life for West Virginians by supporting air ambulance operations, remote access and evacuation, just-in-time deliveries of freight, aerial firefighting, aviation career opportunities, and much more.

Economic benefits are generated by on-airport activities including employment (e.g., airport administration and tenants) and capital improvements (e.g., construction). Economic impacts are also generated off-airport when money is spent by out-of-state visitors traveling to West Virginia via the state's seven commercial service airports and 17 GA airports, and when air cargo transported via the state's airports supports the operation of off-airport businesses.

This initial economic activity, known as direct impacts, generates additional impacts as money flows through the economy. These "multiplier" effects result when a portion of direct business revenues are used to purchase goods and services in West Virginia (called supplier sales) and payroll is re-spent within the state (called income re-spending). In addition, direct impacts for on-airport activities and visitor spending also generate \$75.5 million in tax impacts annually.

Economic Impact Indicators

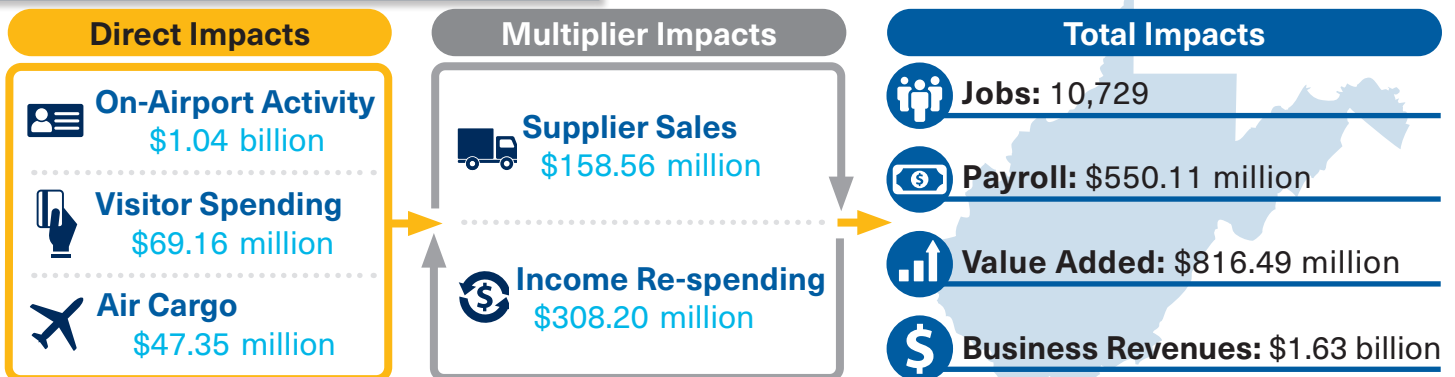
 **Jobs:** The number of employed people

 **Payroll:** The sum of compensation to workers (salaries, wages, and benefits) and proprietor income

 **Value Added:** The value contributed to a product or service provided by a firm or group of firms. Value added is aviation's contribution to West Virginia's Gross State Product (GSP)

 **Business Revenues:** An airport's total aviation-supported output including the sum of business sales and budget expenditures

Statewide Economic Impacts



Wheeling Ohio County Airport's Economic Impacts

	 Jobs	 Payroll	 Value Added	 Business Revenues
On-Airport Activity	42	\$1,609,000	\$2,186,000	\$4,270,000
Visitor Spending	10	\$267,000	\$428,000	\$814,000
Total Direct Impacts	52	\$1,876,000	\$2,613,000	\$5,084,000
Supplier Sales	8	\$447,000	\$700,000	\$1,349,000
Income Re-spending	14	\$591,000	\$869,000	\$1,841,000
Total Multiplier Impacts	22	\$1,038,000	\$1,569,000	\$3,189,000
Total	74	\$2,914,000	\$4,183,000	\$8,273,000

Notes: Totals may not add due to rounding. Metrics (jobs, payroll, value added, and business revenues) represent various components of an airport's economic impact and are not additive. Sources: WV AEIS Airport Manager Survey; Airport Tenant Survey; Transient GA Pilot & Passenger Survey, 2020; FAA 5010 Airport Master Record, FAA Terminal Area Forecast, Airline Data, Inc., 2019; Longwoods International, 2018; Calculations by EBP US using IMPLAN V.3 2018, 2021.