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Economic Impact Study  
**Baker Municipal Airport**  
2026

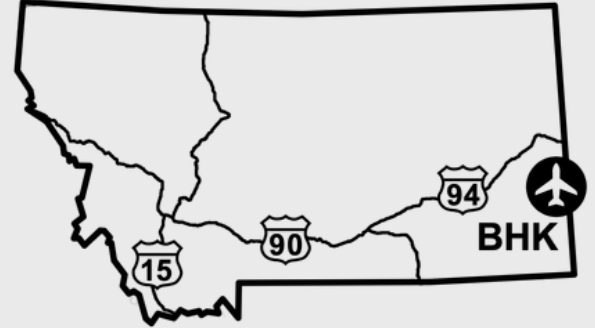


**MONTANA**  
Department of Transportation



# Baker Municipal Airport Impact

Baker Municipal Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located southeast of Baker, in Fallon County in southeastern Montana. The airfield features a primary runway of 5,904 feet — extended from 4,900 feet to accommodate increased jet traffic — with Montana's first full LED runway lighting system, four instrument approaches, and both 100LL and Jet A fuel available 24/7. The airport handles approximately 7,000 annual general aviation operations with 50 percent transient traffic. Operated by Baker Air Service, which provides major maintenance, a 24-hour pilots lounge with showers, and courtesy vehicles, the airport is used extensively by business jets supporting the region's oil and gas industry as well as hunting and fishing visitors. Airport activities include recreational flying, agricultural spraying, search and rescue, freight, flight training, emergency medical transport, corporate and business aviation, law enforcement, and wildland firefighting. The airport hosts periodic airshows and is situated adjacent to Baker Lake, parks, and a golf course.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
18



**Economic Impact**  
\$2.0 Million



**Payroll**  
\$777 Thousand

## Qualitative Impacts

In addition to generating substantial economic impacts, this airport supports a variety of harder to quantify “Qualitative Impacts” that support critical statewide safety and enterprise. The 2026 Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Airports Study documents the following non-inclusive list of qualitative impacts associated with the airport:



**Search & Rescue**  
Supports Search and Rescue Operations



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



**Corporate/Business Activity**  
Supports Various business activity such as oil and gas field activities



**Aerial Surveying & Photography**  
Supports aerial surveying, inspections, and photography



**Recreation and Education**  
Provides Pilot Training, Aviation Education, and access to recreational flying

*Source: Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Airports.*

# Montana Airports Support Our State



**Jobs**  
39,400



**Economic Impact**  
\$6.4 Billion



**Payroll**  
\$2.4 Billion

Montana's airport system functions as a critical component of the state's transportation and economic infrastructure, enabling connectivity across a large and geographically dispersed landscape. Through scheduled commercial service and general aviation activity, airports provide access between Montana communities and regional, national, and international markets, supporting passenger travel, freight movement, and time-sensitive operations that cannot be efficiently served by surface transportation alone.

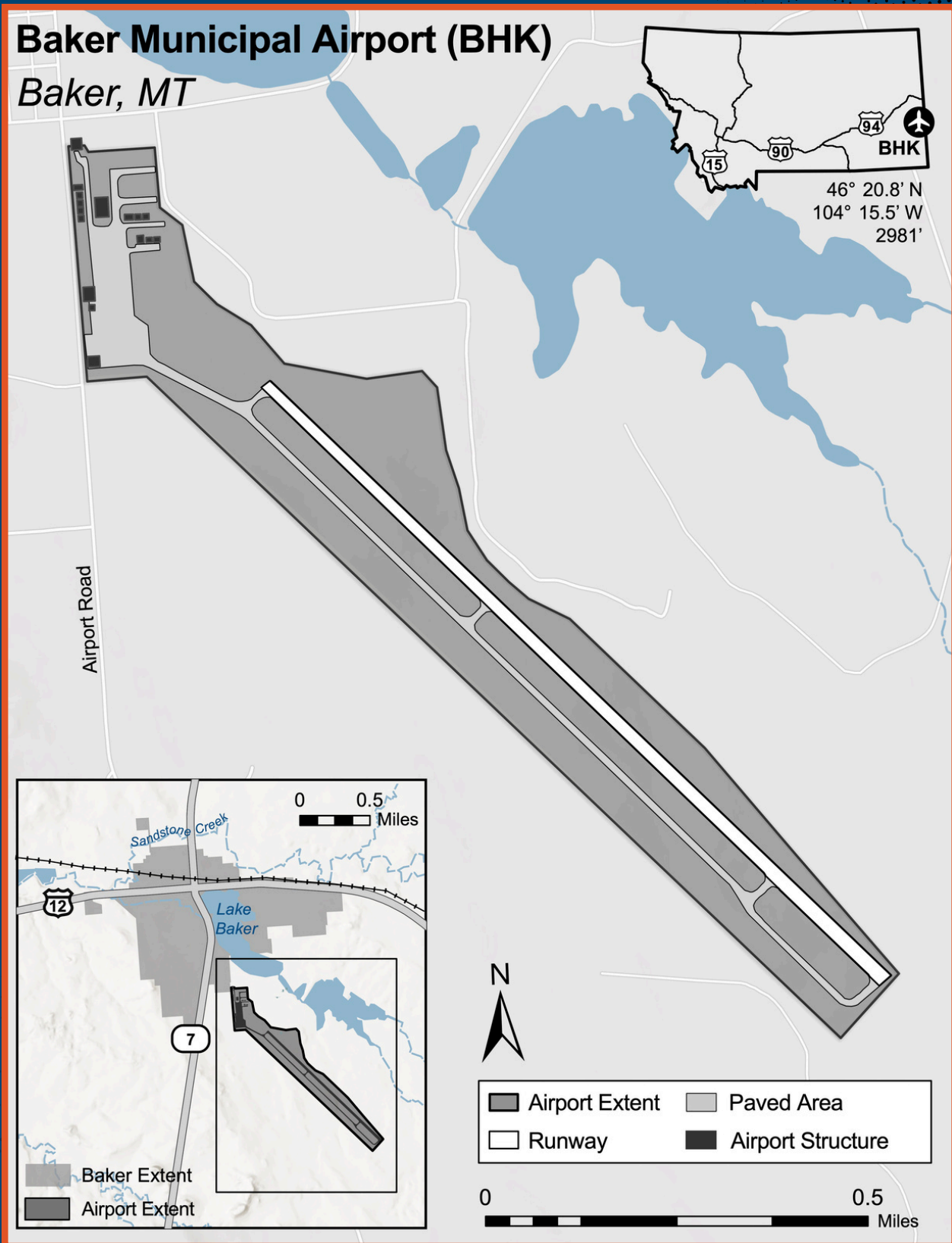
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment in airport facilities collectively generate economic activity at the local, regional, and statewide levels. These effects extend across multiple sectors, including tourism, healthcare, construction, professional services, and natural resource industries.

To document both the economic contributions and broader community functions of the state's aviation system, the Montana Department of Transportation undertook a comprehensive, statewide evaluation of Montana's airports. The **2026 Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Aviation** study examines the full scope of airport-related activity, including aviation and non-aviation businesses, visitor spending, capital investment, and secondary economic effects, while also identifying the specific roles individual airports play in supporting residents, businesses, and critical services across Montana.



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