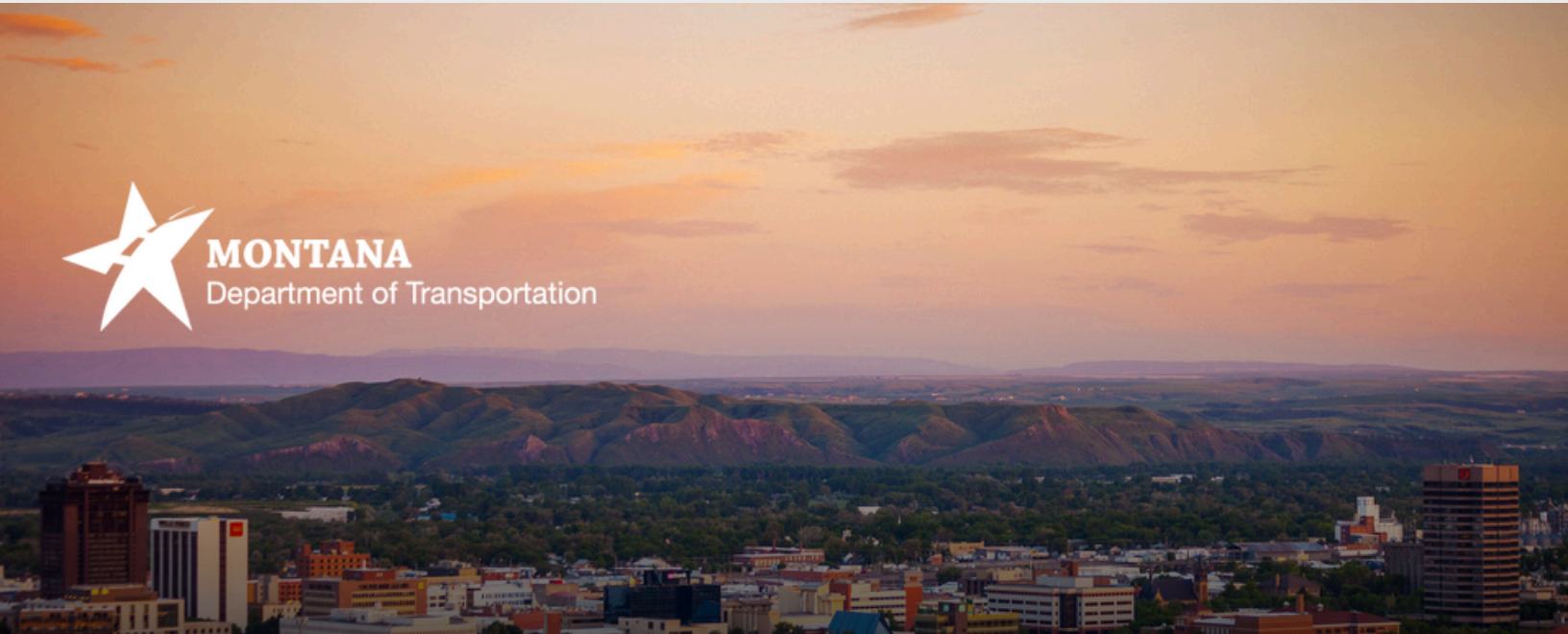




Economic Impact Study of
**Billings Logan International
Airport**
2026



MONTANA
Department of Transportation



Billings Logan International Airport Impact

Billings Logan International Airport is a public-use commercial service airport located in Billings, in Yellowstone County. It is Montana's only hub airport, offering both connecting and originating flights to in-state and out-of-state destinations. Five communities are served through 13 daily Essential Air Service flights. The airfield includes three runways, the primary measuring 10,518 feet with two secondary runways. The airport handles over 58,000 general aviation and 42,000 commercial operations annually and is Montana's busiest air cargo facility.

The airport serves as a critical economic anchor for southeastern Montana and northern Wyoming. It supports wildland firefighting aerial operations across the region, hosts the Yellowstone International Airshow, and provides emergency medical aviation services. Corporate and business aviation activity is significant, supported by the energy, agriculture, and healthcare sectors that drive the regional economy.

Total Economic Impact on Montana



Jobs
4,585



Economic Impact
\$824.0 Million



Payroll
\$265.8 Million

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:



Aerial Firefighting
Supports Wildland
Firefighting Operations.



Police/Law Enforcement
Supports Police and Emergency
Response Ops



**Emergency Medical
Aviation**
Supports Air Ambulance
Operations



Military Exercise/Training
Used for Military Training
and/or Transit Flights



Corporate/Business Activity
Supports Corporate and
Business Activity



Air Cargo & Logistics
Facilitates Freight and Cargo
Transport Operations

Montana Airports Support Our State



Jobs
39,400



Economic Impact
\$6.4 Billion



Payroll
\$2.4 Billion

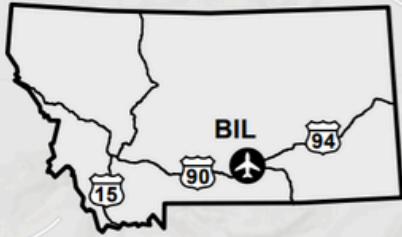
Montana's airport system functions as a critical component of the state's transportation and economic infrastructure, enabling connectivity across a large and geographically dispersed landscape. Through scheduled commercial service and general aviation activity, airports provide access between Montana 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.

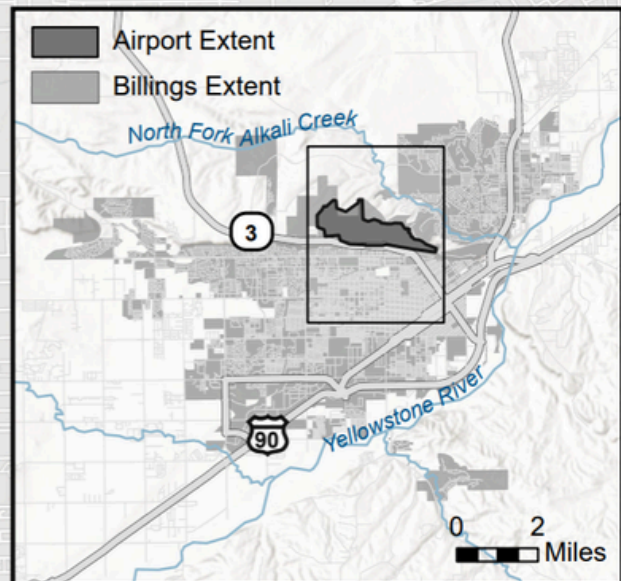
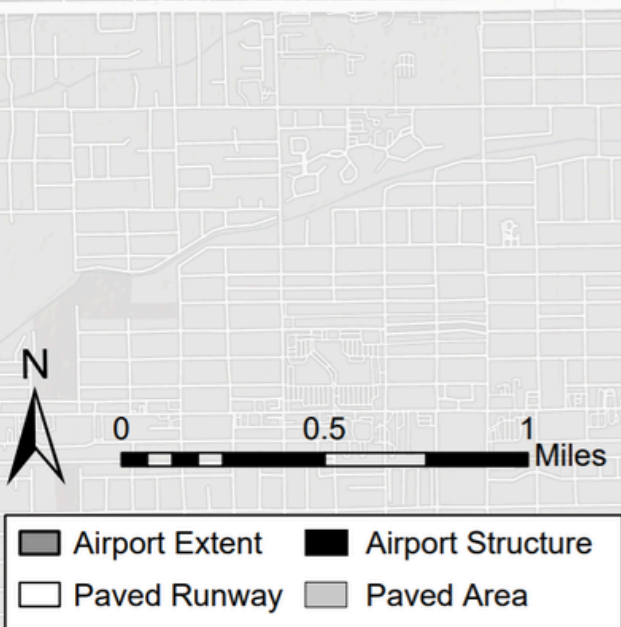
To document both the economic contributions and broader community functions of the state's aviation system, the Montana Department of Transportation undertook a comprehensive, statewide evaluation of Montana's airports. The **2026 Montana Statewide Economic Impact of Aviation** study examines the full 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.

Billings Logan International Airport (BIL)

Billings, MT



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