



Economic Impact Study  
**Geraldine Airport**  
2026



**MONTANA**  
Department of Transportation



# Geraldine Airport Impact

Geraldine Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located in Geraldine, in Chouteau County in north-central Montana. The airfield features a primary runway of 2,900 feet and sits on 34 acres. The airport primarily supports recreational flying and agricultural spraying operations serving the surrounding dryland farming community. Activated in 1945, the facility provides basic aviation access with tiedowns and runway lighting for this small agricultural community between Great Falls and Lewistown.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
1



**Economic Impact**  
\$14 Thousand



**Payroll**  
\$7 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:



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through  
Aerial Application



**Recreational Flying**  
Supports recreational flying and  
access.



**Emergency Medical  
Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance  
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.

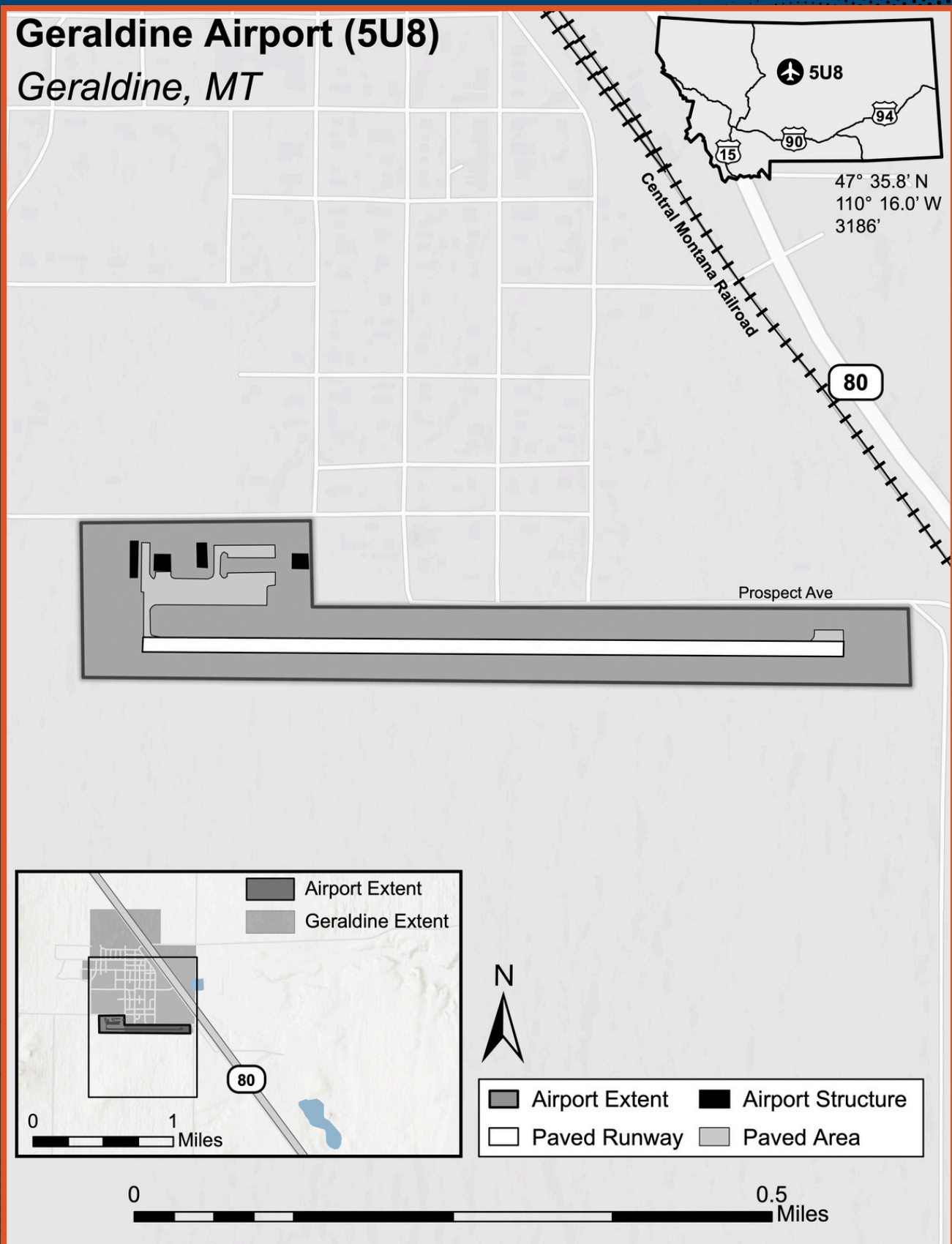
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment 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.



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