



Economic Impact Study  
**Wokal Field/Glasgow-Valley  
County Airport**  
2026



**MONTANA**  
Department of Transportation



# Wokal Field/Glasgow-Valley County Airport Impact

Wokal Field/Glasgow-Valley County Airport is a public-use commercial service airport located in Glasgow, Valley County in northeast Montana. Originally activated as Glasgow Army Air Field in 1942, the 1,552-acre facility features two intersecting paved runways, the primary measuring 5,001 feet, and handles approximately 5,000 general aviation and 1,420 commercial operations annually. Cape Air provides scheduled Essential Air Service to Billings Logan International Airport under federal contract, and FedEx operates cargo service from the field. The airport is home to the Northeast Montana STAT Air Ambulance Cooperative, a regional hospital cooperative founded in 2007 that conducts nearly 700 medical transport flights annually to Billings, Great Falls, and specialty centers as distant as the Mayo Clinic and Seattle. Airport activities include agricultural spraying, search and rescue, flight training, emergency medical aviation, corporate and business activity, gateway services for high-profile visitors, law enforcement, aerial inspections, wildland firefighting, and military exercises. The airport hosts an annual open house each September.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
17



**Economic Impact**  
\$2.3 Million



**Payroll**  
\$724 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:



**Aerial Firefighting**  
Supports Wildland Firefighting Operations.



**VIP/Visitor Gateway**  
Serves as Gateway for High-Profile Visitors and Tourism



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



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



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application



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

*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.

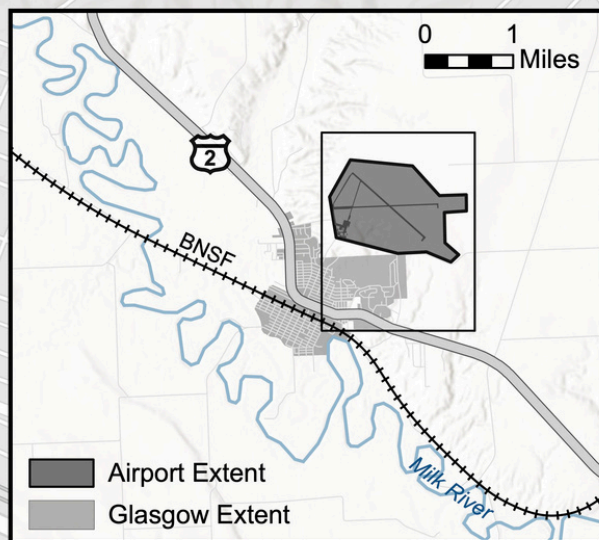
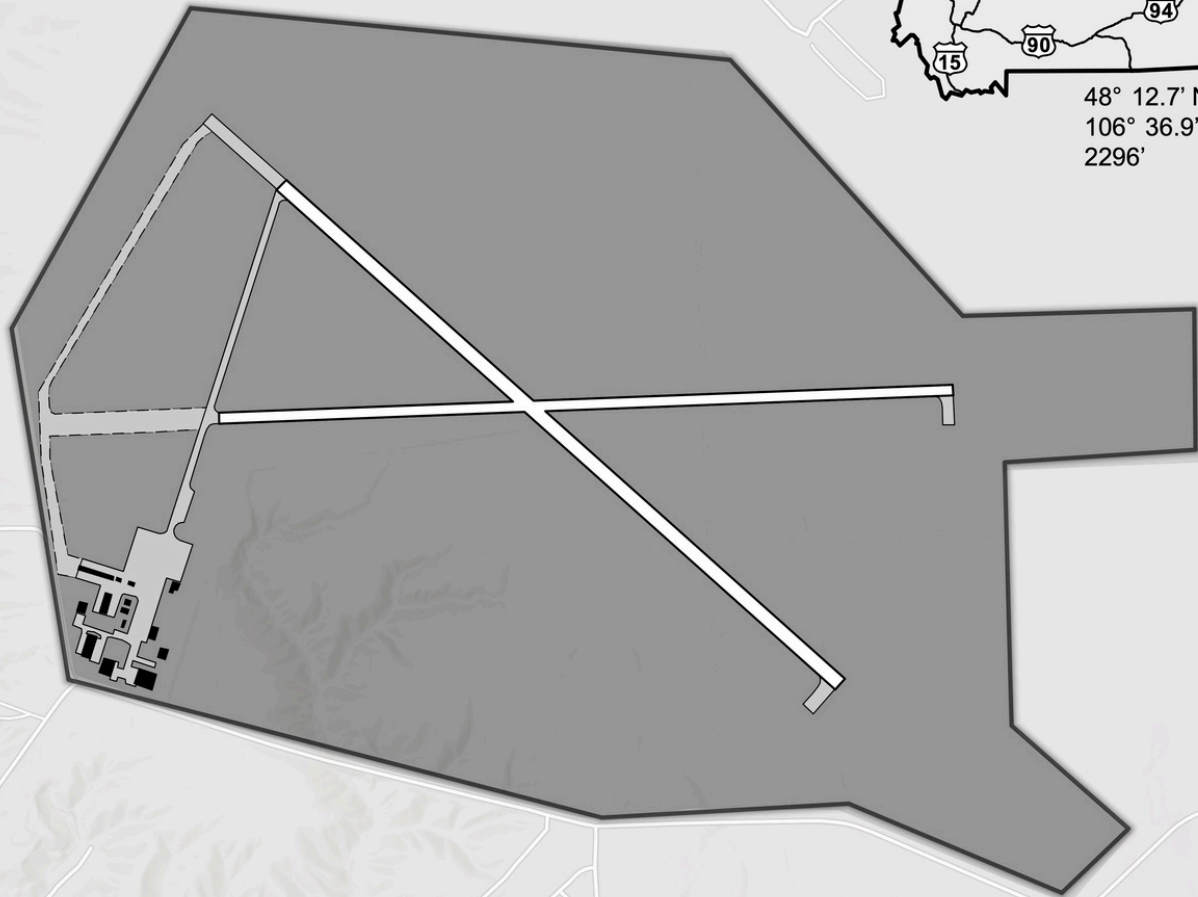


# Glasgow Valley County Airport (GGW)

Glasgow, MT



48° 12.7' N  
106° 36.9' W  
2296'



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|----------------|-------------------|
| Airport Extent | Airport Structure |
| Paved Runway   | Paved Area        |
| Turf Area      |                   |

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