



Economic Impact Study
Havre City-County Airport
2026

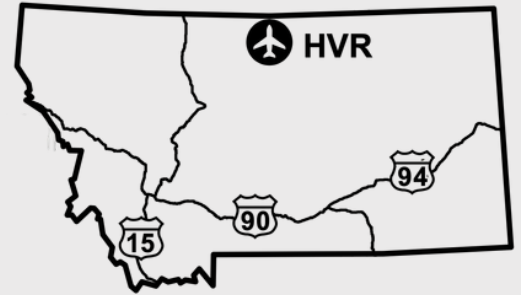


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Havre City-County Airport Impact

Havre City-County Airport is a public-use commercial service airport located in Havre, Hill County in north-central Montana. The 720-acre airfield features two paved runways, the primary measuring 5,205 feet, and handles approximately 3,800 general aviation and 5,240 commercial operations annually. Cape Air provides scheduled Essential Air Service to Billings Logan International Airport under federal contract. Airport activities include recreational flying, agricultural spraying, search and rescue, freight and perishable goods shipping, flight training, emergency medical transport, corporate and business aviation, aerial photography and surveying, aerial inspections, public charters, law enforcement, wildland firefighting, and military exercises. The airport hosts an annual fly-in, an aviation career expo for high school students, and field trips for local students — reflecting a strong community engagement and workforce development role in the Hi-Line region.



Total Economic Impact on Montana



Jobs
17



Economic Impact
\$1.8 Million



Payroll
\$989 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



Agriculture Support
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application



Search & Rescue
Supports Search and Rescue Operations



Community Engagement
Field Trips for Local Students and other Programing



Emergency Medical Aviation
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



Police/Law Enforcement
Supports Police and Emergency Response Ops

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.

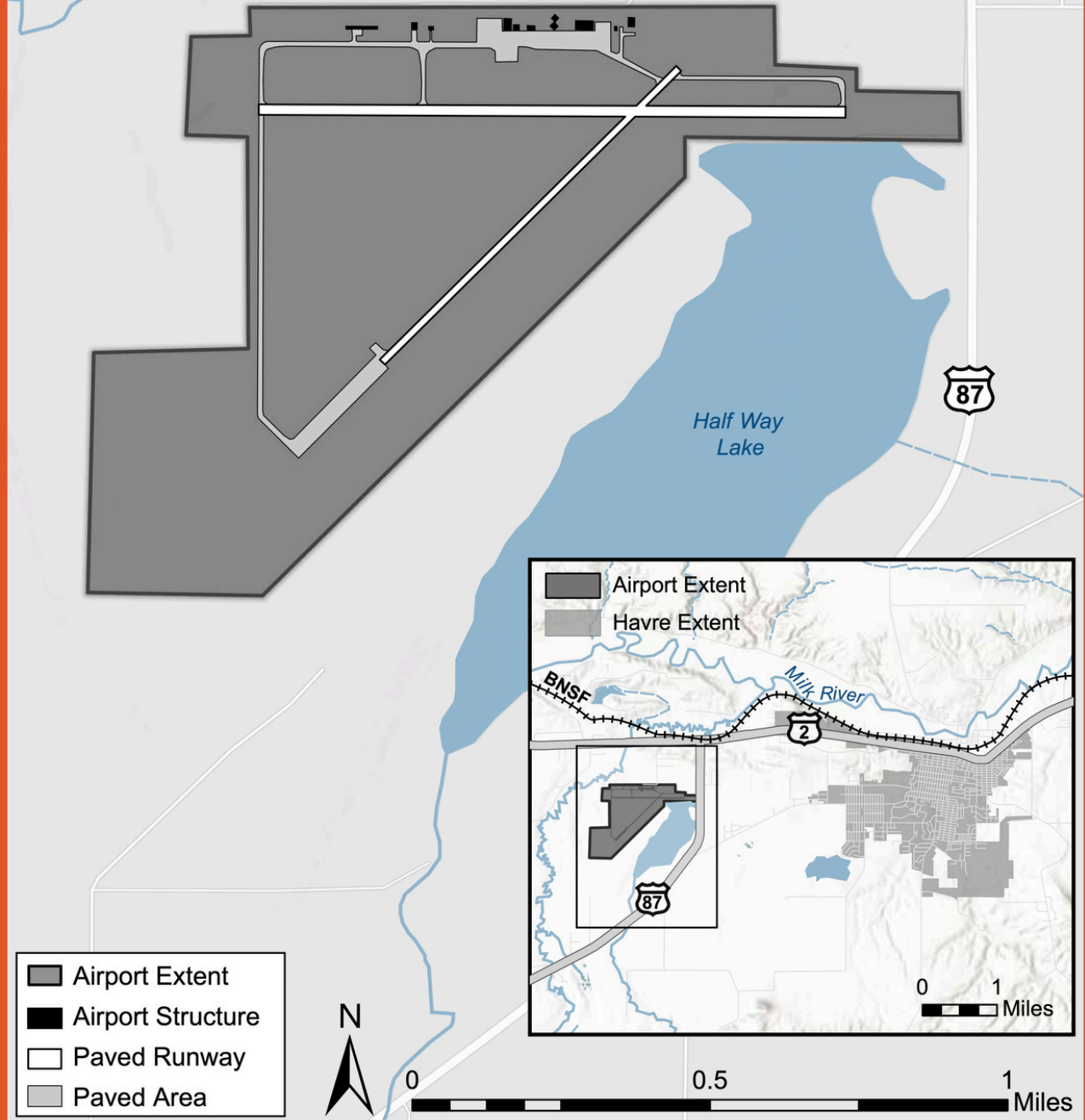


Havre County Airport (HVR)

Havre, MT



48° 32.6' N
109° 45.7' W
2591'



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