



Economic Impact Study  
**Poplar Municipal Airport**  
2026



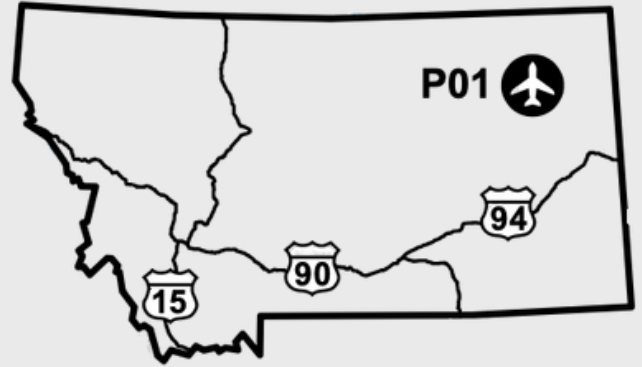
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# Poplar Municipal Airport Impact

Poplar Municipal Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located less than one mile northeast of Poplar in Roosevelt County, in northeast Montana. The airfield features a primary runway of 4,400 feet and a secondary 3,000 foot turf runway. Aviation activity includes recreational flying, seaplane connection, agricultural spraying, corporate and business jets for meetings with tribal communities, aerial photography and surveying, flight training, public charters, and emergency medical flights. The airport provides essential connectivity for the Poplar community and surrounding Fort Peck Indian Reservation.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
4



**Economic Impact**  
\$490 Thousand



**Payroll**  
\$140 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



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



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application



**Corporate/Business Activity**  
Supports Corporate and Business Activity



*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.

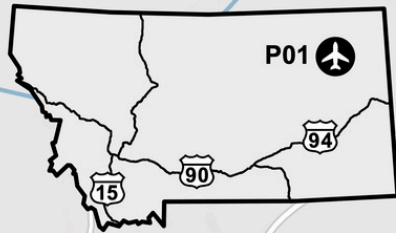
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment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

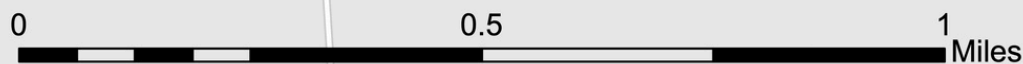
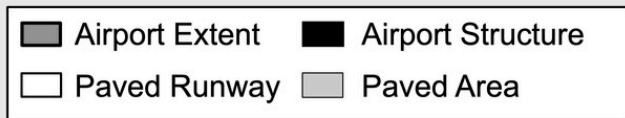
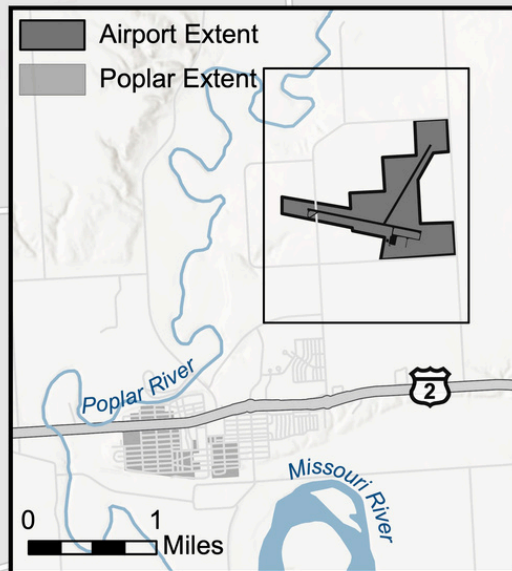


# Poplar Municipal Airport (P01)

Poplar, MT



46° 58.6' N  
108° 21.9' W  
2989'



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