



Economic Impact Study  
**Sher-Wood Airport**  
2026

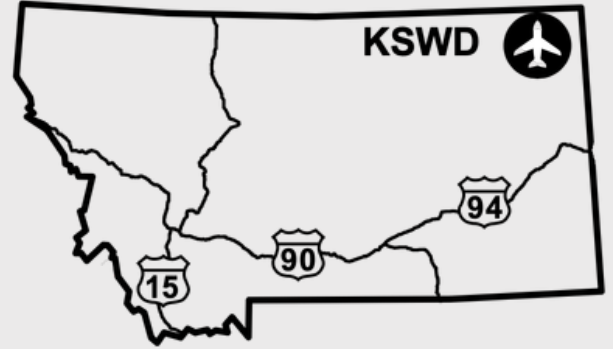


**MONTANA**  
Department of Transportation



# Sher-Wood Airport Impact

Sher-Wood Airport is a public-use general aviation airport located in Plentywood, Sheridan County in the far northeast corner of Montana near the Canadian border. The airfield features a primary runway of 3,900 feet and handles approximately 600 annual general aviation operations. Airport activities include recreational flying, agricultural spraying, flight training, emergency medical transport, corporate and business aviation, and law enforcement. The airport provides weekly medical transportation to Billings, a critical healthcare connection for this remote community.



## Total Economic Impact on Montana



**Jobs**  
1



**Economic Impact**  
\$179 Thousand



**Payroll**  
\$47 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:



**Emergency Medical Aviation**  
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



**Police/Law Enforcement**  
Supports Police and Emergency Response Ops



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



**Flight Training & Education**  
Provides Pilot Training and Aviation Education



**Visitor Gateway**  
Serves as Gateway for Visitors and Tourism



**Agriculture Support**  
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application

# 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.

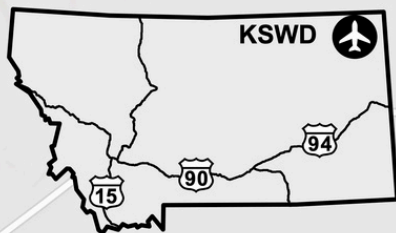
Beyond mobility, Montana's airports support a broad range of economic activity that contributes to employment, income generation, and business operations throughout the state. Aviation-related enterprises, on-airport and nearby businesses, visitor spending associated with air travel, and ongoing investment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

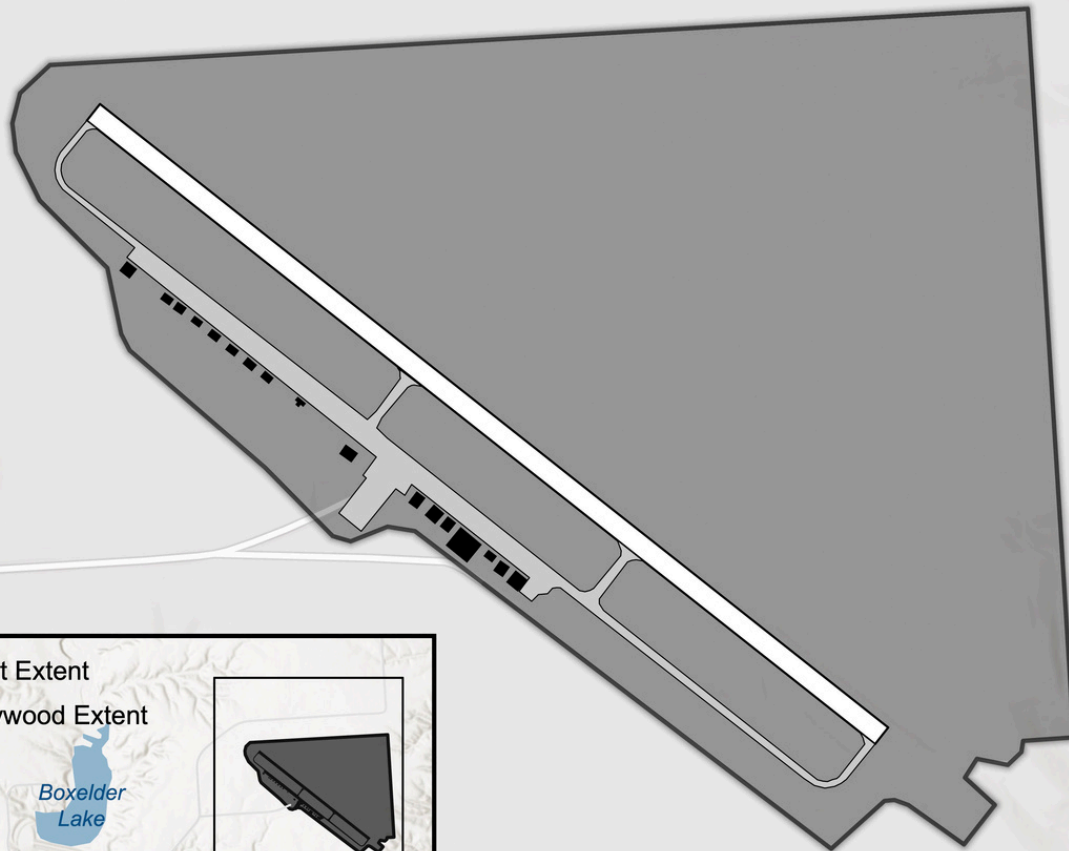


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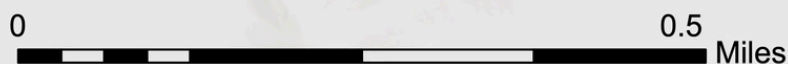
Plentywood, MT



48° 47.4' N  
104° 31.4' W  
2263'



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



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