



Economic Impact Study
Stanford/Biggerstaff Field Airport
2026



MONTANA
Department of Transportation



Stanford/Biggerstaff Field Airport Impact

Stanford/Biggerstaff Field is a public-use general aviation airport located in Stanford, in Judith Basin County in central Montana. The airfield features a primary runway of 4,200 feet and handles approximately 600 annual general aviation operations, with 50 percent transient traffic. Airport activities include recreational flying, agricultural spraying, search and rescue, flight training, emergency medical transport, corporate and business aviation, wildland firefighting, and military exercises. The airport serves the Stanford community and surrounding Judith Basin, one of Montana's most productive agricultural regions.



Total Economic Impact on Montana



Jobs
1



Economic Impact
\$21 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:



Aerial Firefighting
Supports Wildland Firefighting Operations.



Corporate/Business Activity
Supports Corporate and Business Activity



Emergency Medical Aviation
Supports Air Ambulance Operations



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



Flight Training & Education
Provides Pilot Training and Aviation Education



Agriculture Support
Supports Agriculture through Aerial Application and/or Other

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.

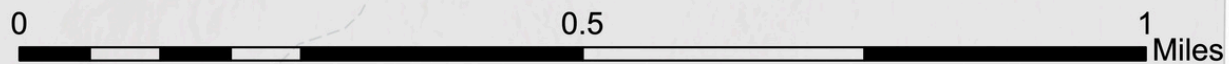
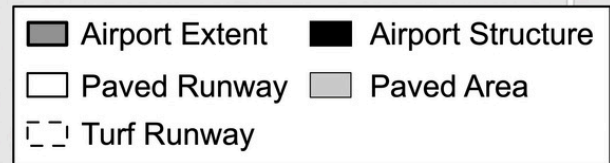
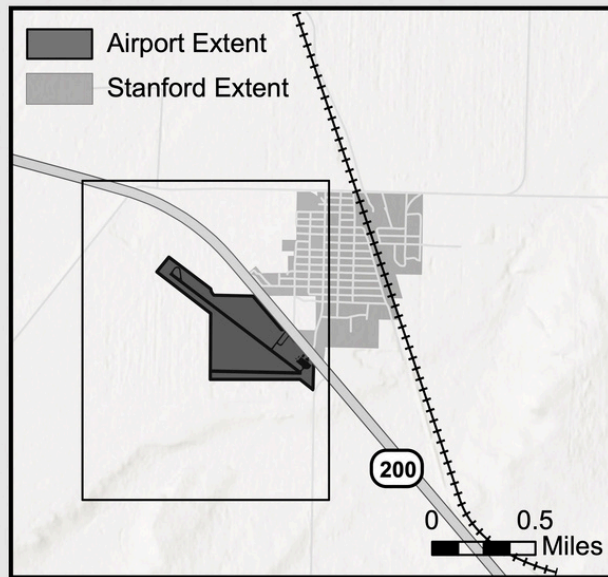


Stanford Airport/Biggerstaff Field (S64)

Stanford, MT



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110° 13.8' W
4328'



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