

Schuylkill County/Joe Zerby Airport (ZER) is a general aviation airport located west of the central business district of Pottsville. The airport supports a variety of aviation activity, including corporate/business flights, air ambulance activity, environmental patrol, and aerial wildland firefighting. The airport is able to support business activity with three instrument approaches. In addition to general aviation activity, the airport supports considerable military operations, particularly training and testing flights. The airport provides access to two courtesy cars for pilots and passengers for travel to nearby destinations. The Mountain Valley Golf Resort, hotels, restaurants, local businesses, and downtown Pottsville are easily accessed within a 10-mile radius from the airport. Additionally, the airport offers a kitchen, complimentary beverages and coffee, a 24-person crew lounge, and quiet rooms for resting before the next flight. Two large box hangars and a new T-Hangar are available for aircraft storage; fueling services are offered by a new Jet A fuel truck as well as 100LL and Jet A 24/7 self-service pumps.



This airport is classified as a Advanced Airport in Pennsylvania's State Aviation System Plan and is eligible to receive federal funding from the FAA.

About the Airport

CITY: Pottsville

COUNTY: Schuylkill

OWNERSHIP: Public

PENNDOT DISTRICT: 5

PRIMARY RUNWAY: 11/29, 5,101'



ZER Economic Impacts



133 JOBS



\$9,091,100



\$21,620,400

Key Airport Activities



**Corporate/
Business Activity**



Air Charter



**Medical
Transport/
Evacuation**



**Military
Exercises/
Training**



**Career Training
and Flight
Instruction**

Schuylkill County/ Joe Zerbey Airport's Economic Impact



Employment



Payroll



Output

	Employment	Payroll	Output
On-Airport Activity	65	\$5,312,300	\$10,686,000
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	0	\$0	\$0
General Aviation Visitor Spending	8	\$249,100	\$638,300
Total Direct Impacts	73	\$5,561,300	\$11,324,200
Total Multiplier Impacts	59	\$3,529,800	\$10,296,200
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Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding. Sources: Calculations using IMPLAN, 2019, 2020; Kimley-Horn, 2022.

Economic Impact Categories



Employment:

The total number of persons employed that are associated with business revenues and payroll, regardless of whether they are full-time or part-time.



Payroll:

Total employment compensation including wages and other benefits (e.g., health care insurance payments, retirement contributions, etc.)



Output:

Includes expenditures needed to administer airports, sales of goods and services by airport tenants, budget expenditures by public sector agencies located on airports, cost of capital expenditures, visitor spending in Pennsylvania's hospitality-related sectors, and sales enabled by air cargo services. This is also referred to as "business revenues" or sales.

Direct Impacts: Initial impacts that occur on- and off-airport, such as airport operations, construction, airport tenants, visitor spending, and more.

Multiplier Impacts: Includes "indirect" and "induced" impacts generated when portions of direct revenues are used to purchase goods and services from PA businesses and when workers re-spend their income in the state.

Total Statewide Aviation Impacts

The statewide economic impact of Pennsylvania's airports consists of two major categories: On-Airport Activity and Off-Airport Activity. Together, they account for approximately **\$34.2 billion in economic impact for Pennsylvania.**

**\$34.1
BILLION**

**TOTAL
OUTPUT**

On-Airport and Nearby Activity

Impacts related to the activity of airport administration, business tenants, and capital improvements on airports.

**\$19.2
BILLION**

Off-Airport Activity

Impacts related to out-of-state visitor spending at both commercial service and general aviation airports.

✈ Commercial Service Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the state's commercial service airports.

**\$14.7
BILLION**

✚ General Aviation Visitor Spending

Impacts related to spending by out-of-state visitors arriving to stay in Pennsylvania via the Commonwealth's general aviation airports.

**\$213.9
MILLION**

Total Output of Other Aviation-Related Impacts in Pennsylvania

**Off-Airport Aerospace
Manufacturing**

\$8.7 BILLION

**Off-Airport
Air Cargo**

\$1.1 BILLION

**Off-Airport Private
Hospital Helicopters**

\$150 MILLION