



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

Joseph A. Hardy Connellville Airport (VVS) is a general aviation airport located approximately five miles northeast of Uniontown in southwestern Pennsylvania. Built in 1930 to train fighter pilots for World War II, the airport is now owned and operated by the Fayette County Airport Authority. The airport's location in the center of the county provides easy access for users looking to access the region and its many attractions, such as game hunting, fishing, camping, golf, and much more. The airport sees daily traffic from recreational and flight training operations as well as police and law enforcement. Another common activity seen at the airport is aerial medical flights, which are carried out by two medevac operators: one using helicopters and another fixed wing aircraft. This wide range of aviation activity seen on-site makes the airport a key part of the local community.

## About the Airport

- CITY:** Connellsville
- COUNTY:** Fayette
- OWNERSHIP:** Public
- PENNDOT DISTRICT:** 12
- PRIMARY RUNWAY:** 5/23, 3,833'

*Source: Nicole Lea Young*



## VVS Economic Impacts



**171 JOBS**



**\$7,123,200**



**\$35,462,200**

## Key Airport Activities



**Sightseeing**



**Air Charter**



**Police/Law Enforcement**






**Medical Transport/ Evacuation**



**Career Training and Flight Instruction**


*All impacts shown were calculated for calendar year 2019, representing a typical year. Impacts for calendar year 2020 were also calculated to understand the impacts of COVID-19 on aviation in the state. 2020 impacts can be found in the PA AEIS Technical Report.*


# Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport's Economic Impact


	 <b>Employment</b>	 <b>Payroll</b>	 <b>Output</b>
On-Airport Activity	85	\$1,802,100	\$20,414,400
Commercial Service Visitor Spending	0	\$0	\$0
General Aviation Visitor Spending	14	\$403,700	\$1,073,600
<b>Total Direct Impacts</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$2,205,800</b>	<b>\$21,487,900</b>
<b>Total Multiplier Impacts</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$4,917,400</b>	<b>\$13,974,300</b>
<b>Total Impacts</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>\$7,123,200</b>	<b>\$35,462,200</b>

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.**



### 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