

# MAPLETON - JAMES G WHITING MEMORIAL FIELD AIRPORT (MEY)

#### EACH AIRPORT MAKES AN IMPACT ON IOWA'S ECONOMY

The lowa DOT prepared the 2022 Aviation Economic Impact Report to better understand how the aviation system works and the importance of the aviation industry to the state's economy. Businesses and individuals rely on aviation to move them quickly and to deliver specialized aviation services that keep Iowa competitive. The **Mapleton - James G Whiting Memorial Field Airport** provides access to individuals and businesses, meeting the aviation needs of the local community.

IOWA AIRPORT
SYSTEM ROLES

COMMERCIAL SERVICE ENHANCED SERVICE GENERAL SERVICE BASIC SERVICE LOCAL SERVICE

COMBINED IMPACTS FOR <u>ALL</u> 40 LOCAL SERVICE AIRPORTS (SIIM)

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

30

ON-AIRPORT JOBS

90

JOB IMPACTS

# THE VALUE OF LOCAL SERVICE AIRPORTS

Local Service airports keep small communities throughout lowa connected to the nation's air transportation system. General aviation activities at these airports vary based on local needs and airport uses, but can provide important air access to serve the community and region for users including air medical providers, public safety officials, and aerial applicators. Combined, these small, locally operated airports support over 15,000 annual visitors and critical users across lowa each year.

#### **AIRPORT USES AT MEY**

PERSONAL FLYING BUSINESS AERIAL APPLICATION





## **IOWA STATEWIDE AVIATION ECONOMIC IMPACTS**

Aviation in lowa generates **\$6.4 billion** in economic impacts each year. This economic activity supports **41,000 jobs** in the lowa economy and **\$124 million** in tax revenues.













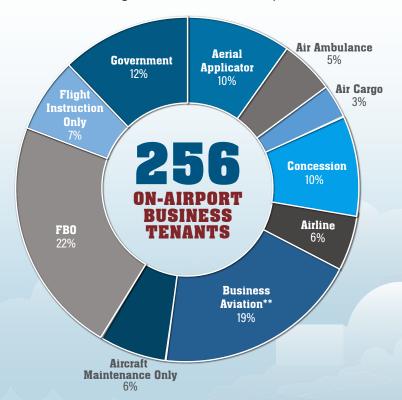






### **INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE**

On-airport jobs have an average salary of \$62,400 compared to the statewide average of \$51,100 for all occupations across lowa.



### **INVESTING IN OUR AIRPORTS**

Over the past five years, an average of \$105 million was spent annually on construction projects, which supports over 500 direct jobs across the state. Furthermore, every \$1 of capital expenditures at airports correlates to \$16 in annual economic benefit to the state economy.

# CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL, AND CARGO FLIGHTS KEEP IOWA BUSINESSES CONNECTED

Nearly 1,400 unique businesses from a wide range of industries were documented as using lowa's airports during study data outreach.

lowa airports supported flights to 2,061 unique destinations across 49 states and 27 countries.

Over 93,200 tons of cargo are shipped by air annually through Des Moines and Cedar Rapids by FedEx, UPS, DHL, Amazon, and passenger airlines.

More than 20 on-demand cargo carriers flew nearly 1,000 flights to and from 20 lowa airports using smaller jet, turboprop, and piston aircraft.