



YEAGER AIRPORT

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## YEAGER AIRPORT BUSINESS REVENUES TOP 225 MILLION DOLLARS

Yeager Airport has a statewide economic impact of 225-million dollars, according to the Aviation Economic Impact Study (WVAEIS) released by the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission. The study, which is done every five years, was started in January of 2020 using 2019 numbers.

“We want Yeager Airport to be the most important economic engine in West Virginia,” said Yeager Airport Director and CEO Nick Keller. “225 million is a great number, but our goal now is to continue to grow that number each year.”

The study defines economic impact as the money spent to operate the airport, sales of airport tenants, budget expenditures by public agencies located on airports, capital expenditures, visitor spending, and sales by air cargo services.

The WVAEIS says Yeager Airport is responsible for nearly 3,000 jobs. Those jobs are made up by people who work directly for the airport, as well as people who work for airport tenants.

“Yeager Airport continues to identify innovative means of diversifying revenue generation,” said Director of the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission Sean Hill. “I am excited to see how the airport grows from the baseline established in our impact study.”

CRW brought in more than 87,500 visitors, according to the study. Those visitors spent a little more than 33.7 million dollars while they were in West Virginia.

The WVAEIS details the 1.6 billion dollar economic impact of aviation in West Virginia. Airports serve as a catalyst for people to conduct business, serve clients, ship cargo, and see the world. Having a well maintained and diverse aviation system supports a robust economy.

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