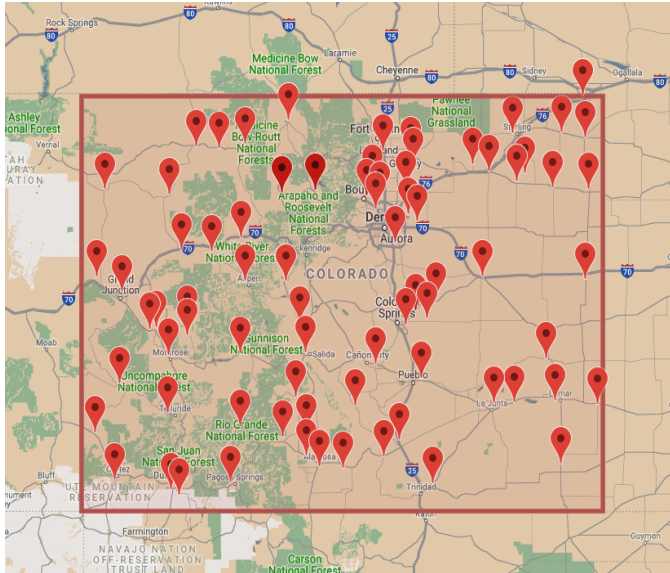




# Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in Colorado

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**Vail Valley Jet Center** in Eagle County now offers a 30% biofuel mix at the airport.

The **National Renewable Energy Laboratory** has joined with **D3MAX LLC**, the U.S. Department of Energy's **Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO)**, **Southwest Airlines**, **LanzaJet**, and other partners on a pilot program to produce 10-tons-per-day of SAF.

## AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the Colorado Aeronautics Division, Colorado is home to 70 public-use general aviation airports. According to FAA data, Colorado airports serve 21,999 pilots and 6,924 registered aircraft. The 2020 **Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study** estimated that one million visitors arrive to Colorado on general aviation aircraft each year.

## NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the same study, airports in Colorado sustain more than 345,000 jobs and a payroll of \$16.2 billion.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

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According to the FAA, Colorado is home to 75 repair stations, 14 FAA-approved pilot schools, 4,405 flight instructors and 6,669 student pilots. In addition, according to the AC-U-KWIK database, there are 66 fixed-base operators in the state. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 210 heliports in Colorado.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, flight departments in Colorado include Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely, Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Trinidad State College in Trinidad, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and Aims Community College in Greeley.

The 2020 **Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study** showed that the **Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport** supports 3,312 jobs and over \$730 million in business revenue. The airport regularly participates in Angel Flight West operations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these missions delivered necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), supplies, and equipment for free to rural hospitals. Special Olympics Colorado will also utilize Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport for their transportation needs.