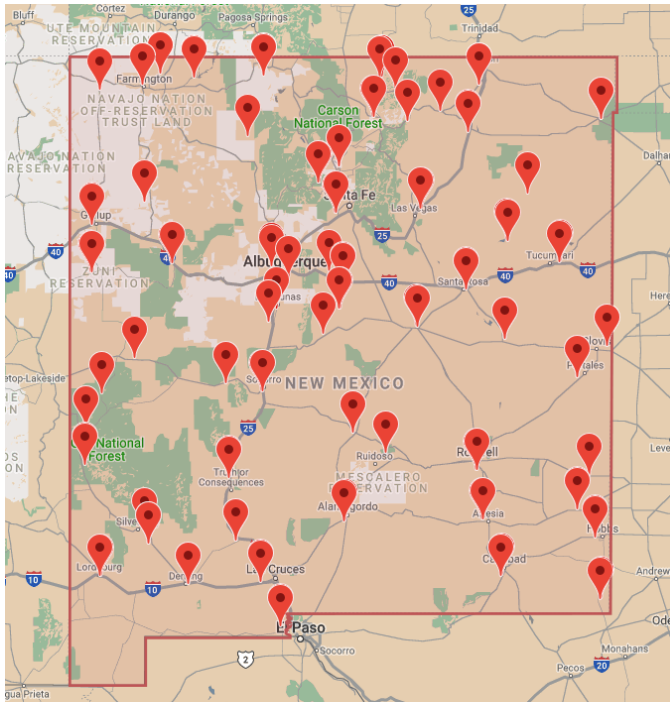




Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in New Mexico

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One of the first FBOs in the country, **Cutter Flying Service, Inc.**, was founded in Albuquerque, in 1928 to serve the aviation community of the Southwestern United States. Built only two years after the Air Commerce Act of 1926, the company survived the Great Depression and World War II by providing the air charter services needed for reaching ranches, towns, and businesses scattered across New Mexico. They currently have six locations throughout the Southwest.

AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the FAA, there are 66 public-use airports in the state. The FAA also reports that New Mexico airports support 4,816 pilots and 3,009 registered aircraft.

NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the 2016 **New Mexico Airport System Plan Update**, on-airport output in New Mexico supports over 18,500 jobs and a payroll of more than \$723 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, on-airport output in New Mexico contributes over \$2.3 billion to the economy.

According to FAA data, New Mexico is home to 24 repair stations, 8 FAA-approved pilot schools, 1,705 student pilots and 584 flight instructors.

In addition, there are 42 fixed-base operators in the state, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 60 heliports in New Mexico.

According to the University Aviation Association and the National Center for Education Statistics, flight departments and aviation programs in New Mexico include Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, and Central New Mexico Community College in Albuquerque.