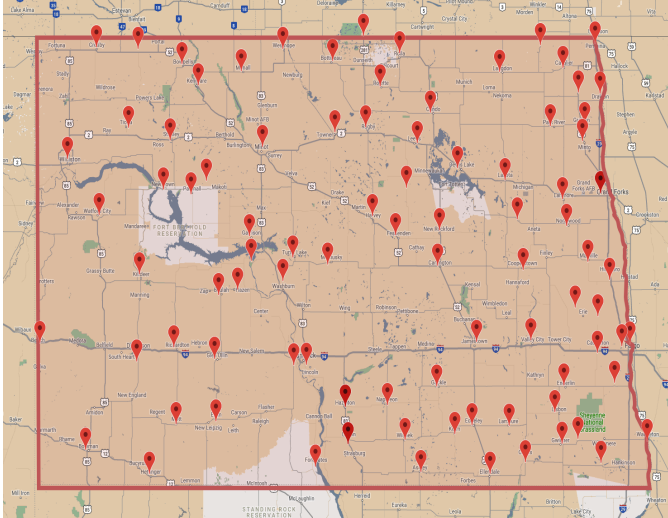




Summary of Economic Impact of General Aviation in North Dakota

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The **John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences** at the **Grand Forks International Airport** is one of the largest civilian flight training programs in the country, with more than 1,800 students and 100 aircraft. Its flight operations last year accounted for more than 110,000 flight hours and 212,000 landings.

AVIATION BY THE NUMBERS

According to the North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, North Dakota has 89 public-use airports, approximately 3,964 pilots and 2,281 registered aircraft.

NUMBER OF JOBS

According to the 2015 **North Dakota Statewide Aviation Economic Impact Study**, general aviation airports in North Dakota support over 900 jobs and a payroll of more than \$41 million.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

According to the same study, airports across the state support more than \$1.5 billion in total economic impact per year, and general aviation airports support more than \$121 million in total economic impact.

According to FAA data, North Dakota is home to 13 repair stations, 1 FAA-approved pilot school, 1,573 student pilots and 576 flight instructors.

In addition, according to the AC-U-KWIK directory, there are 54 fixed-base operators in the state. According to Helicopter Association International, there are 35 heliports in North Dakota.

According to the University Aviation Association, flight departments in North Dakota include the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks.

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