

Associated City: Westhope
County: Bottineau
NDSASP Classification: Community Paved
FAA ID: D64

About Westhope Municipal Airport

Located just west of the city of Westhope in Bottineau County, Westhope Municipal Airport (D64) is a small but meaningful part of North Dakota’s aviation network. With an asphalt runway and open airspace, the airport provides reliable access for general aviation, agricultural spraying, and seasonal flying. Its rural location and straightforward layout make it especially well-suited for aerial application services, which are vital to the productivity of surrounding farmland. Though the airport operates without a control tower or on-site maintenance facilities, it remains a valuable resource for local pilots and agricultural operators. The Westhope Airport Authority oversees the facility, ensuring it remains accessible and functional for day-use operations year-round, with snow removal in place to support safe operations. Westhope itself is a historic community founded in 1903 along the Great Northern Railway, known for its agricultural heritage and close-knit character. The airport complements this legacy by supporting crop management, emergency access, and regional mobility. Whether serving farmers, recreational pilots, or visiting professionals, Westhope Municipal Airport continues to reflect the resilience and utility of rural aviation in North Dakota.



Airport Activities



Recreational Flying



Flight Instruction



Aerial Surveying



Military Training



Agricultural Spraying

Runways

The most critical infrastructure of an airport is the runway system. Runway characteristics determine the types of activity the airport can support.

Type	Orientation	Dimensions	Surface	Approach
Primary Runway	14/32	3,000 ft x 60 ft	Asphalt	VIS / VIS
Secondary Runway	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tertiary Runway	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Runway	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Aviation Activity Demand Forecasts

Aviation activity demand forecasts are included in the NDSASP to understand how aviation demand is expected to change over time. These forecasts help inform future infrastructure needs and long-term system planning decisions.

Activity Type	Base Year (2024)	Future Year (2044)	2024-2044 CAGR
Commercial Service Enplanements	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commercial Service Operations	N/A	N/A	N/A
General Aviation Operations	2,060	2,220	0.38%
Based Aircraft	6	6	0.00%

Note: CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate



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D64's Airport Economic Impacts

The impacts below present the sum of direct and multiplier impacts of all activity associated with D64. The table below offers a breakdown of the total impacts by direct, multiplier, total, and source of impact.

Jobs

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Payroll

\$231,000

Value Added

\$368,000

Output

\$715,000

Source of Impact	Jobs		
	Direct	Multiplier	Total
Airport Management	0	<1	<1
Airport Tenants	0	0	0
Capital Expenditures	2	1	4
GA Visitor Spending	<1	<1	<1
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Jobs Impacts	3	1	4

Source of Impact	Payroll		
	Direct	Multiplier	Total
Airport Management	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Airport Tenants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$146,000	\$76,000	\$222,000
GA Visitor Spending	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Payroll Impacts	\$149,000	\$82,000	\$231,000

Source of Impact	Value Added		
	Direct	Multiplier	Total
Airport Management	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
Airport Tenants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$211,000	\$131,000	\$341,000
GA Visitor Spending	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$9,000
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Value Added Impacts	\$228,000	\$140,000	\$368,000

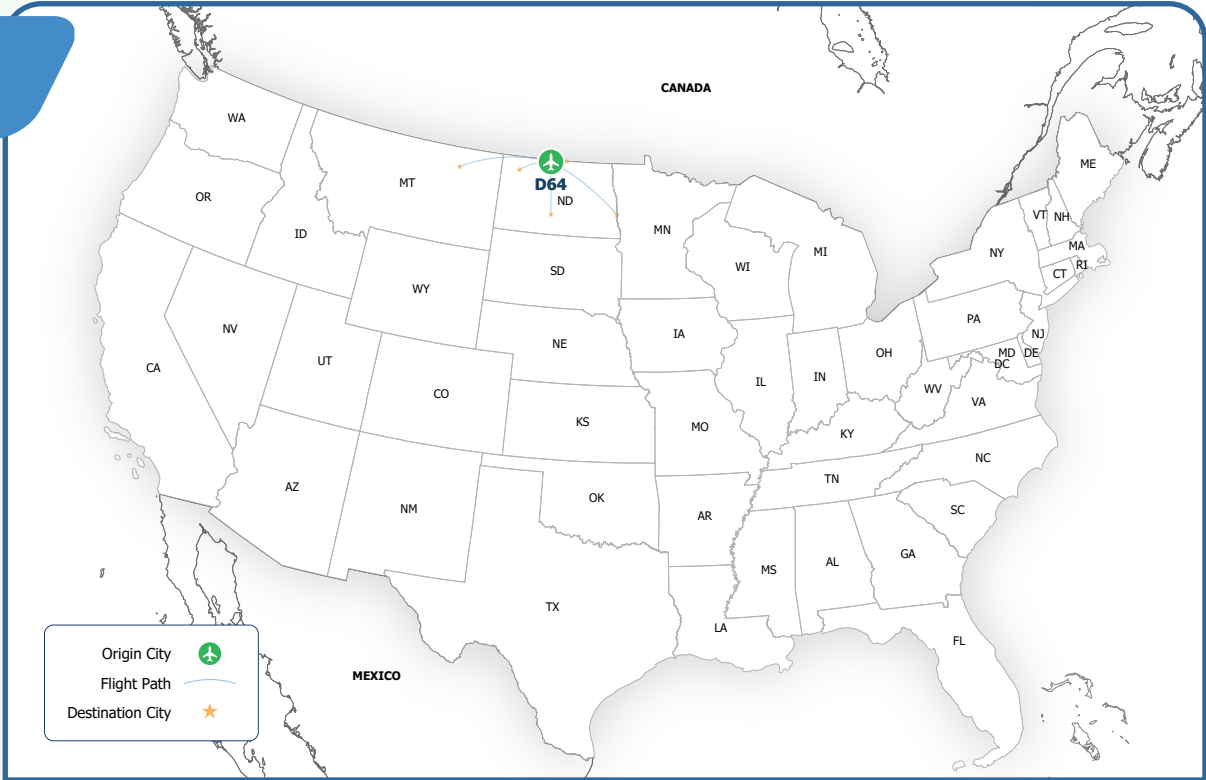
Source of Impact	Output		
	Direct	Multiplier	Total
Airport Management	\$15,000	\$11,000	\$26,000
Airport Tenants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$432,000	\$240,000	\$672,000
GA Visitor Spending	\$11,000	\$6,000	\$17,000
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Output Impacts	\$458,000	\$257,000	\$715,000

Sources: 2025 NDAEIS Airport Manager Survey; IMPLAN, 2025; Kimley-Horn, 2025. Notes: Dollar values rounded to the nearest 1,000. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Airport Flight Map

This Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) map shows annual flight activity data and helps to demonstrate the important role that D64 plays in providing time-saving connections for local and visiting businesses and residents. IFR Flights Completed as Filed between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

Source: FlightAware



Airport Facts



The airport and the activities it supports generate approximately \$74,000 annually in federal, state, and local tax revenues.

An estimated 120 out-of-state visitors traveled through D64 in 2024 via general aviation aircraft.

Visitors using D64 spent approximately \$2,000 on lodging, \$3,000 on food and beverage, \$2,000 on local transportation, \$2,000 on retail, and \$2,000 on entertainment, supporting local businesses throughout the region.



D64 supports monthly recreational flying, occasional flight instruction, and occasional corporate activity.

Over the past four years, more than \$1.7 million has been invested in capital improvements at D64, averaging approximately \$432,000 annually from state, local, and private funding sources.

Study Methodology

Comprehensive data collection was essential to producing accurate economic impact estimates for calendar year 2024. Primary data sources, including airport staff, airport business tenants, and visitors, were used to estimate direct economic impacts. These data were gathered through onsite visits and a combination of in-person, telephone, and online surveys. Where needed, additional industry sources were consulted to supplement the primary data. A nationally recognized economic modeling platform, IMPLAN, was used to calculate multiplier effects. Economic impacts were estimated for airport management, airport tenants, capital investment activity, GA visitor spending, and commercial service visitor spending.

Economic Impact Levels

The economic impacts for North Dakota's airports are presented at three distinct levels (direct, multiplier, and total) to describe where in the economic cycle the impact is generated.

