



The University of North Dakota School of Aerospace Sciences (UND Aerospace), located in Grand Forks, is one of the nation's leading aviation education institutions. Through programs in flight training, aviation management, air traffic control, aviation maintenance, emerging aerospace technologies, and a flight school based at the Grand Forks International Airport (GFK), UND attracts students from around the world and helps develop the next generation of aviation professionals. The economic impacts presented in this fact sheet are measured by jobs, payroll, value added, and output. Value added represents UND's contribution to North Dakota's economy and is comparable to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), while output represents the total economic activity generated.

Off-Airport UND Aerospace Campus Activity



Jobs: 461



Payroll: \$26.2 M



Value Added: \$31.6 M



Output: \$56.4 M

These impacts reflect UND Aerospace's off-airport operations and therefore exclude flight school activity occurring at Grand Forks International Airport (GFK).

On-Airport UND Flight School Operations



Jobs: 733



Payroll: \$42.5 M



Value Added: \$50.3 M



Output: \$89.8 M

These impacts reflect UND Aerospace's on-airport flight school operations at GFK and excludes other off-airport UND Aerospace campus activities.

UND Aerospace Student Spending



Jobs: 295



Payroll: \$16.5 M



Value Added: \$27.4 M



Output: \$46.6 M

Student spending reflects the economic activity generated by off-campus spending, such as on rent, retail, entertainment, food, transportation, and more, by applicable students attending UND Aerospace. To avoid double counting impacts already captured in the 2025 NDAEIS, these results are limited to induced impacts, representing household spending effects only.

Sum of all UND Aerospace Economic Activity



Jobs

1,489



Payroll

\$85.1 M



Value Added

\$109.4 M



Output

\$192.9 M

Of the 1,489 jobs generated by UND Aerospace's activities, 873 are direct jobs, while an additional 616 jobs are supported through indirect and induced economic effects.

Notes: These results reflect total economic impacts, including the direct effects of UND Aerospace's off-airport campus activity and the flight school at GFK, as well as the indirect and induced impacts that occur as spending circulates throughout the economy. For additional information on the methodology and impact breakdowns, refer to the NDAEIS Technical Report (Chapter 9 of the NDSASP Technical Report). Because these results already include on-airport impacts, they should not be combined with the statewide totals presented elsewhere in the 2025 NDAEIS. Jobs are rounded to the nearest whole number and dollar values are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Sources: 2025 NDAEIS UND Aerospace Survey; IMPLAN, 2025; Kimley-Horn, 2025.

UND Aerospace by the Numbers



100+

Aircraft
in fleet



212,294

GFK UND Aerospace
flight school operations



1500+

Certificates and ratings
issued annually



2,100+

Total
Students