

Associated City: Hazen
County: Mercer
NDSASP Classification: Local
FAA ID: HZE

About Mercer County Regional Airport

Nestled in the heart of western North Dakota, Mercer County Regional Airport (HZE) serves as a quiet yet vital gateway to the region's rural charm and economic activity. The airport supports general aviation operations that connect local businesses, agricultural services, and recreational pilots to the broader state and beyond. Recent runway rehabilitation and seal coat improvements have enhanced safety and extended the life of the pavement, ensuring reliable operations for years to come. The airport is a popular choice for transient stopovers, thanks to its low fuel prices and convenient location for pilots traveling across the state. Whether it's crop dusters taking flight over golden fields or small aircraft bringing visitors to nearby Lake Sakakawea, Mercer County Regional Airport plays a steady role in supporting local mobility and access. Its location offers pilots scenic views of rolling prairies and a peaceful flying experience far from the bustle of urban airspace. More than just a landing strip, the airport reflects the spirit of Mercer County—practical, dependable, and essential. With improved infrastructure and welcoming amenities for transient traffic, Mercer County Regional Airport continues to meet the everyday needs of a resilient and close-knit community.



Airport Activities

Recreational Flying

Corporate Activity

Aerial Inspections

Flight Instruction

Law Enforcement

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	15/33	4,999 ft x 75 ft	Asphalt	RNAV (GPS) / RNAV (GPS)
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	1,500	1,590	0.28%
Based Aircraft	18	21	0.77%

Note: CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate

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HZE's Airport Economic Impacts

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

Jobs				Payroll				Value Added				Output			
 14				 \$680,000				 \$1.02 M				 \$1.83 M			
Source of Impact		Jobs			Source of Impact		Payroll			Source of Impact		Output			
	Direct	Multiplier	Total			Direct	Multiplier	Total			Direct	Multiplier	Total		
Airport Management	3	<1	3		Airport Management	\$19,000	\$15,000	\$34,000		Airport Management	\$55,000	\$41,000	\$96,000		
Airport Tenants	1	<1	1		Airport Tenants	\$88,000	\$27,000	\$115,000		Airport Tenants	\$102,000	\$76,000	\$178,000		
Capital Expenditures	5	2	7		Capital Expenditures	\$311,000	\$151,000	\$461,000		Capital Expenditures	\$858,000	\$477,000	\$1.33 M		
GA Visitor Spending	2	<1	2		GA Visitor Spending	\$44,000	\$26,000	\$70,000		GA Visitor Spending	\$137,000	\$81,000	\$218,000		
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A		CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A		CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Total Jobs Impacts	10	3	14		Total Payroll Impacts	\$462,000	\$218,000	\$680,000		Total Output Impacts	\$1.15 M	\$675,000	\$1.83 M		
Source of Impact		Value Added			Source of Impact		Output								
	Direct	Multiplier	Total			Direct	Multiplier	Total							
Airport Management	\$42,000	\$23,000	\$65,000		Airport Management	\$55,000	\$41,000	\$96,000							
Airport Tenants	\$88,000	\$43,000	\$130,000		Airport Tenants	\$102,000	\$76,000	\$178,000							
Capital Expenditures	\$447,000	\$259,000	\$707,000		Capital Expenditures	\$858,000	\$477,000	\$1.33 M							
GA Visitor Spending	\$73,000	\$42,000	\$114,000		GA Visitor Spending	\$137,000	\$81,000	\$218,000							
CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A		CS Visitor Spending	N/A	N/A	N/A							
Total Value Added Impacts	\$650,000	\$367,000	\$1.02 M		Total Output Impacts	\$1.15 M	\$675,000	\$1.83 M							