

# Merrill Field Airport: A “Mall” of Tenants



*Supporting air travel, local business, and aviation careers*

Merrill Field is home to a dynamic mix of aviation-related businesses, training programs, and federal users. From flight instruction to aircraft maintenance, the airport functions like a “mall” of essential services, supporting jobs, innovation, and connectivity for Alaska.

## On-Airport Impacts



### **Air Taxi Services**

*MRI is a hub in Alaska's statewide airport system.*



### **Hangar Rentals, Aircraft Part Sales, MR&O**

*Key on-site services supporting aircraft operations & maintenance*



### **Flight Training / AMT & ATCT Training**

*On-site programs support aviation career pathways*

# 840+

*aircraft owners  
at MRI*

# 33

*tenants and  
major users  
participated in  
MRI's economic  
impact study*

## Tenant Survey Respondents

- A&W Services, LLC
- Alaska Air Carriers Association
- Alaska Air Transit
- Alaska Gear Company, LLC
- Alaskan Aircraft Engines, Inc.
- Alpha Aviation, LLC
- Alpine Air Alaska & Alyeska Helicopters
- Angel Aviation, Inc.
- Backcountry Aero
- Birch Creek Aviation
- Caleb Newville  
(Independent Instructor)
- Chugach Hangers
- Civil Air Patrol – Polaris Squadron
- D&D Airpark
- FAA ATCT
- KT Aircraft Services
- Lake and Peninsula Airlines, Inc.
- Lake Clark Air, Inc.
- Land and Sea Aviation Alaska, LLC
- NLDA
- Northern Lights Avionics, Inc.
- P.A. Productions
- Pathfinder Aviation, LLC
- Plane Hangar
- Pratt Aviation Service, Inc.
- Spernak Airways
- Stoddard Aircraft Parts
- Swoop
- TechAir Rebuild & Repair
- True North Air
- University of Alaska Anchorage –  
Aviation Technology Division
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Wrangell Mountain Air

# Merrill Field Airport Health Benefits



*Providing a critical lifeline in Alaska's healthcare network*

With a runway directly adjacent to Alaska Regional Hospital, Merrill Field Airport enables fast, reliable medevac access for patients from remote areas across the state—where air travel is often the only option.



## 1,657

*hospital visits supported by MRI*



## 1.5%

*of total hospital visits came through MRI access*



## \$67.1M

*in physical health benefits facilitated\**



## Supporting Access to Critical Healthcare

- MRI provides “through-the-fence” medevac ramp access to Alaska Regional Hospital
- Enables safe and efficient transport for patients needing urgent and routine care
- Connects patients to hospitals and healthcare providers across Anchorage
- Supports over 7,630 hospital visits in 2024—including Alaska Regional
- Helps ensure patients receive critical treatment and well-managed care

\*Analysis assumes a split of 83.7 percent non-surgery and 16.3 percent surgery visits, based on findings from the 2019 Mountain Division Community Impact Report's hospital statistics for Alaska Regional airport. Non-surgery visits account for a physical health benefit of \$970 per visit, based on findings from Godavarthy et al., 2014. adjusted to \$2024. Surgery visits are appraised with a benefit of \$243,590 per visit using USDOT's BCA guidance for an injury with unknown severity. The number of hospital visits were determined using Placer.Ai.

# Merrill Field Airport Local Economics



*Delivering jobs, revenue, and statewide value*

Merrill Field is more than a runway—it's a major economic engine for Anchorage. Through capital investment, tenant activity, and regional access, MRI supports local businesses, connects communities, and drives millions in economic value.



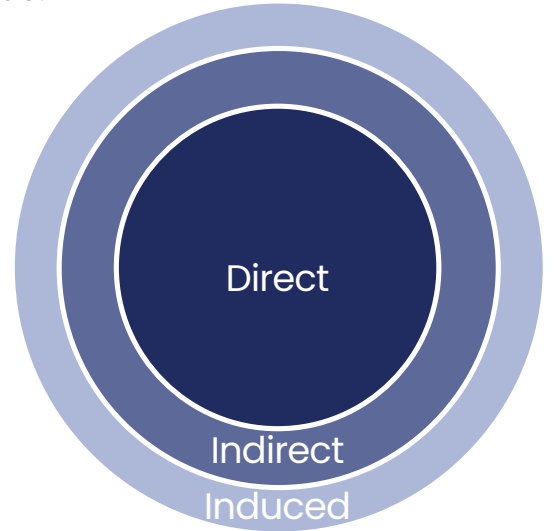
**1,135  
jobs supported**

*Across airport operations, tenant businesses, and local services*



**\$241.5M  
in economic output**

*From capital projects, operations, tenant activity, and visitor-related spending*



**\$85.3M  
in employee earnings**

*Direct, indirect, and induced labor income generated through MRI-related activity*



**\$9.7M  
in tax revenue**

*Returned to communities through MRI-enabled economic activity*



## Where the Impact Happens

- Economic impacts focused in Anchorage, but span across Alaska
- 95% of impact is local to Anchorage
- 5% dispersed throughout the rest of the state

