

# No Excuses: Keep U.S. Airline Pilot Qualifications Strong

## Are the Airlines *Really* Abandoning Smaller U.S. Communities?

Hint: Look at the Growing Numbers of Available Passenger Seats

While the number of flights into and out of these and other communities may shift and even decrease with seasonal demand or new competition, the number of available seats in many areas is actually increasing due to the use of larger aircraft. Overall, the number of available seats nationwide for passengers at smaller community airports has remained constant.

### Redding, CA



▼ 27.8%



▲ 7.7%

### West Yellowstone, MT



▼ 22.7%



▲ 28.9%

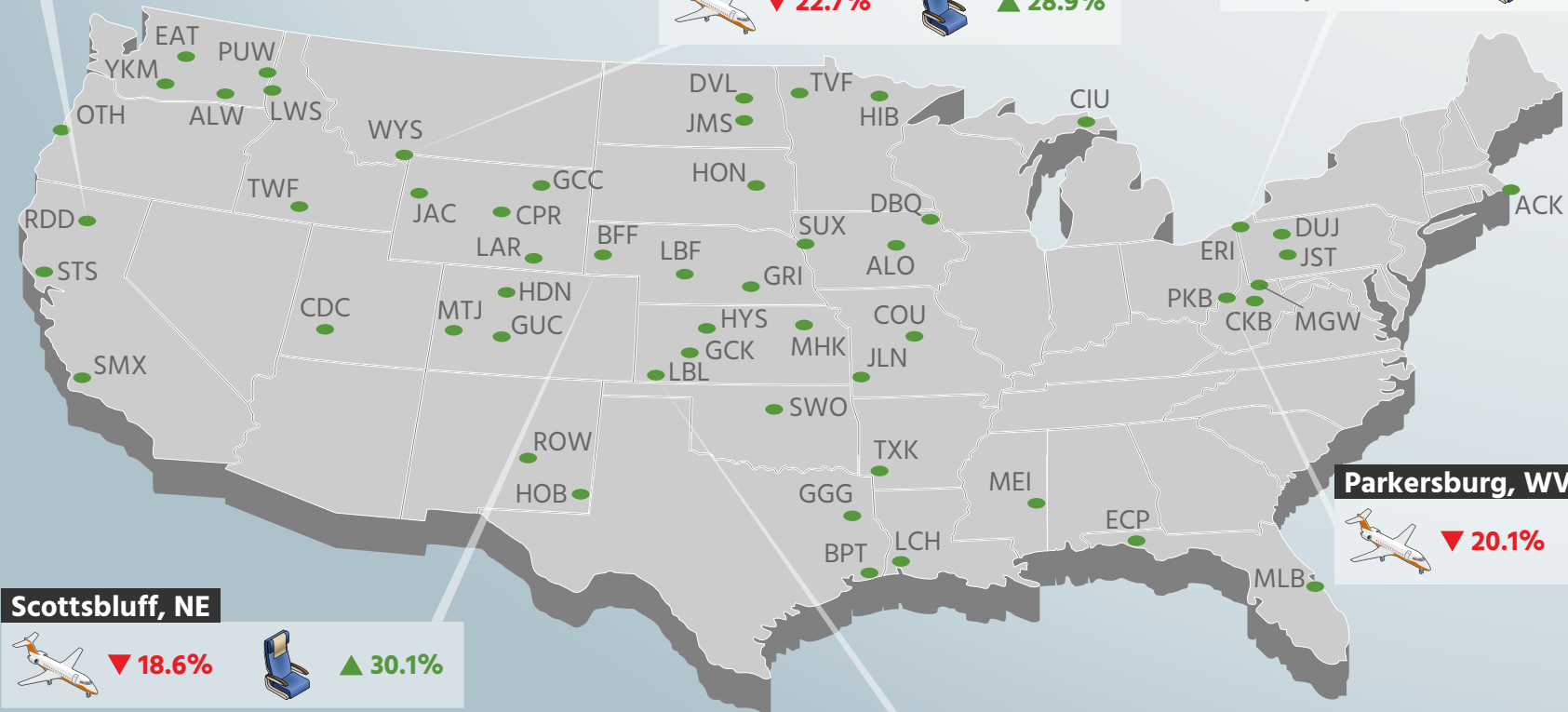
### Erie, PA



▼ 15.6%



▲ 4.3%



● = Cities where seats available increased

Source: OAG

### Liberal, KS



▼ 15.7%



▲ 2.9%

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