One of the first things people think of when they think of Florida is space exploration. Florida is a global leader in the aviation and aerospace industry and has captivated and inspired the world ever since the famous launch that landed the first humans on the moon. It is no wonder that the state has attracted hundreds of the largest companies in the world and led them to find immense success. Industry growth rates in Florida have sky-rocketed over the years and continue to do so. And at the heart of Florida's Aviation & Aerospace Industry is a robust talent pipeline able to keep up with workforce demands.



Florida has a long history in the aerospace and aviation industries, with NASA's Kennedy Space Center located in Cape Canaveral and many major aerospace and aviation companies operating in the state. A major factor of this industry's success is a highly skilled workforce, with many universities and technical schools offering specialized programs in the field. The state also has a large military presence, with many skilled veterans transitioning into the civilian workforce. The demand for aerospace and aviation products and services is increasing globally, and Florida is well-positioned to capitalize on this growth.

- LAURA DIBELLA, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND PRESIDENT & CEO, ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, CHAIR OF THE AEROSPACE ALLIANCE

## AN ALREADY GROWING INDUSTRY – EXPECTING EVEN MORE GROWTH

The 5-year forecasted growth rate of the Aviation & Aerospace Industry in Florida is 1.4%, compared to 0.7% in the nation.

4.0%

## **5 YEAR HISTORIC GROWTH**

Florida has experienced a 4.0% growth rate in the Aviation & Aerospace Industry over the last 5 years, compared to 0.6% in the nation.

1.2%

## 5 YEAR FORECAST

Florida is forecast to have a 1.2% growth rate in the Aviation & Aerospace Industry over the next 5, compared to 0.4% in the nation.

28.6%

## **5 YEAR GROWTH**

Florida has experienced a 28.6% increase in the growth of Aviation, Space & Aerospace establishments from 2011 to 2021.



**30 Schools** (including University of Florida, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and University of Central Florida) are awarding more than **10,000** engineering degrees & certificates annually.



Aerospace Engineering



**2,200+**Mechanical Engineering



**Electrical & Electronics Engineering** 

The first-of-its-kind Pilot-Training Program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has experienced immense success in saving flight students time and money, addressing the industry need for an increased number of qualified pilots.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW //



129,000+

Aerospace-Related Employees (Direct & Supply Chain Employment)



\$91,104

Average Wage in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry



**\$14B GDP** 

in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry Sector

COMPANIES THAT HAVE A PRESENCE IN FLORIDA

Airbus / Boeing / Lockheed Martin / NASA / Space X