

Alabama has played an integral role in the nation's aviation and aerospace industry for over a century when the first flight school was established by the Wright Brothers. From private companies to military institutions to research and testing facilities, Alabama is one of the leading states in the industry. The state has attracted hundreds of the world's largest aviation and aerospace companies including Boeing, Airbus and Lockheed Martin. One of the key factors that led these companies to locate and find success in Alabama is the ability to attract the talent needed to meet their workforce demands.



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The aerospace industry represents a cornerstone of Alabama's economy, and many of the top international players continue to deepen their roots here," said Greg Canfield, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. "A major reason that's happening is our commitment to workforce development through talent-development programs that equip aerospace workers with the skills they need for the industry. AIDT and its partners have been active in this field for decades and their capabilities are unmatched when it comes to preparing aerospace workers for the job.

- GREG CANFIELD, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

AN ALREADY GROWING INDUSTRY - EXPECTING EVEN MORE GROWTH

**1.1%**  
5 YEAR HISTORIC GROWTH

Alabama has experienced a 1.1% growth rate in the Aviation & Aerospace Industry over the last 5 years, compared to 0.6% in the nation.

**0.8%**  
5 YEAR HISTORIC GROWTH

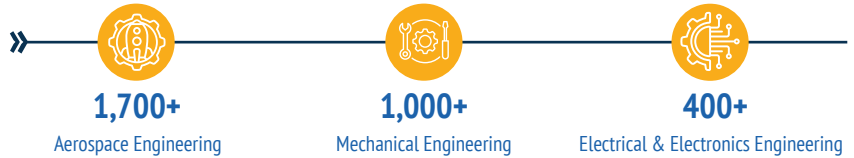
Alabama has experienced a 0.8% growth rate for aerospace engineers over the last 5 years, compared to the -0.9% in the nation

**50.9%**  
10 YEAR GROWTH

Alabama has experienced a 50.9% increase in the growth of Aviation, Space & Aerospace establishments from 2011 to 2021.

**TALENT PIPELINE**

**11 Schools** (including the University of Alabama, Auburn University and University of South Alabama) are awarding more than **5,750+** engineering degrees & certificates annually.



In addition to private companies, Alabama also has a strong military aerospace and aviation presence. Fort Rucker, located in Southeast Alabama, serves as the training center for U.S. Army helicopter pilots. In Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal is a major research, engineering and test center that houses the Army's critical missile defense and aviation programs.

The state's workforce development program, **AlabamaWorks**, consists of interconnected providers of workforce services, including all the governmental, educational and private sector components that train, prepare and match job seekers with employers.

**INDUSTRY OVERVIEW //**

**21,000+**  
Aerospace-Related Employees  
(Direct & Supply Chain Employment)

**\$93,515**  
Average Wage in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry

**\$3.5B GDP**  
in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry Sector

COMPANIES THAT HAVE A PRESENCE IN ALABAMA

( Airbus / Boeing / NASA / Lockheed Martin / Raytheon )

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