



Mississippi has played a pivotal role in the aviation and aerospace industry for decades. From research institutions to military facilities to private companies, the state has made a broad range of influence in the industry. The state is also home to NASA's largest rocket testing facility, Stennis Space Center. A key factor in the Aviation & Aerospace Industry experiencing such growth and success in the state is a talented, skilled and productive workforce. Mississippi's robust talent pipeline ensures workforce demands are met and companies are provided the talent they need.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi spurs innovation by partnering with companies advancing the future of aerospace. As one of the top states for employment growth in the sector, companies can find the workforce and training programs they need to take flight. Aerospace leaders here enjoy proximity to several federal installations including two Air Force bases, a Naval Air Station and NASA's Stennis Space Center. Mississippi is the stealth fighter of aerospace with a strong history of success.

— LAURA HIPP, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AN ALREADY GROWING INDUSTRY – EXPECTING EVEN MORE GROWTH

4.0%
5 YEAR HISTORIC GROWTH

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

1.0%
5 YEAR HISTORIC GROWTH

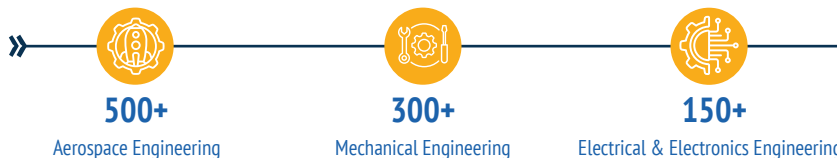
Mississippi has experienced a 1.0% growth rate for aerospace engineers over the last 5 years, compared to the -0.9% in the nation

10%
10 YEAR GROWTH

Mississippi has experienced a 10% increase in the growth of Aviation, Space & Aerospace establishments from 2011 to 2021.

TALENT PIPELINE

12 Schools (including Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College) are awarding more than **1,600+** engineering degrees & certificates annually.



Founded in 1935, **Mississippi State University's aerospace engineering program** is one of the most established in the nation. Aerospace engineers are primarily focused on the design, fabrication, testing, and analysis of aircraft and spacecraft.

Biloxi, Mississippi is home of the **Air Force's 81st Training Wing** and one of the Air Force's largest technical schools, where more than 2.2 million students have graduated since 1942. Some 20,000-25,000 students go through the system annually.

Mississippi is home of the nation's largest rocket engine test complex at the **John C. Stennis Space Center**. Stennis employs approximately 5,000 people.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW //

5,500+
Aerospace-Related Employees
(Direct & Supply Chain Employment)

\$82,001
Average Wage in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry

\$0.7B GDP
in the Aviation, Space & Aerospace Industry Sector

COMPANIES THAT HAVE A PRESENCE IN MISSISSIPPI

(**Airbus / Lockheed Martin / NASA / Raytheon / Relativity Space**)

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