

# South Carolina is Just Right for Aerospace



## South Carolina is Poised to Become a Powerhouse in the Aerospace Industry

A growing network of **400+** aerospace and aviation companies.

The state's aerospace manufacturing sector employs more than **136,000** workers.

Home to the **McNair Center for Aerospace Research and Innovation at the University of South Carolina**, offering aerospace education, cutting-edge research and industry engagement.

**Within 1,000 miles of 67% of the U.S. population**, allowing effective service to the entire Southeast—which has become a hub for aerospace with Airbus, Gulfstream and Honda Jet facilities in the region.

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## The Aerospace and Aviation Industry: A Growing Sector

From maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of aircraft, engines and components to software development and telecommunications, aerospace in the Palmetto State is a diverse industry positioning the state for future success.

**\$28.8 BILLION**  
ECONOMIC IMPACT

**400 PLUS**  
AEROSPACE AND AVIATION FIRMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

**136,000**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF SOUTH CAROLINA AEROSPACE EMPLOYEES

**\$79,000**  
AVERAGE TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AEROSPACE EMPLOYEES

**SEVEN**  
AEROSPACE ENGINEERING HIGH SCHOOLS

**EIGHT**  
MILITARY BASES

**5,000 PLUS**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW AEROSPACE JOBS CREATED SINCE 2011

**\$2.2 BILLION**  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT BY NEW AND EXPANDING AEROSPACE FIRMS SINCE 2011

**4.1 BILLION**  
TOTAL AMOUNT OF AEROSPACE RELATED EXPORTS IN 2020; 5TH LARGEST EXPORT IN THE STATE

### The Aerospace and Aviation Industry Calls South Carolina Home.

*Some of these companies include:*

- AAI Corp.
- ADEX Machining Technologies, LLC
- ATI
- The Boeing Co.
- Cytec Solvay Group
- Solar Atmospheres
- GE Aviation
- GKN Aerospace
- Champion Aerospace LLC
- Honeywell International Inc.
- SAFRAN
- Lockheed Martin Corp.
- Michelin Aircraft Tire Co.
- SKF Group
- TIGHTCO
- AMT/Senior Aerospace
- Curtiss Wright

**South Carolina features several military installations important to the aerospace industry, with around 400,000 veterans living within the state.**

- Joint Base Charleston (Charleston Air Force Base)
- Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort
- McEntire Joint National Guard Base, Eastover
- S.C. Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility, Greenville
- Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter



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