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

The state’s aerospace manufacturing sector — a growing network of 400+ aerospace and aviation companies — employs more than 136,000 workers.

Within 1,000 miles of 67% of the U.S. population, South Carolina’s location allows for 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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- Joint Base Charleston Air Force, North Charleston
- Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort
- Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, Port Royal
- Naval Hospital Beaufort Navy Base, Beaufort
- Naval Hospital Charleston Navy Base, North Charleston
- Naval Weapon Station Charleston Navy Base, Goose Creek
- Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter

The Aerospace and Aviation Industry: A Growing Sector.

The Aerospace and Aviation Industry Calls South Carolina Home.

Some of these companies include:

- ADEX Machining
- ATI
- Champion Aerospace LLC
- EDEX Machining Technologies, LLC
- GE Aviation
- GKN Aerospace
- Honeywell International Inc.
- Lockheed Martin Corp.
- Michelin Aircraft Tire Co.
- The Boeing Co.
- TIGHITCO
- SAFRAN
- SKF Group
- Solar Atmospheres
- Solvay Carbon Fibers

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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
- 136,000+ SOUTH CAROLINA AEROSPACE EMPLOYEES
- $81,000+ AVERAGE TOTAL COMPENSATION FOR SOUTH CAROLINA AEROSPACE EMPLOYEES
- 7 HIGH SCHOOLS OFFERING AEROSPACE ENGINEERING COURSES
- 464+ NEW AEROSPACE JOBS CREATED SINCE 2017
- 8 MILITARY BASES
- $67.6 MILLION INVESTMENT BY NEW AND EXPANDING AEROSPACE FIRMS SINCE 2017
- 2.1 BILLION AEROSPACE RELATED EXPORTS IN 2022: 4TH LARGEST EXPORT IN THE STATE

2022 AEROSPACE AND AVIATION INDUSTRY STATISTICS