



NORTH DAKOTA

AEROSPACE KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

60.5%



Industry growth rate from 2012 to 2017



4 Major Airports

32,213



Employed in the aerospace and aviation sectors



1 *Aerospace Engineering Program

\$1.44 billion



Total payroll for aviation and aerospace



The University of North Dakota is one of 15 leading research universities partnering with the FAA's Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

\$76,037



Average wage of an aerospace and defense employee

Home to the nation's first commercial unmanned aircraft systems business park, Grand Sky, the state has quickly become one of the leading spaces for drone research, experimentation, and testing

\$77 million



North Dakota's investment in drone research and development

Known as the nation's proving ground for UAS, North Dakota has launched the nation's first statewide UAS beyond-visual-line-of-sight network (Vantis)

MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS



- > BAE Systems
- > Collins Aerospace
- > MAG Aerospace
- > Northrop Grumman Corporation
- > SkySkopes



MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

- > Grand Forks Air Force Base
- > Minot Air Force Base

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