NORTH DAKOTA
AEROSPACE KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

60.5%
Industry growth rate from 2012 to 2017

32,213
Employed in the aerospace and aviation sectors

$1.44 billion
Total payroll for aviation and aerospace

$66,764
Average wage of an aerospace and defense employee

$77 million
North Dakota's investment in drone research and development

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

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Major Airports

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*Aerospace Engineering Program

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

MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS
- BAE Systems
- MAG Aerospace
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- SkySkopes
- UTC Aerospace Systems

MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- Grand Forks Air Force Base
- Minot Air Force Base

REFERENCES
https://aero.nd.gov/image/cache/Fact_Sheet_-_Final.pdf
https://www.business.nd.gov/aviation/

* ABET accredited school and/or AIAA Student Branch
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