Known as the “Air Capital of the World”
52% of the metro area’s manufacturing employment is in aerospace products and parts

**In aerospace jobs per capita**
- Wichita

**Aviation industry’s annual impact**
- 3.5% of the state’s GDP
- $5 billion

**Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2017**
- 37,780 direct
- 97,000

**Of the world’s embedded general aviation fleet is manufactured in Kansas**
- 67%

**Aerospace products exported by Kansas companies, 23.8% percent of the state’s total exports**
- $2.7 billion

**Major Industry Employers**
- Airbus Americas Engineering
- The Boeing Company
- Bombardier Aerospace
- HM Dunn Aerospace
- Harlow Aerostructures
- Honeywell Aerospace
- Impresa Aerospace
- Lee Aerospace
- Spirit AeroSystems
- Textron Aviation
- UTC Aerospace Systems

**3 Major Airports**
- Wichita International Airport
- Dwight D. Eisenhower International Airport
- McPherson Army Airfield

**3 Major Engineering Programs**
- Wichita State University’s National Institute for Aviation Research
- Dwight D. Eisenhower International Airport, with 20,000 jobs, is the world’s largest general aviation MRO facility

**Wichita State University’s National Institute for Aviation Research is the largest university aviation research and development institution in the nation**

**Major Military Installations**
- Marshall Army Airfield
- McConnell Air Force Base
- Sherman Army Airfield

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