Montana State University is one of 15 leading research universities partnering with the FAA’s Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

- The Boeing Company
- Ekalaka Mini-Mutes Radar Site
- Fort William Henry Harrison

Aviation facilities: 289

Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2017 (350 direct): 640

Average wage of aerospace and defense employee in Montana: $53,925

- Jobs supported by Boeing’s facility in Helena, which has helped produce parts for the 737, 747, 767, 777, and 787 airplane models
- Space Propulsion Group’s AeroTec Facility in Butte is creating safer, more environmentally friendly hybrid rockets

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