**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**AEROSPACE KEY FACTS AND FIGURES**

- **Major Airports:** 2
- **Average annual wage of an aerospace and defense employee in South Dakota:** $50,184
- **Public-use airports across the state:** 71
- **Major Industry Employers:**
  - American Airlines
  - Applied Engineering Inc.
  - BAE Systems Inc.
  - Raven Aerostar
  - Freeman Co
  - Mustang Aviation
- **Major Military Installations:**
  - Ellsworth Air Force Base
  - Minuteman Missile Training Launch Facility

**Ellsworth Air Force Base is home to the South Dakota Air & Space Museum**

**References**


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