California has several great attributes for the aerospace industry, such as an ideal climate for flight-testing, a large restricted airspace, numerous military installations, easy access to international manufacturing, major shipping ports, a deep labor pool fed by reputable educational institutions, and an emerging start-up scene.

69,725 NASA jobs contributing to an economic output of $16.6 billion
For every NASA job an additional 40.5 jobs are supported in the state economy
27% of NASA's total procurement spending is in California

8 Major Airports

18 Aerospace Engineering Programs

310,281 Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2019 (103,287 direct) within approximately 850 companies

$10.5 billion Annual aerospace and defense exports

$111,902 Average aerospace industry wages per year, among the highest paid employees in Southern California, almost twice the average paid in all other industries

The state has played a significant role in major aerospace accomplishments, including developing the Mars landers, the Space Shuttle, the B-2 Stealth Bomber, and the Global Positioning System.

18 MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- Amedee Army Airfield
- Beale Air Force Base
- Bicycle Army Airfield
- Edwards Air Force Base
- Los Alamitos Army Airfield
- Los Angeles Air Force Base
- Travis Air Force Base
- March Air Force Base
- Marine Corps Air Station Miramar
- Naval Air Station Lemoore
- Naval Air Station North Island
- Naval Air Station Point Mugu
- Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake
- Vandenberg Air Force Base

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