D.C. serves as the hub of the U.S. aerospace industry, as it is the home of all of the federally-endorsed aerospace agencies (e.g., DOD, FAA, NASA, etc.).

Aerospace workforce growth rate between 2012 and 2017: 36.8%

In aerospace and defense export value, which is more than 50% of district’s total exports: $773.6 million

Average wage of a worker in the aerospace and defense industry: $144,184

Major Industry Employers:
- Airbus Group
- Alion Science & Technology
- BAE Systems
- Bombardier Aerospace
- Brazilian Aeronautical Commission
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Saab North America
- Viasat Inc.

*Aerospace Engineering Programs:
- George Washington University
- Howard University

References:

* ABET accredited school and/or AIAA Student Branch
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