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

KANSAS AEROSPACE KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

#3 In largest concentration of aviation workers in the U.S.

$5 billion
Aviation industry’s annual impact (3.5% of the state’s GDP)

78,740
Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2019 (41,124 direct)

35%
Of all general aviation planes in the U.S. are built in Kansas

$2.25 billion
Annual aerospace exports by Kansas companies

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

3 Aerospace Engineering Programs
Dwight D. Eisenhower International Airport, with 20,000 jobs, is the world’s largest general aviation MRO facility

MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS
- Airbus Americas Engineering
- The Boeing Company
- Bombardier Aerospace
- Collins Aerospace
- HM Dunn Aerospace
- Harlow Aerostructures
- Honeywell Aerospace
- Impresa Aerospace
- Lee Aerospace
- Spirit AeroSystems
- Textron Aviation

MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- Marshall Army Airfield
- McConnell Air Force Base
- Sherman Army Airfield

REFERENCES
https://www.kansascommerce.gov/industry/aerospace/
http://www.niar wichita.edu/profile/aboutus.asp
* ABET accredited school and/or AIAA Student Branch
The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) comprises nearly 30,000 members that span over 100 countries. They are engineers, researchers, scientists, entrepreneurs, educators, and students. They drive economic growth, discoveries, and innovations that help the aerospace community accomplish what was once thought impossible.

AIAA delivers extensive technical expertise and policy guidance to decision makers at the federal and state levels, serving as a reliable resource on a full spectrum of aerospace issues.

**AIAA CAN HELP PROVIDE:**

› One-on-one meetings between technical experts and lawmakers to offer background on key aerospace issues

› Informational seminars on key issues for groups

› Expert testimony before lawmakers

› White papers on specific aerospace topics

---

**Steve Sidorek**, Director, Public Policy and Government Relations

steves@aiaa.org | 703.264.7541

aiaa.org/advocacy