Louisiana is home to more than 450,000 workers in manufacturing, giving an edge to the aerospace industry.

Michoud’s workforce is building the core stage of the Space Launch System—NASA’s largest rocket that will carry astronauts into deep space.

**Major Industry Employers**
- AAR Aircraft Services
- AvEx
- Bell Helicopter
- The Boeing Company
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- PHI Inc.

**Major Military Installations**
- Barksdale Air Force Base
- Fort Polk Army Airfield
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans

**Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2019**
- 4,692 direct
- 9,346 total

**Average employee wages in the industry**
- $69,441

**Amount of manufacturing space under one roof at NASA’s Michoud Assembly Facility**
- 43 Acres
- 3,500+ workers on site
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