# Maine Aerospace Key Facts and Figures

## #2
Aircraft, engines, and parts are the most valuable export after seafood

## 700%
Increase in civilian aircraft and aviation exports over the last decade, reaching a record of $312 million in 2016

## $6.139 billion
In total economic output, accounting for 3.21% of the state's GDP

## 18,267
Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2019 (9,386 direct)

### 40+ Aerospace-related companies across the state

### Major Industry Employers
- BAE Systems
- Bombardier
- C&L Aviation Group
- Fiber Materials, Inc.
- General Dynamics
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Lufthansa
- Pratt & Whitney

### Pratt & Whitney's North Berwick plant, with 2,100 employees, is the state's largest manufacturing facility under one roof

### Fiber Materials, Inc., in Biddeford, produces reinforced composites that enable high-temperature applications, including products found in the Mars Rover's heat shields

### In 1962, the world's first satellite images were transmitted from the Telstar satellite through an antenna in Andover

### References
- http://www.investinmaine.net/industries/aerospace/

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