Kitty Hawk is the well-known location of the Wright Brothers’ first flight

**MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS**
- ATI
- B/E Aerospace
- Collins Aerospace
- C.R. Onsrud
- Curtiss-Wright
- GE Aviation
- HAECO
- Honda Aircraft Company
- Honda Aero, Inc.
- Honeywell
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- LORD Corporation
- Purolator Facet, Inc.
- Spirit Aerosystems
- Triumph Group

**Fastest growing aerospace cluster in the United States**

200+

Aerospace companies and 400+ aerospace suppliers across the state

21,979

Jobs supported by the aerospace and defense industry in 2019 (10,259 direct)

North Carolina has the largest manufacturing workforce in the Southeast and the third largest military population in the nation

North Carolina State University is one of 15 leading research universities partnering with the FAA’s Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

**MAJOR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**
- Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune
- Camp Mackall Army Base
- Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
- Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City
- Fort Bragg Army Base
- Marine Corps Air Station New River
- Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point
- Pope Army Airfield
- Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

4 Major Airports

2 *Aerospace Engineering Programs

North Carolina has a number of aerospace clusters, including facilities centered around Union County and Monroe near Charlotte and production and maintenance located in Triad area as well as at the Global Transpark in Kinston

**REFERENCES**
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- https://ncaerospacecorridor.com/

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