SOUTH DAKOTA
AEROSPACE KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

2 Major Airports

$58,440 Average annual wage of an aerospace and defense employee in South Dakota

American Airlines
Applied Engineering Inc.
BAE Systems Inc.
Raven Aerostar
Freeman Co
Mustang Aviation

71 Public-use airports across the state

Ellsworth Air Force Base is home to the South Dakota Air & Space Museum

Ellsworth Air Force Base
Minuteman Missile Training Launch Facility

MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS

• American Airlines
• Applied Engineering Inc.
• BAE Systems Inc.
• Raven Aerostar
• Freeman Co
• Mustang Aviation

*AEROSPACE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS

• South Dakota State University

PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS

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REFERENCES

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