Florida is the birthplace of commercial aviation and the air transport hub of the Western Hemisphere; the state is also home to 130 public use airports.

MAJOR INDUSTRY EMPLOYERS
- Aerojet Rocketdyne
- Airbus
- BAE Systems
- Blue Origin
- The Boeing Company
- Embraer
- Flight Safety International
- General Dynamics
- Harris Corporation
- L-3 Crestview Aerospace
- Lockheed Martin Corporation
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- Pratt & Whitney
- Raytheon
- Rockwell Collins
- Sikorsky
- SpaceX
- United Launch Alliance

#2 State in aviation and aerospace establishments
- 7 Major Airports
- 9 Aerospace Engineering Programs

17,144+
Aerospace-related companies call Florida home, contributing $17.7 billion in revenues to Florida's economy

123,712
Floridians work in state's aerospace industry

$7.6+ billion
Annual aviation and aerospace business exports, making Florida the national leader in these sectors

$4 billion
Kennedy Space Center’s economic impact, including $2.2 billion in value added to the state's GDP and nearly 24,000 jobs

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