Hawaii's clear skies and volcanic peaks have made the state a premier site for astronomy and astrophysics.

Total jobs supported by A&D in the state: 697

Largest exporter of aircraft, spacecraft, and other parts: 2nd

Aerospace and defense output: $111 million

40.5% of the state's exports are aerospace and defense

4 Major Airports

The islands offer the world's largest multi-environment range capable of testing and evaluating surface, subsurface, air, and space operations.

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