Florida’s Strengths in Aviation & Aerospace

Few states can match the broad range of industry expertise available in Florida. In fact, Florida is home to one of the nation’s largest aerospace and aviation industries (2,000+ companies), and has long been the world’s premier gateway to space, the undisputed air traffic hub of the Western Hemisphere, a major hub for flight training and MRO, and home to leading manufacturers of all types of aircraft and aircraft components.

### Aerospace

**Size:** 480+ companies

**Areas of Excellence:** aircraft assembly and parts, avionics, payload processing, propulsion systems, guided missiles and air defense systems, rockets and spacecraft, UAS, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance

**Select Companies in Florida:** Boeing, DRS Technologies, Embraer, General Dynamics, Honeywell, L-3, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Rockwell Collins, Sikorsky, United Launch Alliance

### Aviation

**Size:** 1,590+ companies

**Areas of Excellence:** MRO, flight training, logistics, global air cargo, simulation/training, passenger to freighter conversions, avionics installation and retrofit, air travel

**Select Companies in Florida:** Airbus, Commercial Jet, FedEx, Flight Safety International, LAN Cargo, LiveTV, Signature Flight Support Corporation, Spirit Airlines, UPS

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**Florida Fast Facts**

- **#2** state in aviation, aerospace, and space establishments
- **2** licensed U.S. spaceports in Cape Canaveral and Jacksonville
- **20** major military installations — and **3** unified combatant commands
- **100+** public use airports support global commerce, aircraft technology testing, and manufacturing operations

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1 Primary data source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, QCEW  
2 Space Florida  
3 Florida Defense Alliance  
4 Florida Dept. of Transportation
Florida’s Aviation & Aerospace Cluster
(select companies highlighted)

Comparative Costs for Aerospace and Aviation Companies in Florida vs. Other Markets

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Why Florida is the perfect climate for business:

“Breaking ground on the newest facility at our growing aeronautical cluster in Melbourne is an important milestone for Embraer on its path to becoming a truly global company. This latest achievement is a testament to the close partnership we have with the state of Florida and economic development authorities on the Space Coast and Melbourne, without which this aviation campus would not have been possible.”
Gary Spulak, President
Embraer Aircraft Holding Inc.

“The state and county have supported our business growth, and the location provides other benefits to us including an advantageous climate for flight testing.”
John Fischetti, General Manager, Development Flight Center
Sikorsky Aircraft

“Florida has proven an ideal and welcome location to grow and develop our aerospace business. We are pleased to be located at Lakeland Linder Airport and will continue to commit our company to the economic growth of Lakeland and Central Florida area.”
Jared Isaacman, CEO
Draken International

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