

Where A&D goes supersonic.

Home to some of the world's largest aerospace and defense companies, innovative startups, and next-generation technologies and manufacturing, Arizona is at the forefront of the aerospace & defense industry. With more than 300 days of sunshine annually, a longstanding commitment to supporting the U.S. military and a business-friendly environment, top companies come to Arizona to develop advanced solutions and drive innovation.

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS



RANKINGS & GROWTH

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CONCENTRATION FOR GUIDED MISSILE & SPACE VEHICLE MANUFACTURING
Lightcast, 2024

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LARGEST OPTICS & PHOTONICS MANUFACTURING JOB GROWTH
Lightcast, 2024

TOP 2

LARGEST GUIDED MISSILE AND SPACE VEHICLE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT
Lightcast, 2024

TOP 3

AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING ATTRACTIVENESS
PwC, 2025

TOP 5

CONCENTRATION FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE MANUFACTURING
Lightcast, 2024

TOP 5

LARGEST A&D MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT
Lightcast, 2024

Arizona's Industry Leaders



ARIZONA'S INTERACTIVE A&D DATABASE HAS
1,250+ searchable companies
in the supply chain

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INDUSTRY STRENGTHS

Strategic U.S. Military Installations

Arizona has a longstanding commitment to supporting the U.S. military. The Department of Defense has **six major military installations** and four National Guard operations across the state that account for **\$15.5 billion in annual economic output**. Arizona's strong military presence is vital to the state's private A&D industry. Many service members transition to the private industry where they apply the skills they developed during active duty.

Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

Arizona is a leader in maintenance, repair and overhaul operations with the **8th highest total economic impact** in the nation of **\$2.4 billion**. The state also has the 8th highest aviation maintenance employment in the nation. **Arizona is home to 150 FAA-certified operations** that are the foundation for the soaring economy. At 1,200 acres, Ascent Aviation Services near Tucson is one of the largest MRO facilities in the world.

Leading Global Space Economy

Arizona is at the forefront of space innovation. **The University of Arizona ranks sixth for NASA-funded activity** and has a history of involvement in space missions. Arizona State University is deeply engaged in Mars missions and actively participates in various space projects. Industry leaders such as Blue Origin, Boeing, Honeywell Aerospace, Lockheed Martin, Virgin Galactic and others have operations in the state, contributing to its space industry prowess.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Arizona's universities and colleges facilitate cutting-edge research and world-class programs, developing a highly skilled workforce to meet private-sector needs.

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**AEROSPACE-
AERONAUTICAL-
ASTRONAUTICAL
ENGINEERING
PROGRAM**
EMBRY-RIDDLE
AERONAUTICAL
UNIVERSITY

*U.S. News & World Report,
2018-2025*

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**MOST INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY
FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report, 2016-2025

TOP 2

**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
SYSTEMS PROGRAM**
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
U.S. News & World Report, 2025

TOP 2

**SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
AND LOGISTICS PROGRAM**
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report, 2025

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UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

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& TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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