



Aerospace

Aerospace Companies in Colorado

*Aeroflex
The Aerospace Corporation
Ball Aerospace
Boeing
Computer Sciences Corp
Digital Globe
EchoStar
Hughes
Intermap Technologies, Inc.
Jeppesen Sanderson, Inc
Litton Industries
Lockheed Martin Space
Systems
Northrop Grumman
Raytheon
Seakr Engineering, Inc.
Space Imaging
Stanley Aviation*

Military Installations

*Peterson Air Force Base
North American Aerospace
Defense Command
U.S. Northern Command
Air Force Space Command
U.S. Army Space Command
Schrleiver Air Force Base
Cheyenne Mountain Air
Force Station
U.S. Army Space & Missile
Defense Battle Lab
U.S. Air Force Academy
Buckley Air Force Base*

Profile and Trends in Colorado

Colorado is home to the 3rd largest space economy, behind California and Florida. There are more than 300 companies in the space business in Colorado. The industry provides an estimated 157,000 direct and industry-support jobs and between \$4 and \$5 billion a year in revenues. It is anticipated that this industry will be an economic generator as commercialization of space becomes more widespread in the future. By 2010, it is estimated that revenues will increase to \$7 billion and employment to 232,000.

Colorado has many of the attributes conducive to a strong and growing aerospace industry: an existing base of companies involved in defense and commercial markets; numerous government and military installations; higher education institutions with world-class aerospace research and engineering programs; and high-tech industries that support commercial space growth sectors. In addition, Colorado's central geographic location makes it a hub for communication, transportation, and redistribution of information, durable goods, and services. Add to that, the quality of life in the state, and Colorado becomes a very attractive place to run an aerospace business.

Colorado Aerospace Companies

Many of the national leaders in the aerospace industry already have major operations in Colorado. Lockheed Martin Space Systems is headquartered here. Ball Aerospace, Boeing, Computer Sciences Corp., EchoStar, Hughes, Litton Industries Inc., Raytheon, Northrop Grumman, Digital Globe, and Space Imaging are a few of the other big name aerospace companies with operations in Colorado. In addition, approximately 300 small and medium-sized Colorado firms support these large firms.

Research Institutions

The University of Colorado is the single largest recipient of NASA sponsored university research dollars in the nation. Colorado is home to numerous space-related institutions, including the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), BioServe Space Technologies, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Space Foundation, the Space Science Institute, the Colorado Center for Astrodynamics Research, the Colorado Space Education Initiative, and the Colorado Space Grant Consortium. In addition, at least 14 Colorado universities offer space-related curricula and/or departments. The state ranked 7th overall in total aerospace engineering R&D expenditures.

Military Operations

Colorado's strong military presence provides another competitive advantage. These organizations support and feed the industry, they foster technological advancements, and attract new companies to the area. With increased defense and homeland security spending, the state's military operations should thrive, giving a boost to the aerospace industry and the entire state economy.