


MISSOURI'S AEROSPACE & DEFENSE INDUSTRY



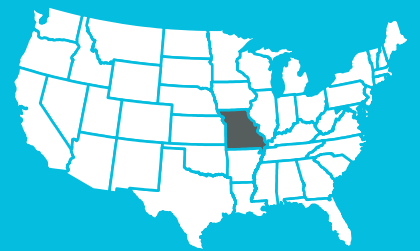
LEGACY OF AEROSPACE LEADERSHIP: Missouri's deep roots in aviation — particularly military aviation — have positioned the state as one of the leading aerospace manufacturing hubs in the United States. With more than a century of innovation and contributions from industry giants like Boeing, Missouri continues to lead the way in aerospace advancement.

SKILLED WORKFORCE, WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTION: More than 18,000 highly-trained Missourians build advanced military jets, commercial composite parts, and critical defense systems at Boeing's Defense, Space & Security facilities.

TALENT ENGINE FOR AEROSPACE & DEFENSE: 37 Missouri institutions offer aerospace and defense-related degrees, including 20 specializing in precision production. In 2024 alone, Missouri granted over 3,000 engineering degrees and 600 precision production degrees.

STRATEGIC HUB FOR U.S. DEFENSE: Missouri is home to the western headquarters of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), where a recent \$1.75 billion investment is expanding the state's vital role in national security.

GLOBALLY CONNECTED, GLOBALLY RESPECTED: Missouri exports over \$16 billion in manufactured goods each year to 193 countries, making it a powerful player on the world stage.



100+
aerospace
manufacturers,
including Boeing

6.5%
of all manufacturing
employment in
Missouri is
in aerospace

MISSOURI EMPLOYMENT

Description	Missouri 2025 Jobs	Missouri Avg. Annual Earnings	U.S. Avg. Annual Earnings
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	36,692	\$46,082	\$44,927
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	15,601	\$72,291	\$74,310
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	10,840	\$53,319	\$55,503
Machinists	8,145	\$60,676	\$57,403
Mechanical Engineers	4,218	\$96,427	\$110,894
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	2,975	\$62,861	\$80,672
Engineers, All Other	1,744	\$102,789	\$124,979
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	1,287	\$87,744	\$79,512
Engine and Other Machine Assemblers	1,048	\$44,784	\$56,035
Aerospace Engineers	916	\$116,847	\$141,588

Source: Lightcast, 2025

THRIVING INDUSTRY: Missouri is home to more than 100 companies leading the aerospace & defense industry, including:



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