

AVIATION & AEROSPACE

INDUSTRY SECTOR BRIEF

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SOME STATES WILL PROMISE YOUR BUSINESS THE MOON. WE CAN ACTUALLY DELIVER IT.

Florida has long been the world's premier gateway to space, undisputed air traffic hub for the western hemisphere, a major center for flight training and MRO, and home to aircraft, aviation and aerospace components manufacturing. The broad range of industry expertise available in Florida is unmatched.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Consistently ranked one of the best states for business — Florida is committed to keeping regulatory requirements and business taxes low. Which, along with a strong economy and zero personal state income tax, makes Florida a great place to do business. We won't stand in the way of your success.

We will pave the way for it.

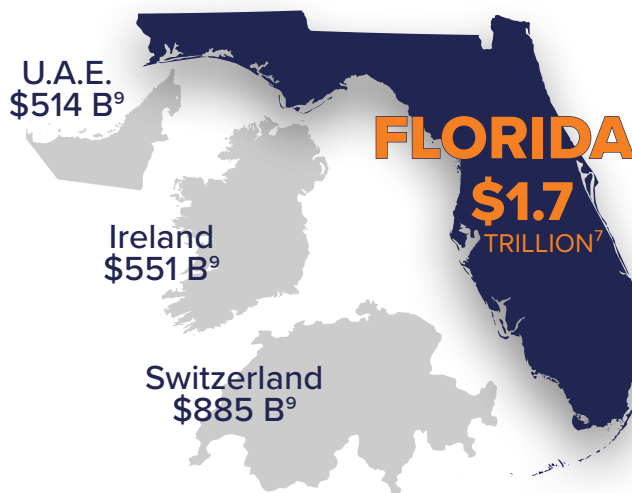
TOP FIVE REASONS TO DO BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

- 1 Highly Skilled Workforce** — Florida is ranked the #1 state in the U.S. for attracting and developing a skilled workforce,¹ and first in net tech employment in the Southeast,² making Florida a great state for employees and businesses alike.
- 2 Leader in Aviation and Aerospace Industry** — Florida ranks #1 in MRO establishments³ and #3 in aircraft manufacturing establishments in the U.S.⁴ The best of the best companies are in Florida and your business should be too.
- 3 Business-Friendly State** — A cost-competitive environment, favorable tax structure, no personal income tax and superior quality of life make it easy to be in business in Florida.
- 4 Gateway to Space** — Florida has long been the world's gateway to space and continues to be the epicenter of innovation, opportunity and economic expansion in the aerospace industry. Access to three spaceports solidifies the state's key advantage over the competition.⁵
- 5 Florida to the World** — Florida is one of the US's top exporters of aerospace products and parts. The Sunshine State generated over \$9.8 billion in Florida origin exports in 2023.⁶

MARKET AND ACCESS

Success today requires global access. Florida offers one of the most extensive transportation systems in the world, so you can reach your customers and suppliers anywhere, fast. Whether you are serving Florida's large market, the U.S., Latin America or the globe — **no other state can expand your reach like Florida.**

16TH LARGEST GLOBAL ECONOMY, IF FLORIDA WERE A COUNTRY^{9,7}



Aviation Industry \$9.8 BILLION IN FLORIDA ORIGIN EXPORTS⁶



WORKFORCE EXPERTISE

Nothing is more important to a company's success than its workforce. More than 144,000¹ Floridians work in Florida's Aviation and Aerospace industries with large numbers of rocket scientists, machinists, pilots, engineers, and other flexible, highly-skilled workers. Florida is also home to more than 66,000 active duty personnel¹⁰ and nearly 1.5 million veterans.¹¹ Florida's universities are among the nation's top producers of STEM graduates, including many specializing in Aviation and Aerospace. **While we are helping you succeed with today's talent, we are also preparing talent for tomorrow.**

Degrees Awarded in Florida			
Programs	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctor's Degree
Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical/Space Engineering, General	782	247	19
Electrical and Electronics Engineering	815	408	127
Mechanical Engineering	1,611	324	70
Industrial Engineering	274	99	23
Total	3,482	1,078	239

Source: Lightcast. Data as of the 2022-2023 academic year.

BUSINESS ADVANTAGES FOR THE AVIATION AND AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA

- Expanding Spaceport Territories
 - Research and Development Tax Exemptions
 - Aviation Tax Exemptions
 - World Class Talent Development
 - 2,200+ Space Research and Technology Jobs¹³
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SPACEFLORIDA

34.5% of Higher Education Degrees are Science and Engineering¹²

FLORIDA'S AVIATION AND AEROSPACE HEAT MAP

700+
Aerospace Establishments¹

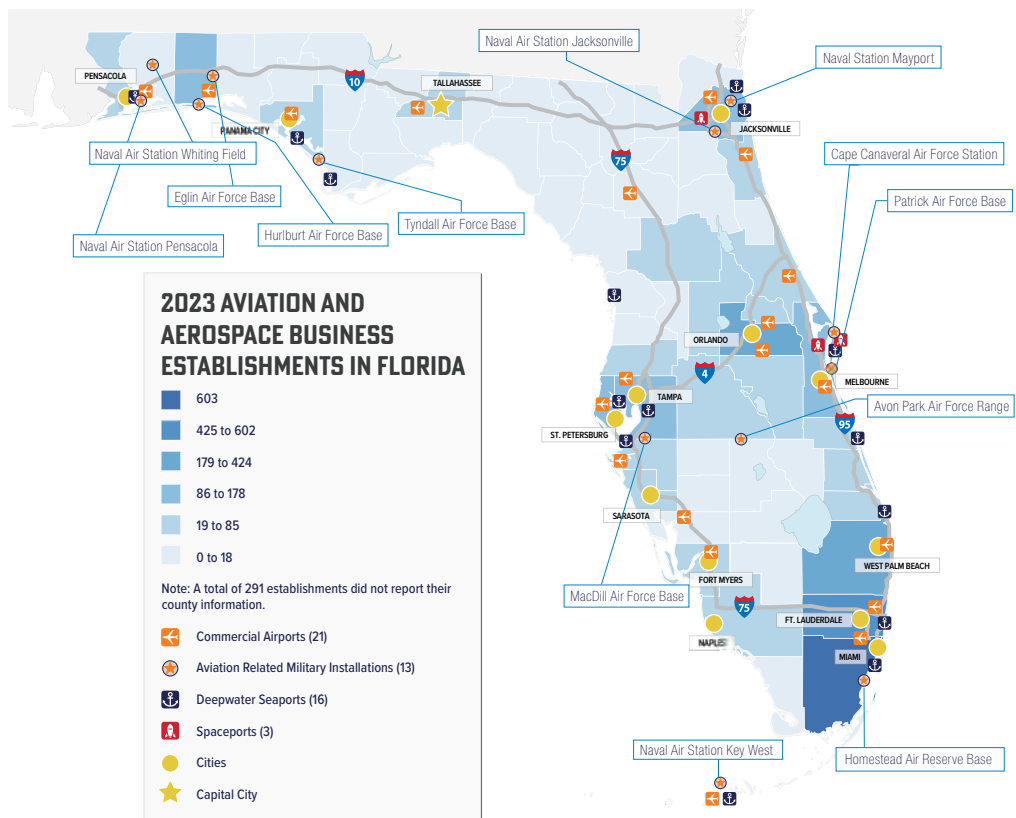
2,000+
Aviation Establishments¹

21
Commercial Service Airports⁵

3
Spaceport Facilities⁵

125+
Public Use Airports⁵

Sources: 1 Lightcast 2024.3; QCEW, 5 FDOT
Map Source: Lightcast 2024.3; QCEW



SERVICES

- **Confidential Site Selection and Property Search Assistance**
- **Target Industry Sector Expertise**
Aviation and Aerospace, Defense and Homeland Security, Manufacturing, Financial and Professional Services, Life Sciences, Information Technology, Logistics and Distribution, Cleantech, and Headquarters.
- **Demographic and Workforce Information**
- **State Agency Liaison**
- **Permitting and Regulatory Assistance**
- **Incentive Programs**
- **Export Counseling**
- **Overseas Trade Shows and Trade Missions**
- **Certificates of Free Sale**
- **Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices**

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