

Market Overview- Aerospace & Defense

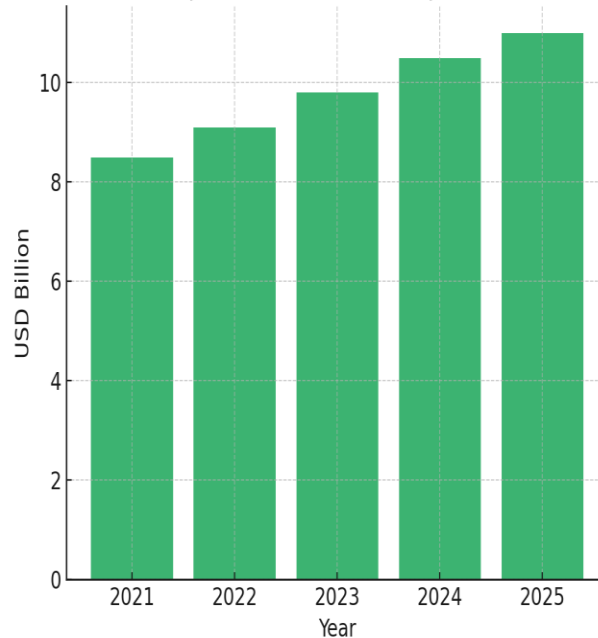
Texas continues to be a powerhouse in aerospace and defense in 2025, fueled by innovation, commercial space growth, and strong public-private investment. Home to major players like SpaceX, Lockheed Martin, and Blue Origin, the state leads in spaceflight, military aviation, and advanced manufacturing. As national security and space exploration priorities expand, Texas plays a critical role in shaping the future of the U.S. defense and aerospace landscape.



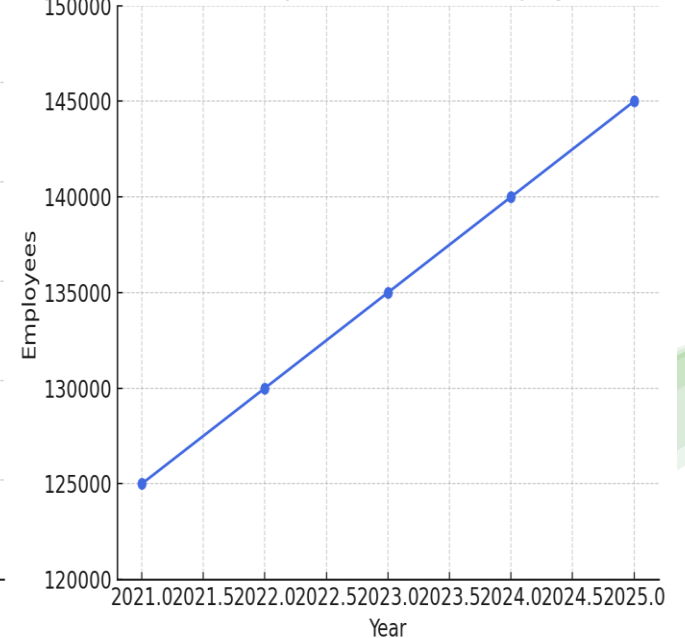
Economic Contributions & Employment

Texas's aerospace and defense sector remains a significant contributor to the state's economy in 2025. The industry generates approximately \$11 billion annually in gross product and employs around 145,000 Texans across more than 2,000 businesses. Major aerospace companies, including SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Firefly Aerospace, have substantial operations in the state, bolstering Texas's position as a national leader in aerospace manufacturing and innovation.

Texas Aerospace & Defense Output (2021-2025)



Texas Aerospace & Defense Employment



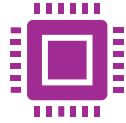
Current Trends & Challenges

Source: [Texas Semiconductor & Defense Aerospace Jobs](#)



Strategic Investments:

The Texas Space Commission has awarded nearly \$70 million in grants to companies like SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Intuitive Machines to support infrastructure development and technological advancements in aerospace.



Workforce Development:

Initiatives are underway to address talent shortages by investing in STEM education and training programs, ensuring a skilled workforce to meet the industry's growing demands.



Supply Chain Resilience:

Efforts are being made to enhance supply chain visibility and resilience, crucial for sustaining the growth and competitiveness of Texas's aerospace and defense sector.

