

# TUCSON & SOUTHERN ARIZONA: AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

Southern Arizona's clear blue skies, year round flying weather, and dry climate have attracted aerospace-related businesses since the early 1900's. These qualities have made Tucson and Southern Arizona the **5th highest concentration of aerospace and defense employees** in the country.



**Over 8,000 graduates** of engineering majors from The University of Arizona & Arizona State University. (2017 -2018)



**\$10.69 billion** in Department of Defense contracts. (Arizona Commerce Authority, 2018)



The Tucson region is a **leader in the state's \$3 billion optics industry**. (Arizona Commerce Authority, 2018)

## KEY EMPLOYERS



**BOMBARDIER**

**MEGGITT**

**NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

**Raytheon**

**Honeywell**

**UNIVERSAL<sup>®</sup> AVIONICS**  
SYSTEMS CORPORATION



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## WORKFORCE



- UA ranks in the **top 10 of NASA grant recipients**
- **#1** in space science research



- **\$104.7 million** in research expenditures in 2018
- **19 NSF career awards** since 2015



- One of the only schools in the U.S. teaching **Advanced Structural Repair & Modification**
- FAA-approved school offering an aviation maintenance degree & curriculum targeting commercial jet transports



- **#1** Aerospace Engineering program among schools whose highest degree is a master's

## INFRASTRUCTURE



### PINAL AIRPARK

	TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY <small>TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT • RYAN AIRFIELD</small>	RYAN AIRFIELD <small>TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY</small>	PINAL AIRPARK
Runways	<b>3</b> 10,900 ft, 8,400 ft, 7,000 ft	<b>3</b> 5,500 ft, 4,900 ft, 4,000 ft	<b>1</b> 6,849 ft
Existing facilities & development sites available	✓	✓	✓
Additionally	Port of Entry w/ 24hr Customs	30 tenants including flight instruction facilities	Home of Marana Aerospace Solutions (MRO)

## MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

The military is a key employer in Southern Arizona. Many of the aerospace and defense industry's companies benefit from the experience of **38,000 veterans** that choose to continue their professional careers in the region.

**Davis-Monthan Air Force Base**  
**Fort Huachuca**  
**162d Fighter Wing - Air National Guard**  
**Western Army National Guard Aviation Training Site (WAATS)**

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