2019

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

The Aerospace and Defense industry is a major part of the Arkansas economy. Our workforce is strong, with multiple major companies operating here, and to support this workforce Arkansas has become a leader in aerospace education.

Industry Overview in Arkansas

Aerospace/aviation is Arkansas' **leading export** in 2018.
(Source: Global Trade Atlas)

DASSAULT FALCON
DASSAULT AIRCRAFT SERVICES

Dassault Falcon Jet's **largest facility in the world** is located in Little Rock.

The total value of LRAFB's economic impact was reported as **$469.2M** in 2017.
(Source: LRAFB FY 2017 Economic Impact Report)

Arkansas Aerospace Companies

(Selections are based on having over 10 employees per operation location in March 2019)

Data source: Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Bureau of Labor Statistics, ReferenceUSA, Dun & Bradstreet, Hoover's and Company websites
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Current Workforce

Arkansas has a trained & skilled workforce in both the defense and aviation industries.

8,000 total employees in aerospace and defense industry manufacturing

3,000 employees are directly engaged in aerospace products and parts manufacturing sector

The aerospace and defense industry manufacturing is comprised of **68 companies** employing approximately **8,000**. Of that total, approximately **3,000** employees are directly engaged in aerospace products and parts manufacturing sector with an average wage of **$62,252** (Annual 2017).
(Sources: EMSI ES202 Data and Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Little Rock Air Force Base has more than **7,500** active-duty military and civilian members, including **1,488** civilians. Total value of LRAFB's economic impact was reported as **$469.2M**.
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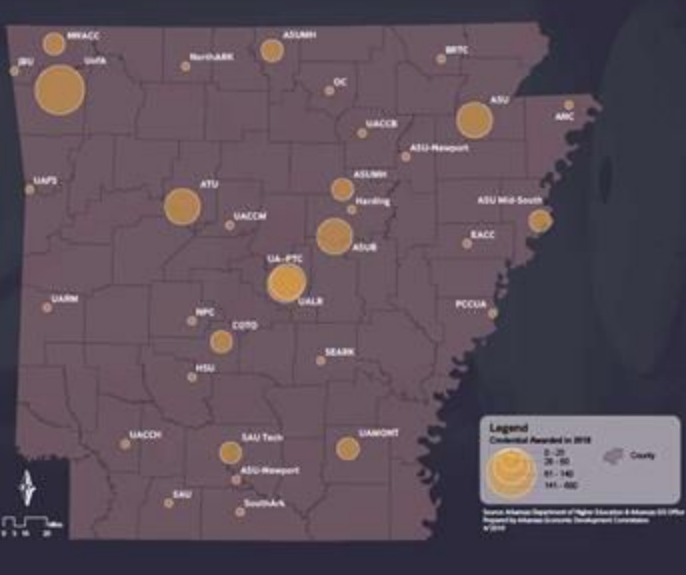
Meeting the Need/Education

Arkansas leads the South in aerospace education, offering a wide variety of certification programs and degrees.

Aviation-Related Education Programs in Arkansas

(2019 data)

Aviation-Related Credentials Awarded In Arkansas



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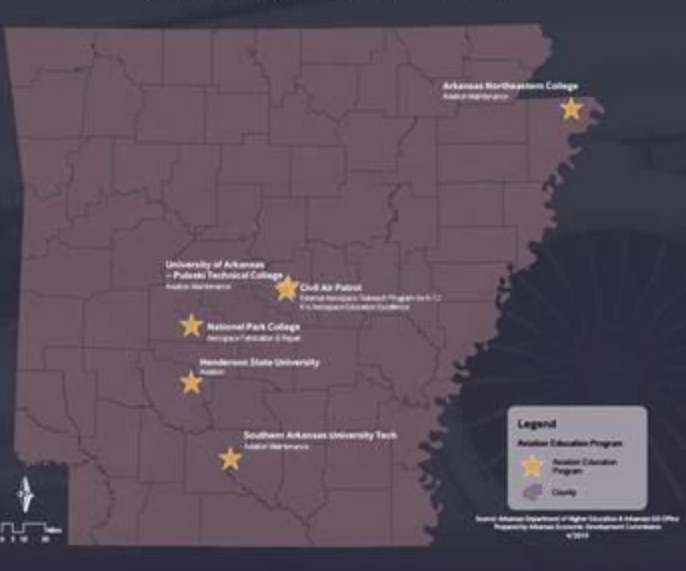

Cyber Security Education Programs In Arkansas

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