

NATIONAL AEROSPACE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 14 - 18, 2026

HIGHLIGHT AEROSPACE IN YOUR STATE

Show your constituents how aerospace and defense industry strengthens your state's economy and supports communities across the country.

Each state fact sheet includes:

- ➔ **AIA member companies in your state.**
- ➔ **Key data on jobs, wages, and economic activity.**
- ➔ **American Rocketry Challenge participation in your state.**

Use your state fact sheet to highlight the aerospace and defense industry in your state during National Aerospace Week.

aia-aerospace.org/state-data/



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AT A GLANCE

National Aerospace Week celebrates the achievements and economic contributions of the U.S. aerospace and defense industry. Members of Congress can join the conversation by sharing posts with **#AeroWeek2026** and highlighting the industry's impact in their states and districts.

AIA has developed resources, including the 2026 Facts & Figures report and state fact sheets, to help Members of Congress highlight the industry's contributions nationwide.

Learn more and access resources:

aia-aerospace.org/national-aerospace-week

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE BY THE NUMBERS

The aerospace and defense industry supports more than 2.1 million jobs across all 50 states.

In 2025, America's aerospace and defense industry supported more than 2.1 million jobs nationwide, with highly skilled workers earning wages approximately 40% above the national average. The industry's supply chain supported more than 1.1 million jobs, while \$45 billion in capital investment strengthened the industrial base's manufacturing capacity.

Employment spans commercial aerospace, defense, national security, space, cyber, and other critical sectors. The full 2026 Facts & Figures report is now available: aia-aerospace.org/industry-impact/

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Members of Congress can help amplify National Aerospace Week by:

- **Share a post:** Use AIA's ready-to-use social media content and **#AeroWeek2026**.
- **Highlight your state:** Share your state's impact using AIA's state fact sheet.
- **Recognize the aerospace and defense workforce:** Highlight the workforce that helps keep America flying, secure, and exploring.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT



- From protecting our national security to propelling us into space, National Aerospace Week celebrates the strength and contributions of America’s aerospace & defense industry. #AeroWeek2026
- More than 2.1M Americans work in aerospace & defense—high-skilled jobs that support families, strengthen communities, and power our economy. #AeroWeek2026
- The U.S. aerospace & defense industry is a pillar of national security and economic strength—generating \$500B in economic value and \$989B in sales in 2025. Proud to celebrate National Aerospace Week! #AeroWeek2026
- [# **STATE WORKERS**] workers in [**STATE**] help power America’s aerospace & defense industry. In 2025, U.S. aerospace & defense exports reached \$172.7B, reflecting strong global demand for American-made products. #AeroWeek2026
- Our allies and partners count on American aerospace & defense capabilities. In 2025, exports reached \$172.7B, helping generate a \$109.2B trade surplus, the largest of any U.S. manufacturing sector. #AeroWeek2026
- This National Aerospace Week, I'd like to highlight @LaunchWithARC, which helps cultivate the next generation of STEM leaders right here in [**STATE**]. Teams use STEM skills to design and fly rockets, building experience that can translate to careers in aerospace & defense. Learn more: <https://rocketrychallenge.org/> #AeroWeek2026
- This National Aerospace Week, support youth in [**STATE**] by registering for @LaunchWithARC. Teams of middle and high school students design, build, and launch real rockets for prizes and a chance to compete internationally. Register today: <https://rocketrychallenge.org/> #AeroWeek2026

VISUAL ASSETS

