



The Aerospace & Defense Industry in CALIFORNIA



SUPPORTS
273,830
EMPLOYEES

ACROSS
1,458
FACILITIES

CALIFORNIA BY THE NUMBERS



\$170.9B

TOTAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT



\$175K

AVERAGE
CALIFORNIA A&D
SALARY



+\$80.4B

VALUE ADDED
TO STATE GDP



+\$6.73B

CONTRIBUTED IN
STATE TAX
REVENUE

AIA COMPANIES IN YOUR STATE



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT



AIA's American Rocketry Challenge (ARC) is the world's largest student rocketry competition, engaging over a thousand teams of middle and high school students from across the U.S. each year, and helping students launch careers that shape the future of the U.S. aerospace industry.

147
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
COMPETED IN ARC IN 2025

11
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS
WENT TO ARC FINALS IN 2025

IN 2025, AMERICA'S A&D INDUSTRY:

SUPPORTED
2.1 MILLION
HIGHLY-SKILLED
U.S. WORKERS

EXPORTED
\$173B
WORTH OF U.S.
GOODS

INVESTED
\$45 BILLION
IN U.S. MANUFACTURING,
UP 13% FROM 2024

INCOME EXCEEDED
40%
ABOVE THE NATIONAL
AVERAGE PER JOB

GENERATED NEARLY
\$1 TRILLION
IN ECONOMIC
OUTPUT

Source: 2026 S&P Global Market Intelligence/2026 AIA Facts and Figures
Figures are rounded to nearest whole number