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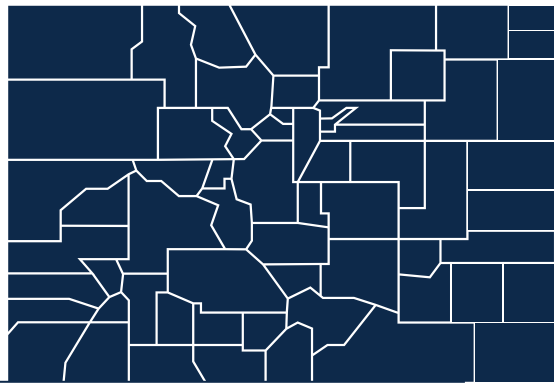
The Aerospace & Defense Industry in COLORADO



SUPPORTS 30,647 EMPLOYEES | **ACROSS 241 FACILITIES**

COLORADO BY THE NUMBERS

$14.2B TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

$157K AVERAGE COLORADO A&D SALARY

+$7.5B VALUE ADDED TO STATE GDP

+$396M CONTRIBUTED IN STATE TAX REVENUE

AIA COMPANIES IN YOUR STATE

ULA, Burns McDonnell, Moog, Kratos, General Dynamics, Boom, Astroscale, True Anomaly, TTM Technologies, Ansys part of Synopsys, Rocket Lab, SGS, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, Voyager, Honeywell Aerospace, infor, RTX, CACI Ever Vigilant, Haskell, L3Harris, Slingshot Aerospace, Kayhan Space, Boeing, Woodward, HCLTech, gogo

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.

17 COLORADO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN ARC 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