



The Aerospace & Defense Industry in ILLINOIS



SUPPORTS
33,926
EMPLOYEES

ACROSS
312
FACILITIES

ILLINOIS BY THE NUMBERS



\$13.9B

TOTAL ECONOMIC
IMPACT



\$102K

AVERAGE ILLINOIS
A&D SALARY



+\$7.2B

VALUE ADDED
TO STATE GDP



+\$344M

CONTRIBUTED IN
STATE TAX
REVENUE

AIA COMPANIES IN YOUR STATE



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.

39
ILLINOIS SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATED IN ARC IN 2025

6
ILLINOIS SCHOOLS
WENT TO ARC FINALS IN 2025

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FLIGHT

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