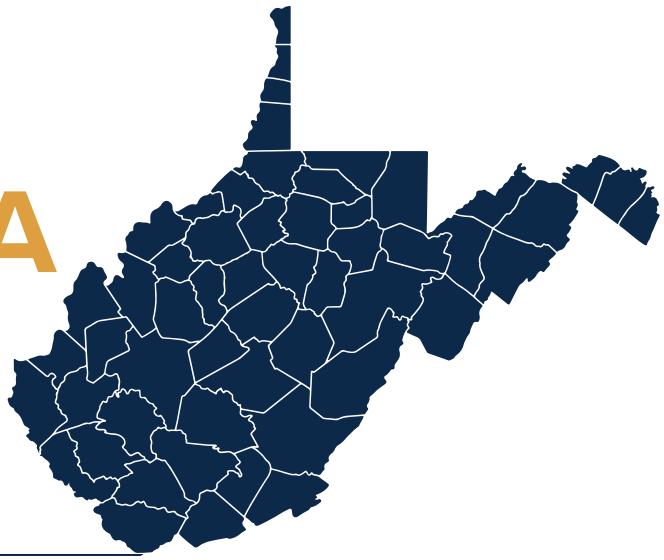
AIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

The Aerospace & Defense Industry in

WEST VIRGINIA



SUPPORTS **5,067** **EMPLOYEES**

ACROSS **30** **FACILITIES**

WEST VIRGINIA BY THE NUMBERS

$2.2B
TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

$110K
AVERAGE WEST VIRGINIA A&D SALARY

+$894M
VALUE ADDED TO STATE GDP

+$71M
CONTRIBUTED IN STATE TAX REVENUE

AIA COMPANIES IN YOUR STATE

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · L3HARRIS™ · RTX · leidos · SGS

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.

11 **WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS** PARTICIPATED IN ARC IN 2025

2 **WEST VIRGINIA 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