

Nevada's Aerospace and Defense Sector



Industry Summary for Aerospace and Defense

21,158

Jobs (2025)

24% below National average

55.5%

% Change (2015-2025)

Nation: 23.6%

\$122,789

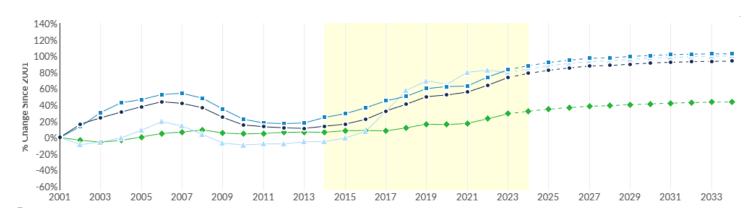
Avg. Earnings Per Job (2024)

Nation: \$144,487

Industry Detail

Payrolled Business Locations (2024)	1,189
Jobs Multiplier	2

Regional Trends



	Region	2015 Jobs	2025 Jobs	Change	% Change
•	Nevada	13,608	21,158	7,549	55.5%
•	Las Vegas, NV Metro	8,853	13,208	4,355	49.2%
•	Reno, NV Metro	2,165	3,630	1,465	67.7%
•	United States	2,242,654	2,771,191	528,537	23.6%

Regional Breakdown of Nevada's Aerospace and Defense

Region	Jobs (2015)	Jobs (2025)	Job Change (2015-2025)	Job Change %	Earnings (2024)	Jobs LQ (2024)
Carson City	693	735	41	6%	\$105,539	1.39
Churchill	533	814	280	53%	\$125,917	4.55
Clark	8,853	13,208	4,355	49%	\$119,804	0.66
Douglas	190	450	260	137%	\$103,835	1.17
Elko	117	161	44	38%	\$111,351	0.41
Esmeralda	0	5	5	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.38
Eureka	5	0	(5)	Insf. Data	\$0	0.00
Humboldt	5	42	37	Insf. Data	\$115,136	0.29
Lander	5	5	0	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.01
Lincoln	5	5	0	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.04
Lyon	79	70	(9)	(11%)	\$76,442	0.28
Mineral	0	0	0	0%	\$0	0.00
Nye	1,012	1,851	840	83%	\$148,501	7.30
Pershing	0	0	0	0%	\$0	0.00
Storey	130	172	42	32%	\$85,294	0.53
Washoe	1,956	3,388	1,432	73%	\$126,478	0.80
White Pine	5	5	0	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.09



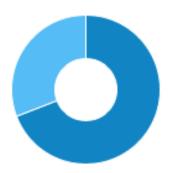
Top Occupations Employed in these Industries

Description	Employed in Industry Group (2024)	% of Total Jobs in Industry Group (2024)
Civil Engineers	1,591	7.7%
General and Operations Managers	862	4.2%
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	674	3.3%
Managers, All Other	600	2.9%
Project Management Specialists	563	2.7%

Industry Requirements (Top Supply Chain)

Purchases from	In-region Purchases	Imported Purchases	Total Purchases
Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices	\$59,561,296	\$12,556,295	\$72,117,591
Temporary Help Services	\$53,593,024	\$11,719,915	\$65,312,939
Engineering Services	\$41,254,459	\$17,482,462	\$58,736,920
Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services	\$22,039,359	\$35,038,569	\$57,077,928
Offices of Lawyers	\$31,621,058	\$16,773,411	\$48,394,469

Industry Gender Breakdown



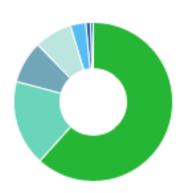
Gender	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
Males	9,915	72.9%
Females	3,694	27.1%

Industry Age Breakdown



	Age	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
•	14-18	37	0.3%
	19-24	746	5.5%
	25-34	2,672	19.6%
	35-44	2,818	20.7%
	45-54	3,481	25.6%
•	55-64	2,920	21.5%
	65+	935	6.9%

Industry Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



	Race/Ethnicity	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
•	White	9,439	69.4%
•	Hispanic or Latino	1,823	13.4%
	Asian	976	7.2%
	Black or African American	888	6.5%
	Two or More Races	302	2.2%
•	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	93	0.7%
	American Indian or Alaska Native	88	0.6%

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NAICS	Description	2015 Jobs	2025 Jobs	2015 - 2025 Change	Avg. Earnings Per Job	2025 Jobs LQ
325920	Explosives Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0	0.00
332722	Bolt, Nut, Screw, Rivet, and Washer Manufacturing	598	681	83	\$93,894	1.90
332992	Small Arms Ammunition Manufacturing	54	53	(1)	\$66,884	0.43
332993	Ammunition (except Small Arms) Manufacturing	0	32	32	\$88,450	0.18
332994	Small Arms, Ordnance, and Ordnance Accessories Manufacturing	155	259	104	\$81,111	0.98
334511	Search, Detection, Navigation, Guidance, Aeronautical, and Nautical System and Instrument Manufacturing	144	705	561	\$131,742	0.57
336411	Aircraft Manufacturing	35	46	11	\$68,346	0.02
336412	Aircraft Engine and Engine Parts Manufacturing	311	124	(186)	\$98,435	0.14
336413	Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing	143	303	160	\$84,041	0.29
336414	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Manufacturing	<10	<10	Insf. Data	\$67,651	0.01
336415	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Propulsion Unit and Propulsion Unit Parts Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0	0.00
336419	Other Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0	0.00
336992	Military Armored Vehicle, Tank, and Tank Component Manufacturing	0	0	0	\$0	0.00
488190	Other Support Activities for Air Transportation	2,160	3,777	1,617	\$113,356	2.50
541330	Engineering Services	7,287	9,891	2,604	\$122,074	0.81
541715	Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	2,557	4,652	2,095	\$141,505	0.82
611512	Flight Training	157	623	466	\$126,891	2.22



Data Sources and Calculations

Industry Data

Lightcast industry data have various sources depending on the class of worker. (1) For QCEW Employees, Lightcast primarily uses the QCEW (Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages), with supplemental estimates from County Business Patterns. (2) Non-QCEW employees data are based on a number of sources including QCEW, Current Employment Statistics, County Business Patterns, BEA State and Local Personal Income reports, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix (NIOEM), the American Community Survey, and Railroad Retirement Board statistics. (3) Self-Employed and Extended Proprietor classes of worker data are primarily based on the American Community Survey, Nonemployer Statistics, and BEA State and Local Personal Income Reports. Projections for QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees are informed by NIOEM and long-term industry projections published by individual states.

Input-Output Data

The input-output model in this report is Lightcast's gravitational flows multi-regional social account matrix model (MR-SAM). It is based on data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey and American Community Survey; as well as the Bureau of Economic Analysis' National Income and Product Accounts, Input-Output Make and Use Tables, and Gross State Product data. In addition, several Lightcast in-house data sets are used, as well as data from Oak Ridge National Labs on the cost of transportation between counties.

Staffing Patterns Data

The staffing pattern data in this report are compiled from several sources using a specialized process. For QCEW and Non-QCEW Employees classes of worker, sources include Occupational Employment Statistics, the National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix, and the American Community Survey. For the Self-Employed and Extended Proprietors classes of worker, the primary source is the American Community Survey, with a small amount of information from Occupational Employment Statistics.

State Data Sources

This report uses state data from the following agencies: Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation

