

Nevada's Aerospace and Defense Sector



Industry Summary for Aerospace and Defense

21,344

Jobs (2025)

24% below National average

57.7%

% Change (2015-2025)

Nation: 24.8%

\$125,432

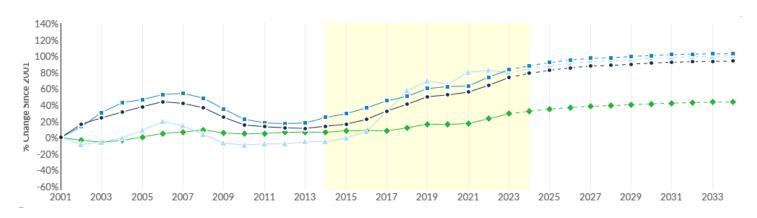
Avg. Earnings Per Job (2024)

Nation: \$147,164

Industry Detail

Payrolled Business Locations (2024)	1,218
Jobs Multiplier	2

Regional Trends



	Region	2015 Jobs	2025 Jobs	Change	% Change
•	Nevada	13,605	21,456	7,851	57.7%
•	Las Vegas, NV Metro	8,841	13,461	4,619	52.2%
•	Reno, NV Metro	2,105	3,485	1,380	65.6%
•	United States	2,242,533	2,799,626	557,093	24.8%

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	710	855	145	20%	\$111,316	1.57
Churchill	571	841	269	47%	\$128,362	4.68
Clark	8,499	13,461	4,962	58%	\$121,518	0.66
Douglas	243	423	180	74%	\$110,473	1.08
Elko	123	174	51	42%	\$107,720	0.44
Esmeralda	0	5	5	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.10
Eureka	5	0	(5)	Insf. Data	\$0	0.00
Humboldt	5	42	37	Insf. Data	\$102,171	0.28
Lander	5	5	0	Insf. Data	Insf. Data	0.01
Lincoln	0	0	0	0%	\$0	0.00
Lyon	83	50	(33)	(40%)	\$84,178	0.20
Mineral	0	0	0	0%	\$0	0.00
Nye	1,071	1,847	776	72%	\$154,243	7.24
Pershing	5	0	(5)	Insf. Data	\$0	0.00
Storey	73	172	98	134%	\$89,794	0.52
Washoe	1,885	3,264	1,379	73%	\$129,656	0.77
White Pine	5	16	11	Insf. Data	\$143,782	0.19



Top Occupations Employed in these Industries

Description	Employed in Industry Group (2024)	% of Total Jobs in Industry Group (2024)
Civil Engineers	1,894	9.1%
General and Operations Managers	869	4.2%
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	714	3.4%
Project Management Specialists	661	3.2%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	597	2.9%

Industry Requirements (Top Supply Chain)

Purchases from	In-region Purchases	Imported Purchases	Total Purchases
Corporate, Subsidiary, and Regional Managing Offices	\$59,082,420	\$12,586,175	\$71,668,595
Temporary Help Services	\$52,846,510	\$11,468,101	\$64,314,611
Engineering Services	\$40,185,962	\$17,425,681	\$57,611,643
Administrative Management and General Management Consulting Services	\$22,406,517	\$34,675,896	\$57,082,412
Lessors of Residential Buildings and Dwellings	\$35,344,530	\$13,777,309	\$49,121,839

Industry Gender Breakdown



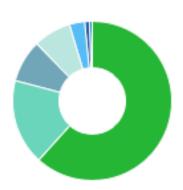
	Gender	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
•	Males	14,787	68.9%
•	Females	6,669	31.1%

Industry Age Breakdown



	Age	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
•	14-18	90	0.4%
•	19-24	1,431	6.7%
•	25-34	4,838	22.5%
	35-44	4,882	22.8%
•	45-54	4,338	20.2%
•	55-64	4,117	19.2%
•	65+	1,760	8.2%

Industry Race/Ethnicity Breakdown



	Race/Ethnicity	2025 Jobs	2025 Percent
•	White	12,819	59.7%
	Hispanic or Latino	3,841	17.9%
•	Asian	1,909	8.9%
	Black or African American	1,851	8.6%
	Two or More Races	720	3.4%
•	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	178	0.8%
•	American Indian or Alaska Native	138	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	716	118	\$95,690	2.02
332992	Small Arms Ammunition Manufacturing	54	50	(4)	\$64,072	0.40
332993	Ammunition (except Small Arms) Manufacturing	0	18	18	\$95,136	0.10
332994	Small Arms, Ordnance, and Ordnance Accessories Manufacturing	155	267	112	\$86,487	1.02
334511	Search, Detection, Navigation, Guidance, Aeronautical, and Nautical System and Instrument Manufacturing	142	502	360	\$129,914	0.41
336411	Aircraft Manufacturing	35	44	9	\$69,870	0.02
336412	Aircraft Engine and Engine Parts Manufacturing	257	209	(48)	\$109,761	0.22
336413	Other Aircraft Parts and Auxiliary Equipment Manufacturing	143	301	158	\$99,400	0.28
336414	Guided Missile and Space Vehicle Manufacturing	60	40	(20)	\$72,732	0.05
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	3,746	1,586	\$115,706	2.46
541330	Engineering Services	7,288	10,084	2,797	\$125,045	0.82
541715	Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Nanotechnology and Biotechnology)	2,556	4,874	2,318	\$143,896	0.85
611512	Flight Training	157	605	448	\$126,023	2.06



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

