

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE



The Austin Region's Aerospace & Defense cluster is rapidly expanding, adding a new dimension to the region's established tech landscape. With aerospace as a longstanding business line among Austin's tech employers, the region embraces the challenges and opportunities of advancing technologies.

143,000
employees
in STEM occupations

109,000
employees
in computer & engineering
occupations

13,000
employees
in aerospace

Recent Announcements & Economic Impact in Austin

Economic Impact

#4 Metro for tech's economic impact as a percentage of the local economy (24.7%) - CompTIA

Major Announcements

DARPA Selection: Firefly Aerospace and ICON chosen for the lunar spacecraft hub - TechCrunch

Acutronic HQ Relocation & Manufacturing Expansion: Acutronic relocated their global headquarters to Austin, expanded their manufacturing facility in Bastrop, and developed a PTECH program with a regional ISD

Military Influence

Army Futures Command: Headquartered in Austin with over 17,000 personnel worldwide, established in 2018 to drive technological innovation and warfighting capability.

AFWERX: Established in 2017 to accelerate agile and affordable capability transitions by teaming innovative technology developers with Airman and Guardian talent.

Army Applications Laboratory: Located in Austin, this innovation unit partners with industry and government to develop and implement cutting-edge solutions for Soldiers.

Strategic Workforce Location: Austin benefits from a skilled workforce of trained personnel transitioning from nearby Fort Cavazos and Joint Base San Antonio.



UT Austin: Leading R&D and Academic Excellence

Rankings

#5 in DOD-financed R&D spending

#6 in Mathematics R&D spending

#7 in Computer Science Graduate Program

#8 in Computer Engineering

#8 in Engineering R&D spending

#8 in Aerospace Graduate Programs

Academic Programs

Engineering

6,000 Undergraduate students

2,000 Graduate students

Aerospace & Defense Employers in the Austin Region

