

INDUSTRY PROFILE

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

The Greater San Antonio region is a national center for aerospace, defense, intelligence, cyber operations, and military medicine. Backed by Joint Base San Antonio, a dense network of prime contractors and suppliers, and world-class research capabilities, the region supports mission-critical operations across air, space, cyber, and defense sectors.

FAST FACTS

Growth, Momentum & Diversity

68% ↑

San Antonio is a hotspot for Aerospace & Defense talent with 43,648 employed. That's 68% above the national average for a region of this size.

Competitive Cost

$8.48

Average industrial market rent per sq. ft. (CBRE, 2025)

Workforce Development & Talent Pipeline

165

Area Engineering, Math & Manufacturing educational programs

43,600+

Employed in Aerospace & Defense with 2.6% projected growth 2026-2036

17,700+

Employed in Military occupations

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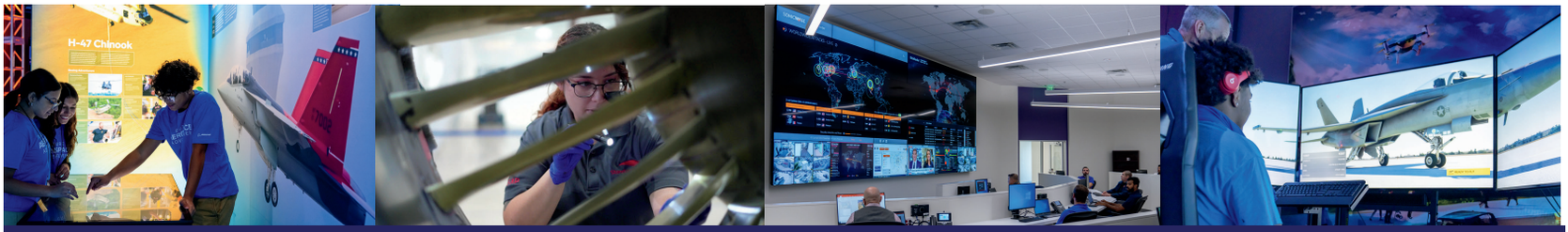
Where Defense, Cyber, and Aerospace Converge

San Antonio's aerospace and defense cluster is anchored by Joint Base San Antonio and Port San Antonio, creating a unique environment where military missions, aircraft sustainment, cybersecurity operations, and advanced manufacturing converge.

The Boeing Company's Global Services & Support operation, a growing network of defense contractors, and applied research from UT San Antonio and Southwest Research Institute provide a foundation for continued growth. Combined with a steady flow of security-cleared military talent, San Antonio offers capabilities that few markets can match.



Why SATX?

Security-Cleared Talent
A large military and veteran population provides access to experienced, mission-ready professionals across aerospace, cyber, intelligence, and engineering disciplines. Each year, 2,200-2,500 Service members remain in San Antonio after military transition.

Mission-Critical Infrastructure
Secure facilities, runway-adjacent industrial campuses, military installations, and logistics assets support aerospace and defense operations.

Port San Antonio
One of the nation's premier aerospace, defense, and technology campuses, the Port is home to Boeing's Global Services operation, and supports aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, space, and national security missions on a secure, runway-adjacent campus.

Research & Innovation Partners
Leverage applied R&D capabilities from UT San Antonio and Southwest Research Institute to support next-generation technologies.

Strategic Location
Central North American access supports defense logistics, manufacturing operations, and national security missions.

Life Works Greater℠ in SATX
There's something for everyone with a vibrant foodie scene, nightlife, the arts, and over 400 miles of trail and 30,000 acres of public parks in San Antonio and much more in the MSA. And simply put, your employees can enjoy more of what they earn in San Antonio. San Antonio's cost of living is the 4th lowest among America's 25 largest cities, residential average home prices are the most affordable in the Texas Triangle at under $320,000, and the average commute time is around 27 minutes.

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