

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE

The Dallas-Fort Worth area is among the nation's top regions for aviation and aerospace activity. The region is headquarters to two mainline airlines, American Airlines Inc. and Southwest Airlines Co., and regional jet operator (and American Airlines partner) Envoy Air, which flies as American Eagle. Southwest also operates a major maintenance base here, creating a strong foundation of aviation employment.

Aerospace is a key source of economic strength for the region, comprising more than 900 companies and accounting for one of every six jobs in North Texas. Lockheed Martin Corp., whose F-16 and F-35 Joint Strike Fighters are the region's flagship products, and Bell Helicopter Textron are the largest aerospace employers, with more than 15,000 employees between them. Airbus Helicopters is headquartered in Grand Prairie.

DFW'S ECONOMIC ENGINE

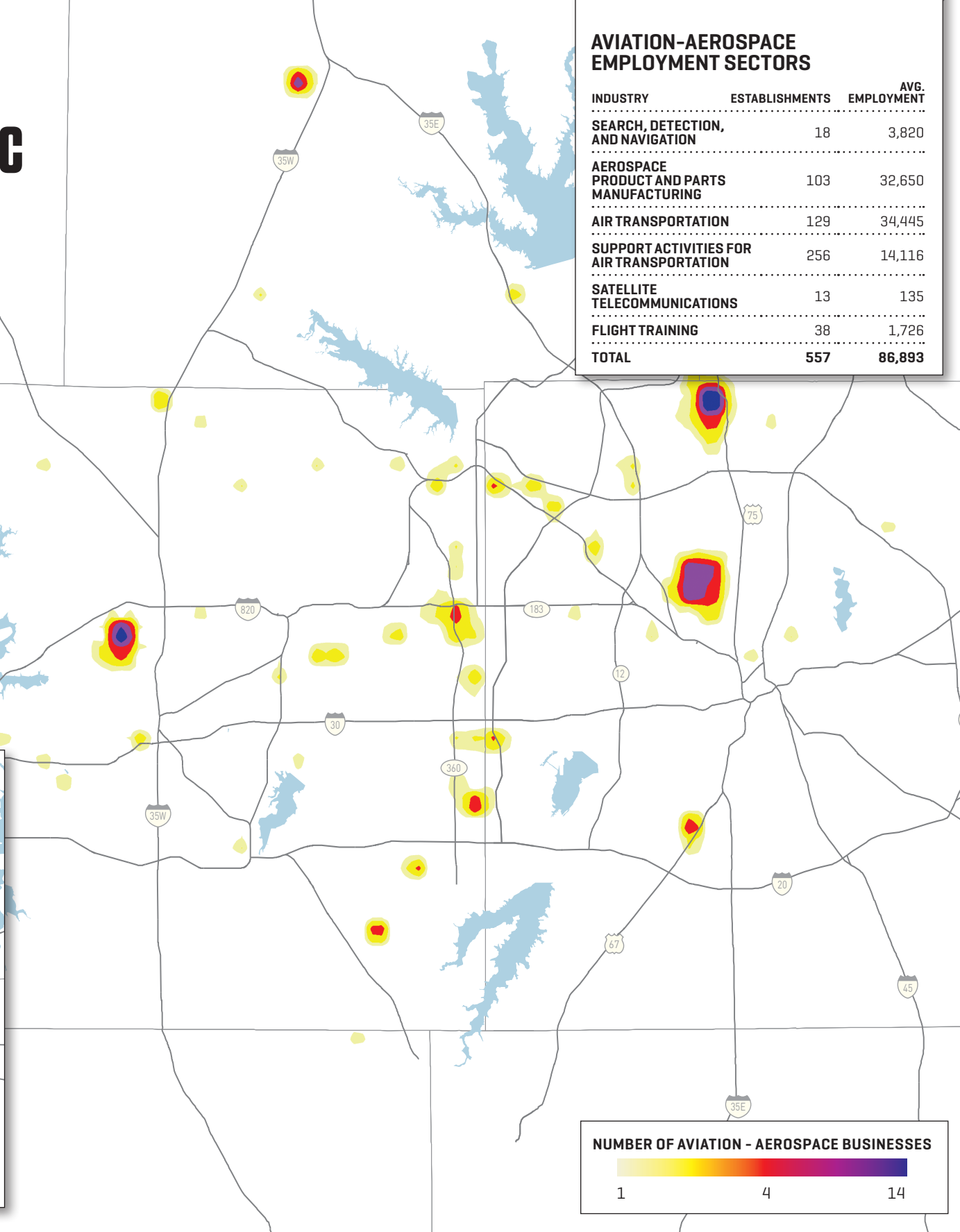
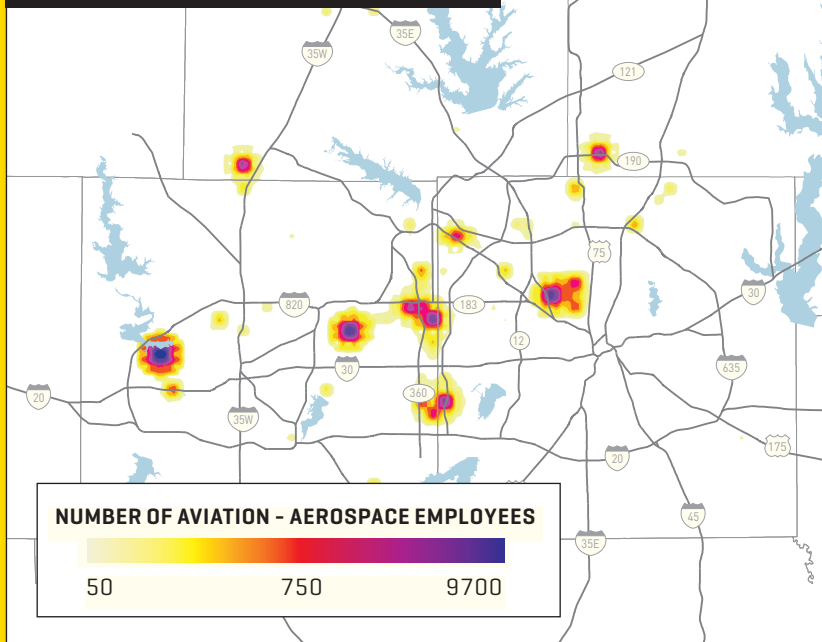
AVIATION-AEROSPACE EMPLOYMENT SECTORS

INDUSTRY	ESTABLISHMENTS	AVG. EMPLOYMENT
SEARCH, DETECTION, AND NAVIGATION	18	3,820
AEROSPACE PRODUCT AND PARTS MANUFACTURING	103	32,650
AIR TRANSPORTATION	129	34,445
SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION	256	14,116
SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	13	135
FLIGHT TRAINING	38	1,726
TOTAL	557	86,893

MAJOR AEROSPACE COMPANIES

COMPANY	LINE OF BUSINESS
A.E. Petsche	Aerospace electrical equipment
United Rotorcraft	Air transportation, nonscheduled
Airbus Helicopters	Helicopter parts
Orbital ATK	Missile electronics, space propulsion units
American Airlines Inc.	Air transportation
Applied Aerodynamics	Maintenance & repair services
Associated Air Center	Aircraft servicing and repairing
Aviall	Parts distribution and maintenance
BAE Systems Controls	Aircraft parts and equipment
Bell Helicopter Textron	Helicopters, Aircraft parts and equipment
Boeing Co.	Commercial and military aircraft
Bombardier Aerospace	Aviation services
CAE	Vocational school
Cessna Aircraft Co.	Aircraft
Chromalloy Component Services	Aircraft parts and equipment
Cooperative Industries Aerospace	Aircraft engines and engine parts
Dallas Airmotive	Aircraft engine repair
EFW	Aircraft and helicopter repair
Envoy Air	Air passenger carrier, scheduled
Federal Aviation Administration	Regulation, administration of transportation
Federal Express	Air cargo services
GDC Technics	Renovation of aircraft interiors
General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems	Aircraft and military components
Gulfstream Aerospace	Corporate jets and modification
Honeywell International	Aircraft parts and equipment
L-3 Communications Aerospace Systems	Aircraft parts and equipment
Labinal	Aircraft parts and equipment, nec
Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control	Aircraft, missiles, military programs
Lockton Dunning Benefits	Aviation consulting services
Mayday Manufacturing	Aircraft parts and equipment
Million Air Dallas	Charter & nonscheduled services
Northrop Grumman Systems	Airplanes, fixed or rotary wing
Pratt & Whitney	Aircraft parts and equipment
Ranger Aerospace	Aviation services
Raytheon	Aircraft parts and equipment
Regent Aerospace	Maintenance & repair services
Reliant Worldwide Plastics	Plastic components for aerospace
Rockwell Collins	Communications and aviation electronics
Sikorsky Aircraft	Aircraft
Southwest Airlines	Air transportation
Texas Air Composites	Maintenance & repair services
Triumph Aerostructures	Aircraft parts and equipment
Turbomeca USA	Repair services
Weatherford Aerospace Inc.	Aircraft parts and equipment

AVIATION-AEROSPACE EMPLOYMENT CLUSTERS



AEROSPACE ENGINEERS
2,657 | \$52.16

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS
4,647 | \$46.78

ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS, EXCEPT COMPUTER
4,319 | \$49.62

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
6,079 | \$48.17

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS TECHNICIANS
455 | \$28.65

AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND SERVICE TECHNICIANS
6,988 | \$29.33

AIRCRAFT STRUCTURE, SURFACES, RIGGING, AND SYSTEMS ASSEMBLERS
2,666 | \$22.16

ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, AND ELECTROMECHANICAL ASSEMBLERS
6,090 | \$13.17

MACHINISTS
7,464 | \$18.32

LEGEND:
OCCUPATION
JOBS | MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS