



COLORADO

Governor Jared Polis

The Polis-Primavera administration knows that the aerospace industry is an important economic engine and Colorado continues working to attract aerospace businesses, national security missions, and innovative research institutions and projects to our state. The aerospace ecosystem in our state is an essential part of Colorado's economy, and Governor Polis works to make Colorado an even better place for aerospace. Thanks to Colorado's incredible quality of life, and world-class talent pool, more and more aerospace companies are calling Colorado home.

Aerospace Industry in Colorado

- Colorado ranks first in the United States for the concentration of private aerospace employees with an extensive network of highly innovative aerospace businesses
- Colorado is the #2 aerospace economy in the nation because of a highly skilled and talented aerospace workforce. 42.7% of Colorado's population has at least a Bachelor's degree compared to 33.1% nationally
- Colorado has over 290 direct aerospace related businesses. Colorado's aerospace industry is leading development on innovative technologies, including quantum computing, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, hypersonics, advanced manufacturing
- There are 33,110 direct employees and over \$4.3 billion in annual payroll. There are also 231,270 indirect employees in Colorado's aerospace economy providing a workforce to continue growth well into the future
- Colorado also has over 500 companies and suppliers that indirectly support the aerospace industry
- Lt. Governor Primavera serves as the co-chair of the Colorado Space Coalition and the National Vice-Chair of the Aerospace States Association
- Colorado is also home to an unparalleled research environment with 34 Federally funded scientific research laboratories and institutes
- Colorado is home to major prime contractors and small businesses. More than 63% Colorado aerospace companies have less than 10 employees, highlighting a dynamic and robust small business aerospace economy
- Colorado is the proud home of eight of the nine U.S. Space Force Deltas and the U.S. Space Force Space Operations Command (SpOC) as well as Peterson Space Force Base, Schriever Space Force Base, and Buckley Space Force Base
- Colorado aerospace grew 10.1% in employment in 2020 compared to 3.7% nationally
- CU Boulder also receives more NASA funding than any other public university. Colorado is also 4th in NASA prime contracts