# AEROSPACE



#### ON THE COVER

#### Northrop Grumman NATO AGS Aircraft

Developed by Northrop Grumman, The NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) system aircraft will expand NATO's joint intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability. Northrop Grumman is one of the largest aerospace and defense employers in the state of Utah.

### Flourishing Industry, Affordable Business Climate, Superior Workforce

#### Industry

- Utah is proud to be home to companies like **Boeing**, **Northrop Grumman**, **L3 Harris**, **Parker Hannifin**, **Hexcel**, and many others. Utah is one of the top states in the nation for aerospace and defense with an employment base of more than 31,000 people.
- Just two of Utah's efforts to align education and industry are the Utah Aerospace Pathways program, which provides training high school students in aerospace manufacturing, and the Advanced Composites Working Group (ACWG), which meets quarterly to address issues currently facing the industry.
- In 2000, the Department of Defense set a mandate to have one third of its fleet **unmanned or autonomous.**Utah, already with a rich history in unmanned systems, has taken this mandate seriously. Utah universities extensively research unmanned systems and related technologies and a variety of Utah companies continue to make strides in the industry.

program facilitated over **20,400 new jobs and more** than \$942M in new state revenues.

• In 2023, the Tax Foundation ranked Utah's "Total Tax Climate" as the **8th best in the nation**. Since 2011, Utah has eliminated or modified over 400 business regulations to ease the burdens placed on businesses.

#### Workforce

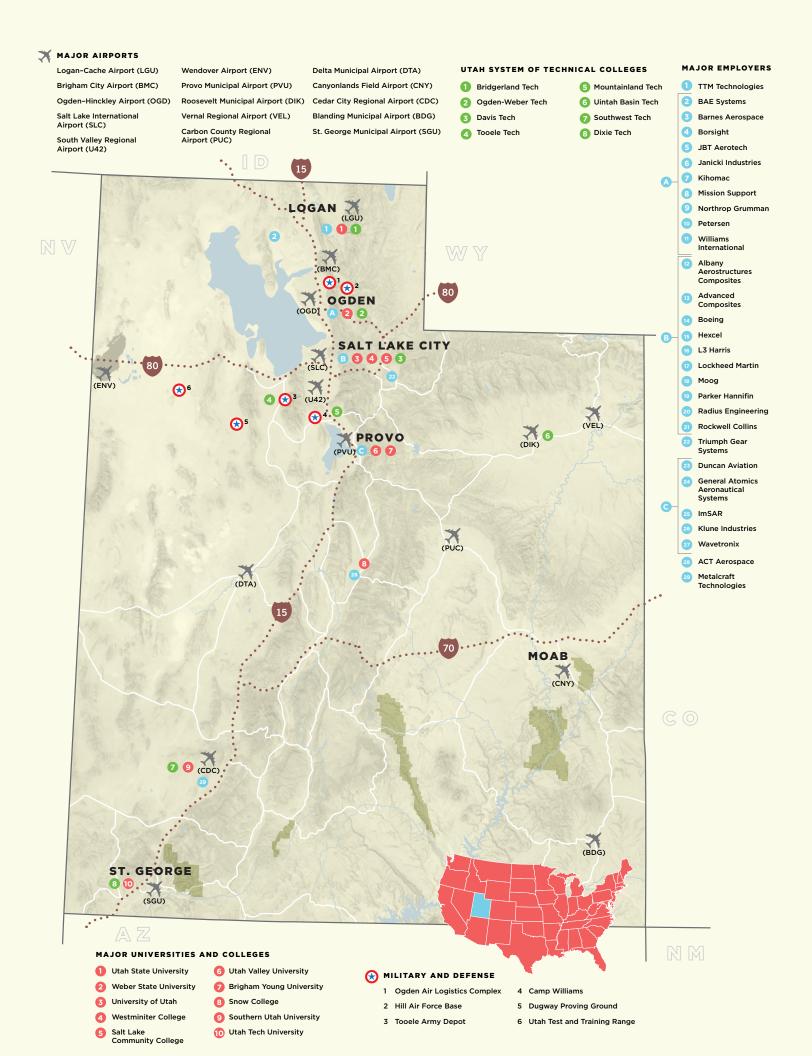
- Utah has high employee concentrations of aerospace engineers, materials scientists, machine operators, and many other aerospace related occupations. Utah also has the 5th lowest union membership rate in the nation at 3.9% (2022).
- There are a wealth of aerospace education resources in Utah, with **seven institutions offering specialized programs in aerospace.** Additionally, technical colleges in Utah provide a constant pipeline of machinists, welders, and composite technicians.
- Utah has an abundance of advanced materials companies with more than 19,000 people employed in the industry. Utah has industry-recognized expertise in advanced materials applications and unmanned systems development.



#### **Business Climate**

- US News ranked Utah the #1 Best State Overall in 2023. Utah also ranked 1st in Economy and Fiscal Stability.
- In 2022, Utah's post-performance tax incentives

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### **Major Aerospace Employers**

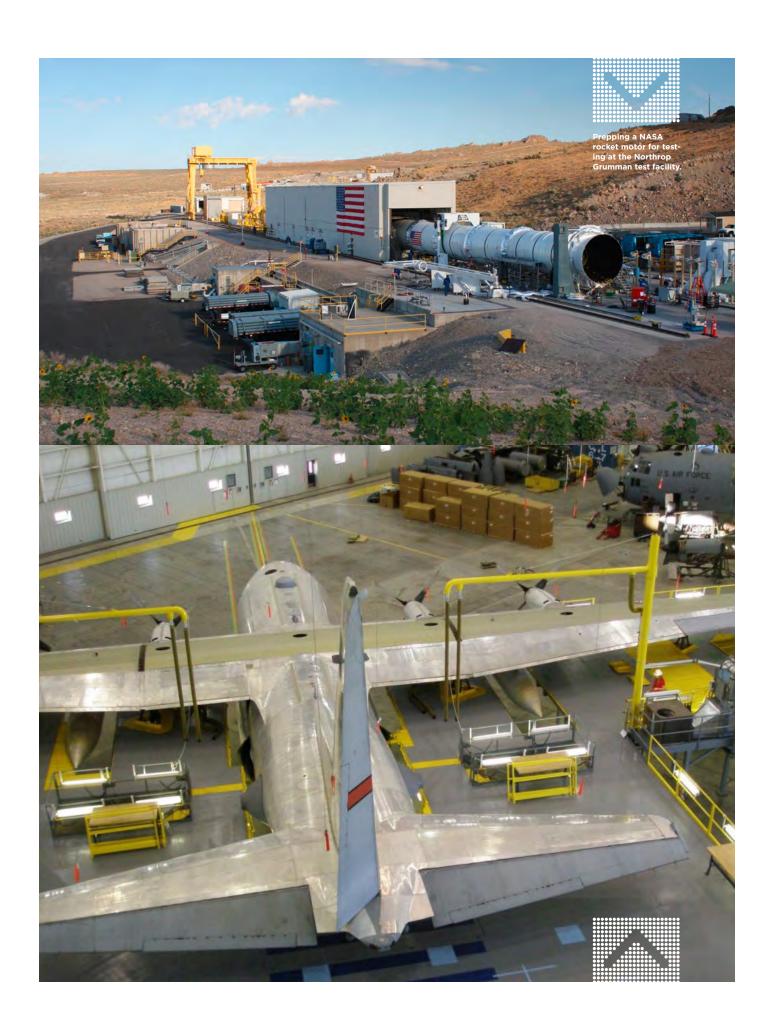
COMPANY	EMPLOYEES*	DESCRIPTION			
ACT Aerospace	100-249 map #28	ACT Aerospace provides consultation and manufacturing for advanced materials such as autoclave cured composite structures.			
Advanced Composites	50-99 map #13	Advanced Composites is a filament winding company that specializes in aerospace, defense, and commercial applications.			
Albany Aerostructures Composites	250-499 map #12	Albany Engineered Composites manufactures composite structures for a wide variety of military, commercial aircraft, and electronic systems for underwater communications and medical diagnostics.			
BAE Systems	500-999 map #2	BAE Systems provides system engineering and technical assistance and training for the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) weapon system at Hill Air Force Bas			
Barnes Aerospace	100-249 map #3	Barnes Aerospace's Ogden division is an industry leader in complex fabrications, specializing in concurrent engineering development and new product introductions.			
Boeing	500-999 map #14	Boeing in Utah fabricates large composite structures including horizontal stabilizers, vertical fins for the 787-9 Dreamliner, and components for other commercial and military aircraft used internationally.			
Borsight	50-99 map #4	Borsight is a system engineering, integration, and manufacturing services provider. The have expertise in mission functionality as well as human factors analysis.			
Duncan Aviation	250-499 map #23	Duncan Aviation performs business aircraft airframe inspections, pre-buy evaluations, line-level engine avionics, interior support, and is equipped to provide AOG engine (RRT) services.			
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems	100-249 map #24	General Atomics in Spanish Fork provides conceptual development, design, engineering, analysis, fabrication, and testing of airframes and support structures using advanced composite materials.			
Hexcel	500-999 map #15	Hexcel Utah manufactures carbon fiber and hot melt prepregs with both woven and unidirectional reinforcements, with applications in commercial aerospace structures and military programs.			
ImSAR	100-249 map #25	ImSAR designs and manufactures miniature Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technology for unmanned and manned aircraft.			
Janicki Industries	100-249 map #6	Janicki Industries designs and manufactures high precision parts and tooling for aerospace, marine, energy, space, military, transportation, and architecture customers.			
JBT Aerotech	250-499 map #5	JBT Aerotech is a global leader in the design and manufacture of cutting edge ground support equipment including loaders, de-icers, and tow tractors.			
Kihomac	100-249 map #7	Kihomac provides complete lifecycle support for the A-10 Thunderbolt II through contracts with the System Program Office (SPO) at Hill Air Force Base.			
Klune Industries	100-249 map #26	Klune Industries in Spanish Fork provides sheet metal forming, casting, machining, and assembly through their machining and assembly competence center.			

\*SOURCE: Utah Department of Workforce Services



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L3 Harris	3000-3999 map #16	L3 Harris is a leading provider of networked communication solutions for high-performance military intelligence collection, imagery processing, and satellite communications.			
Lockheed Martin	100-249 map #17	Lockheed Martin provides logistics, support, maintenance, and distribution for the nation's premier fighter aircraft, including the F-35 Lightning II, F-22 Raptor, F-16 Fighting Falcon, and A-10 Thunderbolt.			
Metalcraft Technologies	100-249 map #29	Metalcraft Technologies is a full-service aerospace components manufacturer that fabricates sheet metal parts, machine precision parts, process and finish parts, and also builds major and minor assemblies.			
Mission Support	20-49 map #8	Mission Support is a certified manufacturer and overhaul and repair facility providing depot-level overhaul services to the US Air Force Material Command, Army Aviation, the FAA, and Naval Aviation.			
Moog	250-499 map #18	Moog Salt Lake City's Aircraft, Space, and Defense Groups houses electronics and electro-mechanical systems teams, system integration teams, and a world-class FAA repair station.			
Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems	5000-5999 map #9	Northrop Grumman Utah manufactures and tests navigation and situational awareness products that are used in platforms from undersea to outer space and supports ICBM and aircraft programs for the USAF.			
Parker Hannifin	250-499 map #19	Parker Hannifin in Utah designs and manufactures components such as thermoplastic elastomers for dynamic applications, as well as complex flight control components for commercial and military aircraft.			
Petersen	500-999 map #10	Petersen provides design engineering, precision machining, and fabrication of tooling and components for advanced aerospace and defense systems.			
Radius Engineering	20-49 map #20	Radius Engineering designs and builds composites manufacturing equipment and process solutions for net-shape composite parts. Their RTM and SQRTM processes are used globally by leaders in the aerospace industry.			
Rockwell Collins	20-49 map #21	Rockwell Collins Salt Lake City designs and develops training and simulation solutions for the aerospace industry.			
Triumph Gear Systems	100-249 map #22	Triumph Gear Systems designs, tests, manufactures, and supports power drive and actuation systems in many aerospace applications, including utility, high lift systems, and flight trim actuation.			
TTM Technologies	500-999 map #1	TTM Technologies manufactures HDI Printed Circuit Boards which are characterized by high-density attributes including laser microvias, fine lines, and high performance thin materials.			
Wavetronix	100-249 map #27	Wavetronix creates tools for intelligent transportation systems (ITS), including advanced radar sensors, power, and communications and data management appliances.			
Williams International	500-999 map #11	Williams International in Ogden is the most modern and efficient small gas turbine engine design-to-production facility in the world.			

\*SOURCE: Utah Department of Workforce Services





# Major Announcements











#### Electric Power Systems To Expand Its Logan Headquarters (2022)

EP Systems plans to bring up to 3,130 new high-paying jobs and invest significant capital expenditure in rural Utah during the next nine years. EP Systems is a leading provider of high-voltage, high-power, certifiable, and scalable power systems for high-reliability applications in the aviation industry. The company is an emerging leader in energy storage and propulsion industries providing solutions to markets primarily in aerospace and defense, with additional reach into automotive, marine, and industrial traction.

#### Williams International Expands its Ogden Location (2020)

Williams International will expand its operations in Ogden, Utah, creating up to 300 new high-paying jobs in the next seven years. Williams International is a world leader in the development, manufacture and support of small gas turbine engines. The company also provides research and development services for the U.S. defense industry and aftermarket services to its commercial and defense customers. The Williams facility in Ogden is earth's most modern and efficient gas turbine design-to-production facility.

#### Northrop Grumman to Expand in Weber County (2020)

Northrop Grumman Corporation intends to expand its operations in Weber County, creating up to 2,250 jobs in the next 20 years. Northrop Grumman is currently the largest security and defense company in Utah with more than 5,100 employees across the state, primarily located in Bacchus, Clearfield, Ogden, Promontory and Salt Lake. Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in autonomous systems, cyber, C4ISR, space, strike, and logistics and modernization to customers worldwide.

#### L3 Harris to Expand in Salt Lake Location (2019)

L3 Harris will expand its operations in Utah, adding up to 250 jobs and \$6.7 million in new state revenue over the next nine years. As a top 10 defense contractor, L3 Harris plays a critical role in designing and manufacturing products for the protection and defense of freedoms worldwide. The company began operating in Utah in the 1950s, and since then has grown to become a world-leader in connecting space, airborne, ground, and sea-based platforms with secure, real-time data.

#### **Duncan Aviation Expansion Moves one Step Closer (2016)**

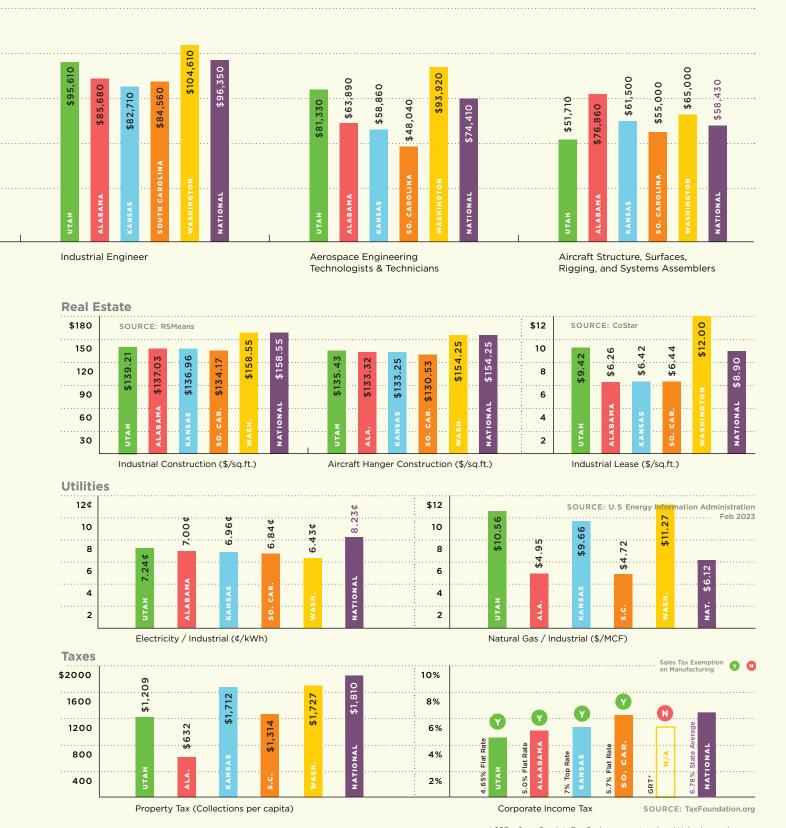
Duncan Aviation's proposed expansion will add up to 700 jobs and include more than \$50 million in capital investment. "Six years ago, 14 Duncan Aviation team members ventured west to start Duncan Aviation's newest heavy maintenance location," said Bill Prochazka, COO of Duncan Aviation's Provo location. "We were met with enthusiasm and professionalism from every direction through our discussions with the state, Utah County and Provo City."

# Cost Profile



### **Other Comparative Wages in Aerospace**

OCCUPATION	UTAH	ALABAMA	KANSAS	SOUTH CAROLINA	WASHINGTON	NATIONAL
Chemical Engineer	\$80,400	\$95,200	\$87,900	\$92,900	\$115,800	\$113,900
Mechanical Engineer	\$97,600	\$92,700	\$81,200	\$86,600	\$102,300	\$96,400
Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians	\$53,400	\$60,100	\$57,900	\$58,400	\$72,200	\$61,800
Materials Scientists	\$109,900	\$98,500	\$94,900	\$94,400	\$107,000	\$103,200
Team Assemblers	\$37,800	\$35,800	\$39,300	\$38,000	\$41,300	\$38,600
Machinists	\$56,400	\$50,000	\$43,600	\$40,400	\$62,700	\$50,400
Molding, Coremaking, Casting Machine Setters, Operators, Tenders, Metal & Plastic	\$39,200	\$35,200	\$35,500	\$38,300	\$41,500	\$38,000
Helpers Production Workers	\$31,600	\$27,800	\$31,000	\$31,200	\$39,300	\$34,000



<sup>\*</sup> GRT = Gross Receipts Tax. Businesses are taxed on ALL business sales transactions instead of corporate income.

### Areas of Excellence

"Areas of Excellence" are industry sub-sectors in which Utah has a competitive advantage due to our infrastructure, trained workforce, historical expertise, and community support. The diagram below shows the collaboration and interrelationship of Utah's business accelerators, educational institutions, government initiatives, and companies within the aerospace and defense industry.

- 1 The 47G Utah Aerospace and Defense convenes, promotes, and advocates for companies competing in the aerospace & defense industry, building the world's premier ecosystem for aerospace and defense companies in Utah.
- 2 The **Mountain West Chapter of AUVSI** provides a supportive environment for the growth of the Unmanned Systems and Robotics industries.
- 3 The Utah Chapter of SAMPE is one of the largest and most active in the US, with members from academia, government, and advanced materials companies working at the leading edge of advanced composites.

The University of Utah based **UAMMI** supports the advanced materials 4 industry by utilizing public and private partners. **Davis Tech** The Utah Aerospace Pathways brings together private industry, 5 education and government to provide the career of a lifetime in aerospace. Utah Rusiness Aeronautical Aviation Association International Utah Aerospace Pathways<sup>10</sup> Utah General Engineered Composites Rockwell Association Collins Northrup Utah Back Country Pilots Association Utah Airport Janicki Operators Association<sup>11</sup> Technologies University of Utah Verospace Engineering Mission Aircraft Component Manufacturing Association<sup>2</sup> & Assembly Klune – Industries Advanced Composites Aerospace Lockheed Association Kihomac Barnes **BAE Systems** Parker Williams Hannifin International L-3 Harris JBT Aerotech Aviation Peterser Metalcraft Triumph EDCUTAH AEROSPACE PROFILE EDCUTAH.ORG Borsight

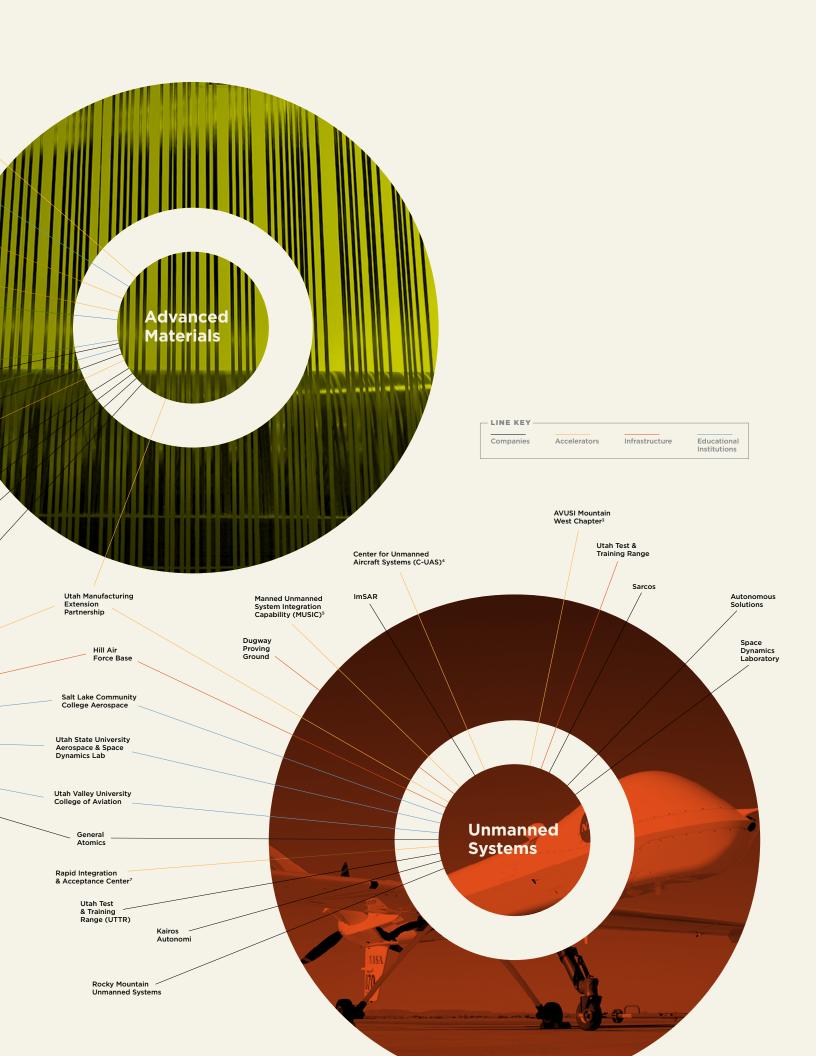
Utah Composites Laboratory

**Brigham Young** 

Utah Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Initiative

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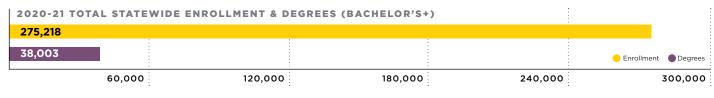
of Material & Process Engineering Utah Chapter (SAMPE)<sup>8</sup>



### **Education & Labor**

#### A State of Education

Utah is home to **12 major colleges and universities** and has an excellent talent pipeline of over **275,000** students. Bachelor's and graduate awards grew by **17% over the last five years**. Utah has an educated workforce, with over 93% of the population 25 or over with a high school diploma and over 36.8% with a bachelor's degree.



SOURCE: Utah System of Higher Education, JobsEQ, NCES

#### TOP THREE INSTITUTIONS WITH AEROSPACE-RELATED DEGREES

#### **Utah State University**

DEGREE: Aerospace Engineering
Pathways



program national recognition.

#### **Weber State University**

DEGREE: Manufacturing Engineering:
Plastics & Composites

The Manufacturing Engineering Technology: Plastics and Composites degree teaches students firsthand about the complex interdependence between the plastic/composite process, materials, tooling and part design. Composite materials are integral in the aerospace industry.

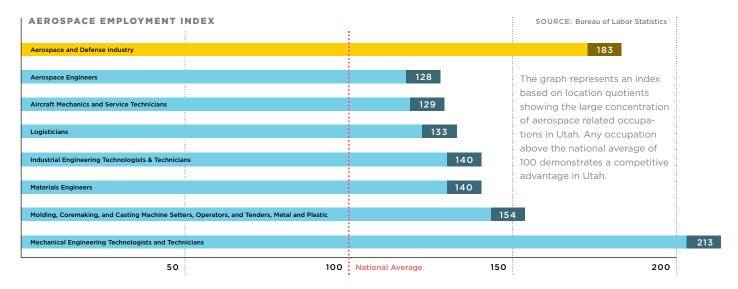
#### **University of Utah**

DEGREE: Mechanical Engineering BS,
Aerospace Emphasis

The University of Utah provides an Aerospace Emphasis for their Mechanical Engineering BS program. This program provides excellent opportunity for mechanical engineering students to pursue careers in aerospace and aviation related fields.

#### The Labor Picture

Utah's labor force is well educated, growing, and affordable. Utah **created over 60,000 jobs in 2022** and maintained one of the highest job growth rates in the nation throughout the year. Utah is the youngest state in the nation with a median age of 31.8 and has an average wage of \$57,300, which is **7% lower than the nation**.



# **Utah System of Technical Colleges**



#### **Bridgerland Tech**

Bridgerland Tech has four campuses: Brigham City, Woodruff, and two in Logan. It has over 1,700 students enrolled in 40 programs. Primary programs include Health Professions & Related Programs and Transportation & Materials Moving.



#### Ogden-Weber Tech

Ogden-Weber Tech has one main campus in Ogden, plus three specialized locations in Ogden and Salt Lake City. Over 2,900 students are enrolled in 30 programs, including Health Professions, Materials Engineering, and Precision Production Programs.



#### **Davis Tech**

Davis Tech has four campus locations: Kaysville, Clearfield, Morgan, and Draper. It has over 3,700 students enrolled in 36 programs, including Health Professions & Related Programs, Homeland Security, and Culinary Services.



#### **Tooele Tech**

Tooele Tech has one campus location in Tooele. It has over 490 students enrolled in 16 programs. The primary programs include Health Professions & Related Programs, Precision Welding Technology, and Business Support Services.



#### **Mountainland Tech**

Mountainland Tech has five campuses: Lehi, American Fork, Orem, Spanish Fork, and Heber. 3,700 students are enrolled in 49 programs, including Health Professions, Precision Welding Technology, and Mechanic & Repair Technologies.



#### **Uintah Basin Tech**

Uintah Basin Tech has two campus locations: Roosevelt and Vernal. Over 1,100 students are enrolled in 22 programs, including Engineering Technology, Health Professions & Related Programs, and Transportation and Materials Moving.



#### **Southwest Tech**

Southwest Tech has two campus locations: Cedar City and Kanab. It has over 640 students enrolled in 18 programs, including Primary programs include Health Professions & Related Programs and Transportation & Materials Moving.



#### Dixie Tech

Dixie Tech has one campus in St. George and over 900 students enrolled in 26 programs. Primary programs include Mechanic and Repair Technologies / Technicians, Health Professions & Related Programs, and Computer & Information Sciences.



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