

It's not what's next in
aerospace,
It's **where.**

➔ **Puerto Rico**

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Puerto Rico's Aerospace Industry Soars

The aerospace industry in Puerto Rico has been steadily growing, attracting major players and establishing itself as a hub for aerospace technology, research, and services. The island offers a strategic location for aerospace companies, providing easy access to the United States and Latin American markets.

The presence of leading companies in the aerospace sector, along with collaborations between industry, academia, and government, has fostered innovation and contributed to developing specialized expertise in defense, commercial aviation, technology-based, aerospace-specialized contractors, and other suppliers. The local government has implemented initiatives to promote the aerospace sector, providing incentives and support to attract investments and foster collaboration with industry leaders.

Puerto Rico's aerospace industry continues to evolve, offering opportunities for company growth, job creation, and technological advancement.

Average Salaries in Aerospace

Job Title	PR	AZ	CA	FL	TX
Aerospace Engineers	\$87,540	\$126,850	\$126,650	\$109,540	\$121,320
Computer Hardware Engineers	\$87,840	\$121,900	\$169,970	\$114,720	\$114,700
Industrial Engineers	\$72,300	\$100,800	\$109,460	\$93,320	\$103,860
Mechanical Engineers	\$69,800	\$96,930	\$113,130	\$90,060	\$107,310
Aerospace Engineering & Operations Technologists & Technicians	\$53,700	\$64,820	\$82,420	\$77,860	\$66,160
Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technologists & Technicians	\$44,440	\$65,550	\$73,910	\$61,010	\$66,210

Research Centers

Aeronautical & Aerospace Institute of Puerto Rico (AAIPR)

- This institute fulfills the training needs required by the market and the aerospace industry via a co-creation development model where industry, academia, and government collaborate to develop the next generation of aerospace professionals

LIFT Puerto Rico

- The local branch of its operation offers advanced applied research and development, as well as advanced manufacturing on the island

Pratt & Whitney Turbo Lab

- This educational lab introduces students to industry vocabulary, hands-on experiences, and important concepts like gas turbines, controls, integrated aircraft systems, and computer-aided design

Aerospace Research Institute (AIR)

- Congress allocated \$7.5M for the UPR Mayagüez's Aerospace Research Institute (AIR)
- The facility will feature labs, auditoriums, offices, and student areas

Advantages of Operating in Puerto Rico

U.S. Jurisdiction

- U.S. federal law, and all the framework and protections that go with it, apply; including intellectual property and patent protection
- The U.S. dollar is the official currency and U.S. banking laws and regulations apply, including the credibility provided by the FDIC
- Federal regulations and standards apply, including: ITAR, EAR, NISPOM, FAR, DFARS, and ISO
- Manufactured goods can be labeled as "Made in USA"

Workforce & Talent Development

- Wages are 30% lower than the rest of the U.S.
- Bilingual (English & Spanish)

Organizational Support

- Robust ecosystem, including the PR Aerospace Technology Consortium, PR Space Grant Consortium, and engine labs

Real Estate

- Island-wide ICT infrastructure, with multiple 5G providers
- Lowest cost Class A office space

#1

in the U.S. graduating Hispanic engineers

#1

in the U.S. in percentage of labor working in STEM

18k

undergrads in STEM and health fields annually

2,500

post-grads in STEM and health fields annually

50k

skilled tech workers will join the workforce by 2035 via the 21st Century Techforce program - making us a top 10 jurisdiction for tech talent

Puerto Rico



\$625M

total annual revenues of aerospace & defense operations as of December 2022

30+

companies in the ecosystem with presence in engineering, BPO, IT, MRO, and more

6,000

growth from 700 employees to 6,000 in the last decade

17k+

employees in indirect employment



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