

As the home of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Northern Kentucky offers aviation and aerospace companies access to four active runways, proximity to DHL’s North American hub and GE Aviation’s global headquarters, manufacturing expertise through companies like Safran Landing Systems, and a robust supply chain of chemical, plastics, composites and metal manufacturing.

## Why NKY



● **CVG Airport:** The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Source: Northern Kentucky Tri-ED

(CVG) is the eighth largest cargo airport in North America and the 34th largest in the world.

- **Industry cluster:** Greater Cincinnati is the second most competitive location in North America for aviation & aerospace (Source: *Site Selection Magazine*, 2015)
- **SOAR:** The Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky Aerospace Region (SOAR) is a 27 county region in Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana that is one of 12 federally-designated manufacturing communities by the US Department of Commerce. This designation gives preferential status on a number of federal grants, a point of contact within the federal government to navigate grant opportunities, and the ability to brand the Greater Cincinnati/Dayton region as a center of US Aerospace Manufacturing.

## Workforce

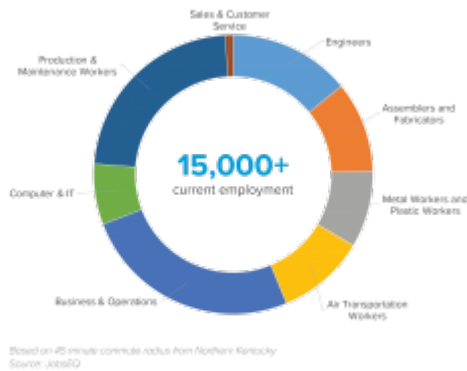
Northern Kentucky’s total labor shed is over 1 million adults, with 15,000 people currently employed in aviation and aerospace. The talent pipeline features more than 6,000 engineering graduates per year within 100-miles and rapidly growing manufacturing technician programs at Gateway Community & Technical college.

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### Labor Cost Comparison

Region	Avg. Annual Wage
Northern Kentucky	\$47,400
Nashville	\$48,800
Orlando	\$53,100
Dallas	\$55,900
Seattle	\$103,000
Houston	\$118,000

Aviation & aerospace occupations; Source: BLS/FAQ 2015



### Major Companies – [See them on a map](#)

Manufacturing	MRO
Celanese	GE On Wing Support
Ellison Surface Technologies	Aircraft Service International
Fives Machining Systems	<b>Commercial</b>
Meggitt Polymers & Composites	Allegiant
Meyer Tool	Delta Airlines
Safran Landing Systems	Delta Private Jets
<b>Freight/Distribution</b>	Frontier
DHL North American Hub	OneJet
GE Aviation	Southwest (June 2017)
Southern Air	United