The region is one of the fastest growing areas in the Great Lakes states for engineering jobs.

ENGINEERING TALENT IN WEST MICHIGAN

Educational programs, resources
- College of Aviation, Western Michigan University
- West Michigan Aviation Academy
- Grand Valley State University
- Kent Career Technical Center
- Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center – Grand Rapids

Aerospace companies in West Michigan
- Duncan Aviation – Maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO)
- GE Aviation Systems – Propulsion, computing systems for navigation, controls, power solutions
- Woodward – Fuel, combustion, fluid, actuation, electronic control system technologies
- Precision Aerospace – Aircraft component machining, stamping, welding, assembly, testing, inspection

Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Grand Rapids
Home to Kent Career Technical Center, West Michigan Aviation Academy

2,400 ENGINEERING SERVICE JOBS  |  5,554 AEROSPACE, INDUSTRIAL, AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

SUPPLIER BASE
12,500+ EMPLOYEES IN FABRICATION, MANUFACTURING, IT, IIoT, CYBERSECURITY  |  120 AEROSPACE COMPANIES AND SUPPLIERS

FABRICATED METAL PRODUCT MFG.
19,726 JOBS 34% JOB GROWTH 2010-2017

MACHINERY MFG.
16,695 JOBS 41% JOB GROWTH 2010-2017

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