

gaining altitude

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

