

North Texas Defense Industry: Economic & Fiscal Impact

Key findings from economic analysis and modeling by The Perryman Group

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**Private-sector defense firms
are a major economic engine
for North Texas.**

PEOPLE.
OPPORTUNITY.
A STRONGER REGION.

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

DEFENSE DRIVES A STRONGER NORTH TEXAS



\$35.3B

annual gross
product



264,600

jobs



\$67.6B

total
expenditures



\$22.6B

personal
income

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

ANNUAL TAX IMPACT



100,000

direct jobs in the Dallas-Fort Worth
area and surrounding region.



\$1.756B

annual tax revenue
to the State of Texas



\$1.496B

annual tax revenue
to local entities
in North Texas

A HIGH-VALUE WORKFORCE



6.3%

of regional private
employment



Related direct and
indirect salaries are
almost **5%** above
the regional average.



Direct job salaries are
approximately **41%**
above the regional
average.

WHY NORTH TEXAS?



Home to major
private-sector
defense entities
since the 1940s.



Deep regional
supply chain of
smaller firms.



Key companies include
Lockheed Martin, Bell Textron,
RTX, L3Harris, Boeing,
Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems,
General Dynamics, Elbit Systems,
and GKN Aerospace.



Growth is supported
by expansion in
advanced manufacturing,
aerospace, and
supplier networks.

Where the Impact Lands

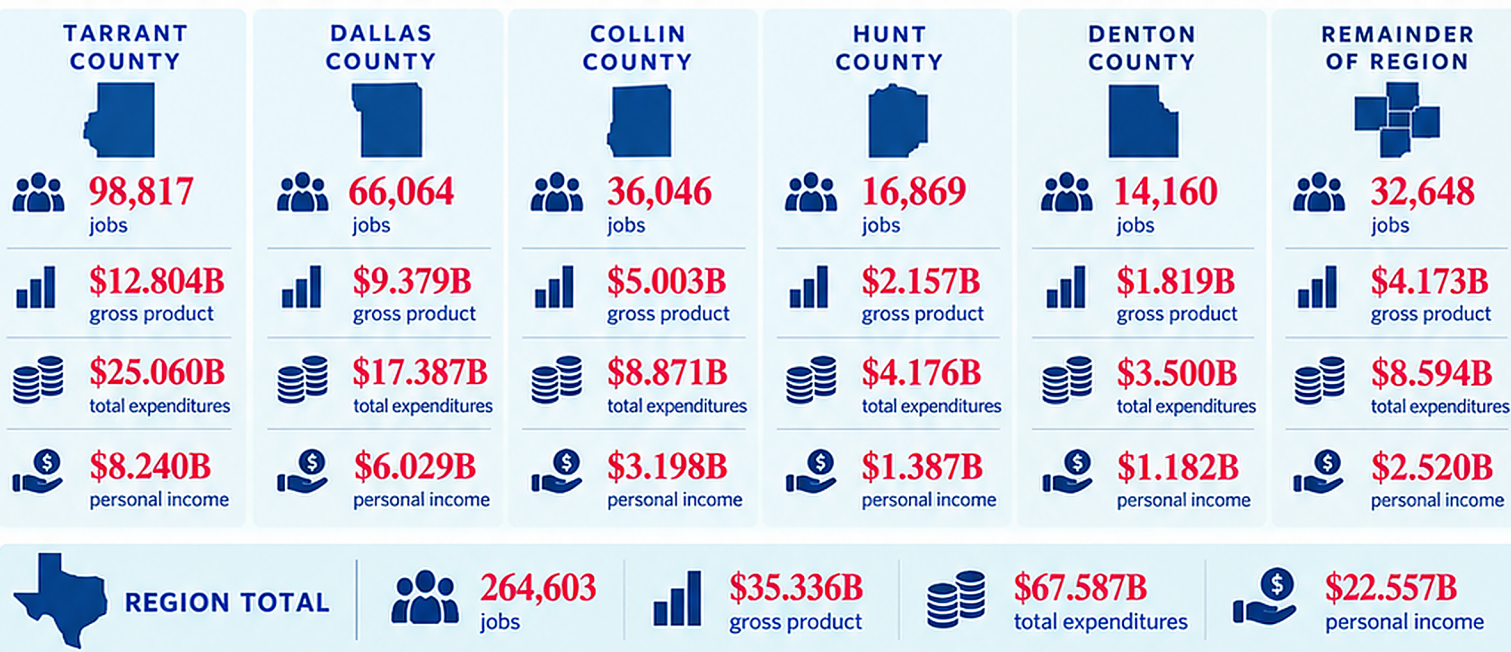
A regional footprint across counties, companies, and supply chains.

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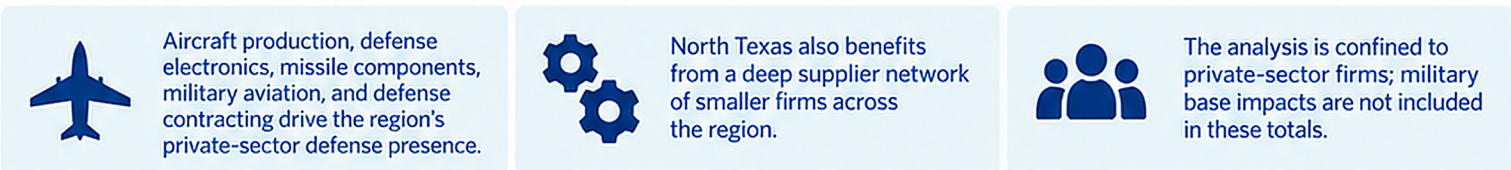
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COUNTY-BY-COUNTY ECONOMIC IMPACT

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DEFENSE ECOSYSTEM



MAJOR INDUSTRY PRESENCE



MOMENTUM & OUTLOOK



STUDY BASIS

Impacts are annual and shown in constant 2026 dollars. Results include direct, indirect, and induced effects estimated by The Perryman Group's US Multi-Regional impact Assessment System.