



## AVIATION INDUSTRY

The aviation industry represents an important, growing facet of Jefferson County's diverse industry base. Occupations in the county's aviation industry increased more than 20% from 2018 – 2023.

A driving force behind this growth is the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport (RMMA), located in the north region of the county. RMMA serves as a reliever airport to Denver International Airport (DEN) and is the 3rd busiest airport in Colorado.



### Industry Snapshot



Companies  
**46**



Jobs  
**676**



Average Wage  
**\$133,300**



Jobs Multiplier  
**2.76**



Location Quotient  
**0.32**

- As one of the county's largest aviation industry employers, RMMA continues to be a significant contributor to the local economy and provides many **resources for businesses development**, such as:
  - Houses an on-site U.S. customs office operating 24 hours/day
  - Does not charge landing fees
  - Has two fixed-base operators
  - Recent charter jet services to multiple nonstop destination
  - Over 170 acres of aviation land available for development
- Jeffco EDC, in partnership with the RMMA, recently created a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for Jefferson County - **FTZ #298**. As a result, activated businesses in an FTZ can reduce or eliminate duty on imports and take advantage of other benefits to encourage foreign commerce within the U.S.
- Jefferson County's **highly educated workforce** is growing. Residents with a bachelor's degree or higher increased by 11% from 2000 to 2023. Today, 51.9% of the residents in the county have a bachelor's degree or higher, helping position Colorado as the nation's **2nd most educated workforce**. The county ranks 44th in the nation for the highest concentration of residents with a bachelor's degree.
- Metro Denver has the nation's **2nd highest concentration** of airline pilots, copilots, and flight engineers.
- To **support the business community**, Jefferson County recently eliminated its portion of the business personal property tax, becoming one of the first counties in Colorado to eliminate this tax.

