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Industry Profile



Aviation Parts Manufacturing

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Aviation Parts and Manufacturing

Aviation, Aerospace and Parts Manufacturing makes up .9% of Mesa County’s total employment. The map below shows employment concentration in Mesa County. In 2021, Mesa County had 664 jobs available in the Aviation and Aerospace and Parts Manufacturing sector. We expect that number to increase by 3.3%.



ZIP	ZIP Name	Avg. Earnings Per Job	2021 Location Quotient	2022 Jobs
81506	Grand Junction	\$85,158	18.85	616
81505	Grand Junction	\$92,433	1.08	70

Note the location quotient for each sector. A location quotient of 1.00 represents the average concentration for the Aviation, Aerospace parts and manufacturing.

Top Regional Businesses

Business Name	Industry Name	Business Size
West Star Aviation, Inc.	Other Support Activities for Air Transportation	282
Grand Junction Regional Airport	Other Airport Operations	34
Standard Aero	Other Support Activities for Air Transportation	28
Tristar Aviation	Other Support Activities for Air Transportation	8

Top 10 Occupations and five-year outlook

Description	Employed in Industry Group (2022)	Employed in Industry Group (2027)	% Change (2022 - 2027)	% of Total Jobs in Industry Group (2021)	Median Hourly Earnings	Typical Entry Level Education	Typical On-The-Job Training
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	132	160	22%	18.9%	\$29.94	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Commercial Pilots	46	53	15%	6.7%	\$37.80	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Aircraft Service Attendants	39	46	19%	5.6%	\$22.29	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	31	41	32%	4.3%	\$14.41	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	25	30	17%	3.6%	\$18.14	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Customer Service Representatives	21	25	19%	3.1%	\$14.44	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Avionics Technicians	21	26	24%	2.9%	\$33.04	Associate's degree	None
Cargo and Freight Agents	15	19	24%	2.2%	\$24.54	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	15	18	22%	2.2%	\$33.38	High school diploma or equivalent	None
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	14	17	22%	2.0%	\$23.73	High school diploma or equivalent	None

The above list represents the top ten occupations in the Aviation, Aerospace and parts manufacturing sector. Highlighted in yellow are the occupations that are expected to experience large job growth over the next five years.

Western Slope Competitive Wage Analysis

Description	2021 Resident Workers	Avg. Annual Openings	Applicants per job opening	Pct. 10 Hourly Earnings	Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings	Median Hourly Earnings	Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings	Pct. 90 Hourly Earnings
Customer Service Representatives	1,659	199	8.3	\$12.89	\$13.60	\$14.64	\$19.22	\$22.01
Cargo and Freight Agents	22	3	6.9	\$15.60	\$19.15	\$24.02	\$27.17	\$32.12
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	593	59	10.1	\$20.85	\$26.71	\$33.35	\$42.69	\$47.73
Avionics Technicians	34	4	8.5	\$23.94	\$26.64	\$32.08	\$40.00	\$49.39
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	221	29	7.6	\$19.38	\$23.25	\$29.99	\$38.13	\$51.59
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	158	23	6.8	\$14.03	\$17.00	\$18.15	\$23.01	\$29.52
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	572	63	9.1	\$17.83	\$21.55	\$24.22	\$31.65	\$39.69
Commercial Pilots	115	19	6.1	\$29.68	\$35.87	\$38.76	\$45.67	\$75.35
Aircraft Service Attendants	82	11	7.4	\$13.29	\$16.08	\$20.30	\$23.83	\$27.11
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	1,289	174	7.4	\$13.20	\$13.99	\$14.58	\$18.08	\$21.19

Counties included in Western Slope: Mesa, Delta, Montrose and Garfield.

This table shows the relationship between the available labor pool and current employment in the key occupations. This can also be understood as the shortage or surplus of labor in each occupation. The average and percentile wage salary ranges are actual wage levels for those occupations, across all industry groups within the regions. In the table above, the wage rates highlighted in yellow represent wage scales which may have to be paid to new hires based on low or high regional demand for each of the key occupations.