

Texas has long been committed to our military bases and the personnel who call the Lone Star State home. That's why we're often recognized for our military friendliness. From training troops and maintaining military equipment to caring for our wounded and overseeing defense contracts, our installations provide both economic and intangible benefits.

As the state's chief financial officer, I appreciate the military's contribution to our economy: \$136.6 billion in total output and \$81.4 billion to our gross domestic product annually. Our military installations support more than 800,000 Texans in some capacity, contributing nearly \$48.1 billion of disposable personal income for our citizens.

But as with other sectors of the Texas economy, our bases can experience change and uncertainty. By detailing the economic impact of our 15 military installations, we hope to emphasize their importance to strong, diverse and growing regional economies.



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ABOUT LAUGHLIN AFB



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generates estimated annual disposable personal income of approximately \$458 million.

- Laughlin AFB sits on almost six square miles located east of Del Rio.
- Laughlin AFB is home to the 47th Flying Training Wing, which provides specialized undergraduate pilot training for the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and the nation's allies.
- The 47th Flying Training Wing commands more than 54,000 sorties per year.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Laughlin AFB

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF LAUGHLIN AFB TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY, 2015

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

2,432

\$1.4 Billion

OUTPUT

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

7,835

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$809 Million

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

The 47th Flying Training Wing commands a flying operation that exceeds 80,000 flying hours per year –

THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE PERSON FLYING CONTINUOUSLY FOR NINE YEARS

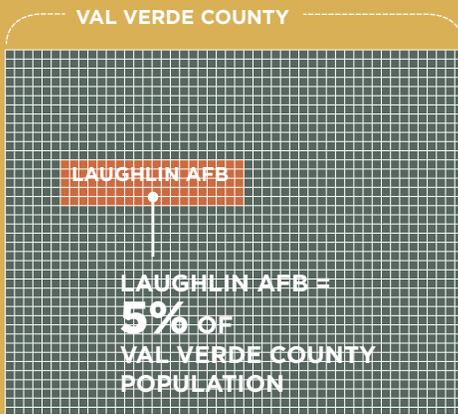


LAUGHLIN AFB IS THE AIR FORCE'S LARGEST PILOT TRAINING BASE.

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POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH LAUGHLIN AFB



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Laughlin AFB and U.S. Census Bureau

AVERAGE VAL VERDE COUNTY MILITARY WAGES



Source: Economic Modeling Specialists Intl. and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

ONE OUT OF EVERY 20 PEOPLE IN VAL VERDE COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH LAUGHLIN AFB.

THEY ARE EMPLOYEES (MILITARY AND CIVILIAN) OR RESERVISTS.

Source: Laughlin AFB and U.S. Census Bureau

EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION

MILITARY EMPLOYMENT AS SHARE OF TOTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014

REGION	2014 SHARE
ALAMO	3.4%
CAPITAL	0.5%
CENTRAL	9.2%
GULF COAST	0.5%
HIGH PLAINS	0.5%
METROPLEX	0.5%
NORTHWEST	4.8%
SOUTH	1.3%
SOUTHEAST	0.7%
UPPER EAST	0.5%
UPPER RIO GRANDE	8.9%
WEST	1.5%
TEXAS	1.5%
UNITED STATES	1.4%

Laughlin AFB employees earn an average salary of



LAUGHLIN AFB DEPLOYS APPROXIMATELY 400 MISSION-READY AIRMEN EACH YEAR.

above the average salary for Val Verde County.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Laughlin AFB has a rich history:

- OPENED IN 1943 AS LAUGHLIN FIELD, IT WAS NAMED TO HONOR SECOND LT. JACK T. LAUGHLIN, THE FIRST NATIVE OF DEL RIO KILLED IN WORLD WAR II. HE DIED ABOARD THE B-17E "FLYING FORTRESS" ON HIS FIRST COMBAT MISSION.
- LAUGHLIN AFB'S U-2 "DRAGON LADY" AIRCRAFT FROM THE 4080TH STRATEGIC WING WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE OF SOVIET MISSILE INSTALLATIONS IN CUBA IN 1962.

Source: Laughlin AFB

CONCLUSION

A significant employer in Val Verde County and the South Region, Laughlin AFB is a major economic driver and a central component of the area's workforce, accounting for one in every 20 jobs in the area.

In addition to providing essential training services, the base sponsors popular community events.

And the impact of Laughlin AFB isn't limited to the Del Rio area. With its size and prominence, Laughlin AFB

is a boon to the state, contributing approximately \$809 million to the state's GDP, and strengthening Texas' reputation as a military-friendly state.

LAUGHLIN AFB IS ONE OF 15 MAJOR TEXAS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

To see a complete list of these installations, plus more in-depth regional and county-by-county data, visit:

TEXASAHEAD.ORG/ECONOMIC-DATA/MILITARY