

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 SHEPPARD AFB



SHEPPARD AFB generates estimated annual disposable personal income of approximately \$2 billion.

- Sheppard AFB sits on more than 5,700 acres in Wichita County, just north of Wichita Falls.
- It is home to the 82nd Training Wing, the Air Force's largest and most diversified technical training wing, producing more than 19,300 qualified airmen each year.
- Sheppard AFB also houses the 80th Flying Training Wing and the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, training 6,600 combat pilots.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Sheppard AFB

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF SHEPPARD AFB TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY, 2015

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

8,452

\$5.6 **Billion** **OUTPUT**

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

36,970

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$3.4 **Billion**

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

SHEPPARD AFB HAS PROVIDED PILOT TRAINING FOR 13 NATO ALLIES

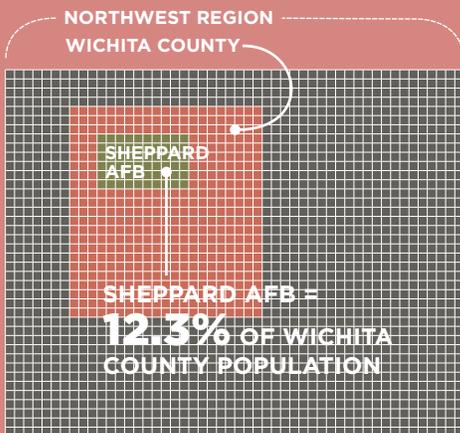
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SHEPPARD AFB HOUSES THE WORLD'S ONLY INTERNATIONALLY MANNED AND MANAGED PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM.

Source: Sheppard AFB

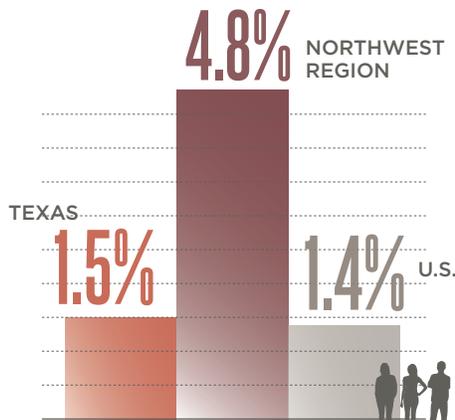
Source: Sheppard AFB, U.S. Air Force website

POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH SHEPPARD AFB



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

MILITARY EMPLOYMENT AS SHARE OF TOTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT, 2014



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

ONE OUT OF EVERY EIGHT PEOPLE IN WICHITA COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH SHEPPARD AFB. THEY ARE EMPLOYEES (MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR), RETIREES AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Source: Sheppard 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%

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Military compensation as share of total county compensation, 2014:



WITH MORE THAN 36,000 FEET OF RUNWAY, SHEPPARD AFB IS THE SECOND BUSIEST JOINT-USE AIRFIELD OUTSIDE OF A COMBAT ZONE.

Source: Sheppard AFB



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Sheppard AFB has a rich history:

- **OPENED IN 1941 AS SHEPPARD FIELD, IT BEGAN WHEN J. S. BIRDWELL OFFERED TO SELL 300 ACRES OF HIS CATTLE RANCH TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR \$1 TO CREATE A MILITARY INSTALLATION.**
- **SHEPPARD AFB WAS NAMED TO HONOR U.S. SENATOR JOHN M. SHEPPARD, WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.**

Source: Sheppard AFB

CONCLUSION

A significant employer in Wichita County and the Northwest Region, Sheppard AFB is a major economic driver and a central component of the area's workforce, accounting for one in every eight jobs in the area.

Sheppard AFB equips airmen in hundreds of career fields including aircraft maintenance, civil engineering, aircraft systems, telecommunications and logistics. It employs approximately 37,000 workers, either directly or indirectly.

Yet the impact of Sheppard AFB isn't limited to the Wichita area. With its size and prominence, Sheppard AFB is a boon to the state, contributing approximately **\$3.4 BILLION** to the state's GDP, and strengthening Texas' reputation as a military-friendly state.

SHEPPARD 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