

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: \$136.4 billion in total output and a contribution of \$81.3 billion to gross domestic product annually. Our military installations support 804,268 Texans in some capacity, contributing nearly \$48 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 NAS KINGSVILLE



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generates estimated annual disposable personal income of approximately \$289 million.

- NAS Kingsville is the home of Training Air Wing Two — one of two military facilities preparing Navy and Marine Corps jet/strike pilots.
- NAS Kingsville's 16,000 acres are located in three different counties.
- It has 22 tenant commands and activities as well as four major contractors including L-3/Vertex, Rolls Royce, LB&B and Fidelity Technologies.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and NAS Kingsville

### ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF NAS KINGSVILLE TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY, 2015

#### DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

1,330

**\$712** OUTPUT  
Million

#### DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

4,545

#### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

**\$435** Million

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

NAS Kingsville and its auxiliary landing field provide more than **NINE MILES** of runway.

If added together, the runways would run the width of the city of Kingsville nearly **TWICE**.

NAS KINGSVILLE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OVERSAW MORE THAN 206,769 AIR OPERATIONS IN 2015.

Source: NAS Kingsville

# KINGSVILLE



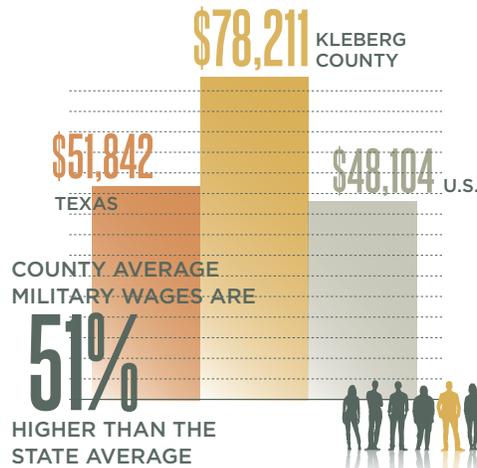
Source: NAS Kingsville

## POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH NAS KINGSVILLE



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, NAS Kingsville and U.S. Census Bureau

## AVERAGE WAGES FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT, 2014



Source: Economic Modeling Specialists Intl.

MORE THAN ONE OUT OF EVERY SEVEN PEOPLE IN KLEBERG COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH NAS KINGSVILLE. THEY INCLUDE ACTIVE DUTY, CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS.

Source: NAS Kingsville 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%       |
| <b>SOUTH</b>         | 1.3%       |
| SOUTHEAST            | 0.7%       |
| UPPER EAST           | 0.5%       |
| UPPER RIO GRANDE     | 8.9%       |
| WEST                 | 1.5%       |
| <b>TEXAS</b>         | 1.5%       |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b> | 1.4%       |

Military compensation as share of total regional compensation, 2014:

1.9% South Region

NAS KINGSVILLE ENJOYS 300 FLYING DAYS PER YEAR DUE TO FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

1.6% Texas

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Source: NAS Kingsville

NAS Kingsville has a rich history:

- AFTER THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR IN 1941, THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF NAS CORPUS CHRISTI PURCHASED 3,000 ACRES OF FARMLAND FOR ANOTHER AIRFIELD IN THE AREA.
- NAS KINGSVILLE OPENED JULY 4, 1942, AS AN AUXILIARY STATION FOR NAS CORPUS CHRISTI FOR PILOTS TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN DOG FIGHTING, CARRIER DIVE BOMBING, ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AND COCKPIT GUNNERY AND ARTILLERY.

Source: NAS Kingsville

## CONCLUSION

As a significant employer in Kleberg County and the South Region, NAS Kingsville is a major economic driver and a central component of the area's workforce, supporting more than one in every seven people in the county.

It produces half of all new Navy and Marine Corps pilots each year, houses

tenants and major contractors and participates in several community engagement programs, including the Wings Over South Texas Airshow, the King Ranch's Ranch Hand Breakfast and programs allowing participants to serve as pilots or skippers for a day.

Yet the impact of NAS Kingsville isn't limited to the South Region. With its size and prominence, NAS Kingsville is a boon to the state, contributing at least **\$435 MILLION** to the state's GDP and strengthening Texas' reputation as a military-friendly state.

### KINGSVILLE 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](http://TEXASAHEAD.ORG/ECONOMIC-DATA/MILITARY)