

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.

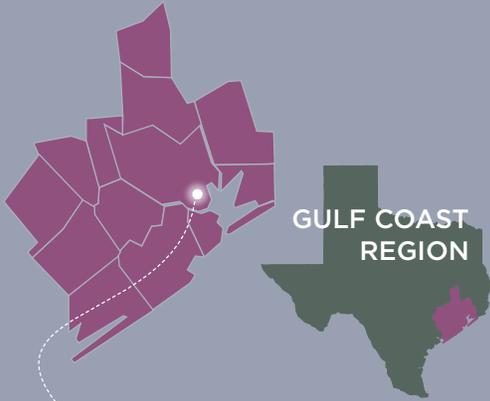
As the state's chief financial officer, I appreciate the military's contribution to our economy: \$136.6 billion in total output and \$81.4 billion to our gross domestic product annually. Our military installations support more than 800,000 Texans in some capacity, contributing nearly \$48.1 billion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



GULF COAST REGION

ELLINGTON FIELD JRB generates estimated annual disposable personal income of approximately \$260 million.

- Ellington Field JRB sits on 209 acres of licensed federal land near Houston, supporting the operations of all five military branches and general aviation businesses.
- The base houses the 147th Reconnaissance Wing, which conducts persistent unmanned intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and air-to-ground (Hellfire Missile) precision strikes using the MQ-1 Predator.

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Ellington Field JRB

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELLINGTON FIELD JRB TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY, 2015

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

1,144

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

4,155

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

\$777 OUTPUT
Million

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$452 Million

ELLINGTON FIELD JRB HAS PROVIDED NASA ASTRONAUT FLIGHT TRAINING SINCE 1961.

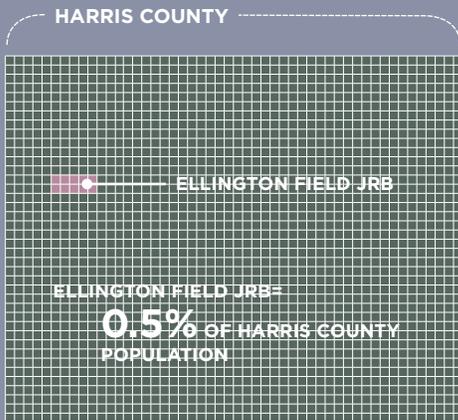
ELLINGTON FIELD JRB WAS THE SITE OF THE APOLLO LUNAR LANDING TRAINING PROGRAM.

Source: Ellington Field AFB

Gemini Mercury Skylab
Apollo Shuttle-Mir Space Shuttle
Apollo-Soyuz International Space Station

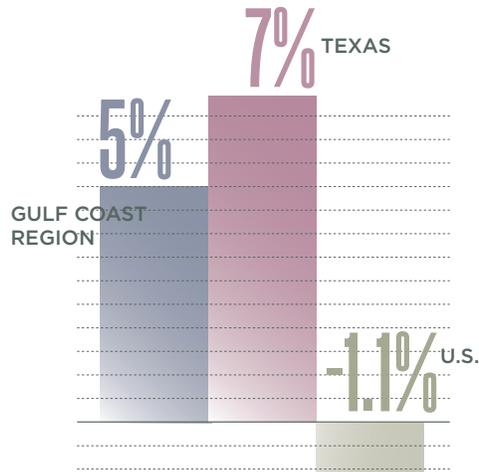
Source: NASA/Johnson Space Center

POPULATION ASSOCIATED WITH ELLINGTON FIELD JRB



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Ellington Field JRB and U.S. Census Bureau

CHANGE IN MILITARY EMPLOYMENT BY REGION, 2004-2014



Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

ONE OUT OF EVERY 200 PEOPLE IN HARRIS COUNTY IS ASSOCIATED WITH ELLINGTON FIELD JRB.

THEY ARE EMPLOYEES (MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR) AND LOCAL RETIREES, SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS.

Source: Ellington Field JRB 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

ELLINGTON FIELD JRB IS HOME TO THE NASA WB-57 HIGH ALTITUDE RESEARCH AIRCRAFT PROGRAM.

Source: Ellington Field AFB

AVERAGE MILITARY WAGES FOR HARRIS COUNTY



Source: Ellington Field JRB

Ellington Field JRB has a rich history:

- **OPENED IN 1917 AS A BASE FOR ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINING FOR THE ARMY AIR SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR I, IT WAS NAMED TO HONOR LT. ERIC L. ELLINGTON, A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR KNOWN AS THE "ACE" OF THE FIRST AERO SQUADRON.**
- **IT IS NOW A JOINT DEFENSE AND HOMELAND SECURITY COMPOUND PROVIDING YEAR-AROUND TRAINING FOR THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD.**

Source: Ellington Field JRB

CONCLUSION

Ellington Field JRB is notable for having troop presences from all five of the U.S. Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. It is part of the larger Houston-owned Ellington Airport, which hosts both civilian and military aviation operations. It is involved in several civic engagement

activities including air shows, welcome home and deployment ceremonies, car shows, and safety fairs.

A significant employer in Harris County and the Gulf Coast Region, Ellington Field JRB is a major economic driver and a central component of the area's workforce, accounting for one in every 200 jobs in the area.

Yet the impact of Ellington Field JRB isn't limited to the Houston area. With its size and prominence, Ellington Field JRB is a boon to the state, contributing at least **\$452 MILLION** to the state's GDP, and strengthening Texas' reputation as a military-friendly state.

ELLINGTON FIELD JRB 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:

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