

HERE, THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT.

UNBELIEVABLY REAL

Orlando is a premier aviation location due to its year-round flying weather, attractive cost of doing business, talented workforce and hyper-connected air access with five public-use airports in the region. No de-icing required.

200+

Payrolled Business Locations
Lightcast, Q1 2024 Data Set (QCEW)

17,000+

Jobs in the Aviation Industry
Lightcast, Q1 2024 Data Set (QCEW)

7,500+

Annual Graduates within 100 Miles
Lightcast, IPEDS, 2022

FEATURED EMPLOYERS



INDUSTRY ASSETS

Orlando's established industry cluster has grown due to the region's robust talent pipeline and connected air infrastructure.

- **World Aviation Training Symposium (WATS):** The World Aviation Training Summit (WATS), hosted every year in Orlando, is dedicated to sharing best practice in pilot, cabin crew and maintenance training.

International Airports

- Orlando International Airport (MCO)
- Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB)
- Orlando Executive Airport
- Kissimmee Gateway Airport
- Leesburg International Airport
- Daytona International Airport

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS



Lilium established its first U.S. vertiport in Lake Nona, planning to create 143 new jobs and build a 56,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility.

TALENT PIPELINE

Orlando universities offer specialized programs dedicated to preparing the aerospace and defense workforce. Applicable programs include:

- Eastern Florida State College
- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Valencia College
- University of Central Florida

Pilot Training Schools

- Aerostar Training Services
- FlightSafety Orlando
- Pan Am International Flight Academy
- L3Harris Airline Academy
- SIMCOM Aviation Training

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SIMCOM is investing \$109 million in new headquarters and training facility in the heart of Lake Nona's downtown district.