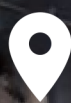# Defense & Transportation Tech Industry

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📍 **North County San Diego**

💼 **12,978 JOBS**
in this industry in North County (2022)

⬆ **10%**
Increase in defense and transportation technology jobs in North County (2017-2022). These types of jobs have increased by 11.2% in the rest of California and only 4% nationally during the same time period.

💲 **$3.8B TOTAL GRP**
towards North County's Economy (2022)

🎓 **WORKFORCE PIPELINE**

55% INCREASE
Increase in Engineering and Engineering Technology degrees awarded by North County institutions of higher education since 2017

▶ Award-winning certificate-granting program for high demand manufacturing occupations at MiraCosta College's Technology Career Institution (http://tci.miracosta.edu/)

▶ New Computer and Electrical Engineering programs established at CSU San Marcos

North County's Competitive Advantage

▶ $9.2B in awards of Department of Defense contracts in San Diego County in 2017 (last year of reported data)

▶ Strong workforce development support at local community colleges

▶ Industrial space at lower cost than other San Diego markets such as Sports Arena, Downtown San Diego, or UTC

▶ Top-rated school districts with relatively affordable single-family homes in close proximity

🛡 KEY OCCUPATIONS

Average Annual Wage (2023) for five largest occupations in this sector

Job Title	% Employment Change (2012-23)	Average Annual Salary
Electrical & Electromechanical Assemblers	⬆ 134%	$ 37,461
Software Developers	⬆ 79%	$ 130,832
Aircraft & Systems Assemblers	⬆ 104%	$ 39,333
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	⬆ 161%	$ 46,966
Industrial Enginers	⬆ 46%	$ 99,653

Sources include CA Employment Development Department, US Census Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, DatabaseUSA.com, and Economic Modeling Specialists Incorporated

Key Companies

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Collins Aerospace

BAE SYSTEMS

GENERAL ATOMICS

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