

Aviation & Logistics

Alberta is home to two Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ), a well-developed freight and e-commerce distribution network, and is expanding its warehousing and distribution facilities. The province also boasts the head offices of two major airlines (WestJet and Flair Airlines) and one of North America's leading railways, Canadian Pacific.



The Numbers

170+

Aviation firms operating in Alberta

3rd

Largest general freight truck industry in Canada

+25%

Of Canada's geomatics, navigation & global positioning firms are in Alberta

2nd

For aerospace labour productivity in Canada

\$6.3B

Sector GDP in Canada

The Opportunity



\$1.6B

Canada's annual R&D investment in the sector



23%

Alberta's combined federal-provincial business tax rate is lower than that of 44 U.S. states



\$260M

Value of defence electronics produced in Alberta

Areas of Focus

Defence & UAVs

Alberta's world-class AI capabilities and high federal military presence make the province a leader in UAV and other high-tech defence technologies.

Defence Research and Development Canada Suffield is a leader in defence science and technology that develops and delivers technical solutions and advice to the Department of National Defence and commercial companies.

Inputs & Technology

The Alberta Aerospace and Technology Centre training hub focuses on innovative technology research, the commercialization of remotely piloted aircraft systems, and other technologies.

Company Highlight

WESTJET 

WestJet, one of Canada's largest airlines, is headquartered in Alberta.

DRONE
DELIVERY CANADA.COM

Canada's first drone delivery operation launched at the Edmonton International Airport. This logistics operation is a major step towards the modernization of supply chains.

AERIUM
ANALYTICS

Aerium Analytics produces award-winning automated wildlife detection system.

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Alberta leverages its expertise in aviation, rail, and trucking to transport people and goods across the globe.

The province hosts multiple niche clusters in aerospace and aviation including aerospace infrastructure, education, training capacity, and tech exploration such as lighter-than-air (LTA) technology. Four Canadian military bases call Alberta home and the province's unique geography offers excellent opportunities for defence companies.

Alberta is also a commercial and passenger aviation hub, with two of Canada's key international airports: Calgary International Airport and Edmonton International Airport. The Edmonton International Airport is Canada's largest airport by land area, and

the YYC Global Logistics Park is the Calgary Airport Authority's newest trade development with 330 acres of land. Both airports have built out significant capacity to allow for Calgary and Edmonton to be North American hubs for manufacturing and distribution centres.

As the northern point of the CANAMEX corridor and home to two transcontinental rail carriers with intermodal terminals, Alberta is also an important ground transportation player. In fact, the province has the third largest general freight trucking industry in the country with over 3,622 trucking companies.

Why Alberta?

Young & Educated Talent



World-Class Research

The Defence Research and Development Establishment at CFB Suffield and National Institute for Nanotechnology are world-class research facilities located in Alberta.



Talented Workforce

Alberta has the highest number of engineers per capita in North America.

Attractive Lifestyle



Dynamic, Affordable Cities

Calgary and Edmonton's high quality of life and low housing prices make them two of North America's most vibrant, livable, and affordable cities.

Access to Key Markets



Globally Connected

Alberta's world-class infrastructure supports business development and growth. The province's internationally integrated airports, market access, and telecommunication network make it a hub for companies looking to do business worldwide.

Trade Advantages



Canada is Duty-Free

Canada is the first country in the G20 to offer a tariff-free zone for industrial manufacturers.



Market Access

Alberta is a critical distribution hub for North America. With two of the largest airports in Canada, integrated rail and intermodal infrastructure, and a thriving trucking industry, Alberta is well-connected to deliver efficient access to consumer markets globally.

Low Cost of Doing Business



Productive & Affordable

Alberta's aerospace workforce ranks high in relative productivity.



Alberta's Tax Advantage

Alberta businesses and residents pay the lowest overall taxes in the country and amongst the lowest in North America.

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Alberta.