

INDUSTRY REPORT

MANUFACTURING IN WEST MICHIGAN



**THE
RIGHT PLACE**

Advancing the West Michigan Economy

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY STRENGTHS

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATION: West Michigan offers unique opportunities to partner with many of Michigan's most prestigious colleges and universities in the areas of aerospace engineering, technology and research.

SUPPLY CHAIN: West Michigan hosts one of the most diverse material manufacturing supply chains in the U.S. From plastics and composite materials to exotic metals and embedded electronics, the region's manufacturing community offers everything your company needs to succeed.

DEFENSE CONNECTIONS: The Michigan Defense Center (MDC) was created in 2006 with the mandate to target statewide defense and homeland security opportunities for Michigan businesses. The MDC works with Michigan manufacturers to identify and partner with strategic defense-oriented companies and resources throughout the state.

NOTABLE AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	EMPLOYEES
Arconic	Whitehall, MI	2,350
GE Aviation	Grand Rapids, MI	1,326
L-3 Avionics Systems	Grand Rapids, MI	479
Woodward FST	Zeeland, MI	290
Jedco	Grand Rapids, MI	148
Pratt & Whitney Component Solutions	Norton Shores, MI	106

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SECTOR OVERVIEW



TOTAL JOBS

9,836



LOCATION QUOTIENT

0.55

(55% below the national average)



JOB GROWTH 2013-2017

15.3%

(National Rate: 6.5%)



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS

312

(71 AS9100 Certified Manufacturers)



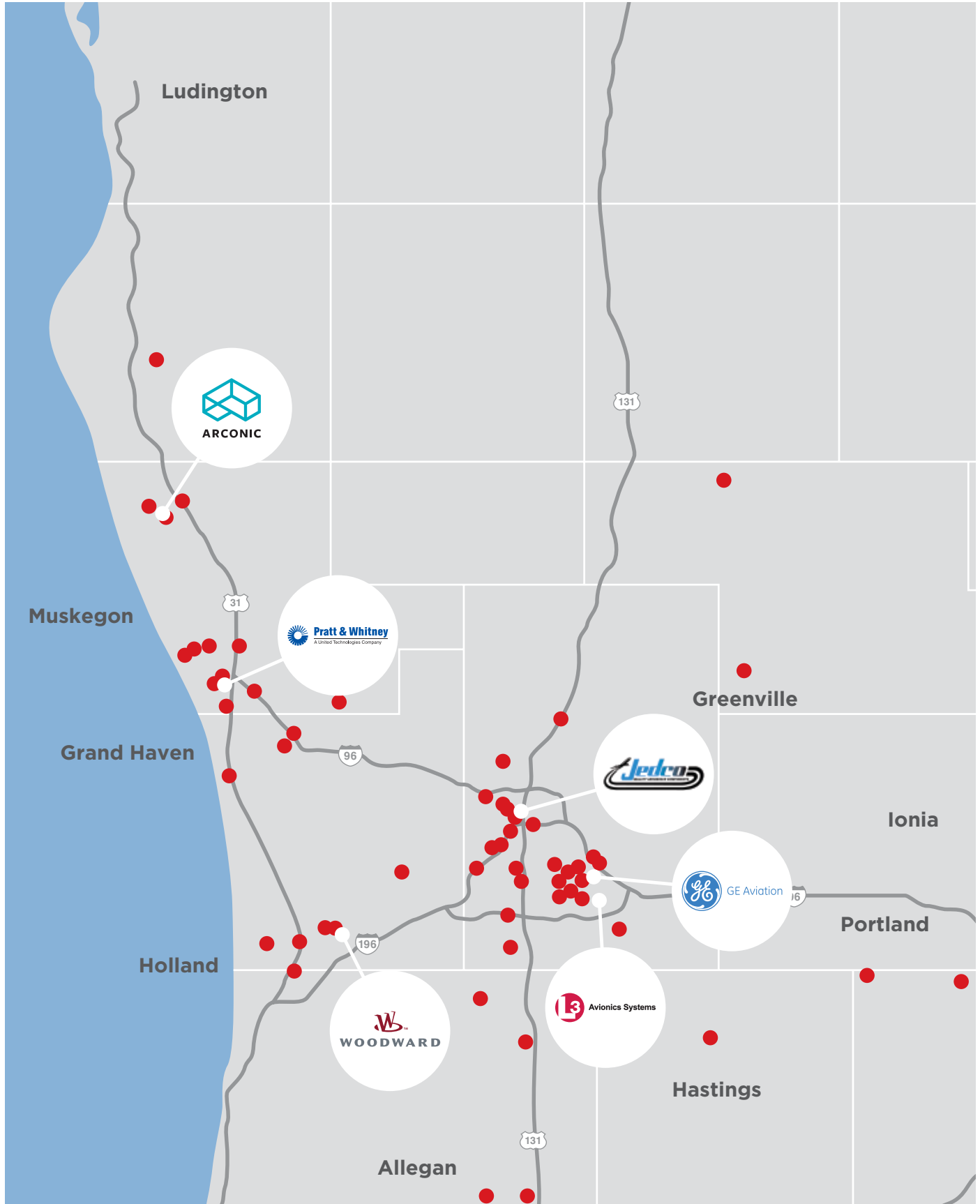
AVERAGE EARNINGS

\$76,008

(National Average: \$88,069)

AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE MANUFACTURING CLUSTERS AND NOTABLE COMPANIES

● Additional Aerospace and Defense Companies





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