

# Bring Your Business to the New West



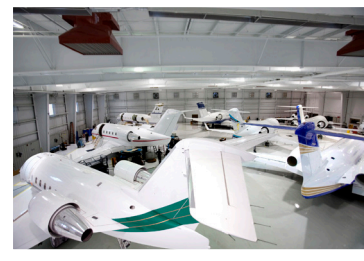
The Grand Junction Economic Partnership (“GJEP”) is a private non-profit incorporated organization and the official economic development agency of Mesa County. This Partnership represents the cities of Grand Junction and Fruita, the Town of Palisade and Mesa County.

## Services Offered:

- Regional Overviews and Tours
- Site selection assistance
- Incentive/assistance programs
- Customized research
- Market information and data
- Access to regulatory authorities
- Employee recruitment
- Labor market analysis
- And more...

## Get Connected:

-  Check out our website: [www.gjep.org](http://www.gjep.org)
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## Area Rankings:

- 5th Safest Place to Live to Avoid Natural Disasters
- 7th Sunniest City in the U.S.
- 12th Best Small Place for Business and Careers
- 10 Best Places to live on \$100 a day
- Grand Junction is one of the Top Ten Rising Travel Destinations
- 25 Best Cities for Tech Startups
- 13th most Exciting Small Cities in America
- Grand Junction is one of America's Coolest Desert Towns



# Aviation Aerospace



## THE NEW WEST:

MODERN. INDEPENDENT. STILL WILD.



**Student Placement:**

- 47% of CMU alumni are employed on Colorado's Western Slope and 35% are found in Mesa County
- Degrees in Manufacturing Technology and Engineering make up 4% of Colorado Mesa University's total graduates

**Local Education**

- 90% of total population has a high school diploma
- 26% of the total population has a bachelor's degree or higher

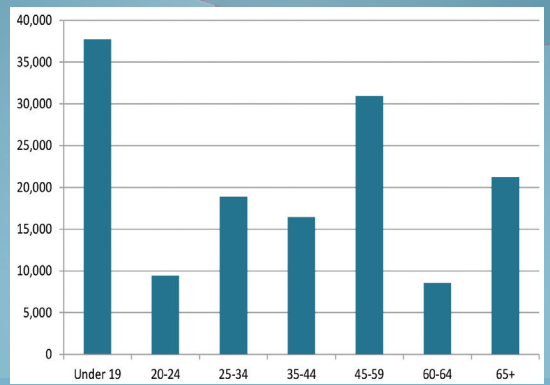


**Workforce:**

- 4,902 people employed (02.2015) in the Aviation, Aerospace and Parts Manufacturing industry, which is 6% of Mesa County's total labor force
- Unemployment rate is 4.7%
- The average annual wage for Aviation, Aerospace and Parts Manufacturing in Mesa County is \$54,811

**Demographics**

- Population: 149,617
- Median Age: 38
- Median household income \$49,471



**Top Reasons YOU Want Your Business in the Grand Valley**

The ease and accessibility of the Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT) combined with the mild and beautiful weather provide a perfect base for aviation/aerospace industries.

- **Aircraft Manufacturer New Employee Tax Credit** aircraft manufacturers located at the airport may receive a state tax credit of \$1,200/new employee
- **Fly-Away Tax Exemption** - Colorado sales tax is exempt for new or used aircraft sold to out-of-state owners
- City of Grand Junction offers **sales tax exemption** on purchases of aircraft components
- Purchases of manufacturing equipment or machine tools of over \$500 are exempt from Colorado State Sales and Use tax
- Ability to recruit & train technical and scientific employees
- Low to moderate costs of doing business
- Pro-business & flexible local governments
- Proximity to Colorado Mesa University and Western Colorado Community College
- NADCAP certified anodizing available locally

**Aviation/Aerospace Industry Focus**

- Aviation/Aerospace Industry Focus
- 222,000 total enplanements in 2011
- Two asphalt runways: 10,501 by 150 feet and 5,502 by 75 feet
- Up to 9 daily hub destinations (Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- Interstate 70 is a major arterial located 0.71 miles from the the Grand Junction Regional Airport

**Existing Local Aviation/Aerospace Companies**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| West Star Aviation       | Armstrong Consultants     |
| Lewis Engineering        | Wren Industries           |
| Twin Otter International | Precision Metal Finishing |

\*This is not an inclusive list of existing local businesses

