The Washington Military Alliance is a coalition of military and defense related stakeholder organizations, serving as an umbrella organization for the three main components of the sector representing industry, community support partnerships, and infrastructure support. Housed within the Washington State Department of Commerce, the WMA was originally convened to collaborate on the production of the Washington Military Alliance Report. This 2012 report was commissioned to identify military and defense infrastructure (installations, missions, and workforce) impacts to the state and develop recommendations in response to a possible Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) action.

More recently, the Washington State Department of Commerce with the support of the Washington Military Alliance has created the Defense Industry Adjustment Program. This program, funded through a grant awarded by the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment, is intended to provide a proactive response to changes in federal defense budgets. The goal of the initiative is to understand, support, and respond to the needs of Washington’s more than 1,500 defense businesses at the state level.

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"The military and defense sector is an economic backbone for many Washington communities and a driver of economic development statewide.”
Governor Jay Inslee
NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND  
Sole naval aviation support in the Pacific Northwest, managing two primary aircraft training fields, providing support to military and civilian air operations.  

- MILITARY: 7,050  
- CIVILIAN: 2,420  
- IMPACT: $592M

NAVAL STATION EVERETT  
One of only two Navy-owned deep water ports on the West Coast of the continental United States. Supports US Navy and Coast Guard operations.  

- MILITARY: ~14,500  
- CIVILIAN: ~19,000  

NAVY APPLIED PHYSICS LAB UW  
Home to eight science and technology research/engineering units with a focus on invention and technology transfer.  

- MILITARY: 4,344  
- CIVILIAN: 1,507  
- IMPACT: $461M

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE  
The largest employer in Eastern Washington State, providing air refueling, passenger and cargo airlift, and aero-medical evacuation missions.  

- MILITARY: 4,344  
- CIVILIAN: 1,507  
- IMPACT: $461M

NAVAL BASE KITSAP  
Nation’s third largest naval base, coordinating the fleet in the West Puget Sound, servicing surface ships and submarines and meeting Navy Region NW’s fuel requirements.  

- MILITARY: ~14,500  
- CIVILIAN: ~19,000  
- IMPACT: $520M

CAMP MURRAY  

- MILITARY: 8,400  
- CIVILIAN: 330  
- IMPACT: $520M

JOINT BASE LEWIS MCCHORD  
Training and mobilization center for all services, the only Army power projection base west of the Rocky Mountains, and the fourth largest base in the US.  

- MILITARY: 45,709  
- CIVILIAN: 16,058  
- IMPACT: $6B

US COAST GUARD  
Responsible for maritime safety and security, recreational boating safety, port state control, environmental protection, and port, waterway, and coastal security.  

- MILITARY: 2,434  
- CIVILIAN: 197  
- IMPACT: $215M

YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER  
Provides training support for transient units and organizations by sustaining training lands, range complexes, and support facilities to enhance readiness.  

- JOBS: 600+  
- IMPACT: $22M

VOLPENTEST HAMMER TRAINING CENTER  
A safety and emergency response training center available to the DOE and affiliates, military, federal and state agencies, and local law enforcement.  

- JOBS: 130  
- IMPACT: $22M

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NATIONAL LAB.  
Performs innovative research and provides programs and support to technology businesses including mentorship programs and funding.  

- JOBS: 4,400  
- IMPACT: $1.2B

SOURCES: Map: Personnel figures were obtained from installations (via website or public information office) or www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil, a DOD-funded site maintained by the Office of Military Community & Family Policy (MC&FP). Where updated information was not available from either source, figures are from Retaining and Expanding Military Missions: Increasing Defense Spending and Investment (2012), which is also the source of economic impact figures, excluding APL and PNNL. Front page: Defense Manpower Data Center via Governing magazine (military installation employment), MC&FP (dependents), US Dept. of Veterans Affairs (retirees), Community Attributes (contracting impact), Dept. of Defense (real estate and ranges).