



SCOTLAND FACTS & FIGURES 2025

Aerospace, defence, security and space: Delivering at the heart of Scottish communities

DELIVERING UNTOLD VALUE

Aerospace, defence, security and space
are at the heart of innovation
and prosperity throughout Scotland.





55%

GROWTH BETWEEN
2020 & 2024



£9BN

TURNOVER

29%
GROWTH OVER
5 YEARS

IN 2024, THE
**ECONOMIC FOOTPRINT
OF OUR SECTORS IN
SCOTLAND INCLUDED**

£3.7BN
IN VALUE ADD
TO THE ECONOMY

£100K
OUTPUT PER
WORKER
(PRODUCTIVITY)



49%

HIGHER THAN THE
UK AVERAGE



36,900

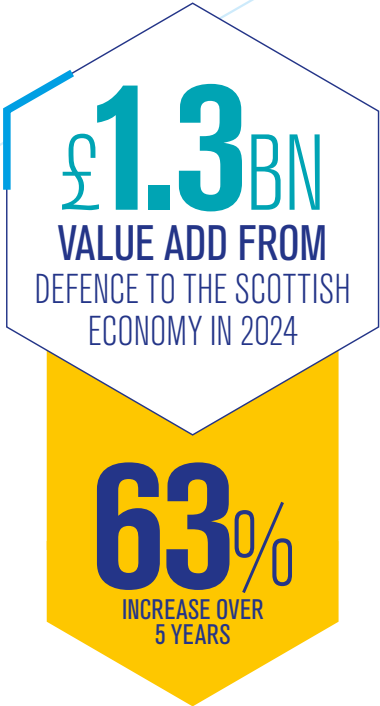
DIRECT EMPLOYEES
INCLUDING
2,000 APPRENTICES

20%
GROWTH OVER
5 YEARS

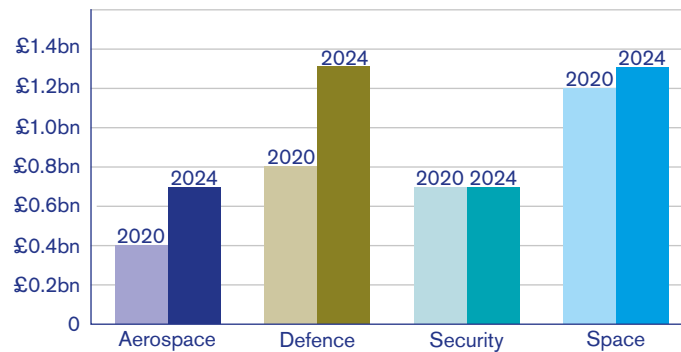
All 2024 figures are estimates

DELIVERING FOR THE ECONOMY

The value of aerospace, defence, security and space to the Scottish economy has increased significantly



Value add split by sector



Turnover has increased by a third in five years



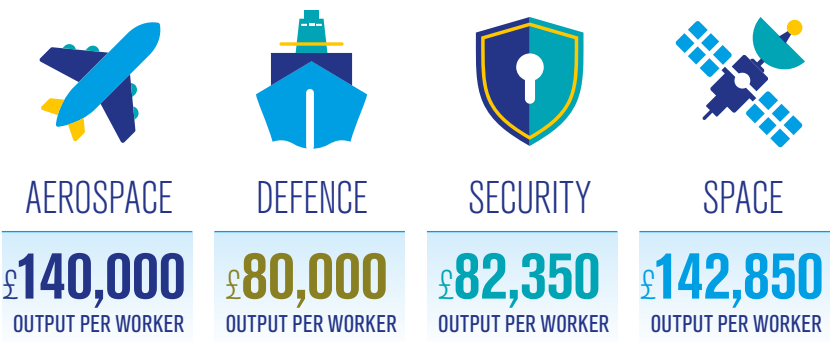
OUR SECTORS ARE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE

Productivity has increased by almost a third across Scotland's aerospace, defence, security and space sectors

Output per worker



Productivity in 2024



PRODUCTIVITY ACROSS THE FOUR SECTORS



AEROSPACE
SECTOR
PRODUCTIVITY GREW

93%

IN THE 5 YEARS
TO 2024

OVERALL
PRODUCTIVITY
GREW BY

28%

BETWEEN 2020
AND 2024

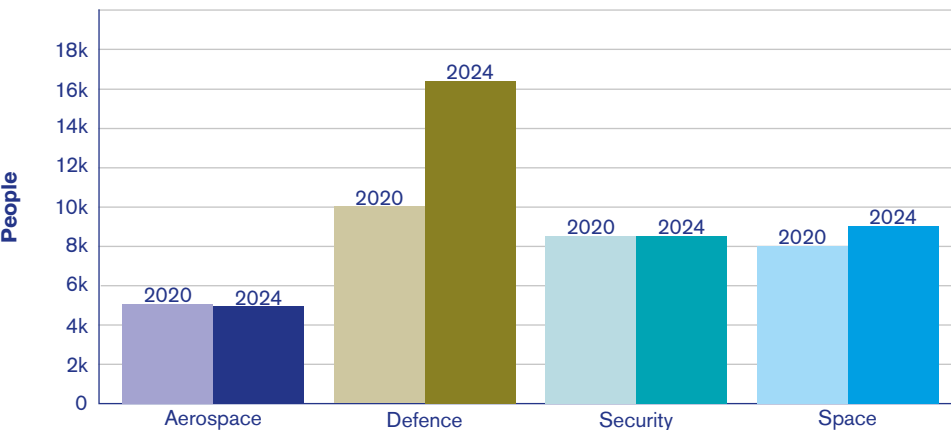


DELIVERING AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITIES

More people than ever are employed in our sectors in Scotland



Employment in Scotland by sector.

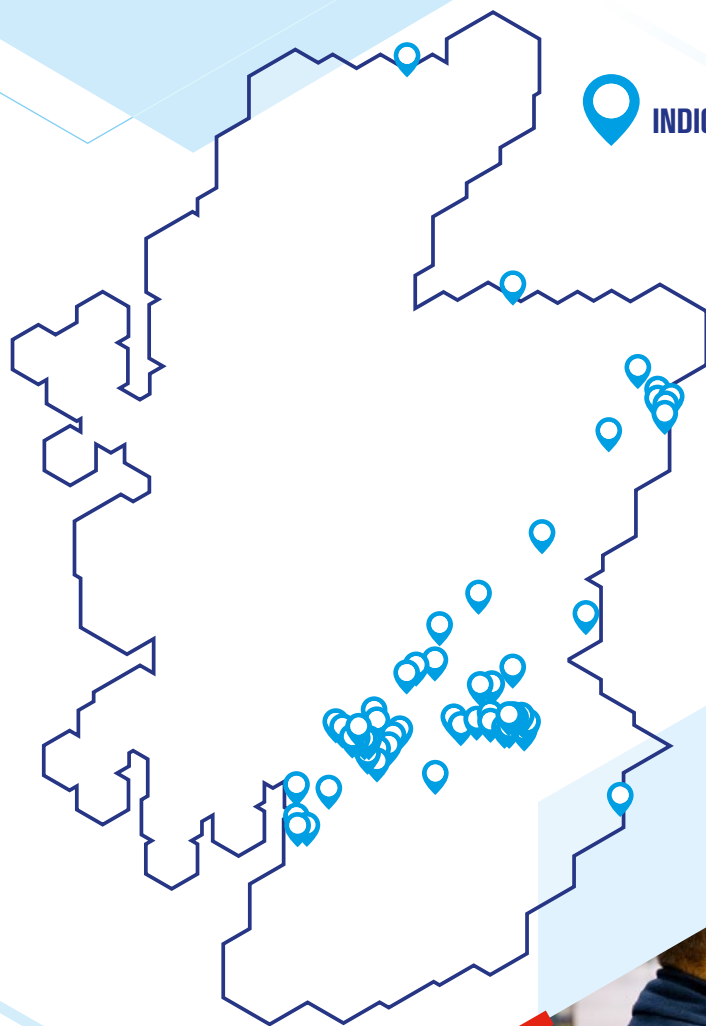


36,900
PEOPLE DIRECTLY
EMPLOYED IN SCOTLAND

GROWTH OF
20%
OVER 5 YEARS

SCOTLAND'S DEFENCE EMPLOYMENT

HAS GROWN **TWO THIRDS** TO REACH **16,250** IN 2024



INDICATES THE LOCATION OF ADS MEMBERS

THERE ARE NOW
2,000
APPRENTICES
EMPLOYED IN
OUR SECTORS IN
SCOTLAND





ABOUT ADS

**ADS IS THE TRADE
ASSOCIATION FOR THE
AEROSPACE, DEFENCE,
SECURITY AND
SPACE SECTORS**

ABOUT THIS REPORT

All 2024 data points are estimates from the Office of National Statistics database, and ADS own data provided by Oxford Economics. ADS regional timeseries data goes back to 2020 for current data sets.

Aerospace is assumed to be 61% civil and 39% in defence in 2024. Aerospace is assumed to be 75% civil and 25% in defence in 2020.

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