



# Texas Military Preparedness Commission

## Office of the Governor

### Laughlin Air Force Base

### 2024

#### OVERVIEW

Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) is tasked with training military pilots and deployable mission team members. Laughlin AFB utilizes three training aircraft: the T-6A Texan II, the T-1A Jayhawk, and the T-38C Talon. The T-6A Texan II is a single engine aircraft designed to train students in basic flying skills used by the Air Force and Navy. The T-1A Jayhawk is a twin engine aircraft used in advance training for students who will later fly airlift or tanker aircraft. Navigator training is also taught. The T-38C Talon is a twin engine, supersonic jet trainer used in a variety of advanced training.

#### UNITS & MISSIONS

The 47th Flying Training Wing (47th FTW) includes the 47th Operations Group, 47th Mission Group, and 47th Medical Group. The 47th FTW's overall mission is to train combat ready pilots for American and foreign allies' air forces.

The 47th Operations Group (47th OG) provides specialized undergraduate pilot training for the United States Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and foreign allies' air forces using the T-6A, T-38, and the T-1A aircraft. Additionally, the 47th OG manages, controls, and standardizes and evaluates all aspects of flying training operations, aircraft maintenance, and airfield management. The 47th Mission Support Group (47th MSG) is responsible for all base support operations, which includes military and civilian personnel management, security and resource protection, disaster preparedness, and recreational activities among many other responsibilities.

#### ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates the population directly affiliated with Laughlin AFB contributed at least \$1.7 billion to the Texas economy in 2023. The Comptroller's economic impact analysis represents a conservative estimate of the economic importance of Laughlin AFB to Texas. Each installation's distinctive characteristics contribute to the Texas economy in different ways. This analysis uses a consistent model to determine the economic impact of each of the state's military installations to the state's economic growth. For more information about this assessment, please visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/military/2023/statewide/php>.

#### PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS

The City of Del Rio and Val Verde County have both been recipients of grants from the Office of the Governor. A previous grant from the Office of the Governor included creating a "Grow-your-own" program at Southwest Texas Junior College which helps to train and fill the gap of maintainers needed for aircraft and mission-dependent equipment. In addition to the "Grow-Your-Own" program at Southwest Texas Junior College, there is strong civic and community support for multiple projects. Val Verde County Sheriff's Office shares a small arms firing range with the base, joint training with the Texas Department of Public Service, and the Val Verde Regional Medical Center partnership. Val Verde Regional Medical Center (VVRMC) and the Laughlin AFB clinic have worked to implement pediatric-focused clinical protocols. Other initiatives include a clinical lecture series and clinical rotation for Laughlin nurses and medics.

Variable	Total Impact
Employment (Direct)	3,043
Employment (Direct& Indirect)	7,533
Output to the Texas Economy (in billions)	\$1.7
GDP (in billions)	\$1.0
Disposable Personal Income (in millions)	\$438.8

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2024

