



Texas Military Preparedness Commission Office of the Governor Sheppard Air Force Base 2024

OVERVIEW

Sheppard Air Force Base (SAFB) is home to the Air Force's largest technical training wing and the world's only internationally manned and managed flying training program. SAFB trains pilots and maintainers as well as the propulsion, avionics maintenance, flight equipment, fuels, munitions and aerospace ground equipment specialists, civil engineers, plumbers, telecommunications specialists and electricians to keep everything running. SAFB has 435 facilities and over 200 aircraft. SAFB shares four joint-use runways with the Wichita Falls Regional Airport.

UNITS & MISSIONS

The **82nd Training Wing** produces more than 60,000 graduates annually in nearly 1,000 courses, including aircraft maintenance, civil engineering, nuclear and conventional munitions, aerospace ground equipment, avionics and telecommunications specialties. The wing also supports flying training to students from 14 NATO nations through the **80th Flying Training Wing**, and enlisted development through the Non-commissioned Officer Academy. The **82nd, 782nd and 982nd Training groups** administer the 82nd TRW's technical training programs. The base receives major mission support from the **82nd Mission Support Group** and the **82nd Medical Group**. The **Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT)** is conducted by the 80th Flying Training Wing. ENJJPT is the world's only multi-nationally manned and managed flying training program chartered to produce combat pilots. The **82nd Training Group** is responsible for technical training career fields including aircraft maintenance and armament and munitions. The **782nd Training Group** is the most

(UNITS & MISSIONS CONTINUED) diverse group in Air Education and Training Command, with courses in eight distinctly different career fields across four training squadrons. The **982d Training Group** provides advanced aircraft, munitions, communications and ICBM maintenance training.

PROJECTS & PARTNERSHIPS

Among a variety of resources on the installation, the SAFB Clinic partners with Midwestern State University nursing and dental hygienist programs to provide clinical experience for MSU students and manpower for the clinic. SAFB also has 25 mutual aid agreements between the base and regional community fire and emergency services organizations. Other programs include the Country Sponsor program, which supports international families at Sheppard for training.

Variable	Total Impact
Employment (Direct)	6,402
Employment (Direct & Indirect)	17,801
Output to the Texas Economy (in billions)	\$3.2
GDP (in billions)	\$1.9
Disposable Personal Income (in billions)	\$1.5

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2024

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates the population directly affiliated with Sheppard AFB contributed at least **\$3.2 billion** to the Texas economy in 2023. The Comptroller's economic impact analysis represents a conservative estimate of the economic importance of Sheppard 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/>.

