

ALL SYSTEMS GO



BRING THE F-35 TO SELFRIDGE ANGB

Macomb County understands the tremendous impact the military, our service members, their families, and veterans have on the State of Michigan. At the direction of County Executive, Mark Hackel, the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development partnered with the Michigan Defense Center to perform a comparative economic analysis of the five candidate communities competing to be one of two Air National Guard beddown locations for the F-35A Lightning II aircraft.

The candidate locations are:

Selfridge ANGB, Detroit, Michigan

Dannelly Field, Montgomery, Alabama

Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Jacksonville ANGB, Jacksonville, Florida

Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin

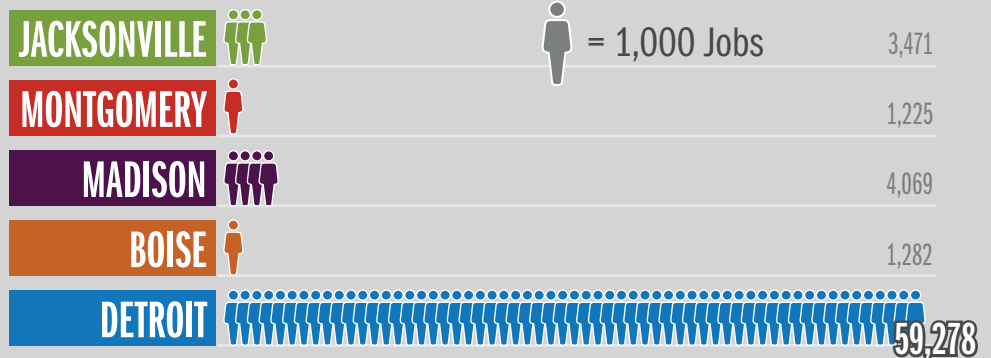
The Air Force will use its strategic basing process to make this basing decision. They will consider cost, mission optimization, the installation's capacity to support with infrastructure, and impact on the environment. Macomb County pursued 'the rest of the story' when it comes to determining which community is best prepared to support the mission when considering industry accepted economic indicators.

"Macomb County is the defense capital. We build things to protect those who protect us." Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive

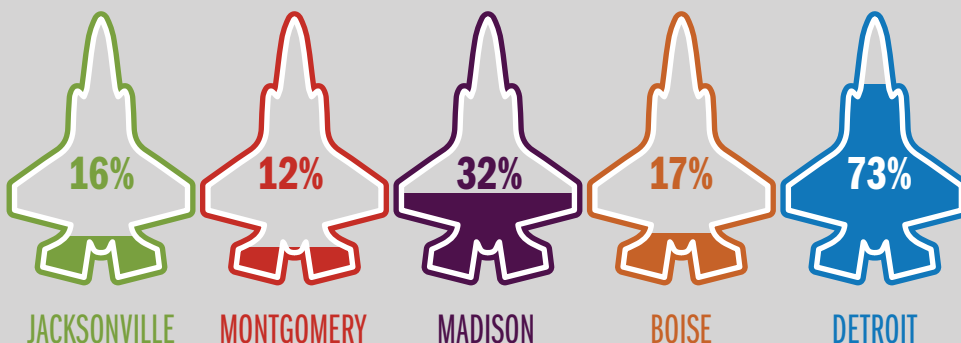
DETROIT HAS THE EXPERIENCE

EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS

Detroit has nearly **six** times the number of defense sector jobs than the rest of the competition combined. Meaning Detroit has the necessary defense sector experience to support the F-35 mission at Selfridge from day **one**.



DETROIT MAKES MORE



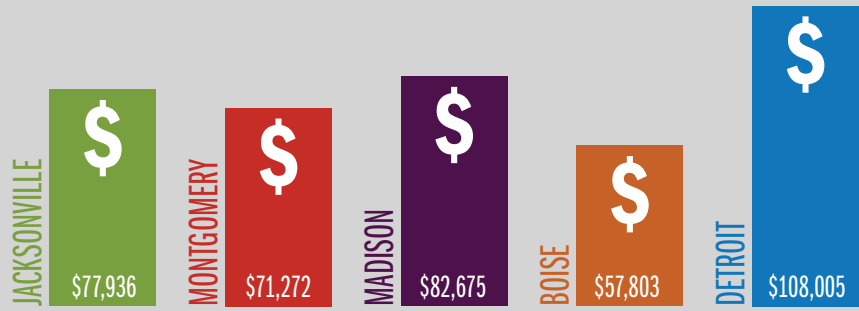
TOTAL DEFENSE SECTOR DEMAND

Detroit meets **73%** of its defense sector demand locally. The competing locations, on average, can only meet **20%** of the defense sector demand. This indicates a vastly more mature market capable of supporting the F-35 at Selfridge.

DETROIT ATTRACTS THE BEST TALENT

EARNINGS POTENTIAL

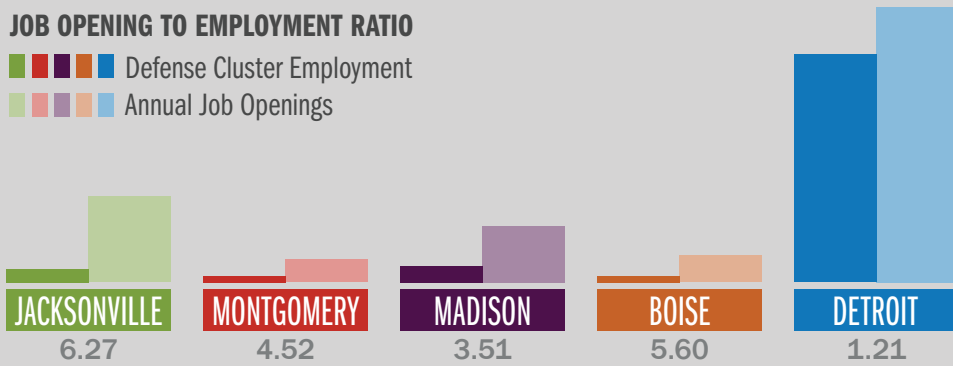
The average earnings of a defense worker in Detroit is at least 23% higher than its competition. Detroit's defense cluster generates higher earnings due to its highly skilled labor. Because of this **highly skilled workforce**, Detroit is more than capable of supporting the requirements of an F-35 mission.



DETROIT CAN FILL THE NEED

JOB OPENING TO EMPLOYMENT RATIO

■ ■ ■ ■ Defense Cluster Employment
■ ■ ■ ■ Annual Job Openings



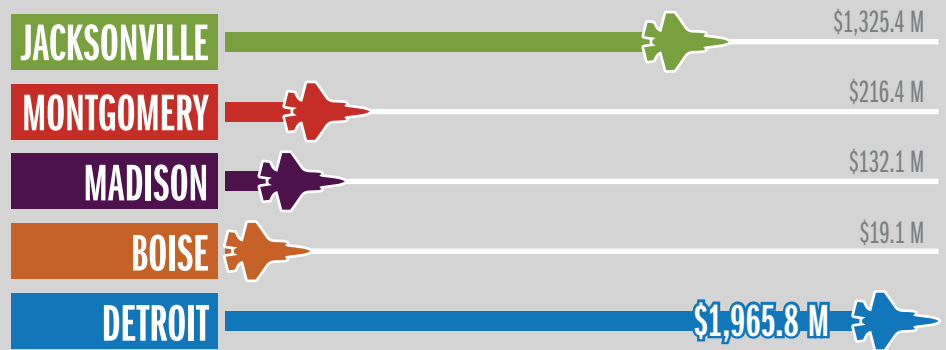
OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND

The competition is currently struggling to fill the workforce needs of their defense industry. Detroit has 1.21 job openings per defense worker compared to the competition who maintain between 3.51 and 6.27, indicating a workforce that has the **capacity** and **capability** to fill the workforce demand generated by the F-35 mission at Selfridge.

DETROIT IS READY TO GO

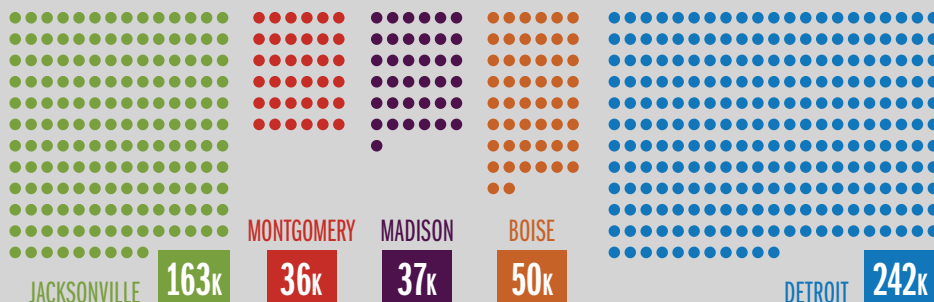
DEFENSE CONTRACTS PERFORMED

Detroit leads all regions with nearly **\$2 billion** in defense contracts annually. Detroit fulfills **33% more** contracts than its closest rival. Detroit has the necessary defense infrastructure in place to support the F-35 mission at Selfridge today.



DETROIT VALUES ITS VETERANS

● = 1000 Veterans



VETERAN POPULATION

With a large veteran population, Detroit has a more developed workforce with the required experience to service the defense sector. Detroit is home to **32% more** veterans than competing locations, indicating its defense workforce and **support for the military** far surpass the rest.



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