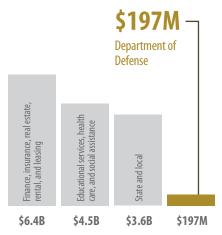


# Department of Defense in Vermont

Regional Environmental Coordination / Sustaining Readiness in Partnership with States

## Vermont

Signature Industries by Annual Contribution



*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2020 GDP by State.* 

## Did You Know?

Facts about Vermont

- The Vermont National Guard manages the National Guard Biathlon Team at Camp Ethan Allan Training Site, a world-class training area.
- The Vermont Air National Guard became the first Air National Guard unit to base the F-35A Lightning II, the most advanced and capable weapon system in the U.S. Air Force, in September 2019.

## **Department of Defense Mission**

The mission of the Department of Defense (DoD) is to provide the military forces needed to deter war and ensure our nation's security.

## Sustainability and the DoD Mission

DoD facilities on land, on the water, and in the air protect our nation. The Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) works cooperatively with state agencies and governments on environmental efforts to ensure continued use of necessary land, sea, and airspace – protecting the military's ability to maintain operations into the future and prepare U.S. service men and women to defend our country.

## **DoD and State Partnerships**

Through the REC program, DoD and military service representatives partner with state agencies and governments to strengthen environmental restoration and protection efforts and to promote long-term sustainability of the military mission. Program efforts include educating state agencies and officials about the military's operational and environmental needs, priorities, and concerns; communicating coordinated DoD positions on issues affecting military sustainment; and engaging in state legislative and rulemaking initiatives.



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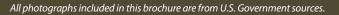
## 1 Burlington Air National Guard Base

Home to the 158th Fighter Wing, the Burlington Air National Guard Base maintains highly trained, well-equipped military forces to provide combat-ready F-16 aircraft and support elements in response to wartime and peacetime tasking under state and federal authority.

# Andrew State

The Guard and Reserve organize, train, and equip citizen soldiers and airmen for rapid mobilization in the state, nation, and around the world. While all Reserve components have a federal mission to augment active duty forces in times of crises, the Guard has the unique mission of serving the Governor during state emergencies. Known as the "Green Mountain Boys", the Vermont National Guard includes approximately 4,000 members, including more than 3,000 Army soldiers and 1,000 airmen.



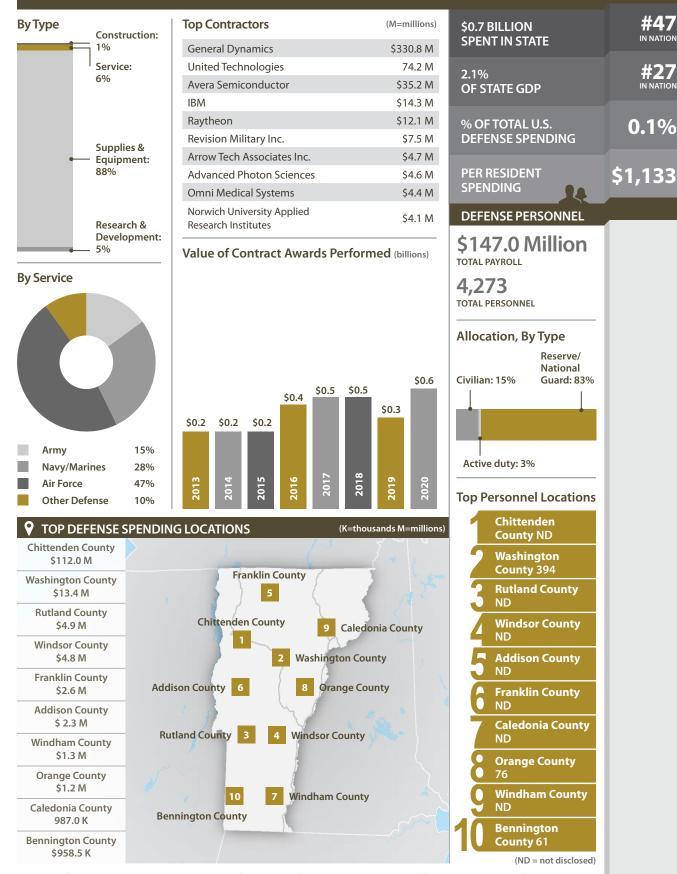


The Vermont Air National Guard delivered critical support to the State with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, provided emergency response efforts during Tropical Storm Irene, and Iaunched the famed F-16 fighting falcons in the skies over New York within hours after the 9/11 attacks.

## National Guard and Reserve Components

#### **Defense Spending by State**

#### Fiscal Year 2020



Sources: Defense Manpower Data Center, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, and Chmura Economics & Analytics. Office of Economic Adjustment - Defense Spending by State, FY2020