



DEFENCE & SECURITY

IN GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE

A STRONG SECTOR, A SECURE FUTURE

Greater Lincolnshire is a national centre for defence, security and innovation, with a long history of RAF presence, world-class facilities and a growing network of industry, research and training providers.



KEY FACTS



7,537

people employed

across the Defence & Security sector in Greater Lincolnshire.



**Five major
RAF bases:**

- RAF Cranwell
- RAF Waddington
- RAF Coningsby
- RAF Digby
- RAF Wittering



**Major employers
and supply chain
organisations include:**

- BAE Systems
- Babcock
- A wide range of specialist SMEs supporting national security operations.

BAE SYSTEMS

babcock



**One of the UK's
most critical networks
of ISTAR businesses**
(Intelligence, Surveillance,
Target Acquisition and
Reconnaissance).



Home to:

- RAF Air & Space Warfare Centre (ASWC)
- Air Battlespace Training Centre
- MOD Joint Cyber and Electromagnetic Activities group.



**Greater Lincolnshire
Regional Defence &
Security Cluster**

Established in July 2023
One of three formally recognised
regional defence clusters in the UK.



Lincoln College

Named the Defence Technical
Excellence College (TEC)24
for the East Midlands
in April 2026.



PRIORITY SKILLS SHORTAGES

Where talent makes the difference

The Defence sector's most acute skills shortages are concentrated in:



**Engineering &
aerospace occupations**

- Aircraft maintenance
- Aerospace engineering
- Manufacturing



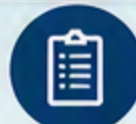
**Cyber security &
digital technologies**

- Cyber operations
- Networks
- Digital infrastructure



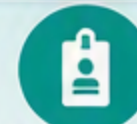
**Software development
& data analysis**

- Programming
- Data science
- Systems development



**Project management
& compliance**

- Project delivery
- Risk management
- Regulatory compliance



**Security-cleared
personnel**

- Operational support
- Technical specialists
- Defence professionals



Emerging technologies

- Artificial Intelligence
- Space technologies
- Advanced defence systems



Why this matters

Demand continues to grow for skilled professionals who can support **national security**, **defence innovation**, **engineering excellence** and **next-generation technologies**.