

81st Training Wing

Mission: Train Airmen across the spectrum of technical, medical and airmanship skills to build overwhelming combat power for the Air Force!

Vision: The World's Best Airmen – Training, Fighting, Winning!

Profile

- Location: Biloxi, Miss.
- Mission of 81st TRW and tenants: Technical training, medical, airlift, weather reconnaissance
- Established: 1941
- Acres: 1,784 (includes training annex)

Priorities

- **Training:** Keesler's primary mission
- **Warfighting:** Expeditionary preparedness
- **World Class Installation:** base operating support, Keesler Medical Center and quality of life
- **Strategic Communication:** Inform our audience – Keesler Airmen, community partners and the Air Force

Noteworthy

- Second largest Air Force technical training base
- Keesler Medical Center partners with Biloxi Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Armed Forces Retirement Home, local civilian hospitals and area universities to provide unparalleled care to 26,000+ patients.
- All Air Force cyber training begins at Keesler
- One of the largest employers in South Mississippi
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredited



Keesler Medical Center

Team Keesler Partners

- **81st Training Wing:** Provides technical training to Air Force personnel, as well as members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, other Department of Defense agencies and International partners. The wing includes the 81st Training Group, 81st Medical Group, 81st Mission Support and wing staff agencies. Keesler is an Air Education and Training Command base.
- **2nd Air Force:** Manages all operational aspects of 2,014 active training courses attended by about 150,000 students annually. Courses include basic military training, technical training, medical training and distance learning.
- **403rd Wing:** An Air Force Reserve Command unit, includes the world-famous 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, better known as the "Hurricane Hunters", and the 815th Airlift Squadron "Flying Jennies", responsible for delivering tactical airlift to combat forces and providing humanitarian relief in disaster zones.
- **85th Engineering Installation Squadron:** An Air Force Space Command unit, provides worldwide, contingency and peacetime engineering and installation of cable, antenna, radio, radar, airfield and secure cyber systems infrastructure.
- **Mathies NCO Academy:** Delivers leadership training to hundreds of noncommissioned officers from installations around the Air Force through the premier Intermediate Leadership Experience course. The ILE course is the first of its kind and saves the Air Force money and time by incorporating distance learning and shortening academy TDY length.
- **Other agencies:** the Air Force Audit Agency, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 407, Area Defense Counsel, Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Services.

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Keesler Air Force Base *Fiscal Year 2014*

Economic Impact Analysis



Standard Economic Impact

The Standard Economic Impact Statement includes payroll, contracts and secondary jobs created as specified in procedures directed by Headquarters, Air Force.

Payroll - Military/Student Personnel

	Manpower	Payroll
Total	6,951*	\$ 468,301,857

*Includes student population and reservists who reside in and out of the local area

Payroll - Civilian Personnel

	Manpower	Payroll
Civil Service	1,278	\$ 86,447,019
Non-Tax Funded	400	\$ 9,392,956
BX and Commissary	262	\$ 5,557,369
Contract	1,349	\$ 63,033,703
Other	397	\$ 432,824
Total	3,686	\$ 164,863,871

Purchasing - Local Vendors/Contractors

Construction	\$ 20,335,859
Services	\$ 33,395,021
Commissary/BX	\$ 20,827,511
Health care (TRICARE)	\$17,050,605
School Impact Aid/Tuition Assistance	\$ 1,134,953
Other (Material/Equip/Supplies)	\$ 1,991,086
Lodging	\$ 11,343,615
Total	\$ 106,078,649

Estimated indirect jobs created	3,627
Estimated value of jobs created	\$ 128,928,969

Economic Impact ***\$ 868,173,346**

Mississippi State Standard Economic Multiplier*

is 1.9, excluding retiree payroll and community services. This is an accepted principal where initial dollars expended are re-spent again and again, creating jobs and income for businesses and other workers. A multiplier is used to determine the greater economic impact of Keesler's expenditures.

FY 2014: *\$1,649,529,357

Keesler Snapshot

2014

10,637

Total workforce

3,393

Daily student load

27,617

Technical training graduates

1,124

Daily visits to
81st Medical Group

6,000

403rd Wing flying hours

332

Airmen deployed

\$2.4 billion
in physical assets

\$1.65 Billion

Total economic impact

Community Involvement

Military Retiree Population

AL -- 6,821	MS -- 13,996	LA -- 12,310
		Total 33,127

Military Retiree dependents (estimated)	59,628
Military Retiree Annuitants	5,453

Military-affiliated on Coast

Keesler Military / Civilian Employees	10,637
Keesler Military Family Members	4,494

Total Extended Population **113,339**

Military students in public schools (estimates based on Federal Impact Aid cards)

Biloxi	700
Harrison County	700
Ocean Springs	524
Gulfport	213
Long Beach	460
Jackson County	250
Home schooled	250
Private/parochial schools	150
TOTAL	3,247

Community College of the Air Force

2014 Graduates	235
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Community volunteer hours

Reported to base volunteer office	139,312
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