Maryland Federal Facilities Profile

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)



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Maryland Employees: 2,794 + 5,800 Contractors

History & Mission: The Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) was established in 1959 as NASA's first space flight center, marking a significant milestone in space exploration. Named after Dr. Robert H. Goddard, the pioneer of modern rocketry, the center has been at the forefront of developing and operating unmanned scientific spacecraft for over six decades. Goddard's history is deeply intertwined with NASA's major achievements, including its contributions to the Apollo program and numerous Earth science missions.

Goddard's mission is to expand our understanding of Earth, the Solar System, and the Universe through space-based observations. The center conducts scientific investigations, develops and operates space systems, and advances technologies essential to NASA's objectives. With a team of dedicated scientists and engineers, Goddard supports NASA's mission to explore space, understand the cosmos, and use this knowledge for the benefit of humanity.

Goddard's reach extends beyond its Greenbelt, Maryland, campus to include several key facilities. The Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia supports suborbital and orbital launches, scientific balloon operations, and atmospheric research. The Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Facility in West Virginia ensures the reliability and safety of software used in NASA missions. Additional Goddard missions are conducted at the White Sands Test Facility in New Mexico and Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York.

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