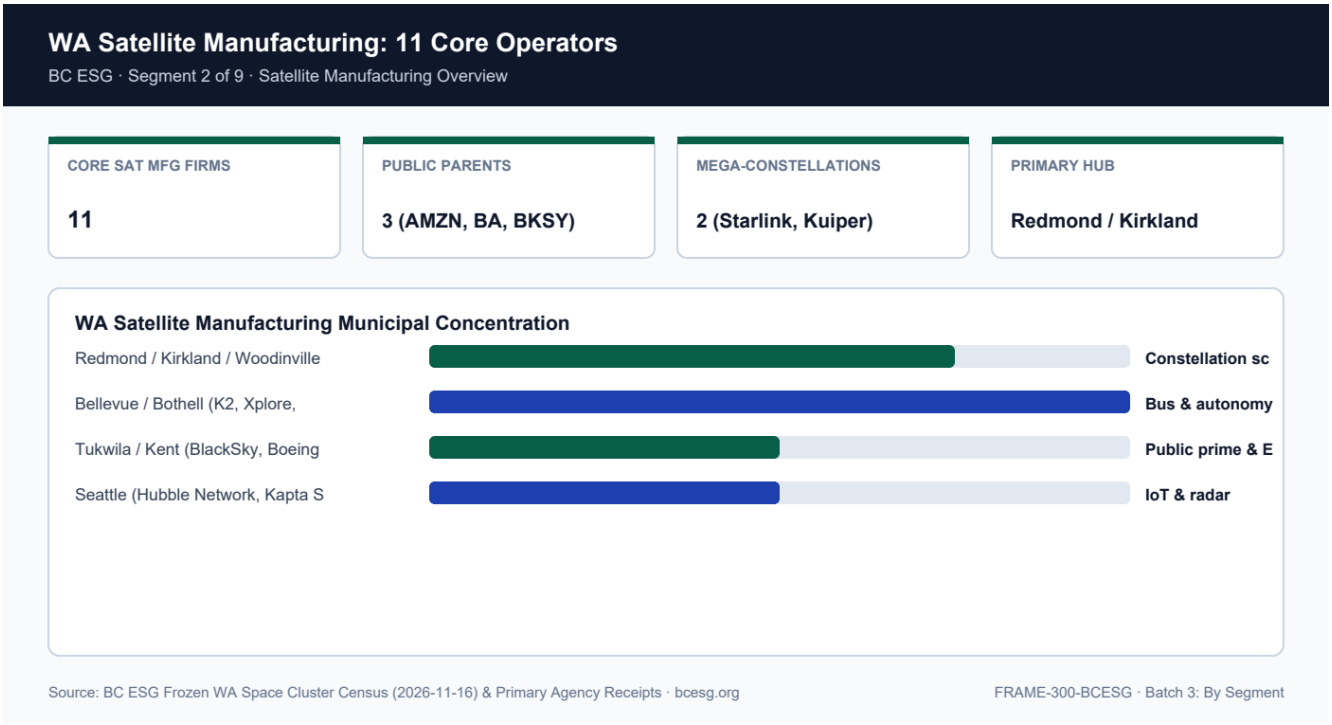
Washington Satellite Manufacturing Segment: Overview & Census Roster

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Verification & Scope Baseline: 11 core Satellite Manufacturing companies verified in the frozen Census CSV (Redmond, Kirkland, Tukwila, Bothell, Bellevue, Seattle, Kent); 0 companies re-homed.



Company	WA Facility	Census Class	Primary Focus	Census Profile
SpaceX (Starlink)	Redmond, WA / Woodinville, WA	Core	High-volume Starlink R&D & manufacturing	Profile #1418
Amazon Leo (Project Kuiper)	Redmond, WA / Kirkland, WA	Core	LEO broadband HQ & mass production	Profile #1421
BlackSky	Tukwila, WA (12501 E Marginal Wy S)	Core (NYSE: BKSY)	Geospatial satellites & LeoStella	Profile #1438
Portal Space Systems	Bothell, WA (22118 20th Ave SE)	Core	Maneuverable Supernova spacecraft	Profile #1430
K2 Space	Bellevue, WA (engineering hub)	Core	Flight SW & autonomy (CA mfg)	Profile #1435
ARKA (ex-Tethers Unlimited)	Bothell, WA	Core (CACI $2.6B acq)	Spacecraft subsystems & robotics	Profile #1475
Eclipse Space	Redmond, WA	Core	Turnkey customer constellations	Grouped #1556
Hubble Network	Seattle, WA	Core	Bluetooth-to-satellite IoT	Profile #1478

Company	WA Facility	Census Class	Primary Focus	Census Profile
Kapta Space	Seattle, WA	Core	Spaceborne radar satellites	Profile #1481
Xplore	Bellevue, WA	Core	Commercial spacecraft & hosted payloads	Profile #1484
Boeing Defense, Space & Security	Tukwila, WA / Kent, WA	Core (NYSE: BA)	Defense/space satellites & SLS/Starliner	Profile #1487

What Washington's Satellite Manufacturing Segment Builds

Satellite Manufacturing is Washington's highest-volume orbital hardware segment, comprising **11 core operators** (`WA-SPC-008` through `WA-SPC-018`) in the frozen Census CSV. Choose Washington and PSRC report that the state produces an estimated **60% of commercial LEO satellites** globally, anchored by SpaceX Starlink in Redmond and Amazon Leo in Redmond/Kirkland.

Alongside high-rate broadband constellations, the segment includes public Earth-observation and defense builders (BlackSky NYSE: BKSY in Tukwila; Boeing Defense, Space & Security NYSE: BA in Tukwila/Kent) and venture-backed bus, IoT, and radar developers (Portal Space Systems, K2 Space, Hubble Network, Kapta Space, Xplore).

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• Choose Washington Commercial Space: https://choosewashingtonstate.com/why-washington/our-key-sectors/commercial-space/

• Puget Sound Regional Council: https://www.psrc.org/

• Alliance Velocity Space City: https://www.alliancevelocity.com/space-city