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State of the Small Satellite Supply Chain

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companies tracked	products & components	countries	launch windows

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1. Executive summary

This report is a data snapshot of the global small-satellite supply chain, computed from the NewSpace Market catalogue — an open, neutral index of space-industry companies, hardware and launch opportunities. Unlike survey-based market studies, every figure here is counted, not estimated: the underlying records are public and can be browsed at newspacemarket.com.

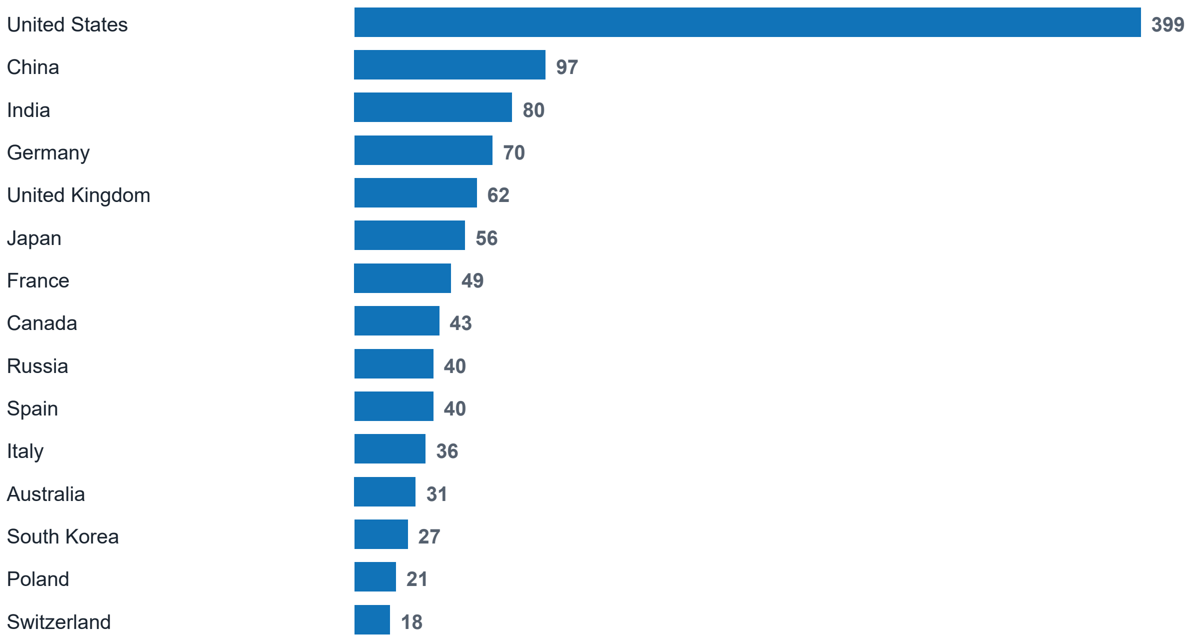
As of 2026-07-21 the catalogue tracks **1,565 organisations** across **157 countries**: 953 manufacturers, 127 launch providers and 416 university and research space programmes. Together they list **5,155 products and components** in 18 categories, **474 launch windows** and 87 services.

Key observations

• **Geography.** United States leads with 399 catalogued companies (25% of the total), followed by China (97). 157 countries host at least one space company — smallsat supply is no longer a three-country market.
• **Largest hardware segment:** Satellite Platforms (752 products), then Communications (691) and ADCS & Navigation (448).
• **Procurement is still opaque:** published list prices exist for only a fraction of hardware; supplier lead times run from stock to 40+ weeks (category medians in section 4).
• **Launch access keeps normalising:** published rideshare pricing from $6,500/kg to SSO, with 47 launch windows in the next 90 days, 0 of them rideshare-friendly.

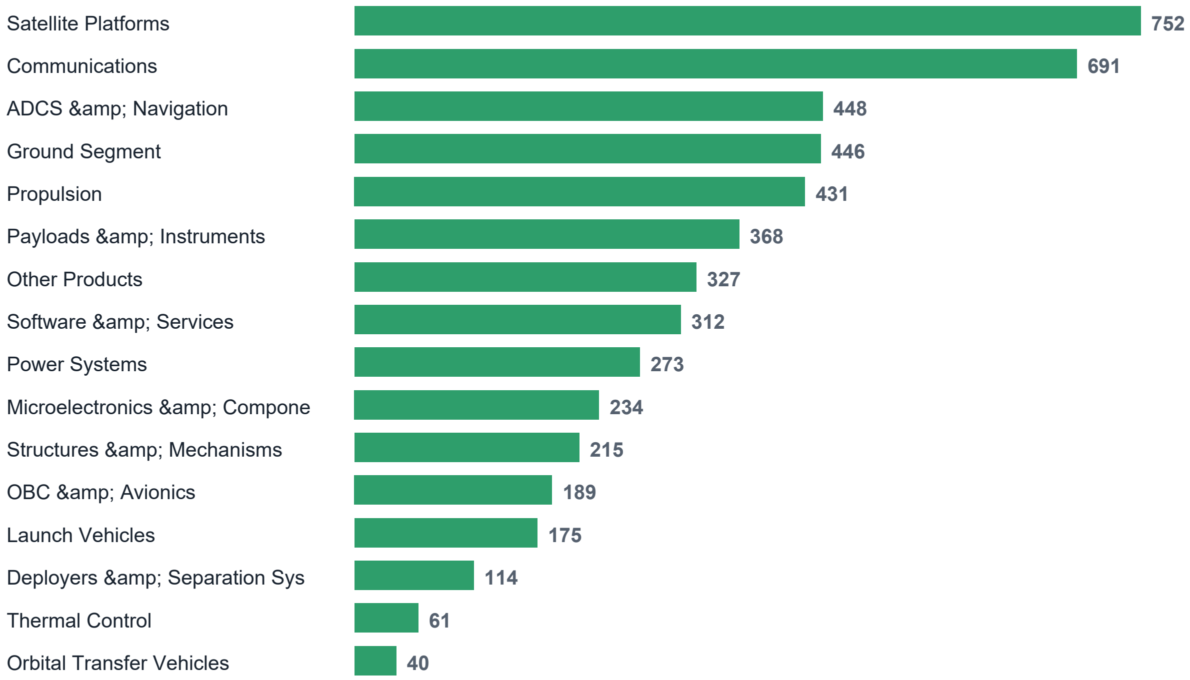
2. Where the supply chain lives

Companies by country — top 15



3. What the industry sells

Products by category



Counts include subcategories. Coverage grows continuously — live figures at newspacemarket.com/intelligence supersede this snapshot.

4. Component benchmarks

For each category the catalogue computes live medians from normalized specifications: median product mass, supplier-stated lead time and published price (USD equivalent) where enough data exists (blank = insufficient published data — most space hardware is priced on request).

Category	Products	Makers	Median mass, kg	Median lead, wk	Median price, $
Satellite Platforms	752	382	50		1,035,000
Communications	691	214	1		2,390
ADCS & Navigation	448	92	0.5		6,000
Ground Segment	446	155	19.5		9,354
Propulsion	431	112	1.625		35,736
Payloads & Instruments	368	166	1.26		3,600
Software & Services	312	179	0.144		1,000
Power Systems	273	82	0.3		7,000
Microelectronics & Components	234	57	0.002		
Structures & Mechanisms	215	86	1.6		4,398
OBC & Avionics	189	76	0.183		13,500
Launch Vehicles	175	96	222.5		
Deployers & Separation Systems	114	41	7.25		

Category	Products	Makers	Median mass, kg	Median lead, wk	Median price, $
Thermal Control	61	18	0.8		
Orbital Transfer Vehicles	40	26			
Human Spaceflight	29	18			
Launch & Rideshare Services	26	25			

Lead-time medians are a NewSpace Market exclusive — no other public source tracks how long space components actually take to procure. Interactive versions: newspacemarket.com/intelligence/benchmarks/.

5. Launch economics

Published smallsat launch prices

Provider	Offer	Price	Basis	As of
SpaceX	Rideshare Program (Transporter / Bandwagon)	$6,500/kg	published online booking rate, SSO, min 50 kg	2026-01
Rocket Lab	Electron — dedicated small launch	$25,000/kg (effective)	effective: ~$7.5M publicly stated mission price / ~300 kg to SSO	2025
Firefly Aerospace	Alpha — dedicated launch	$14,600/kg (effective)	effective: ~$15M publicly stated price / 1,030 kg to LEO	2025

SpaceX published rideshare rate, $/kg to SSO

Only officially published prices are indexed; every figure carries a source and an as-of date (newspacemarket.com/intelligence/launch-index/). 47 launch windows are scheduled in the next 90 days, 0 rideshare-friendly.

6. The academic layer

The catalogue tracks 416 university and research space programmes — CubeSat laboratories, student mission teams and national academic initiatives across every region. Universities are the industry's most under-served buyers: they procure deployers, subsystems and rideshare launches in growing volume, yet rarely appear in commercial market maps.

7. Methodology, license & about

Method. All figures are computed by counting records in the NewSpace Market catalogue as of the date on the cover — no extrapolation, no survey weighting. Prices are supplier-published list prices converted to USD at fixed rates. Lead times are parsed from supplier-stated availability. Launch prices include only officially published figures, each with a source. Coverage grows daily, so figures are lower bounds on the real market.

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