

Undermanned

Col. Patrick Kumashiro, chief of the maintenance division for the Air Force's Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection Directorate, says he worries when manning falls below 90 percent. Current crew chief and flightline avionics manning:

	Airman	Senior airman	Staff sergeant	Technical sergeant	Master sergeant	Senior master sergeant	Chief master sergeant	Total
Authorized	2,100	2,399	3,301	2,221	1,310	258	140	11,729
Assigned	1,561	2,984	2,635	1,858	1,174	240	118	10,570
Percentage	74%	124%	80%	84%	90%	93%	84%	90%

2A5/8/9 crew chiefs/flightline avionics								
	Airman	Senior airman	Staff sergeant	Technical sergeant	Master sergeant	Senior master sergeant	Chief master sergeant	Total
Authorized	3,150	3,670	4,488	2,835	1,637	360	158	16,298
Assigned	2,663	4,657	3,989	2,710	1,497	323	119	15,958
Percentage	85%	127%	89%	96%	91%	90%	75%	98%

Source: Air Force