

Colorado Springs, CO

Advanced industries employ

27,840

full-time workers. (2013)

These direct jobs supports an additional

22,270

indirect jobs in other industries in the region.

Advanced industries produce

\$5.7

billion dollars in output in the region.
(2013, 2005 Chained)

Advanced industries pay, on average

\$104,280

dollars per year (2013).

Advanced industries directly

account for

9.3%

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

#33

among all large metros.

This accounts for

20.5%

of all output in the region (2013).

This compares to average pay of

\$47,560

for all industries (2013).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2010-2013

JOBS

2.7%

OUTPUT

3.8%

-0.5%

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1.9%

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What are Advanced Industries?

The Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings defines advanced industries as those that: 1) Spend at least \$450 per worker per year on R&D and 2) employ at least 20 percent of their workforce in STEM-intensive occupations. The definition identifies 50 4-digit NAICS industries across the manufacturing, energy, and services sectors that together constitute the advanced industries super-sector.

Why do Advanced Industries Matter?

Advanced industries encompass the nation's "tech" sector at its broadest and most consequential. They represent a sizable economic anchor for the U.S. economy and have led the post-recession employment recovery. Their competitiveness and growth are prerequisites for any future broadly shared prosperity. As such, the sector encompasses the country's best shot at supporting innovative, inclusive, and sustainable growth. Advanced industries are present in nearly every U.S. region, but the sector's geography is uneven.

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DATA NOTES

All figures reflect Brookings analysis of data from Moody's Analytics.

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Twenty-Five Largest Advanced Industries (2013)

There are 7 advanced industries in Colorado Springs, CO with LQs over 1.5. LQs over 1.5 indicate specialization †

Industry 4-Digit NAICS Code	Industry Title	Industry Employment (2013)	Industry Location Quotient (LQ) † 2013	Industry Share of Total Advanced Industries Employment (2013)	Industry Employment Annual Growth 2010-2013	Industry Share of Total Advanced Industries Output (2013)	Industry Output Annual Growth 2010-2013
5415	Computer Systems Design	8,060	2.26	29.0%	-3.5%	22.5%	-2.3%
5413	Architecture & Engineering	4,780	1.69	17.2%	-3.6%	10.4%	-3.0%
5416	Management Consulting	2,080	0.84	7.5%	5.8%	4.7%	5.2%
3344	Semiconductors	1,670	2.12	6.0%	-5.5%	6.4%	-3.7%
5417	R&D Services	1,640	1.23	5.9%	-4.5%	4.8%	-2.9%
5112	Software Products	1,370	2.19	4.9%	3.6%	9.7%	6.9%
5179	Other telecommunications	1,360	7.65	4.9%	-0.1%	13.3%	1.1%
3345	Precision Instruments	1,210	1.46	4.3%	4.7%	3.9%	4.5%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	1,070	1.67	3.8%	2.5%	3.7%	0.5%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	580	1.12	2.1%	16.8%	0.9%	19.3%
5182	Data Processing & Hosting	570	1.01	2.0%	10.0%	1.6%	9.7%
2122	Metal Ore Mining	490	5.24	1.7%	33.0%	5.0%	45.6%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	420	0.73	1.5%	-2.0%	1.1%	-3.8%
3341	Computer Equipment	400	1.21	1.4%	5.7%	2.5%	7.2%
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	330	0.31	1.2%	5.5%	0.6%	9.2%
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	290	0.27	1.0%	1.3%	0.7%	-8.2%
3254	Pharmaceuticals	210	0.35	0.7%	3.3%	2.2%	9.2%
5191	Web Search Portals and Internet Publishing	140	0.35	0.5%	23.7%	0.4%	20.0%
3279	Stone & Mineral Products	140	0.95	0.5%	13.7%	0.3%	16.0%
2211	Power Generation & Supply	130	0.16	0.5%	-0.8%	1.4%	5.8%
3333	Commercial & Service Machinery	120	0.64	0.4%	1.2%	0.3%	18.5%
3336	Engine & Power Equipment	120	0.55	0.4%	3.3%	0.4%	3.7%
3259	Misc. Chemicals	100	0.54	0.3%	17.9%	0.3%	22.2%
5152	Cable and Other Subscription Programming	80	0.54	0.3%	0.8%	0.7%	4.4%
2111	Oil & Gas Extraction	50	0.13	0.2%	9.8%	0.8%	14.9%
Advanced industries manufacturing		6,490	0.57	23.3%	0.5%	23.7%	1.2%
Advanced industries energy		670	0.50	2.4%	20.8%	7.3%	29.2%
Advanced industries services		20,680	1.59	74.3%	-1.3%	69.0%	0.4%
ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL		27,840	1.08	100.0%	-0.5%	100.0%	1.9%

† Location quotients are a measure of specialization for an industry using employment. A LQ of over 1 indicates that an industry employs more workers, as a share of total employment, than the nation as a whole.