

## Atlanta

	Atlanta Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
<b>Economic Performance</b>					
Total Employment 1997	2,4 Million	4th	1.8 million	3.8 million	700,000
Employment Growth, 1990-97	3.47%	5th	2.3%	4.9%	0.8%
Manufacturing Growth, 1990-1997	1.90%	6th	0.5%	6.2%	-0.7%

	Employment	Rank by Emp	Location Quotient	Rank by LQ
<b>High Tech Employment 1997</b>				
Computer & Electronics	17,436	12th	0.7	13th
Software Publishers	6922	6th	1.7	8th
Information Services/Data Proc.	5,000-9,999*	4th	n/a	n/a
Computer Systems Design	25,979	3rd	2.2	4th
Total High Tech	57,837	6th	n/a	15th

\*mid-point of this interval (7,500) is used for computing  
Atlanta's total high technology employment (57,837)

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<b>Innovative Activity</b>					
Patents (1998)	1034	10th	1549	4931	289
Patent Rate (1997)	32.7	15th	62.8	121.7	32.7
Growth in Patents (1990-1998)	10.1%	7th	10.7%	17.5%	6.5%
Venture Capital Investment Counts 1995 to 1999	240	6th		1518	17
Share of US Total 1995-1999	2.4%	6th		15.2%	0.2%

### Largest High Tech Firms

Lucent Technologies  
IBM Corp.  
Scientific-Atlanta Inc.  
Hewlett-Packard Co.  
Equifax Inc.

### Product Specializations

Telecommunication  
Computers and computer services  
Telecommunication  
Computers and computer services  
Information solutions

### Employment

7,300  
7,166  
3,200  
3,000  
2,780

### # of 10 largest firms locally headquartered

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### Leading High Tech Patent Specializations

Chemistry: Molecular Biology and Microbiology  
Computer Graphics Processing

### Location Quotient

0.8  
0.5