

**Austin**

	Austin Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
<b>Economic Performance</b>					
Total Employment 1997	726,000	15th	1.8 million	3.8 million	700,000
Employment Growth, 1990-97	4.90%	1st	2.3%	4.9%	0.8%
Manufacturing Growth, 1990-1997	6.20%	1st	0.5%	6.2%	-0.7%

	Employment	Rank by Emp	Location Quotient	Rank by LQ
<b>High Tech Employment 1997</b>				
Computer & Electronics	38,357	6th	4.9	2nd
Software Publishers	3,417	10th	2.8	4th
Information Services/Data Proc.	1,116	15th	0.7	12th
Computer Systems Design	6,631	12th	1.9	5th
Total High Tech	49,521	9th	3.5	2nd

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<b>Innovative Activity</b>					
Patents (1998)	1440	6th	1549	4931	289
Patent Rate (1997)	110.9	2nd	62.8	121.7	32.7
Growth in Patents (1990-1998)	17.5%	1st	10.7%	17.5%	6.5%
Venture Capital Investment Counts 1995 to 1999	168	11th		1518	17
Share of US Total 1995-1999	1.7%	11th		15.2%	0.2%

**Largest High Tech Firms**

Dell Computer Corp.  
 Motorola Semiconductor  
 IBM Corp.  
 Advanced Micro Devices  
 Applied Materials

**Product Specializations**

Personal Computers  
 Semiconductors  
 Computers  
 Semiconductors  
 Semiconductor Process Equipment

**Employment**

11,000  
 10,500  
 7,500  
 3,500  
 3,149

**# of 10 largest firms locally headquartered** 3

**Leading High Tech Patent Specializations**

Information Processing System Organization 7.6  
 Semiconductor Device Manufacturing Process 6.3