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Advanced industries employ

257,886

full-time workers. (2015)

These direct jobs supports an additional

206,310

indirect jobs in other industries in
the region.

Advanced industries produce

\$55.2

billion dollars in output in the region.
(2015, 2009 Chained)

Advanced industries pay, on average

\$100,400

dollars per year (2015).

Advanced industries directly
account for

9.7%

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

#10

among all states.

This accounts for

19.0%

of all output in the region (2015).

This compares to average pay of

\$55,342

for all industries (2015).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2013-2015

OUTPUT

JOBS

4.55%

RANK:
#5

2.70%

3.37%

RANK:
#11

2.46%

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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 (2015)

There are 11 advanced industries in Colorado with LQs over 1.5. LQs over 1.5 indicate specialization †

Industry 4-Digit NAICS Code	Industry Title	Industry Employment (2015)	Industry Location Quotient (LQ) † 2015	Industry Share of Total Advanced Industries Employment (2015)	Industry Employment Annual Growth		Industry Share of Total Advanced Industries Output (2015)	Industry Output Annual Growth	
					2010- 2013	2013- 2015		2010- 2013	2013- 2015
5415	Computer Systems Design	53,390	1.56	20.7%	5.1%	5.5%	13.8%	7.1%	7.7%
5413	Engineering	44,120	1.74	17.1%	2.5%	2.5%	9.9%	0.0%	0.7%
5416	Management Consulting	25,700	1.12	10.0%	7.7%	6.9%	6.0%	3.4%	5.5%
5417	R&D Services	13,920	1.17	5.4%	-0.3%	1.5%	4.5%	-0.5%	1.8%
5112	Software Products	12,360	2.07	4.8%	-1.2%	1.8%	7.4%	2.1%	-0.6%
3345	Precision Instruments	10,620	1.48	4.1%	2.8%	0.2%	4.4%	4.1%	2.9%
2111	Oil & Gas Extraction	10,410	3.00	4.0%	8.3%	2.3%	17.1%	5.6%	12.9%
5182	Data Processing & Hosting	8,910	1.66	3.5%	5.4%	4.7%	2.6%	2.3%	10.8%
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	7,060	0.80	2.7%	-1.9%	2.9%	1.7%	-7.4%	5.7%
2211	Power Generation & Supply	6,590	0.93	2.6%	0.0%	2.3%	5.6%	3.2%	-3.5%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	6,320	1.15	2.5%	1.4%	1.2%	1.9%	-7.2%	4.9%
3344	Semiconductors	5,040	0.76	2.0%	-2.0%	-2.1%	2.2%	0.7%	3.2%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	4,560	0.98	1.8%	8.3%	4.7%	0.7%	8.1%	5.5%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	4,240	0.84	1.6%	4.0%	4.6%	1.0%	-4.3%	6.5%
3336	Engine & Power Equipment	3,780	2.05	1.5%	4.9%	25.0%	0.7%	-1.2%	17.1%
3341	Computer Equipment	3,700	1.27	1.4%	1.5%	-1.5%	2.6%	3.4%	4.0%
5179	Other telecommunications	3,550	2.42	1.4%	-1.4%	-4.4%	3.2%	-2.3%	-0.3%
5152	Cable and Other Subscription Programming	3,400	3.05	1.3%	-1.0%	5.2%	1.9%	7.7%	-3.2%
5191	Web Search Portals and Internet Publishing	3,090	0.71	1.2%	8.6%	5.2%	0.8%	6.6%	8.0%
3254	Pharmaceuticals	3,000	0.60	1.2%	0.5%	0.7%	1.9%	-13.0%	3.0%
5172	Wireless Telecom Carriers	2,020	0.84	0.8%	1.8%	-5.2%	1.8%	4.1%	4.4%
3339	General Purpose Machinery	1,960	0.41	0.8%	4.3%	3.1%	0.3%	-1.8%	-1.6%
3333	Commercial & Service Machinery	1,930	1.20	0.7%	1.4%	4.5%	0.4%	-5.6%	-0.1%
2122	Metal Ore Mining	1,760	2.41	0.7%	12.0%	-1.5%	1.7%	8.5%	2.6%
3342	Communications Equipment	1,760	1.11	0.7%	-1.9%	1.1%	0.8%	1.3%	4.5%
IFG	Advanced industries manufacturing	63,600	0.63	24.7%	1.6%	2.3%	22.4%	-2.7%	3.9%
	Advanced industries energy	18,770	1.66	7.3%	5.4%	1.9%	24.4%	5.1%	7.7%
	Advanced industries services	175,520	1.46	68.1%	3.6%	3.9%	53.2%	2.9%	3.5%
ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL		257,890	1.11	100.0%	3.2%	3.4%	100.0%	2.0%	4.5%

† 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.