

Seattle, WA

Advanced industries employ

308,210

full-time workers. (2015)

These direct jobs supports an additional

246,570

indirect jobs in other industries in the region.

Advanced industries produce

\$84.6

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

Advanced industries pay, on average

\$120,851

dollars per year (2015).

Advanced industries directly account for

15.8%

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

#2

among all large metros.

This accounts for

32.4%

of all output in the region (2015).

This compares to average pay of

\$67,276

for all industries (2015).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2013-2015

OUTPUT

JOBS



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 7 advanced industries in Seattle, WA 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
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	91,300	14.07	29.6%	5.9%	-1.4%	29.8%	2.8%	-0.6%
5112	Software Products	53,580	12.14	17.4%	1.8%	0.9%	36.8%	7.4%	8.5%
5415	Computer Systems Design	39,990	1.58	13.0%	8.2%	6.1%	7.1%	7.7%	8.9%
5413	Engineering	22,480	1.20	7.3%	2.5%	0.2%	3.6%	1.1%	1.5%
5416	Management Consulting	18,190	1.07	5.9%	10.4%	9.3%	2.9%	7.5%	12.0%
5191	Web Search Portals and Internet Publishing	11,870	3.68	3.9%	16.4%	19.0%	3.2%	18.1%	22.5%
5417	R&D Services	11,820	1.35	3.8%	0.0%	0.1%	2.6%	0.4%	1.5%
5172	Wireless Telecom Carriers	9,270	5.20	3.0%	-7.6%	2.1%	4.0%	-4.5%	8.4%
3345	Precision Instruments	8,070	1.52	2.6%	0.4%	0.6%	1.7%	6.4%	-7.8%
5182	Data Processing & Hosting	6,010	1.52	2.0%	6.7%	22.7%	0.9%	1.3%	26.1%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	5,460	1.46	1.8%	1.0%	3.1%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%
3339	General Purpose Machinery	4,140	1.17	1.3%	14.9%	1.2%	0.5%	-2.6%	3.1%
3344	Semiconductors	3,330	0.68	1.1%	5.1%	0.5%	0.8%	12.8%	-2.3%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	2,600	0.76	0.8%	-2.2%	2.6%	0.3%	-4.3%	3.2%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	2,270	0.56	0.7%	-0.9%	1.8%	0.3%	-2.3%	1.4%
3366	Ships & Boats	2,100	1.18	0.7%	-3.9%	-1.8%	0.4%	-4.7%	-6.0%
3341	Computer Equipment	1,580	0.74	0.5%	3.5%	-6.4%	0.5%	9.4%	-17.3%
2211	Power Generation & Supply	1,330	0.25	0.4%	-6.1%	3.7%	1.1%	-4.8%	-3.8%
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	1,220	0.16	0.4%	15.9%	1.3%	0.2%	11.9%	3.5%
3359	Misc. Electrical Equipment	1,120	0.65	0.4%	3.7%	3.0%	0.1%	-5.2%	4.8%
3361	Motor Vehicles	1,100	0.40	0.4%	5.7%	1.0%	0.3%	1.3%	-3.0%
3254	Pharmaceuticals	1,040	0.28	0.3%	-0.9%	16.8%	0.3%	-2.3%	4.9%
3332	Industrial Machinery	1,030	0.69	0.3%	6.7%	6.6%	0.2%	-11.5%	6.9%
3342	Communications Equipment	880	0.75	0.3%	3.7%	-6.7%	0.2%	12.9%	-10.6%
3241	Petroleum & Coal Products	650	0.44	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.6%	-22.1%	8.6%
IFG	Advanced industries manufacturing	130,360	1.76	42.3%	4.9%	-0.8%	37.2%	2.3%	-1.2%
	Advanced industries energy	1,340	0.16	0.4%	-6.0%	3.7%	1.1%	-4.8%	-3.8%
	Advanced industries services	176,520	1.99	57.3%	3.8%	4.3%	61.7%	5.9%	8.6%
	ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL	308,210	1.80	100.0%	4.2%	2.1%	100.0%	4.2%	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.