

South Carolina

Advanced industries employ

178,810

full-time workers. (2015)

These direct jobs supports an additional

143,050

indirect jobs in other industries in
the region.

Advanced industries produce

\$28.0

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

Advanced industries pay, on average

\$71,046

dollars per year (2015).

Advanced industries directly
account for

8.6%

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

#19

among all states.

This accounts for

15.8%

of all output in the region (2015).

This compares to average pay of

\$43,076

for all industries (2015).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2013-2015

OUTPUT

JOB

2.75%

RANK:
#22

2.70%

3.42%

RANK:
#9

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 16 advanced industries in South Carolina 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
5413	Engineering	21,680	1.09	12.1%	2.1%	2.2%	8.2%	1.9%	0.0%
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	18,590	2.32	10.4%	8.8%	8.2%	9.0%	8.7%	8.9%
5416	Management Consulting	13,810	0.76	7.7%	7.3%	9.0%	5.5%	5.4%	7.5%
5415	Computer Systems Design	13,190	0.49	7.4%	2.4%	9.3%	5.6%	10.7%	11.0%
2211	Power Generation & Supply	11,190	1.99	6.3%	0.5%	0.3%	13.7%	-3.4%	-4.0%
3252	Resins & Synthetic Rubbers	7,600	5.70	4.2%	0.2%	5.3%	4.3%	-10.2%	3.4%
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	7,390	1.07	4.1%	27.6%	6.3%	6.3%	30.4%	9.3%
3361	Motor Vehicles	6,640	2.28	3.7%	7.0%	7.0%	4.6%	7.5%	6.7%
3339	General Purpose Machinery	5,770	1.53	3.2%	7.5%	1.6%	2.5%	7.9%	2.9%
3336	Engine & Power Equipment	5,170	3.56	2.9%	1.9%	-2.3%	2.4%	2.3%	-2.8%
3359	Misc. Electrical Equipment	4,890	2.66	2.7%	7.1%	3.0%	3.2%	2.9%	2.7%
3353	Electrical Equipment	4,660	2.30	2.6%	3.4%	5.0%	3.3%	0.2%	4.3%
3251	Basic Chemicals	4,180	1.98	2.3%	0.9%	-0.1%	2.6%	-9.1%	-3.0%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	3,800	0.95	2.1%	3.2%	1.2%	1.2%	-6.4%	1.2%
5172	Wireless Telecom Carriers	3,500	1.84	2.0%	4.6%	0.3%	2.9%	6.6%	8.0%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	3,270	0.75	1.8%	-1.0%	-4.9%	1.4%	-10.7%	-3.3%
3331	Agri., Constr., Mining Machinery	3,150	0.94	1.8%	4.7%	-13.9%	1.5%	4.8%	-11.7%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	3,140	0.85	1.8%	5.7%	3.0%	0.9%	5.4%	3.2%
3259	Misc. Chemicals	2,580	2.23	1.4%	-5.6%	4.7%	1.1%	-15.9%	0.8%
3345	Precision Instruments	2,540	0.45	1.4%	3.5%	0.7%	1.3%	18.5%	0.1%
3366	Ships & Boats	2,540	1.33	1.4%	3.1%	5.4%	1.4%	4.9%	8.4%
5182	Data Processing & Hosting	2,520	0.60	1.4%	-2.2%	-2.0%	1.4%	-6.9%	10.4%
5112	Software Products	2,400	0.51	1.3%	18.5%	1.8%	2.3%	19.4%	2.5%
3254	Pharmaceuticals	2,320	0.59	1.3%	1.1%	1.0%	1.9%	-8.1%	0.2%
3344	Semiconductors	2,160	0.41	1.2%	1.8%	-0.5%	1.2%	18.3%	1.6%
IFG	Advanced industries manufacturing	103,790	1.31	58.0%	4.5%	3.0%	57.6%	2.3%	3.3%
	Advanced industries energy	11,210	1.25	6.3%	0.5%	0.3%	13.7%	-3.4%	-4.0%
	Advanced industries services	63,820	0.67	35.7%	3.6%	4.7%	28.7%	5.0%	5.3%
ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL		178,810	0.98	100.0%	3.9%	3.4%	100.0%	2.0%	2.8%

† 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.