

## Alabama

Advanced industries employ

**201,590**

full-time workers. (2015)

These direct jobs supports an additional

**161,270**

indirect jobs in other industries in the region.

Advanced industries produce

**\$32.9**

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

Advanced industries pay, on average

**\$70,525**

dollars per year (2015).

Advanced industries directly account for

**10.0%**

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

**#8**

among all states.

This accounts for

**17.7%**

of all output in the region (2015).

This compares to average pay of

**\$43,581**

for all industries (2015).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2013-2015

**OUTPUT**

RANK:  
#41

2.70%

**JOB**

RANK:  
#27

2.46%

1.11%

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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 17 advanced industries in Alabama 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
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	25,500	3.29	12.6%	17.8%	8.3%	9.2%	22.3%	6.8%
5413	Engineering	23,880	1.24	11.8%	-1.1%	-0.4%	7.5%	-2.6%	-1.2%
5415	Computer Systems Design	23,140	0.88	11.5%	3.2%	0.4%	7.8%	2.9%	1.8%
3361	Motor Vehicles	13,100	4.64	6.5%	3.9%	6.9%	6.7%	8.4%	3.3%
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	12,360	1.84	6.1%	-3.1%	-0.7%	7.8%	2.9%	0.1%
2211	Power Generation & Supply	12,290	2.26	6.1%	0.9%	0.4%	13.1%	-0.3%	-4.6%
5416	Management Consulting	10,340	0.59	5.1%	4.4%	13.2%	3.4%	1.2%	12.4%
3366	Ships & Boats	5,720	3.10	2.8%	21.7%	-2.3%	2.4%	28.7%	0.4%
3311	Iron & Steel Products	5,710	4.67	2.8%	7.0%	-2.3%	3.5%	17.2%	-3.1%
5417	R&D Services	5,550	0.61	2.8%	-2.5%	-0.4%	2.5%	-1.7%	0.1%
3315	Foundries	5,410	3.17	2.7%	-0.7%	-0.6%	2.1%	6.8%	-1.3%
3362	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailers	4,070	1.97	2.0%	4.1%	3.8%	1.3%	5.4%	6.2%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	3,960	1.02	2.0%	3.9%	0.0%	0.8%	-3.7%	1.0%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	3,320	0.93	1.6%	3.0%	6.4%	0.9%	2.3%	8.4%
3339	General Purpose Machinery	3,140	0.86	1.6%	3.4%	-1.4%	0.9%	5.4%	-3.6%
3251	Basic Chemicals	3,070	1.50	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	3.0%	-8.0%	-1.3%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	2,780	0.66	1.4%	2.8%	7.5%	0.7%	-5.2%	10.5%
3252	Resins & Synthetic Rubbers	2,760	2.14	1.4%	6.3%	-2.1%	2.4%	-3.7%	-2.3%
3241	Petroleum & Coal Products	2,200	1.46	1.1%	8.0%	5.4%	5.2%	25.4%	8.1%
3345	Precision Instruments	2,090	0.38	1.0%	-1.6%	-1.4%	0.6%	-0.8%	-0.7%
3331	Agri., Constr., Mining Machinery	2,000	0.61	1.0%	1.8%	1.7%	0.6%	3.5%	0.6%
3313	Aluminum Products	1,970	2.41	1.0%	12.2%	-2.3%	0.9%	20.4%	-2.4%
3342	Communications Equipment	1,960	1.61	1.0%	-0.9%	0.4%	0.7%	1.9%	1.7%
3352	Household Appliances	1,850	2.19	0.9%	-4.4%	-4.0%	0.7%	-2.0%	-0.4%
3341	Computer Equipment	1,790	0.80	0.9%	-5.8%	-4.0%	0.9%	-4.4%	-0.6%
IFG	Advanced industries manufacturing	117,680	1.54	58.4%	4.4%	2.6%	58.7%	6.8%	2.2%
	Advanced industries energy	12,870	1.49	6.4%	0.7%	0.0%	15.5%	-0.2%	-5.3%
	Advanced industries services	71,050	0.78	35.2%	0.9%	1.7%	25.8%	0.1%	3.0%
	<b>ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL</b>	<b>201,590</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

† 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.