

## Tennessee

Advanced industries employ

**249,617**

full-time workers. (2015)

These direct jobs supports an additional

**199,690**

indirect jobs in other industries in  
the region.

Advanced industries produce

**\$39.7**

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

Advanced industries pay, on average

**\$70,784**

dollars per year (2015).

Advanced industries directly  
account for

**8.3%**

of all jobs in the region.

This employment share is

**#23**

among all states.

This accounts for

**14.3%**

of all output in the region (2015).

This compares to average pay of

**\$45,696**

for all industries (2015).

Advanced industry annual average growth, 2013-2015

**OUTPUT**

**JOB**

2.92%

RANK:  
#19

2.70%

4.57%

RANK:  
#1

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 10 advanced industries in Tennessee 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	41,760	3.64	16.7%	10.9%	7.9%	14.2%	18.3%	4.5%
5413	Engineering	23,990	0.84	9.6%	1.9%	5.6%	7.6%	0.4%	4.7%
5416	Management Consulting	21,610	0.83	8.7%	1.7%	8.6%	7.2%	-1.4%	8.2%
5415	Computer Systems Design	18,390	0.47	7.4%	7.4%	9.7%	6.1%	9.4%	11.7%
3361	Motor Vehicles	13,000	3.11	5.2%	12.4%	10.1%	6.4%	20.6%	5.6%
3252	Resins & Synthetic Rubbers	10,690	5.59	4.3%	0.0%	0.3%	5.8%	4.5%	-3.9%
3352	Household Appliances	10,150	8.12	4.1%	2.7%	8.6%	4.0%	6.4%	8.3%
3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies	8,850	1.42	3.5%	-2.6%	3.3%	3.5%	-5.0%	4.5%
5417	R&D Services	8,130	0.61	3.3%	-1.4%	0.5%	3.6%	-0.7%	1.4%
6215	Medical and Diagnostic Laboratories	6,810	1.29	2.7%	6.6%	4.3%	1.7%	5.7%	6.4%
3399	Misc. Manufacturing	6,600	1.15	2.6%	1.5%	2.8%	1.9%	-0.5%	2.2%
3362	Motor Vehicle Body & Trailers	6,240	2.04	2.5%	52.4%	-11.0%	1.8%	58.7%	-12.4%
3353	Electrical Equipment	5,410	1.86	2.2%	5.7%	-1.2%	2.4%	9.1%	-2.2%
3339	General Purpose Machinery	5,070	0.93	2.0%	0.2%	3.8%	1.4%	4.8%	-2.6%
5182	Data Processing & Hosting	4,970	0.82	2.0%	5.9%	-1.6%	1.8%	4.2%	3.0%
3251	Basic Chemicals	4,770	1.57	1.9%	-0.2%	1.4%	2.9%	4.7%	-3.9%
5172	Wireless Telecom Carriers	3,980	1.46	1.6%	-1.5%	2.0%	2.4%	-0.3%	10.2%
3331	Agri., Constr., Mining Machinery	3,720	0.77	1.5%	3.8%	3.7%	1.2%	8.3%	-1.5%
3259	Misc. Chemicals	3,390	2.04	1.4%	1.9%	0.9%	1.4%	5.7%	-5.2%
3366	Ships & Boats	3,130	1.15	1.3%	1.1%	7.3%	1.2%	10.0%	6.2%
3313	Aluminum Products	2,920	2.41	1.2%	1.9%	-0.1%	0.8%	8.9%	-6.3%
3315	Foundries	2,840	1.12	1.1%	9.4%	4.0%	0.6%	17.1%	-3.0%
3359	Misc. Electrical Equipment	2,810	1.06	1.1%	2.0%	-1.5%	1.2%	4.4%	-2.0%
3364	Aircraft Products & Parts	2,580	0.26	1.0%	11.8%	10.2%	1.5%	22.1%	9.1%
3345	Precision Instruments	2,540	0.31	1.0%	0.3%	4.5%	1.5%	9.1%	2.6%
IFG	Advanced industries manufacturing	153,810	1.36	61.6%	5.7%	3.9%	62.1%	9.5%	1.1%
	Advanced industries energy	3,610	0.28	1.4%	4.8%	-0.1%	4.4%	-1.2%	-0.2%
	Advanced industries services	92,190	0.68	36.9%	2.8%	5.9%	33.5%	1.9%	7.1%
<b>ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TOTAL</b>		<b>249,620</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</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.