

## Seattle

	Seattle Metro Area	Rank	Average	Highest	Lowest
<b>Economic Performance</b>					
Total Employment 1997	1,6 Million	7th	1.8 million	3.8 million	700,000
Employment Growth, 1990-97	2.10%	9th	2.3%	4.9%	0.8%
Manufacturing Growth, 1990-1997	0.00%	9th	0.5%	6.2%	-0.7%

	Employment	Rank by Emp	Location Quotient	Rank by LQ
<b>High Tech Employment 1997</b>				
Computer & Electronics	33,476	7th	1.9	7th
Software Publishers	9,713	5th	3.5	3rd
Information Services/Data Proc.	2,794	11th	0.8	9th
Computer Systems Design	9,914	8th	1.2	11th
Total High Tech	55,897	8th	1.7	8th

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<b>Innovative Activity</b>					
Patents (1998)	1275	8th	1549	4931	289
Patent Rate (1997)	42	13th	62.8	121.7	32.7
Growth in Patents (1990-1998)	10.0%	8th	10.7%	17.5%	6.5%
Venture Capital Investment Counts 1995 to 1999	283	4th		1518	17
Share of US Total 1995-1999	2.8%	4th		15.2%	0.2%

### Largest High Tech Firms

Microsoft Corp.
Fluke Corp.
Intermec Technologies Corp.
Eldec Corp.
Attachmate Corp.

### Product Specializations

Software
Instruments
Computers and Instruments
Aerospace and defence electronics
Software

### Employment

14,259
1,493
1,105
1,000
800

### # of 10 largest firms locally headquartered

8

### Leading High Tech Patent Specializations

	Location Quotient
Computer Graphics Processing	4.5
Information Processing System Organization	2.3