

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS



87,655
JOBS



8,960
ESTABLISHMENTS



\$10B
TOTAL ANNUAL WAGES



\$17B
GROSS STATE PRODUCT

ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

As one of the youngest and fastest-growing states in the nation, Arizona's pioneering spirit encourages its reputation as a hub for testing and scaling new technologies. Companies are taking note that Arizona's vibrant ecosystem is the best place to make global change.

Top 10

TECNOLOGY &
INNOVATION
MANUFACTURING
EMPLOYMENT

EMSI, 2020

Top 10

TECHNOLOGY
INDUSTRY
CONCENTRATION
AND DYNAMISM

Milken Institute, 2020

“Arizona embraces innovation, and tech companies around the world are taking note.” —Arizona Governor Doug Ducey

Top 10

FASTEST-GROWING
TECH CITY

PHOENIX

Dice Q2 Tech Jobs Report, 2021

Top 10

BEST STARTUP
ECOSYSTEM

TUCSON

Business Facilities Magazine, 2020

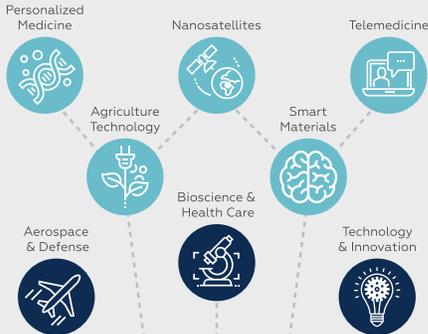
Industry Leaders



Leading Technology Sectors

In an age of tech-enabled transformation, all industries are embedded with technology. From traditional technology jobs to technology-infused industries, Arizona companies are setting the stage.

INDUSTRIES



Tech Across Industries

In Arizona, tech is playing a vital role in health care, manufacturing, utilities and many other sectors. Arizona employers are pioneering innovations in telemedicine and data mining. Manufacturers in the state are innovating throughout every step of the production process.

TOP 10

- + Tech & innovation manufacturing employment
- + Tech & innovation manufacturing concentration

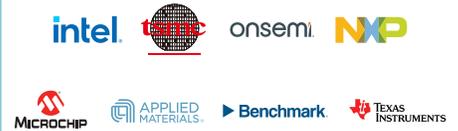


Semiconductors

Arizona is a leader in the R&D and engineering of semiconductors and other electronic components. Advances in high-tech devices, cloud computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) are all created in the state. These state-of-the-art technologies power data centers and billions of smart and connected devices across the world.

TOP 5

- + Semiconductors & other electronic components manufacturing employment
- + Semiconductor industry exports
- + Semiconductor manufacturing concentration



IT & Software Services

Software enhanced products and services developed in Arizona are revolutionizing everything from the education system to car buying. Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) companies transform file management, home buying and financial management into accessible, user friendly applications. Innovative software solutions in Arizona support the manufacturing and aerospace & defense industries with implementation services, supply chain management solutions and IoT services.

#3

emerging tech job growth

Top 5

IT jobs posting growth rate



Cybersecurity

Arizona is one of the most cyber-prepared states in the country. The state's cluster of cybersecurity global leaders, university programs and government initiatives fuel the buzzing sector in Arizona. Cutting-edge companies in the state are at the convergence of data protection and cybersecurity, revolutionizing the industry. With the deployment of artificial intelligence, blockchain and machine learning, Arizona's industry leaders are securing the nation's systems.

70

cybersecurity establishments

Top 10

cybersecurity jobs concentration





Top Talent

#3

TECH MANUFACTURING JOB GROWTH RATE

Cyberstates, 2021

Top 5

NET TECH EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATE

Cyberstates, 2021

Top 10

NET TECH JOBS ADDED IN 2020

Cyberstates, 2021

Top 10

TECH TALENT PIPELINE

Cyberstates, 2021

Top 10

PROJECTED TECH JOB GROWTH RATE

Cyberstates, 2021

Arizona's dynamic tech talent ecosystem is due to the state's leading companies, from the smallest startups to the largest household names. Skills, diversity and mobility are abundant in Arizona. The state has cemented itself as one of the fastest growing tech centers in the nation, catalyzing a surge in tech talent and jobs.

The state is home to six military installations—the local defense industry is a talent magnet for cybersecurity and information security talent. Approximately 2,500 Arizona-based service members separate from the military every year—taking their skills, and many of them with top-secret clearances, straight into civilian job positions.

World Class Education

The state's investment in building a reliable talent pipeline starts with its innovative universities, community colleges and programs.

#1

MOST INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY

for five consecutive years
Arizona State University

U.S. News & World Report, 2016-2022

122

UNIVERSITIES &
COLLEGES

222

SCHOOLS OFFERING CAREER
& TECHNICAL EDUCATION

490K

ENROLLED
STUDENTS

#4

UNDERGRADUATE MANAGEMENT

information systems program
University of Arizona

U.S. News & World Report, 2022



Accelerating Innovation

Arizona is home to a growing entrepreneurial community with strong support from incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, angel investors, business plan competitions and VC-pitching training.



ARIZONA INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Arizona is the best state to develop and commercialize innovative ideas and products with the entrepreneurial ecosystem serving as a key role in driving the economy. The Arizona Innovation Challenge, one of the largest commercialization competitions in the country, has been serving this ecosystem since 2011, resulting in more than 2,100 applications and 100 awarded companies.



VENTURE READY ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The Venture Ready Accelerator Program helps startups refine their business plans, improve go-to-market execution strategies and increase investor readiness. Awardees partner with an Entrepreneur-in-Residence who provides one-on-one coaching through five mandatory panels focused on key business objectives designed to commercialize innovations.



UNMET ARIZONA 2020

The Arizona Commerce Authority and Stout Street Capital have partnered to bring high-growth tech startups and investors together annually one of the largest venture capital conferences. The event draws more than 120 institutional venture capital investors from around the country. These investors will see potential deals with the fastest-growing tech startups from the central United States seeking to raise seed and series A rounds. During the event, founders and investors will have the opportunity to network and engage in private meetings.



VENTURE MADNESS

Hosted by Invest Southwest in partnership with the Arizona Commerce Authority, Venture Madness pits promising startups against one another in a bracket-style, head-to-head competition. Companies compete in live pitches to a panel of accredited investors. Finalist companies receive cash prizes, one-on-one time with the Southwest's most active angel and VC investors, and mentorship from serial entrepreneurs.



ACA INNOVATION NETWORK

The ACA's Innovation Network (ACA IN) is a robust, asynchronous resource library and mentor network. Through ACA IN founders and entrepreneurs can search for mentors with relevant industry and functional expertise to receive advice and support in growing their business. ACA IN is also home to several programs including the Virtual Accelerator.