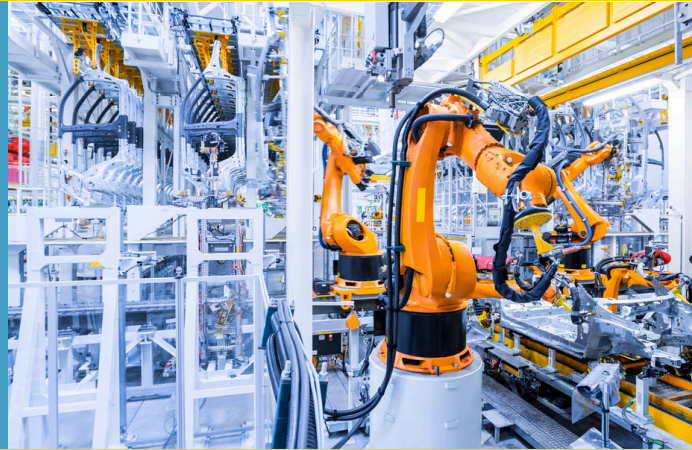




ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY



Metro Denver has an established advanced manufacturing economy and accounts for nearly 6.5% of the area's total employment. A growing region for this industry resides in Jefferson County, which houses nearly 600 advanced manufacturing businesses that have more than 21,000 employees. The electronics, engineering-intensive manufacturing, and medical device manufacturing are key subclusters of Jefferson County's advanced manufacturing industry.

Industry Snapshot



Companies
588



Jobs
21,346



Average Wage
\$133,900



Jobs Multiplier
2.55



Location Quotient
0.98

- Jefferson County **industry innovation rankings**:
 - **96th** percentile for advanced industry employment
 - **#15** Venture capital per \$10k GDP
 - **#38** Patents granted per capita
 - **#58** GDP per capita
- Jefferson County is home to the Colorado School of Mines (Mines) which consistently ranks as one of the **top engineering schools** in the nation. Mines has 10 research centers related to manufacturing, including ADAPT, which is a multidisciplinary additive manufacturing research center and industry consortium.
- Jefferson County's **highly educated workforce** is growing. Residents with a bachelor's degree or higher increased by more than 11% from 2000 to 2023. Today, 51.9% of the residents in Jefferson County have a bachelor's degree or higher, helping position Colorado as the nation's **2nd most educated workforce**. The county ranks 44th in the nation for the highest concentration of residents with a bachelor's degree.
- Colorado has the **4th highest concentration** of high-tech employment in the nation.
- Colorado ranks 2nd for the **best state to start a business** and #1 as the **best state for women entrepreneurs**.
- To **support the business community**, Jefferson County recently eliminated its portion of the business personal property tax, becoming one of the first counties in Colorado to eliminate this tax.

