

# SEMICONDUCTORS



Next-generation devices, products, platforms, and tools are being designed, developed, and manufactured in the region. The semiconductor industry has been a cornerstone of Austin's corporate landscape since the 1970s, significantly driving the region's high-technology growth and innovation.

**170**

**companies**  
in semiconductor  
related-industries

**100**

**companies**  
manufacturing semiconductors  
& related components

**60,000**

**employees**  
in semiconductor  
related industry

## Key Investments, Projects, & Industry Leaders

Austin's semiconductor industry is bolstered by substantial investments, cutting-edge projects, and the presence of leading global companies. This dynamic ecosystem continues to drive innovation, economic growth, and technological advancements in the region.

### Chip Design Centers

Apple  
ARM  
Cirrus Logic  
Ericsson  
IBM  
Intel  
Microchip  
NVIDIA  
Qualcomm  
Silicon Laboratories  
Skyworks Solutions

### Related Manufacturers

Applied Materials  
CKD Corp  
ENF Technology  
Han's Laser  
Hanyang Eng  
KoMiCo  
Schunk Xycarb Technology  
Tokyo Electron  
Toppan Photomasks  
Ultra Clean Technology  
Valex

### Chip Makers



**SAMSUNG**

## Research & Development

### Patents

**#11** in total patents awarded in last decade  
**#3** for per capita patent activity

### Spending

**#12** for R&D by business (NSF 2021)

### UT Austin

**#7** for R&D in math/computer sciences  
**#9** in engineering  
**\$779M** in sponsored research annually

## Incentives

### Texas CHIPS Act (2023)

**\$698M** fund for chip manufacturing companies  
**\$440M** to UT Austin for chip  
design/manufacturing projects

### R&D Tax Credits/Exemptions

Companies can choose between a sales  
tax exemption or a franchise tax credit  
for materials, software and equipment  
used for R&D purposes.

### Manufacturing Tax Exemptions

Manufacturing machinery and  
equipment and natural gas and  
electricity used in manufacturing are  
exempt from sales tax.

# WHY THE AUSTIN REGION



Our community offers a distinct way of life, nurtures a deep talent pool, fosters an innovation culture, and boasts an impressive economic profile. But you might be wondering, "Why Austin?" The answer lies in the unique blend of opportunities and experiences that make this region a one-of-a-kind place.

## Quality of life

**The Austin region isn't just a place to live, but a place to thrive.**

Here, the quality of life is unmatched, attracting families, professionals, and visionaries. Our leaders champion policies for economic growth, sustainability, and inclusivity, fostering a business-friendly environment and innovative solutions. The Austin region invests in infrastructure, transportation, and public safety, enhancing its appeal. Discover the balance of prosperity and well-being Austin offers.

## Deep Talent Pool

**It's where innovative minds collide, share ideas, and thrive.**

Companies in the Austin region have access to the talent they need. The region is home to a wealth of talent nurtured by a diverse ecosystem of universities, research institutions, and cutting-edge companies. Whether you're an established expert or a rising star, the Austin region offers the perfect environment to nurture your aspirations.

**171,000**

University Students

**28**

Public School Districts

**#9**

UT Austin Ranks among  
National Public Universities

## Innovation Culture

**Innovation isn't just encouraged here, it's celebrated**

The Austin region is a top global destination for business and investment, built on open-mindedness and exploration. Embracing diversity and fresh perspectives, it unites entrepreneurs, startups, and tech giants to turn ideas into reality. Austin is becoming the epicenter of 21st-century progress.

**4,400+**

Local Startups

**5,200+**

Funding Rounds

**40,000+**

Global Investors

## Economic Profile

**This region is a magnet for investment, offering a business-friendly climate and a dynamic entrepreneurial spirit.**

Our economy is diverse, resilient, and prosperous and our sustained economic growth is a testament to the thriving industries that call this region home, from tech and healthcare to manufacturing and the creative arts.

**More and more, Austin is where opportunities multiply.**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**for Net Migration**

Among top 50 metros

**4<sup>th</sup>**

**in Educational Attainment**

Among top 50 metros

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Highest Labor Force  
Participation**

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**in STEM Jobs Concentration**

Among top 50 metros

**2.5M**

**Metro  
Population**

