

Recent study reveals regional concentration of scientists and engineers in the United States

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California, Texas and New York account for more than one-fourth of all U.S. scientists and engineers. Credit: Thinkstock

According to a recently published report by the National Science Foundation, science and engineering (S&E) employment in the United States is geographically concentrated in a small number of states. Further, several major metropolitan areas within these states account for the highest S&E employment.

California, Texas and New York together account for more than one-fourth of all S&E [employment](#), and cities in California—Santa Clara,

Los Angeles and San Diego—together account for one in 10 of the total S&E employees nationwide. The [states](#) of Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts and Ohio make up a significant portion of S&E employment as well.

S&E expertise is an integral part of a region's capacity to innovate because of the scientists' and engineers' high skill levels, creative ideas and contributions to scientific knowledge and to research and development.

More information: www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf13330/

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