## **Washington State Semiconductor Industry Analysis**

## #6 Semiconductor Technician Concentration

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Location quotient of semiconductor processing technicians, by state, May 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Semiconductor Processing Technicians

## Job Distribution Across WA State Counties



Relative proportion of jobs in each Washington state county. N=51 countyattributable companies. Source: NAICS Association Company Lookup Tool,

## A Home to Global Leaders



### Tax Non-semiconductor wages (indirect) **B&O** Tax \$1.1 \$7.5 Million \$3.8 Billion Million

## Total economic impact of the Washington semiconductor industry \$4.5 Billion

Economic impact of the semiconductor industry. Sources: Identified direct and indirect semiconductor jobs, WA state OEWS wages, and reported WA state retail and b&Os sales taxes

## The Workforce that Powers the Modern World

- Semiconductors are the backbone of modern technology, essential for everything from smartphones to national security.
- To strengthen this critical US industry, the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act allocates \$280 billion, with \$39 billion for manufacturing.
- The semiconductor industry is substantial in Washington state, with 8,580 jobs and an estimated total of \$4.5 billion economic impact from wages and taxes.
- Washington's semiconductor companies cover the entire semiconductor value chain, from R&D to Design, Manufacturing, Assembly/Testing/Packaging, and Distribution.
- Leaders include global names in semiconductors like TSMC, SEH America, and Honeywell Electronic Materials, as well as local entities nLIGHT, Moses Lake Industries, and Silicon Forest Electronics.
- Aerospace and cloud computing leaders Boeing, Microsoft, and Amazon drive demand through design and purchase of chips.

## The Numbers: Washington's Semiconductor Industry



8,580 semiconductor jobs in Washington state

\$4.5 billion estimated direct and indirect economic impact from wages and taxes



Total Number of Semiconductor Jobs in Washington State. Sources: 2023 OEWS Research Estimates, NAICS Association Company Lookup Tool and interviews

## **Economic Impact of the Semiconductor Industry**

Semiconductor wages

\$673 Million

Retail

# 8,579

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## Semiconductor Industry Value Chain

R&D	Design	Manufacturing	Assembly, Testing, Packaging	Distribution
Improvements in chip performance, energy use via materials, design, measurements, techniques	Specifications of chip layout, architecture, function, circuitry. Can use pre-existing IP	Fabrication of the wafer (chip source material) and related transistors and connections	Cutting, testing, and assembly of chip into protective casing	Shipping of finished product to chip acquirers (distributors, electronics manufacturers and end-users)

## **Semiconductor Job Growth**



Year on year jobs growth 2018-2023, 2023 OEWS Research Estimates

- Jobs growth before COVID-19 was moderate, but since 2021 growth has been strong
- CHIPS funding and related co-investments are expected to drive semiconductor job growth, especially around clusters
- Oregon's planned proposal for a semiconductor hub would also generate Clark County jobs given the WA cluster

## Semiconductor Ecosystem

initiatives

Apart from the value chain itself, important stakeholder segments include



## **Top 5 Semiconductor Job Occupations**



Top 5 Detailed Occupation Jobs within NAICS "334400". Sources: <u>2023 OEWS Research</u> Estimates, NAICS Association Company Lookup Tool

## Semiconductor Company Segments

Integrated Device Manufacturers (IDMs)	Offers the full-cycle semiconductor production process, from design to distribution	<ul><li>Analog Devices</li><li>Micron</li><li>Infineon</li></ul>
R&D	Institution collaboration and research partners	<ul><li>UW- WA Nanofab</li><li>WSU</li></ul>
Fabless Design	Specialized chip design, outsourcing manufacturing to foundries	<ul><li>Nvidia</li><li>AMD</li></ul>
Foundry	Semiconductor manufacturing provided on contract basis	<ul><li>TSMC Washington</li><li>Honeywell Aerospace</li></ul>
Materials	Materials used in the manufacturing process	<ul> <li>Moses Lake Ind.</li> <li>Shin-Etsu Handotai America</li> </ul>
Equipment, Tools, and Services	Specialized machinery, tools and services used in manufacturing	<ul><li>Onto Innovation</li><li>InLight</li></ul>
Assembly, Test, and Packaging	Attaching, performance testing, casing of chip	<ul><li>Silicon Forest Electronics</li><li>UL Solutions</li></ul>
Distribution	Shipping to distributors or customers	[no dedicated companies identified]