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## Overview

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- Who are Leading High-Tech Clusters?
- Southern California's Technology Position
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- Statistical Relationships on Outcomes Measures
- Important Issues for Los Angeles and Southern CA



## **High-Tech Leads All Industries** GIO, Compound Annual Growth Rate, 1976-2002

	Percent
1. Computer & Data Processing Services	11.7
2. Electronic Components and Accessories	10.9
3. Communications Equipment	10.5
4. Motion Pictures	7.4
5. Computer & Office Equipment	7.2
6. Drugs	5.4
7. Telephone Communications Services	4.7
8. Medical Equipment, Instruments, and Supplies	4.7
9. Research & Testing Services	
10. Engineering & Architectural Services	
11. Measuring & Controlling Devices	
12. Total for United States	
13. Aerospace	0.0
14. Search & Navigation Equipment	-0.8
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## Agglomeration and Dispersion Forces in Competition

- Agglomeration or Centripetal Forces
  - Labor-Force Pooling
  - Supplier Networks
  - Technology Spillovers
  - Dispersion or Centrifugal Forces
    - Immobile Factors
    - Supply-Side Factors
    - Demand-Side Factors



#### Metro Growth Explained by High-Tech Actual vs. Predicted (Cross-sectional)



# What Attracts and Sustains High-Tech Industries

- Existing High-Tech Presence Helps
  - **Traditional Cost-of-Doing Business** 
    - Tax Structure, Compensation Costs, Space Costs, Capital Costs, and Business Climate
- Specific to High-Tech
  - Proximity to Excellent Research Institutions
  - Access to Venture Capital
  - Educated Workforce
  - Network of Suppliers
  - Technology Spillovers
- Climate and "Quality of Life" MILKEN INSTITUTE

#### Milken Institute Tech Poles

Composite Index (2002)

Seattle



### U.S. Growth Higher Than SoCal High Tech Employment Growth



### Milken Institute Tech Poles Southern California Metros, 2003

		High-Tech		
	Composite	Location	U.S. High-Tech	Employment
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Index	Quotient	Employment	(Thousands)
6 Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	6.39	1.43	4.46	352.74
13 San Diego, CA	2.34	1.57	1.49	118.06
17 Orange County, CA	2.15	1.40	1.53	120.90
48 Ventura, CA	0.45	1.44	0.31	24.56
95 Riverside-San Bernardino, CA	0.12	0.39	0.32	25.16



## Los Angeles High Tech Sector Jobs



## **Orange County High Tech Sector Jobs**



## San Diego High Tech Sector Jobs



## Ventura High Tech Sector Jobs



## **Riverside High Tech Sector Jobs**













#### State Technology & Science Index Overall Ranking, 2003



### **Tech Outcomes vs. Other Components** Score 0 - 100



### **Per Capita Inc. & Tech and Science Index** Income Relative to Working Age Population, 2001



## Issues for LA and Southern California Tech-Based Economic Development

- Develop Strategic Vision for Economic Development
- Proactive Targeting and Nurturing Emerging-21st-Century Industries
- Promote University Research Commercialization
- Support and Foster Entrepreneurial Infrastructure
- Increase Science and Technology Workforce
- Quality of Place and Social Capital

