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Silicon Valley ranks highest in high-tech concentration, pay

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The Silicon Valley continues to lead the nation with the highest concentration of tech workers, with more than one of every four private-sector workers employed in the tech industry, according to a trade organization report released Tuesday.

The AeA report, *Cybercities 2008: An Overview of the High-tech Industry in the Nation's Top 60 Cities*, examines the high-tech industry in the largest metropolitan areas focusing on high-tech employment, wages, establishment, payroll, employment concentration and wage differential.

In terms of actual number of jobs, the top 10 cybercities were: New York metro area, Washington, D.C., Silicon Valley, Boston, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Atlanta.

Seattle added the most tech jobs, growing by 7,800 jobs between 2005 and 2006, the report said.

The New York metro area, Washington, D.C. and Silicon Valley were a close second, third and fourth by tech job growth in 2006, all adding more than 5,800 jobs.

The Silicon Valley paid its tech industry workers the most, with an average annual wage in 2006 of \$144,800. The area's total high-tech payroll was \$32.6 billion in 2006.

San Francisco and Austin, Texas ranked second and third, with \$118,500 and \$100,500 respectively.

The Silicon Valley dominated the manufacturing sector, ranking at or near the top in seven of the nine high-tech manufacturing sectors by employment. It ranked first in computers and peripheral equipment, electronic components and accessories, semiconductor and photonics manufacturing.

Santa Clara-based AeA (formerly the American Electronics Association), was founded in 1943 and is a nationwide non-profit trade association that represents all segments of the technology industry.