

- Software firms such as ESET, Fair Isaac Corporation, Intuit, and Websense thrive in San Diego due to the availability of a skilled workforce, access to capital and support organizations, and the presence of superior research institutions.
- Steady growth in software and computer services clusters make the San Diego region a leader in analytics, software development, programming, systems integration, and data processing.
- Communications technology powerhouses like Motorola, Nokia, QUALCOMM, and ViaStat, Inc. have operations in San Diego.
- The San Diego region is home to more than 850 communications firms that thrive on the area’s established network of support industries, professional trade organizations, and dynamic educational community.
- Products manufactured and distributed worldwide by San Diego’s communications industry include wireless communications systems, software engineering devices, digital transmission and reception systems, multi-protocol routers, servers, modems, and microwave components.

Facts at a Glance

- San Diego is home to more than 1,400 software and computer services companies, employing 13,963 people.
- The \$82,011 average salary for software positions is 83% above the regional average of \$44,715 for all positions.
- The software industry contributes \$3.7 billion annually to the local economy.
- San Diego’s communications equipment manufacturing industry employs 25,469 people and has an \$12.3 billion annual economic impact on the region.
- San Diego has the highest concentration of wireless employment in the U.S., and 75,000 miles of underground fiber optic cable, also the most in the nation.

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Medians

Software Engineer	\$88,941
Computer Scientist	\$93,683
Software Engineer	\$88,941
Programmer	\$74,859
Systems Analyst	\$73,320
Mechanical Eng. Technician	\$46,987

Source: California Employment Development Department

Resources

San Diego Software Industry Council
www.sdsic.org

TechAmerica
www.techamerica.org/sandiego

CommNexus San Diego
www.commnexus.org

CONNECT
www.connect.org

CAL-(IT)²
 (CA Institute for Telecom/IT)
www.calit2.net

UCSD Center for Wireless Communications
www-cwc.ucsd.edu