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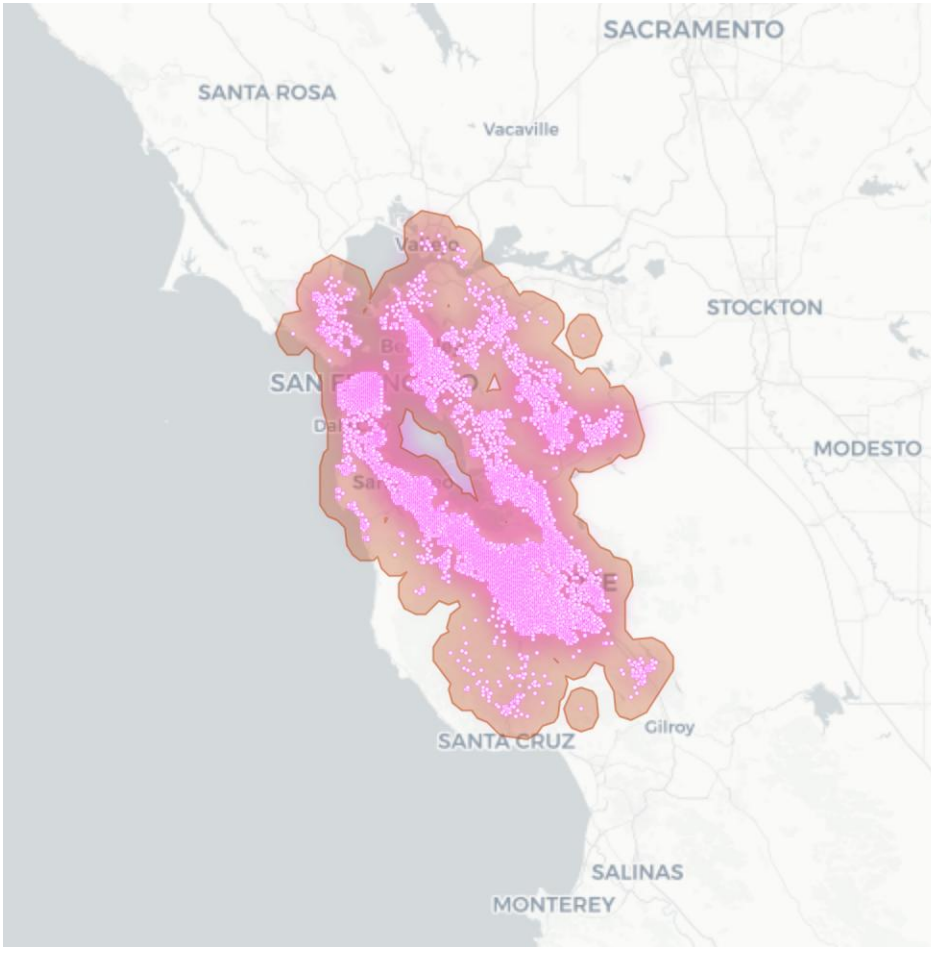


San Jose–San Francisco, United States

San Jose–San Francisco is the top-ranked cluster, out of 20 American clusters, that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **59,012 PCT applications**, published **145,469 scientific articles** and had **16,659 venture capital deals**, making it:

3rd in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

(Also the 1st innovation cluster by intensity)



Note: Points represent the location of an inventor, author, or VC deal. Map created with Leaflet.
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Top PCT applicants

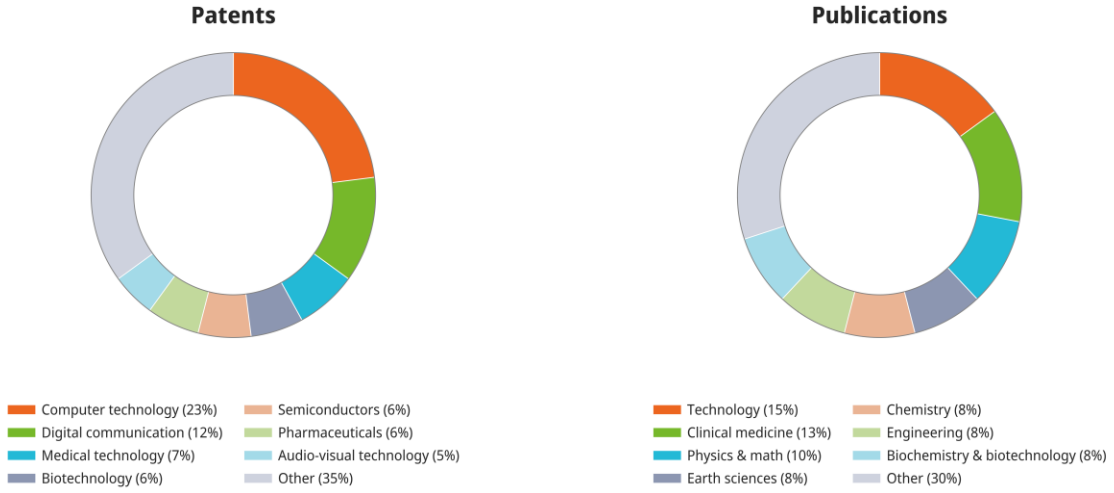
		Patents	Share
1	GOOGLE INC.	4,091	8%
2	APPLE INC.	3,319	7%
3	APPLIED MATERIALS, INC.	3,006	6%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles	Share
1	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	9,051	31%
2	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO	4,700	16%
3	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY	4,641	16%



Top technology fields in San Jose–San Francisco



28% of San Jose–San Francisco's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Beijing**, **San Diego** and **New York City** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

86% of San Jose–San Francisco's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Boston–Cambridge**, **New York City** and **Washington DC–Baltimore**.

Estimated cluster population	6,284,006

Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
PCT applications	59,012	50,255	7,997	52,299	16,347
Scientific publications	145,469	55,788	8,878	142,996	124,909
Venture capital deals	16,659	n/a	2,651	n/a	n/a