

# WELCOME

### A Conversation about Regional Business Investment Activity in 2021

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## BACKGROUND

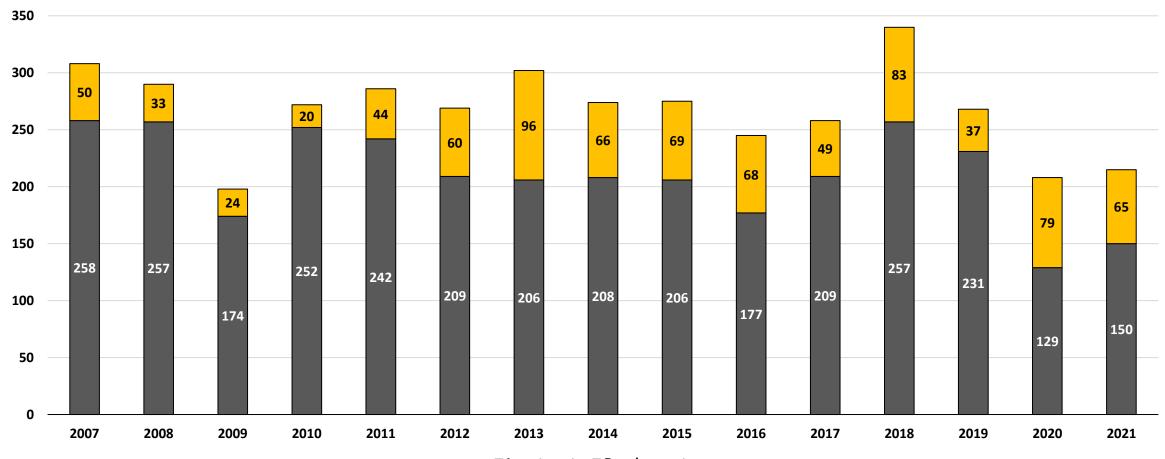
- First launched in 2008 to track business growth announcements from the previous year.
- Type of projects we track:
  - Investment (specific companies announcing plans to add or retain employees)
  - Development (investments in real estate and infrastructure that are not specifically tied to employment impacts)
- Among the investment announcements, the major categories include:
  - Attraction (a company from outside the region establishing operations here)
  - Expansion (an existing company increasing its regional presence)
  - Retention (a company at risk of closing or downsizing whose presence was preserved)
  - Startup (a new company starting operations)
- Many of these announcements consist of jobs to be added over the next several years.
  - In some cases, the investments had already happened at the time of the announcement.
- We do not look at personal services or retail expansions for the most part.
- While not a scientific compilation of growing companies, we consider these to be very powerful economic indicators of growth in our key industry sectors and growth in general.
  - They tend to be reflective of broader industry trends.

# 2021 SUMMARY

	2020	2021	Change	15-Year Average
Total Announcements	208	215	3%	268
Investment Announcement	129	150	16%	211
Attractions	21	39	86%	45
Total Jobs	7,870	10,123	29%	14,683
New Jobs	7,413	8,405	13%	8,330
Development Announcements	79	65	-18%	56
Investment	\$2.0B	\$2.9B	49%	\$3.6B

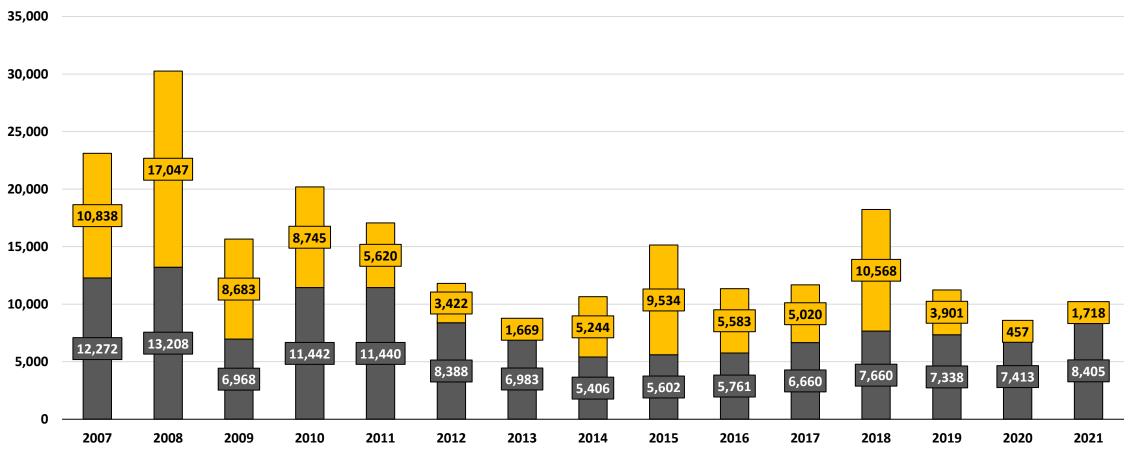
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census Redistricting Files

## **ANNOUNCEMENT TRENDS**



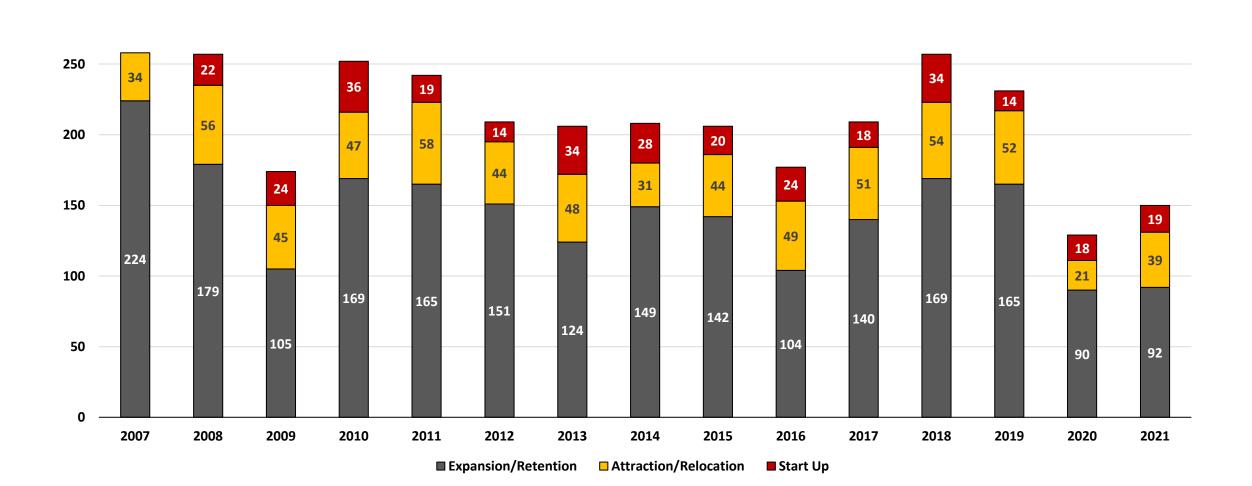
■ Investment ■ Development

# ANNOUNCEMENTS BY TYPE OF JOB

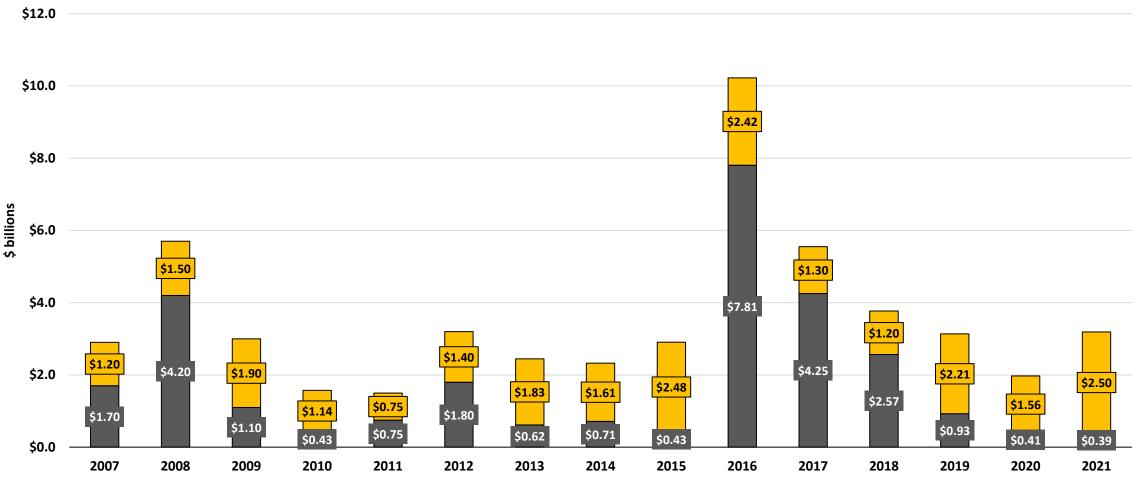


■ New ■ Retained

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY ACTION**

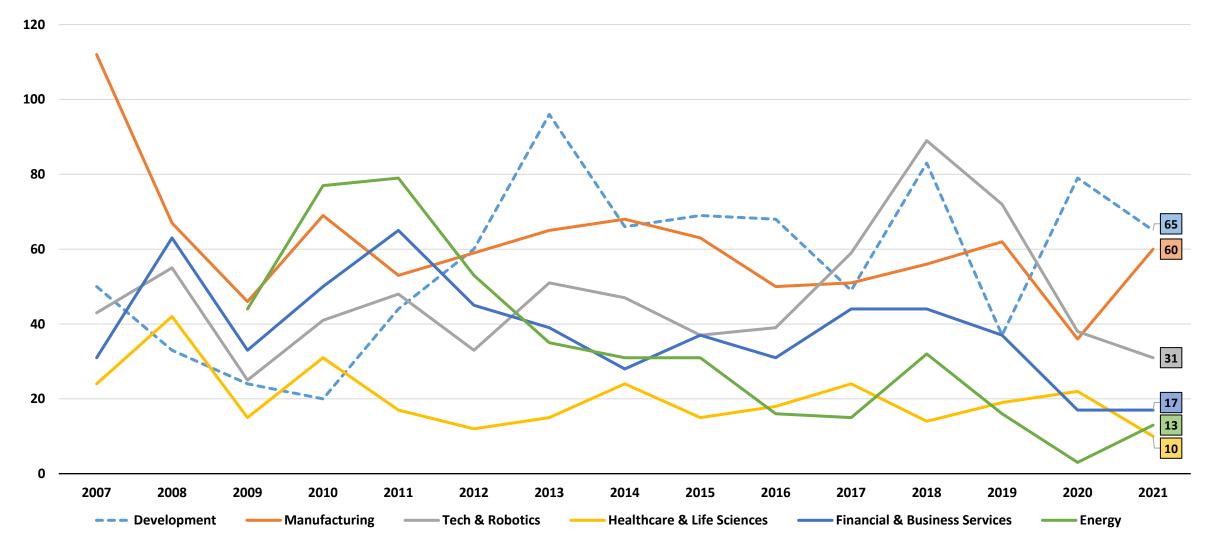


## CAPITAL INVESTMENT BY ANNOUNCEMENT TYPE (\$Bil)

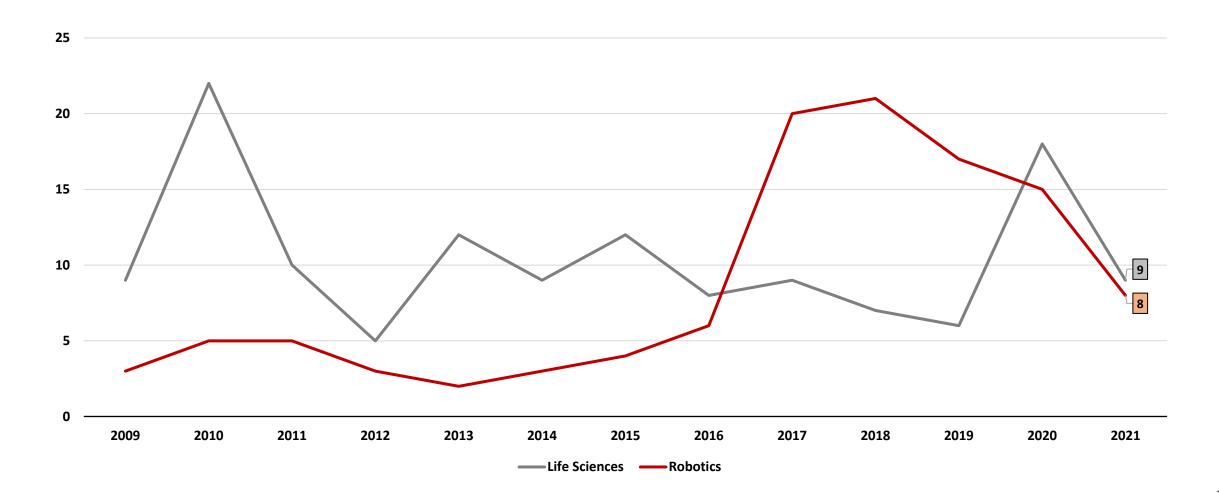


Investment Development

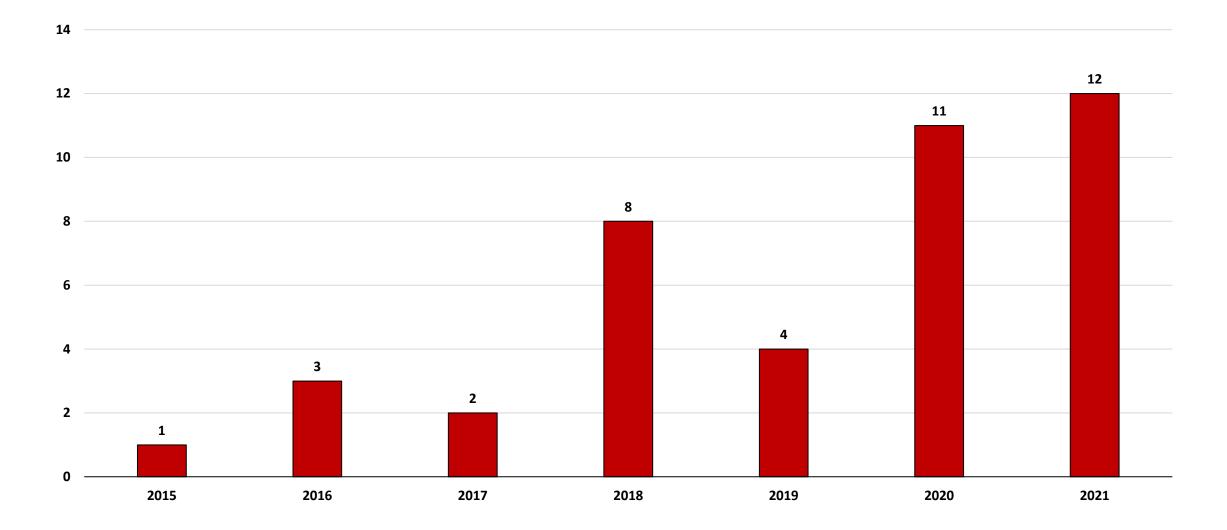
## INVESTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS BY KEY SECTOR



### **ROBOTICS AND LIFE SCIENCES ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## DISTRIBUTION CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – MANUFACTURING**

# **7** Filterbuy

Alabama-based air filter manufacturer opening a 137,000 SF plant, its first location in the northeastern part of the country.

- Attraction
- ➤ 120 total job impact
- ▶ \$2.2M CAPEX
- Westmoreland County



Electronics contract manufacturer developing a 50,000 SF building at Starpointe that will be expandable to 100,000 SF.

- Expansion
- ➤ 220 total job impact
- ⋟ \$5M CAPEX
- Washington County

### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – TECH AND ROBOTICS**



Maker of wall-climbing, inspection robots moving into new 70,000 SF headquarters and doubling headcount.

- ➤ Expansion
- ➤ 130 total job impact
- ⋟ \$5.8M CAPEX
- Allegheny County

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Ranking and review platform adding employees across all sectors of its business including engineering, product, design, sales and marketing.

- ➤ Expansion
- > 190 new jobs (two announcements)
- Allegheny County

### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES**



Expansion of mail order pharmacy, which houses inventory, process flow, staging and shipping and receiving operations. Will create 674 jobs over three years, primarily remote, and retain 34 existing positions.

- ➤ Expansion
- ➢ 708 total job impact
- Beaver County



Opening new 32,500 SF call center where agents will handle queries from customers of brands and retailers utilizing email, chat, artificial intelligence and other channels to engage customers.

- Attraction
- ➤ 400 new jobs
- ⋟ \$3.5M CAPEX
- Allegheny County

### KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – HEALTH CARE AND LIFE SCIENCES



Medical device manufacturer is expanding production capacity with an immediate need for 25 employees. Additional hiring planned into 2022.

- ➤ Expansion
- ➢ 25 total job impact
- Armstrong County



Medical marijuana producer developing 508,000 SF processing and cultivation facility.

- ➤ Expansion
- ≻ 800 new jobs
- Allegheny County

### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – ENERGY**

# IRON SENERGY

Developing new Coal Refuse Disposal Area (CRDA) structure. CRDAs are areas or land plots used by mines as places for disposing of or storing coal refuse.

- Attraction
- ➤ 700 new jobs
- ⋟ \$50M CAPEX
- Greene County



Developer and manufacturer of Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) stacks and systems that operate on common, readily available hydrocarbon fuels such as propane, natural gas, JP-8 and diesel.

- ➤ Retention
- ➢ 31 total job impact
- Westmoreland County

### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**



#### The Assembly

Transformation of former auto assembly plant by Wexford Science + Technology into life sciences research hub anchored by University of Pittsburgh.

- Life Sciences
- ➤ 354,000 SF
- ⋟ \$330M CAPEX
- > Allegheny County



#### **Commerce Crossing at Westmoreland, Building 1**

Developer Al. Neyer is building a 250,000 SF Class A distribution center on Lot 3 of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corp.'s newest industrial park.

- Distribution and Logistics
- ➤ 250,000 SF
- ⋟ \$31M CAPEX
- Westmoreland County

### **KEY SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS – DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**



#### Mill 19 – Building C

Mill 19 will be a new tech/flex speculative building. The first floor has an increased ceiling height to accommodate large vehicles and the upper floors are capable of housing lab, office or other workspaces.

- ▶ 112,000 SF
- ⋟ \$40M CAPEX
- Allegheny County

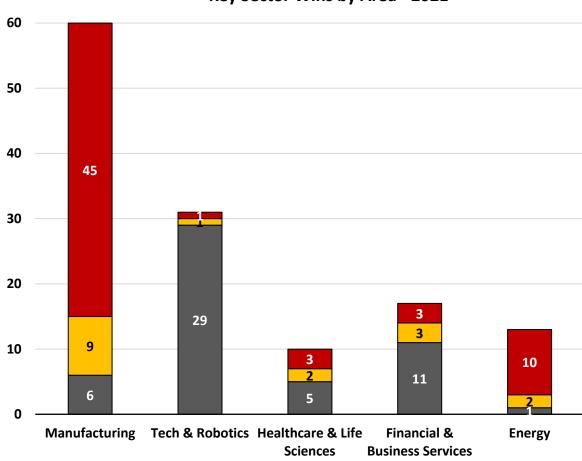


#### **PIT Terminal Modernization**

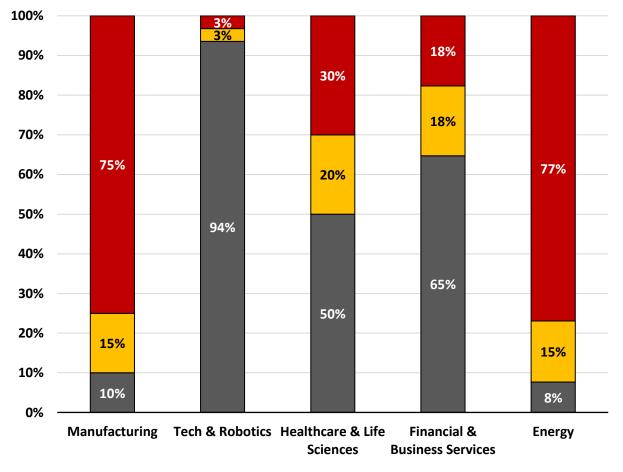
Development of new passenger terminal, transportation complex and road system at Pittsburgh International Airport.

- ➤ 700,000 SF
- ⋟ \$1.48 CAPEX
- > Allegheny County

#### **KEY SECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS BY AREA**



Key Sector Wins by Area - 2021

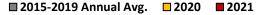


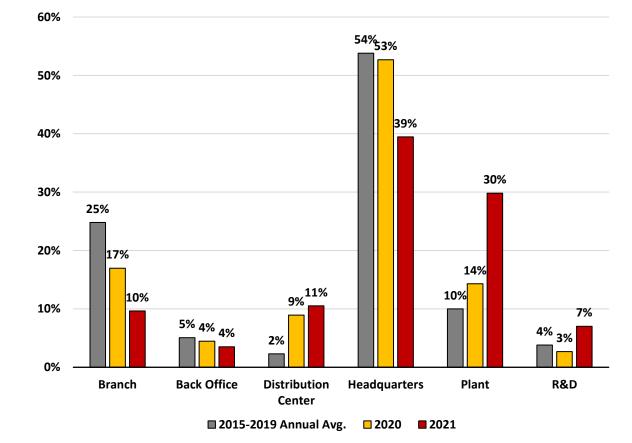
Key Sector Wins by Area (pct.) - 2021

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRE-PANDEMIC vs. PANDEMIC ERA

40% 36% 35% 35% 33% 30% 25% 25% 23% 21% 20% 20% 18% 15% 15% 13% 10% 8% 8% 5% 5% 4% 0% 0% **IT & Robotics** Manufacturing Healthcare & Life Financial & Energy **Sciences Business Services** 

Announcements by Key Sector

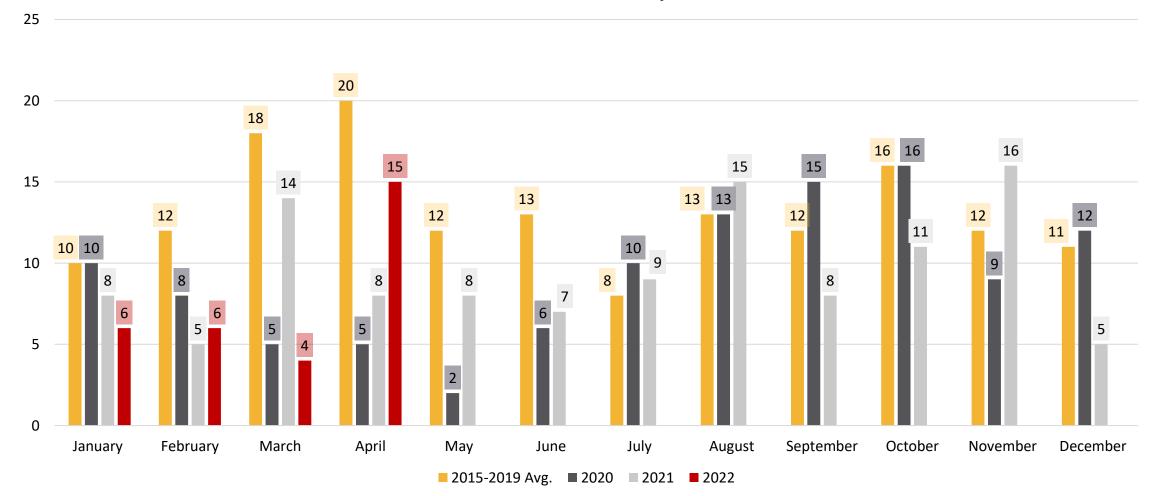




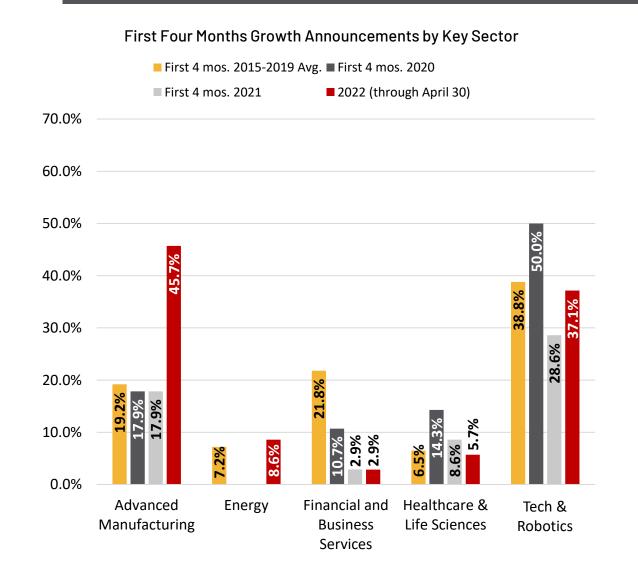
#### Announcements by Type of Operation

### WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN 2022

Growth Announcements by Month



### WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN 2022



#### First Four Months Growth Announcements by Type of Operation First 4 mos. 2015-2019 Avg. ■ First 4 mos. 2020 First 4 mos. 2021 2022 (through April 30) 70.0% 60.0% %6 50.0% 40.0% 42. 40.0% 30.0% 20.0% 11.4%20.0% 17.9% 3.9% 3.6% 10.0% 4%. 8.6% 1.3% 8.8% 4 **~**... 0.0% Headquarters Back Office Branch Distribution Center Plant Rad 22

# **QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH**

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