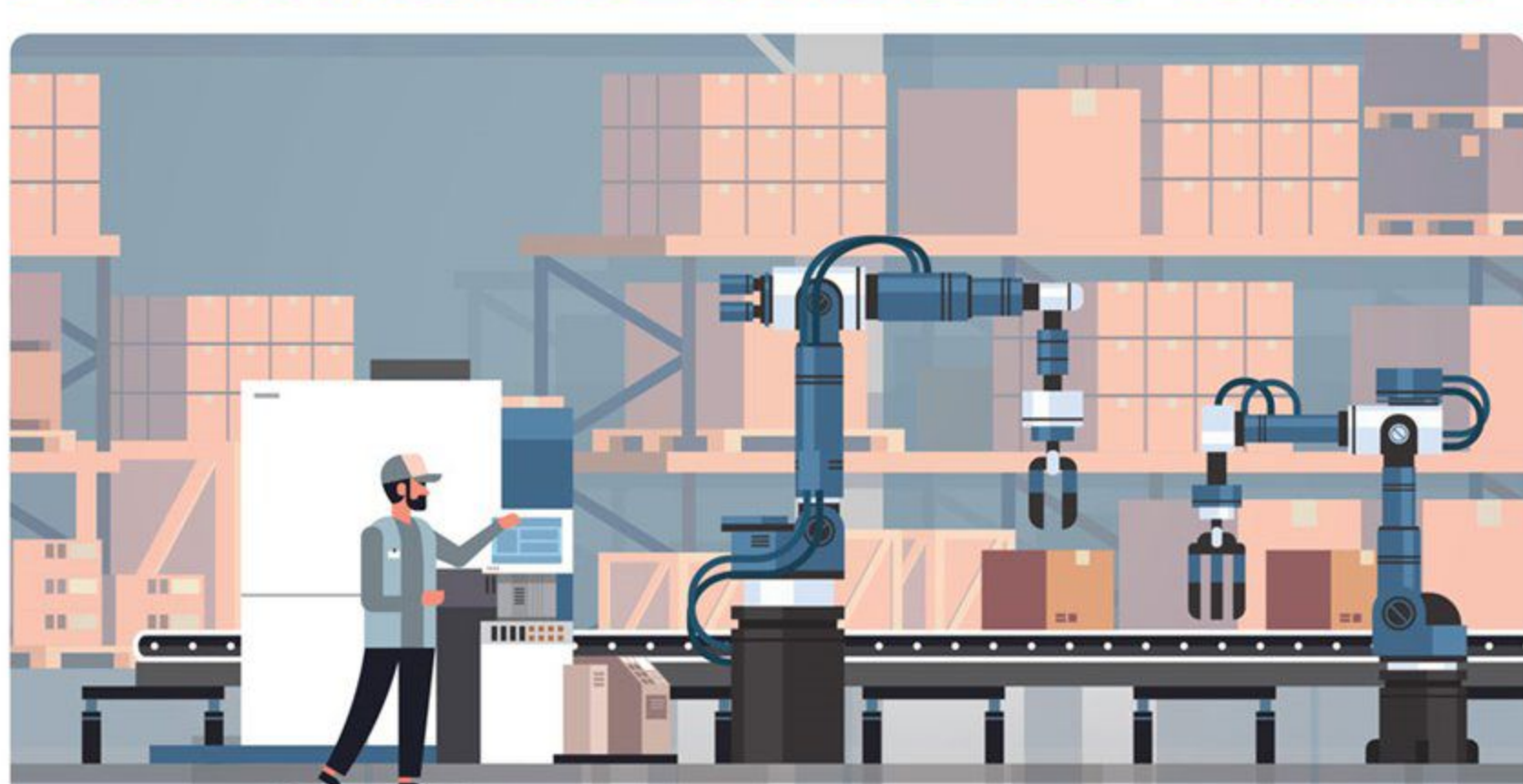




BY THE NUMBERS:

WHERE DO AMERICA'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WORK?

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Manufacturing of all types employs some 49 percent of mechanical engineers counted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Machinery Manufacturing
44,210 engineers

Transportation Equipment Manufacturing
34,900 engineers

Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing
22,830 engineers

Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing
16,590 engineers

Electr. Equip/App/Comp. Mfg. **8,800 engineers**

Other Manufacturing
20,570 engineers



Another large chunk of MEs is employed in the engineering services sector, as well as in other technical services.

Engineering Services
52,900 engineers

Scientific Research and Development Services
17,100 engineers

Testing Laboratories **6,620 engineers**

Other Prof/Sci/Tech. Services **5,930 engineers**



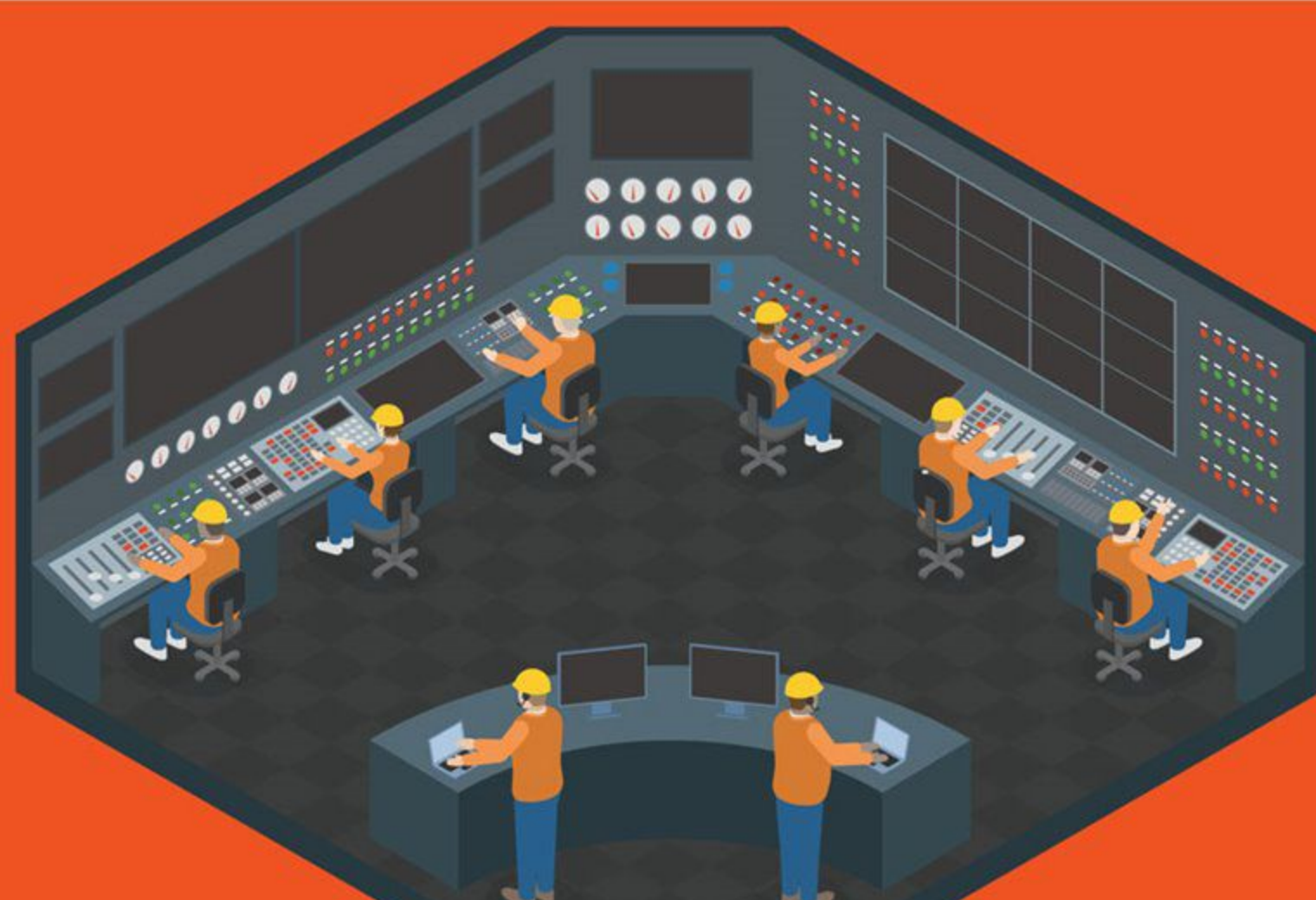
Administrative support seems like a strange industry for engineers, but this sector encompasses temporary workers.

Fed/State/Local Government
14,720 engineers

Admin Support & Waste Management Services
13,240 engineers

Wholesale Trade
12,810 engineers

Management of Companies & Enterprises
11,020 engineers



Mechanical engineers have long been associated with the mining and energy industries, but the BLS found few MEs there.

Mining/Utilities/Construction **8,940 engineers**

All Other Industries **7,470 engineers**

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics