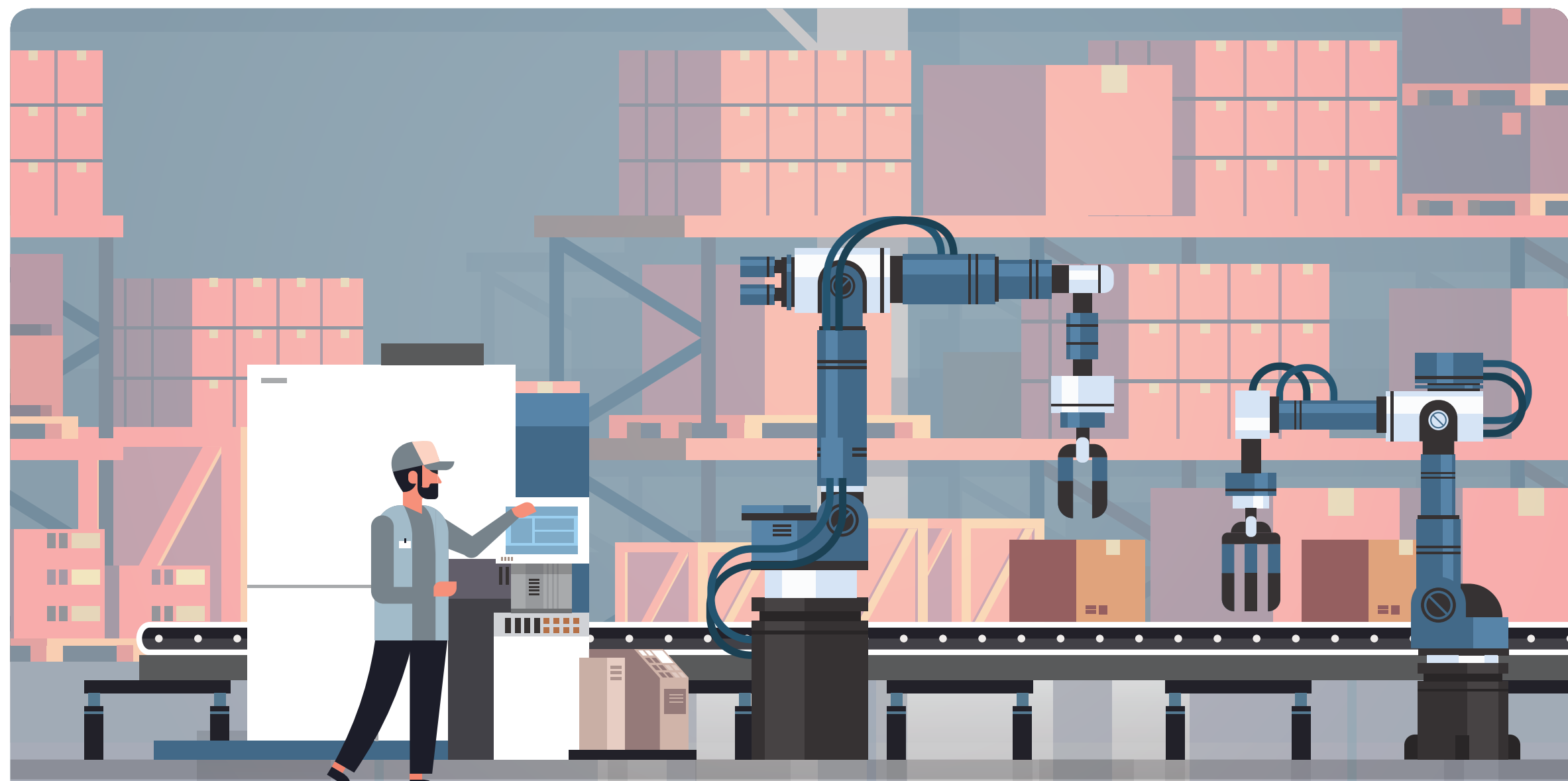




**BY THE NUMBERS:**

# 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**

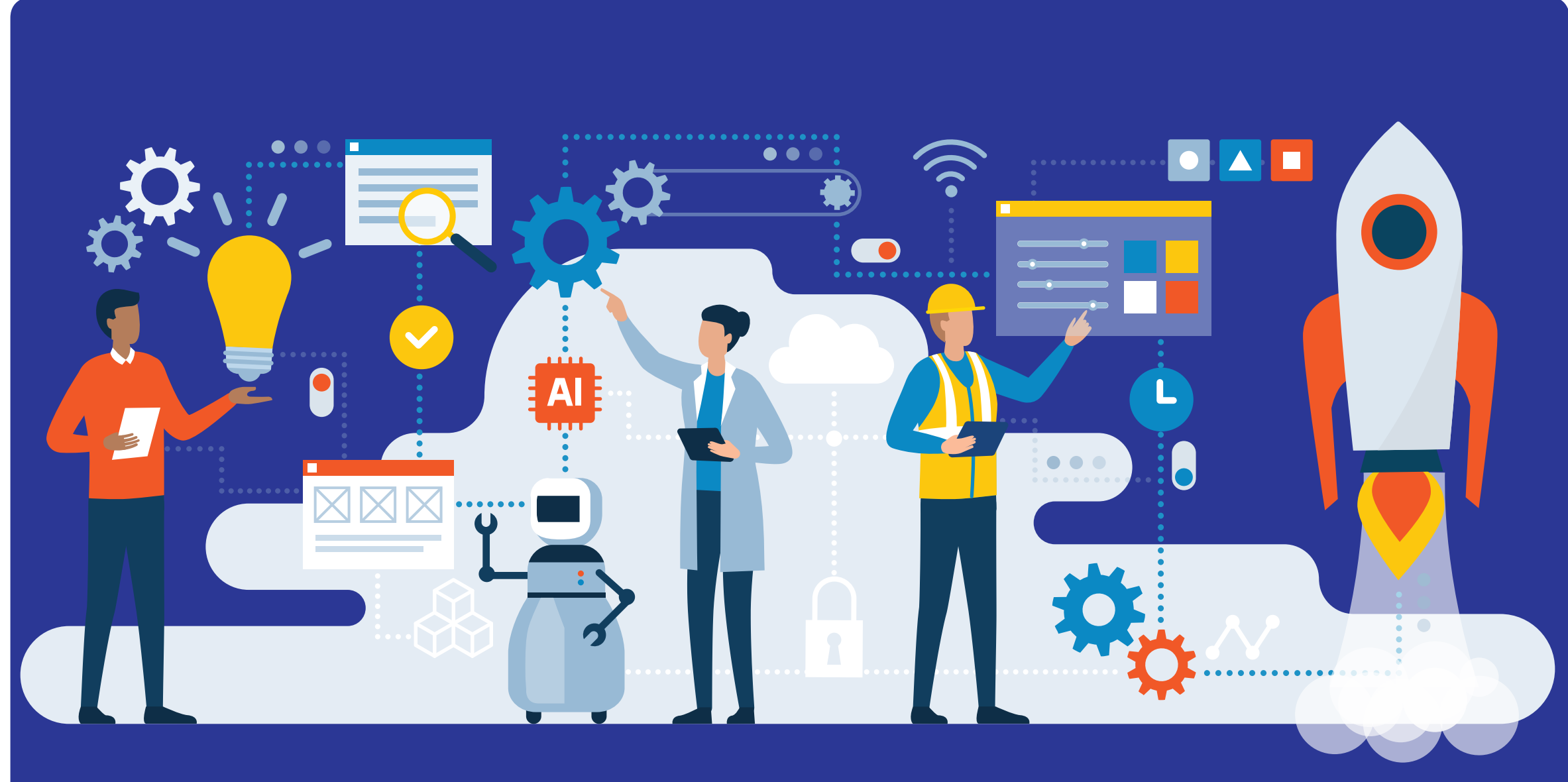
**Transportation Equipment Manufacturing**  
**34,900 engineers**

**Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing**  
**22,830 engineers**

**Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing**  
**16,590 engineers**

**Electr. Equip./Appl./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**



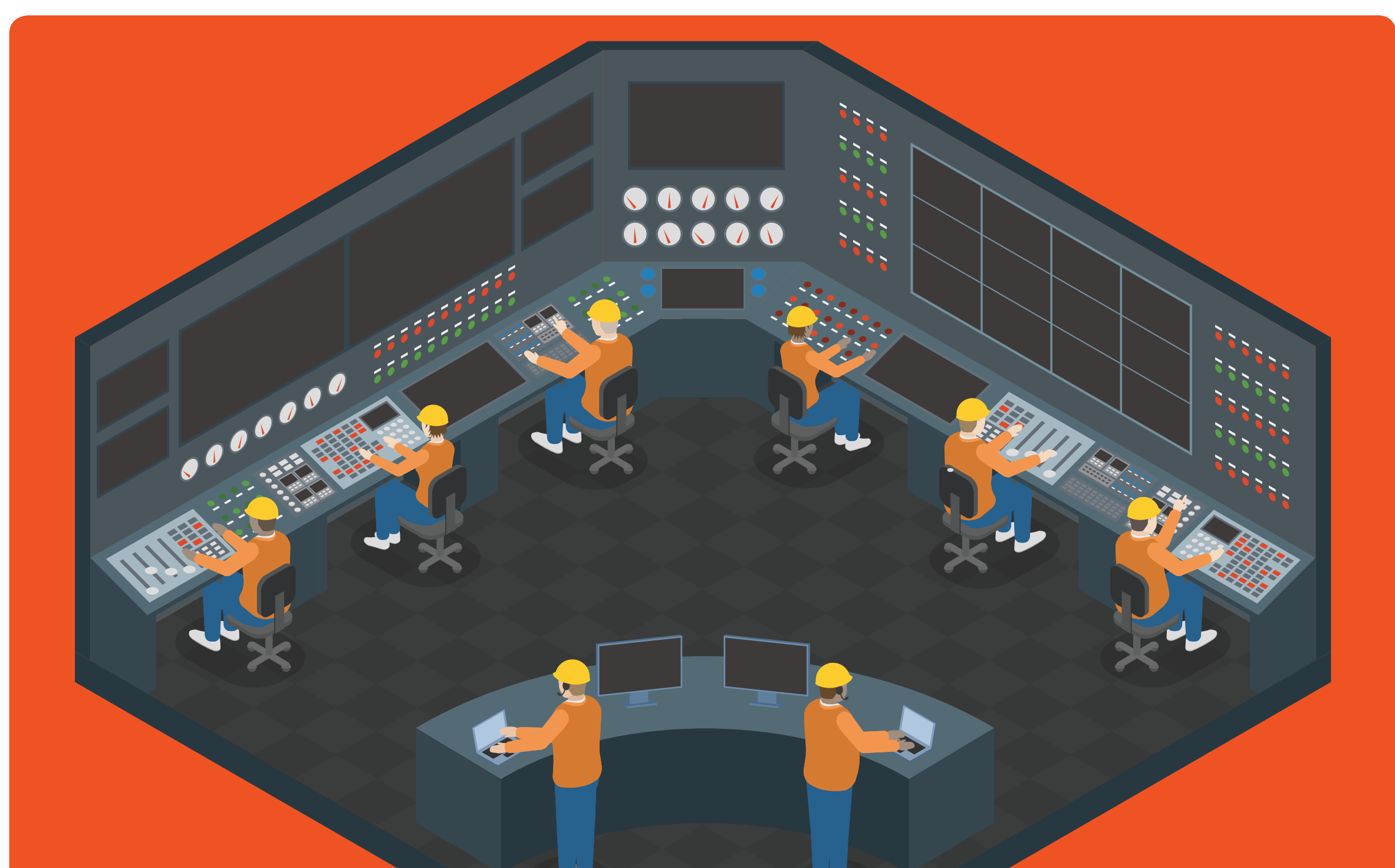
Administrative support seems like a strange industry for engineers, but this sector encompasses temporary workers.

**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