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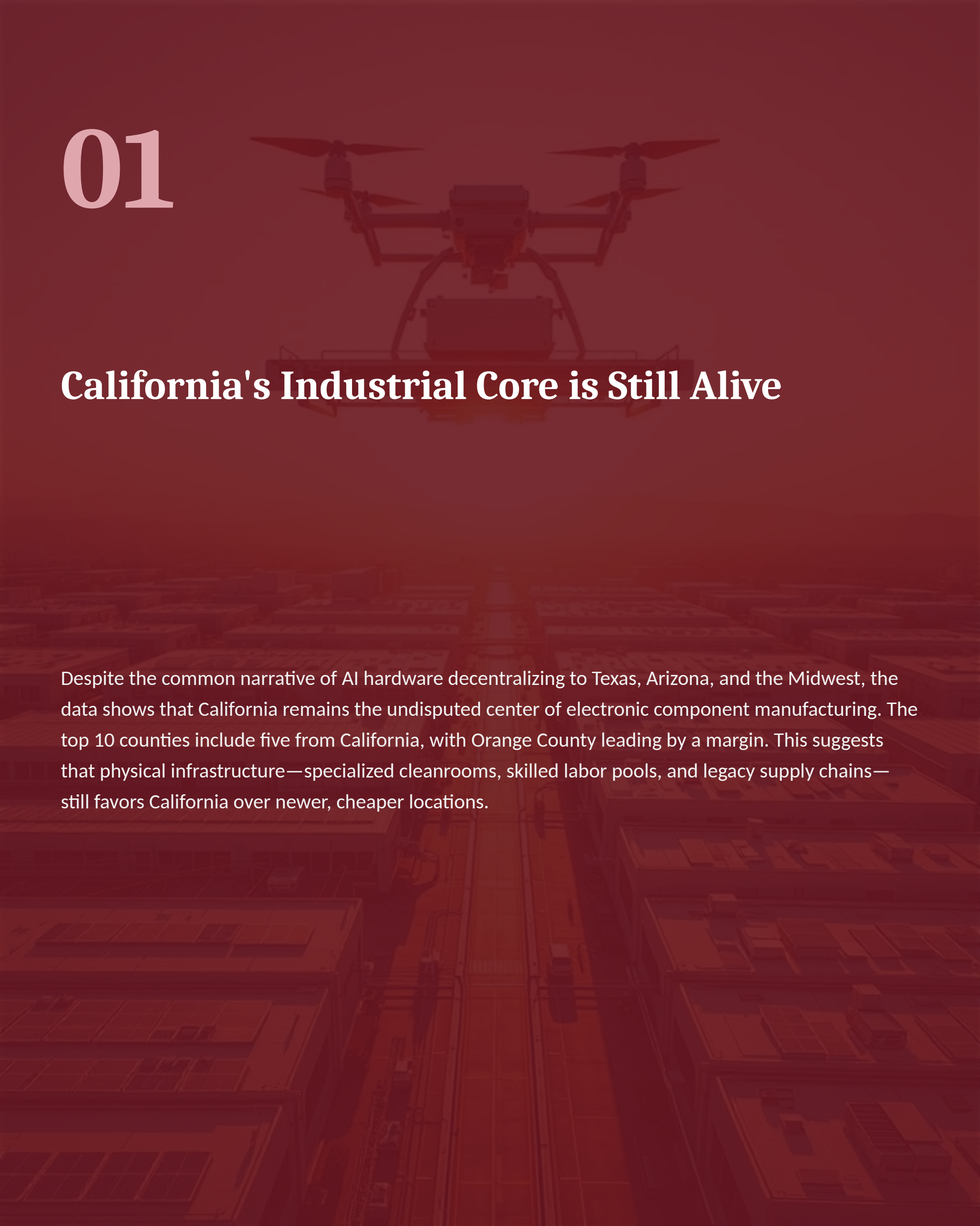
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Electronic Component Works (2022)

Orange County, California, leads the U.S. in electronic component manufacturing activity by county.

This figure represents the total number of establishments in the NAICS 334419 category—Other electronic component manufacturing—within Orange County. It reflects a dense concentration of specialized fabrication and assembly operations, not just R&D or corporate offices. The dominance of California counties in the top 10 underscores a persistent, geography-specific industrial ecosystem.

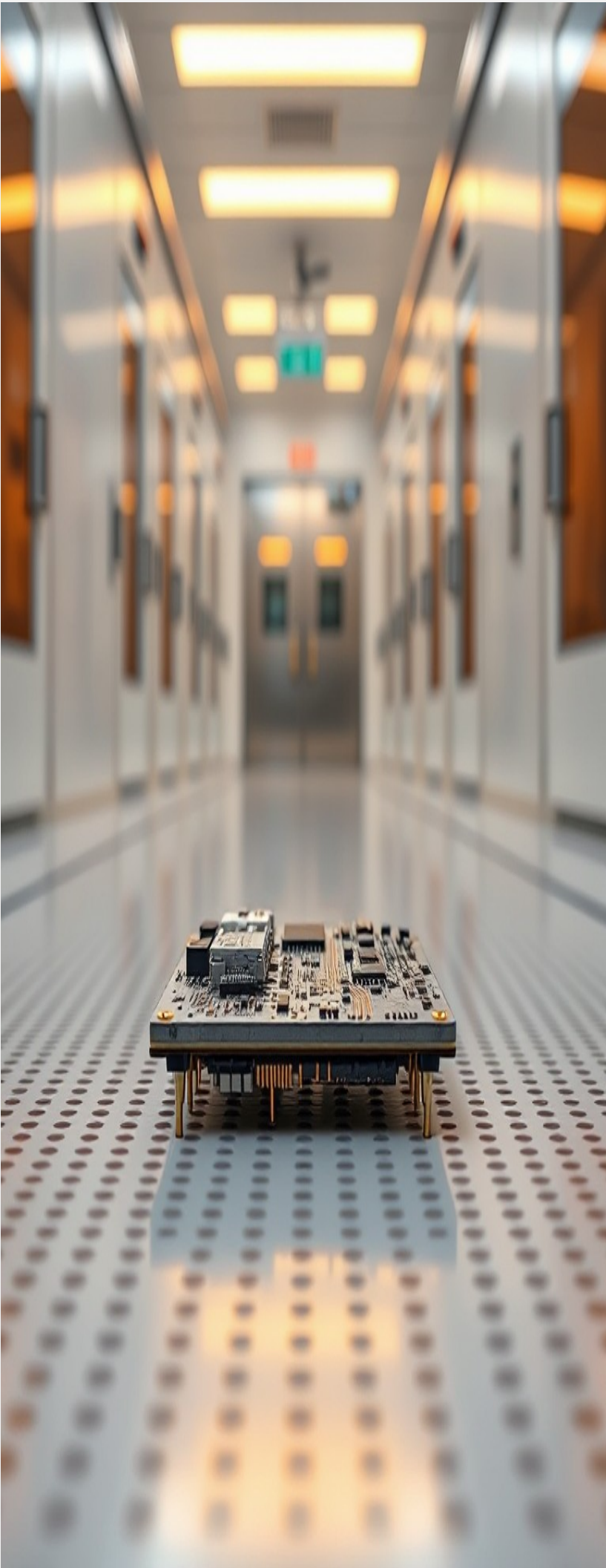
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 334419 (Other electronic component manufacturing) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-17-ai-semis-ind-334419-county>

An aerial, high-angle view of a city, likely San Jose, California, showing a dense grid of buildings and streets. A drone is flying in the upper center of the frame, casting a shadow on the city below. The entire image has a dark red overlay.

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California's Industrial Core is Still Alive

Despite the common narrative of AI hardware decentralizing to Texas, Arizona, and the Midwest, the data shows that California remains the undisputed center of electronic component manufacturing. The top 10 counties include five from California, with Orange County leading by a margin. This suggests that physical infrastructure—specialized cleanrooms, skilled labor pools, and legacy supply chains—still favors California over newer, cheaper locations.



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The Myth of 'Chip Exodus' Is Overstated

The migration of semiconductor capacity to non-California regions is real, but it's not replacing California—it's supplementing it. The fact that Dallas County (rank 9) and Maricopa County (rank 10) appear in the top 10 indicates growth in new hubs. Yet the continued dominance of California counties reveals that new capacity is not displacing old; instead, it's creating a dual-layered U.S. semiconductor landscape where California remains the core of component production, while other regions expand packaging and testing.

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