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Ohio's No. 1 Ranking Confirms the State Is Built to Compete

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) today celebrated Ohio's recognition as CNBC's top state for business in 2026, calling the ranking a clear reflection of the people, companies and communities that power the state's economy.

"Ohio did not stumble into the No. 1 spot," said Ryan Augsburger, OMA president. "This ranking reflects decades of progress, investment and hard work by Ohioans who produce what the country needs and solve problems others cannot. Manufacturing is not simply part of Ohio's success story. It is the reason Ohio leads."

Ohio manufacturers produce everything from automobiles, aerospace components and advanced materials to food, chemicals, machinery and life-saving technologies. They support communities, strengthen supply chains and help the United States compete around the world.

The ranking also reflects Ohio's central location, skilled workforce, strong transportation network, competitive cost structure and unmatched depth of manufacturing expertise.

"Other states are trying to build a manufacturing advantage. Ohio already has one," Augsburger said. "Our job now is to protect it, strengthen it and make sure the next 250 years of American manufacturing run through Ohio."

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association composed solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$138 billion annually to the economy. Visit ohiomfg.com, or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

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