Ohio is third in the U.S. in TOTAL MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEES (approximately 690,000) and annual payroll ($48 billion).

Ohio’s top counties for NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING JOBS:

1. Lucas (26,774 jobs)
2. Summit (28,210 jobs)
3. Franklin (39,130 jobs)
4. Montgomery (28,102 jobs)
5. Hamilton (48,571 jobs)
6. Cuyahoga (64,866 jobs)

Ohio’s top counties for MANUFACTURING as percentage of overall jobs:

1. Shelby (37.7%)
2. Williams (29.4%)
3. Sandusky (28.8%)
4. Auglaize (28.3%)
5. Wyandot (28.0%)
6. Holmes (27.6%)

Ohio’s top sectors for JOBS IN OHIO MANUFACTURING:

- Transportation Equipment (114,909)
- Fabricated Metal Products (96,697)
- Machinery (77,592)
- Food Manufacturing (62,199)
- Plastics and Rubber Products (57,489)
- Chemical Manufacturing (48,750)

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REASONS TO CHOOSE A CAREER IN OHIO’S MANUFACTURING SECTOR

01 More Opportunity
With tens of thousands of manufacturing jobs currently available, high-paying and fulfilling careers can be found right here in Ohio.

02 More Than Just a Living Wage
The average annual earnings of Ohio workers on manufacturing payrolls are $70,000. In some subsectors, average earnings are more than $100,000.

03 Outstanding Benefits
Data show 91% of U.S. manufacturing employees are eligible for health care insurance – the highest percentage of eligibility in any economic sector.

04 Career Growth Pathways
With few barriers to entry, there are many opportunities for growth, promotions, and advancement in every type of manufacturing.

05 Ohio’s No. 1 Industry
With around 690,000 employees and an annual payroll of more than $48 billion, manufacturing provides the highest total annual wages of any sector in Ohio.

06 Tomorrow’s Technology Today
From 3-D printing to next-gen robotics, today’s manufacturers are pushing the envelope of what is possible and building the future before our eyes.

07 An Economic Powerhouse
By itself, U.S. manufacturing would be the eighth-largest economy in the world. In Ohio, manufacturing represents 16% of the state’s entire output.

08 Producing for Global Demand
Ohio supplies the world with both the durable and non-durable goods it demands. Ohio exports $57B in goods to more than 200 countries and territories.

09 Many Employers to Choose From
Ohio has more than 13,000 manufacturing businesses statewide, employing more than one out of every 10 Ohio workers.

10 Prioritizing a Healthy Planet
U.S. manufacturers added nearly 20% more value to the economy over the past decade while actually reducing GHG emissions. Ohio manufacturers lead statewide reduction/recycling of Ohio-generated waste.