



- There are approximately 16,900 manufacturing companies in Florida, employing more than 390,000 residents.
- Florida ranks thirteenth in the nation in terms of manufacturing jobs. California, Texas, and Ohio top the list respectively.
- Manufacturing contributes \$35.9 billion to the state's gross domestic product, and represents 93 percent of all its exports.
- Florida exports to 222 countries, with Brazil, Canada, Venezuela, Mexico and Columbia being the top five countries importing Florida-made products.
- The average annual salary for a Florida manufacturing employee is \$46,540, compared to \$37,260 state average salary for all industries.
- In regional, statewide, and national surveys, manufacturers consistently cite a lack of qualified workers as a chief concern and business setback. In the National Association of Manufacturers' 2005 Skills Gap Report, 90 percent of the companies participating in the survey said they are experiencing "a moderate to severe shortage of qualified skilled production employees."
- In Florida, small businesses dominate the industry with about 72 percent of manufacturers employing fewer than 10 people each. Five percent of companies employ at least 100 workers.
- The five Florida counties with the most manufacturing employees are Miami-Dade (48,676), Pinellas (37,981), Hillsborough (31,740), Broward (31,352), and Orange (30,258).
- The top five Florida counties based on the number of manufacturing businesses are Miami-Dade (2,654), Broward (1,836), Pinellas, (1,248), Palm Beach (1,116), and Hillsborough (1,034).
- The Agency for Workforce Innovation predicts that the change in manufacturing employment from 2005 to 2013 in the durable and nondurable goods sectors will be gains of 2.4% and 1.8%, respectively, with the combined change predicted to be 2.2% growth.



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