



Advanced Manufacturing

Louisville's manufacturing companies employ more than 77,000 people in the region and represent more than 13% of the regional employment.



Home to companies such as Ford, GE and Louisville Slugger, Louisville has always enjoyed a rich manufacturing tradition of excellence. It is this tradition that provides the foundation to become a global leader in the next century as old line manufacturing shifts into a new era of flexible, advanced manufacturing.

Named the #2 "American Boomtown for Manufacturing" by Forbes in 2013, Louisville has a diversified and strong manufacturing economy, with companies ranging from automotive, home and appliance, machining, chemicals and engineering. The Louisville area's manufacturing sector is an \$11 billion industry, representing 17 percent of the regional GDP (2013), and an average annual compensation of \$70,889 (2014), significantly higher than the national average household income.

The future of any industry, especially manufacturing, is in leading-edge technology and innovation. Louisville is home to FirstBuild, a makerspace dedicated to designing, engineering, building and selling the next generation of major home appliances and more.



"Louisville is a key strategic location for Clariant in North America, and is the North America headquarters of our Catalysts business unit – an essential component of Clariant's profitable growth portfolio in the U.S. The cooperation we have received from the city makes doing business here easy."

— Ken Golder, CEO, Clariant Corporation



- Louisville region labor productivity is 50% higher than the national average.
- Sale of manufactured goods within the U.S. totaled more than \$43 billion in 2012
- Manufacturing jobs generate 4.3 times the export value of the average regional job, outpacing Nashville and Indianapolis
- Louisville's manufacturing employment is a 20% greater share than the national average
- 14 major automotive OEMs within 250 miles of Louisville
- Largest Ford Motor Company presence outside of Detroit is located in Louisville

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Creating a pipeline of higher-skilled employees is essential for a city to be competitive, and Louisville is working with various organizations, such as Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center and the Kentucky Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education, to prepare students for careers and provide employers the workforce they need.

Louisville Forward has a team of staff dedicated to the Advanced Manufacturing cluster, and to helping your business grow and succeed in Louisville.



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