

# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING IN WEST MICHIGAN

West Michigan is home to one of the nation's largest and most extensive manufacturing sectors. We are national leaders in plastics, biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, production technology, automotive, office furniture, aerospace, and more. Manufacturing currently accounts for 19% of all jobs in the region and remains the heart of West Michigan's economy. If you can dream it, we can make it.

## WHAT WEST MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS ARE SAYING:

- 87% **RATE REGION'S BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS HIGHLY**
- 71% **INCREASING SALES**
- 54% **PLAN TO EXPAND**
- 58% **INCREASING WEST MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT**

*Michigan employs more engineers and hosts more automotive tool and die makers than any other state*



Responses from  
**210**  
West Michigan  
Advanced  
Manufacturing  
firms

**"The most  
successful  
intensive  
manufacturing  
city in America"**  
- The Economist

### LEADING INDUSTRIES

- Automotive
- Medical Devices
- Food Processing
- Aerospace & Defense
- Office Furniture

OFFICE FURNITURE  
MANUFACTURING  
LOCATION QUOTIENT:

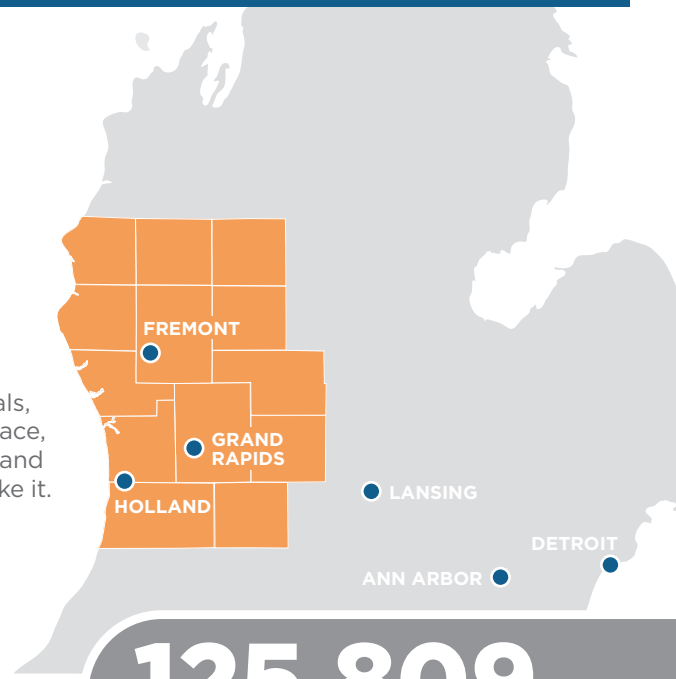
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### WORKFORCE

**Tool and Die Makers** - 2,584  
**Industrial Engineers** - 3,725  
**Machinists** - 5,314  
**Production Supervisors** - 6,790  
**Production Assemblers** - 18,930

DATA SOURCE: EMSI



**130+** *International  
companies*

### COST OF LIVING COMPARISON



**21%**  
*of all West Michigan  
Jobs are in Manufacturing*

**THE  
RIGHT PLACE**  
Advancing the West Michigan Economy

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# ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

## IN WEST MICHIGAN

**TOTAL  
NUMBER OF  
ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING  
ESTABLISHMENTS  
IN WEST MICHIGAN**

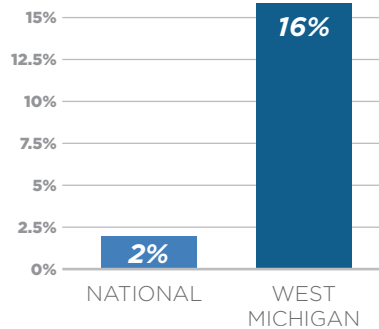
**2,517**

(NOT INCLUDING FOOD AND  
BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING)



### INDUSTRY GROWTH

(2011 - 2021, BY JOBS)



PROJECTED  
JOB GROWTH  
(2016 - 2026)

**4.6%**

**96**

OUT OF THE TOP

**100**

AUTOMOTIVE  
SUPPLIERS TO  
NORTH AMERICA  
HAVE A PRESENCE IN

**MICHIGAN**

AND **60** ARE  
HEADQUARTERED HERE

### SUPPLY CHAIN

Well established  
supply chain,  
extensive areas  
of expertise.

*Metal*

594 firms

*Foundries*

33 firms

*Plastics*

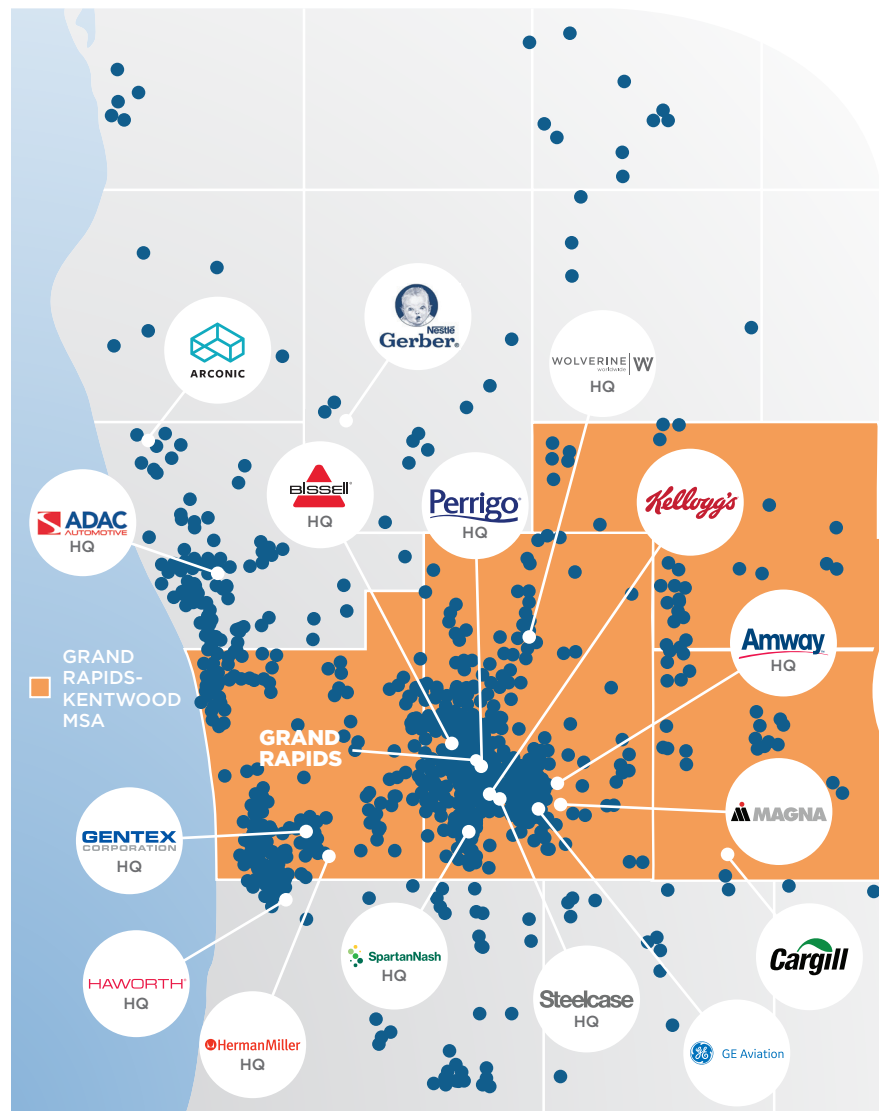
159 firms

*Wood*

161 firms

*Tool & Die*

117 firms



**#3**

Top Cities  
Where U.S.  
Manufacturing  
is Thriving

**Grand Rapids  
- AdvisorSmith**

**Right to Work**  
(2012)

**No Inventory Tax**

**Corporate Tax**  
**6%**

**Personal  
Income Tax**  
**4.25%**

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