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.

Office Furniture Manufacturing Location Quotient: 28.84

Leading Industries:
- Automotive
- Medical Devices
- Food Processing
- Aerospace & Defense
- Office Furniture

Cost of Living Comparison:

- Grand Rapids: 96.8
- Chicago: 123.0
- New York: 147.8
- San Francisco: 187.1

21% of all West Michigan Jobs are in Manufacturing

Data Source: EMSI

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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)

NATIONAL
2%
WEST MICHIGAN
16%

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

DATA SOURCE: EMSI

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

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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