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.

1,066 NEW JOBS
(2018-2020, ADV. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY)

$232.5M NEW INVESTMENT
(2018-2020, ADV. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY)

“The most successful intensive manufacturing city in America”
– The Economist

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

141,300 Total Jobs in Advanced Manufacturing

LEADING INDUSTRIES

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

OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING LOCATION QUOTIENT: 27.64

130+ International companies

20% of all West Michigan Jobs are in Manufacturing

WORKFORCE

Tool and Die Makers - 2,600
Industrial Engineers - 3,500
Machinists - 4,400
Production Supervisors - 5,400
Production Assemblers - 15,000

DATA SOURCE: EMSI

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ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
IN WEST MICHIGAN

TOTAL NUMBER OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN WEST MICHIGAN

2,535

(Not including food and beverage manufacturing)

PROJECTED JOB GROWTH
(2016 - 2026)

4.6%

INDUSTRY GROWTH
(2011 - 2020, BY JOBS)

NATIONAL

WEST MICHIGAN

7.6%

29.1%

SUPPLY CHAIN

Well established supply chain, extensive areas of expertise.

Metal

575 firms

Foundries

66 firms

Plastics

103 firms

Wood

106 firms

Tool & Die

134 firms

DATA SOURCE: EMSI

GRAND RAPIDS - KENTWOOD MSA

AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS TO NORTH AMERICA HAVE A PRESENCE IN MICHIGAN AND 60 ARE HEADQUARTERED HERE

96 OUT OF THE TOP 100

GRAND RAPIDS - AdvisorSmith

Right to Work

(2012)

No Inventory Tax

Corporate Tax:
6%

Personal income tax:
4.25%

Top Cities Where U.S. Manufacturing is Thriving

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