

# 5 Great Reasons To Consider Manufacturing



## #1: It pays well.

Manufacturing offers stable, dependable, family-sustaining jobs that pay well.

- **\$70,865** is the average annual manufacturing wage in Minnesota – **10% above the average** for all jobs.
- **\$25.21** is the median hourly wage – almost 14% higher than the total of all other industries.

## #2: There are lots of jobs.

This is a terrific time to start a job in manufacturing.

- **86,500 job openings** are expected by 2028 as older workers retire.
- Manufacturing jobs are **located across the state** and are **11.4% of all jobs**.
- Beyond **production**, employers need people in **information technology, human resources, sales, accounting and more**.

## #3: It's important work in a safe, clean, high-tech environment.

You can take pride in making things people need in a work environment that is safe and clean.

- Some plants are among the **most state-of-the-art and sanitary environments** you can find.
- High-tech machinery and workplace standards are designed to **protect safety and well-being**.
- **Robotics/automation, artificial intelligence and 3D printing** are among the technologies being used.
- Manufacturers **make everything from life-saving biomedical/biotech products to food** and countless other useful products.

## #4: Employers want you.

Manufacturing is a great career for everyone.

- Manufacturing workplaces are **increasingly diverse and welcoming**.
- Employers are actively seeking to hire **men and women of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds**.
- **Older workers and people changing careers** are welcome.
- **Manufacturing needs people with all levels of education**, from a high school diploma or equivalent to advance degrees in science, math or engineering.

## #5: You'll have opportunities for growth.

Many employers offer free on-the-job training and other continuous learning opportunities.

- Entry-level jobs **can be a stepping-stone** to higher level positions.
- **Problem-solving skills, math skills, and mechanical aptitude** are valued.
- From hands-on production jobs to executive leadership roles, anyone can **find interesting work with high-earning potential** in manufacturing.

