



MANUFACTURING

Alive and Well in St. Charles County!

ST. CHARLES
COUNTY



Missouri author Mark Twain once said, "The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated." The same is true when it comes to the perception of American manufacturing in the 21st century ... especially in light of the global recession a decade ago.

By 2020, America is expected to unseat China and re-take its place as the most competitive manufacturing nation in the world, according to the 2016 Global Manufacturing Competitiveness Index from Deloitte Touche and the Council on Competitiveness. The U.S. continues to improve its ranking from 4th in 2010 to 3rd in 2013 to 2nd in 2016. That's great news! And what's even better?

Locally, manufacturing is alive and well in St. Charles County!

Manufacturing is the employment sector with the highest total annual wages in the community. It topped

\$1 billion in 2015, and final figures from 2016 are expected to repeat that impressive figure.

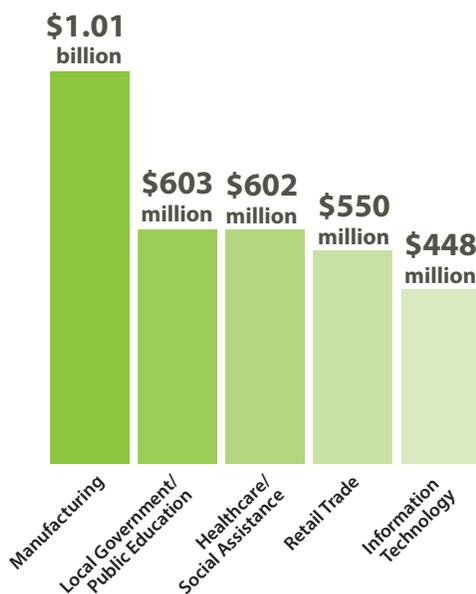
More people work in advanced manufacturing jobs today in St. Charles County than more than a decade ago. And that number is growing as

existing companies expand and local entrepreneurs start new businesses.

From missiles and trucks to plastics and electronics, St. Charles County manufacturers make products used every day by consumers, companies and governments across America and around the globe.

Wages in St. Charles County

2015 Industry Employment by Wages



Jobs in St. Charles County

12,195 manufacturing jobs in 2004

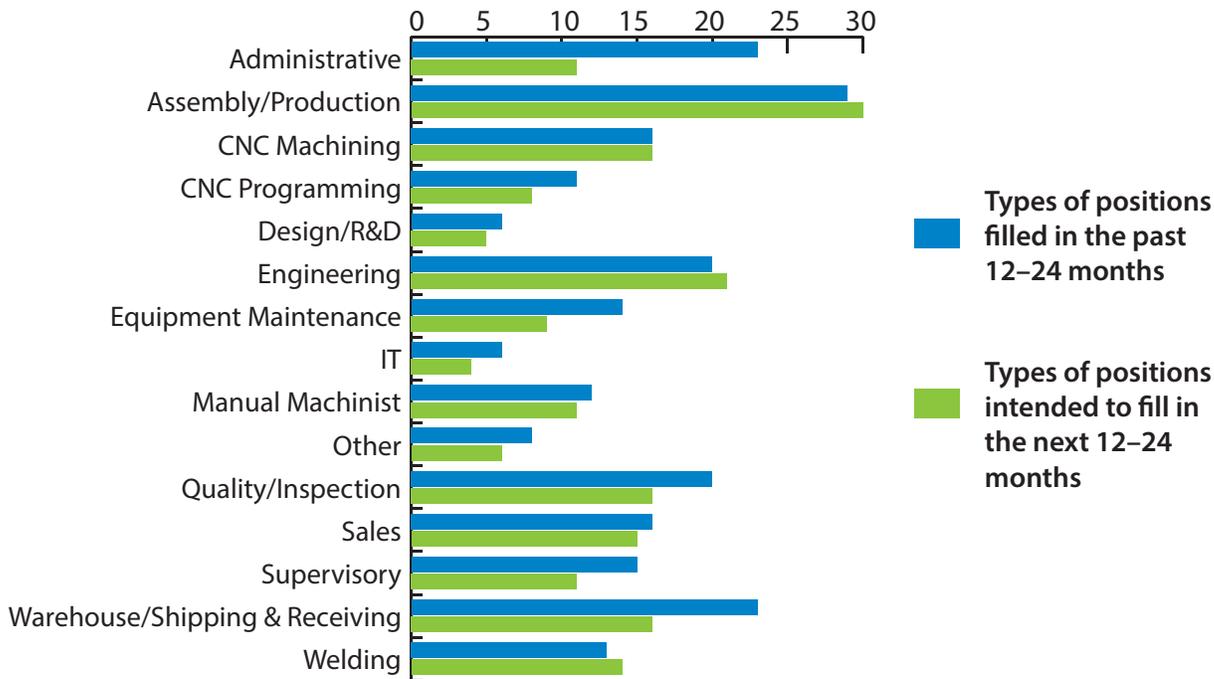
15,733 manufacturing jobs in 2016

And the Survey Says...

Local manufacturers participated in a survey on the “state of manufacturing” in St. Charles County in late 2016. Distributed by the Manufacturing Task Force of the St. Charles County Workforce Development Board, business leaders indicated they are hiring for manufacturing jobs and seeing more technical training opportunities in the community. In fact, **62 percent of businesses plan on hiring “direct full-time employees with benefits” in the next 24 months.**

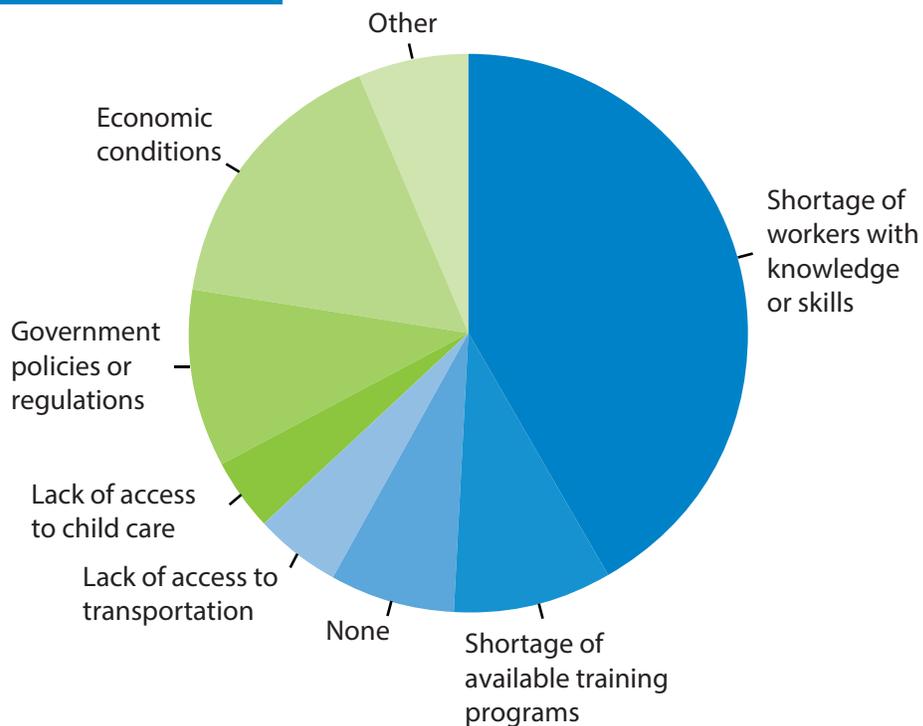
Businesses represented in the survey are from across the board: chemical, computer and electronics, fabricated metal, machinery, plastics and rubber, transportation and more. Of the 300 manufacturers in St. Charles County, 20 percent, or 60, completed the survey. Here are some of the key results:

Past and Future Position Needs



Barriers

Those surveyed identified these factors as barriers to expanding their company's employment level.



Ratings of Skills of New Hires/Applicants



Current/Future Training Needs

21–30%

Solidworks, CNC operation, blueprint reading, electrical, forklift, machine maintenance

11–20%

AutoCAD, welding, other, manual mill operation, HVAC, Mastercam

<10%

logistics/shipping/receiving, manual lathe operation, programmable logic controllers, hydraulics, pneumatics, motor controls

For more information about the Manufacturing Workforce Survey 2016, the Manufacturing Task Force Recommendations to the Community, and workforce and economic services for employers and job seekers, please contact the Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County.

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