

MANUFACTURING in South Dakota

Currently offering 2,500 job opportunities

Added 974 workers in last five years

Accounts for 12.5% of the state's employment in privately owned establishments

Is projected to grow by 7% by 2028

Offers many Hot Career opportunities in high demand, high wage occupations



See the detailed stats.



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- There were **2,500** Manufacturing job openings advertised online in South Dakota in August 2021.
- South Dakota’s Manufacturing industry is an important source of employment and earnings, with **43,131** workers (**12.5%** of all workers in privately owned establishments) in 2020.
- The Manufacturing industry also plays a huge role in payrolls, contributing **13.5%** to the state’s privately owned establishment payrolls in 2020.
- The number of workers in South Dakota’s Manufacturing industry increased **2.3%** from 2016 to 2020, adding **974** workers to the state’s economy.
- South Dakota’s Manufacturing industry is projected to add **3,242** workers to South Dakota’s economy (from a level of 44,392 in 2018 to a level of 47,634 in 2028, a 7.3% increase). At a national level, Manufacturing employment is projected to decline by 5.0%.
- Of South Dakota’s 69 Hot Careers (high demand, high wage), **seven** are found predominately in Manufacturing (highlighted in blue in the table). An additional **17** also offer employment opportunities in the industry. Hot Career occupations have greater than average projected demand (more than 85 a year) and an average wage greater than \$36,823 (the median wage across all occupations in 2020).

South Dakota Hot Careers 2018 to 2028 with Employment Opportunities in Manufacturing		
Occupational Title	Average Annual Demand 2018-2028	Average Wage 2020
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,100	\$46,232
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Except Technical & Scientific Products	655	\$65,925
Accountants and Auditors	538	\$69,174
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	447	\$36,996
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	432	\$40,874
Management Analysts	377	\$75,916
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	334	\$40,319
Electricians	322	\$47,672
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	197	\$37,187
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Technical & Scientific Products	191	\$104,815
First-Line Supervisors of Production Workers	169	\$62,995
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	151	\$50,156
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	148	\$72,789
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	147	\$65,751
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	142	\$63,929
Computer User Support Specialists	140	\$40,185
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	133	\$58,663
Human Resources Specialists	117	\$57,112
Machinists	114	\$41,586
Coating, Painting & Spraying Machine Operators	103	\$40,371
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	99	\$74,754
Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters & Operators	97	\$39,450
Cost Estimators	95	\$60,104
Cutting, Punching, & Press Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	94	\$38,820

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

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