



South Dakota Manufacturing

The Manufacturing industry is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, accounting for 12% of the state's employment in privately owned establishments and 13% of total payrolls.



Steady Growth

After a slight COVID-19-related downturn in 2020, the state's Manufacturing industry has shown slow, steady growth over the last five years. More than 300 workers were added from 2019 to 2023, an increase of 0.7%.



Current Opportunities

There are currently more than 700 Manufacturing job openings advertised online in South Dakota.



Future Looking Bright

South Dakota employment in Manufacturing is projected to increase 6% by 2032. The industry is also promising because it offers employment opportunities in many of the state's Hot Careers.



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South Dakota's **Manufacturing** industry is an important source of employment, with 1,093 establishments and 45,303 workers in 2023. (The industry accounted for 2.7% of all privately owned establishments and 12.0% of all workers in 2023.) Annual pay averaged \$61,351 in 2023.



Manufacturing also plays a big role in earnings, accounting for 13.0% of the state's privately owned establishment payrolls in 2023.



The number of workers in South Dakota's **Manufacturing** industry increased 0.7% from 2019 to 2023, adding 331 workers to the state's economy. South Dakota matched the nation with this growth rate.



South Dakota's **Manufacturing** industry is projected to add 2,812 workers by 2032 (from a level of 45,101 in 2022 to 47,913 in 2032, an 6.2% increase).



Of South Dakota's 66 Hot Careers (high-demand, high-wage occupations), five are found predominately in **Manufacturing** (highlighted rows below). An additional 13 also offer employment opportunities in the industry. Hot Career occupations have greater than average projected demand (more than 82 per year) and an average wage greater than \$43,680 (the median wage across all occupations in 2023).

South Dakota Hot Carers to 2032 with Employment Opportunities in Manufacturing

	Average Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
General and Operations Managers	386	\$144,880
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	99	\$74,870
Human Resources Specialists	138	\$65,480
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	135	\$86,430
Accountants and Auditors	560	\$77,840
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	189	\$127,110
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, except Technical and Scientific Products	573	\$78,120
Electricians	279	\$56,790
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	124	\$57,650
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	143	\$58,000
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	344	\$45,240
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	187	\$69,460
Machinists	91	\$48,400
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	387	\$46,700
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	86	\$54,180
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	119	\$44,840
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	154	\$46,650
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	188	\$44,770

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