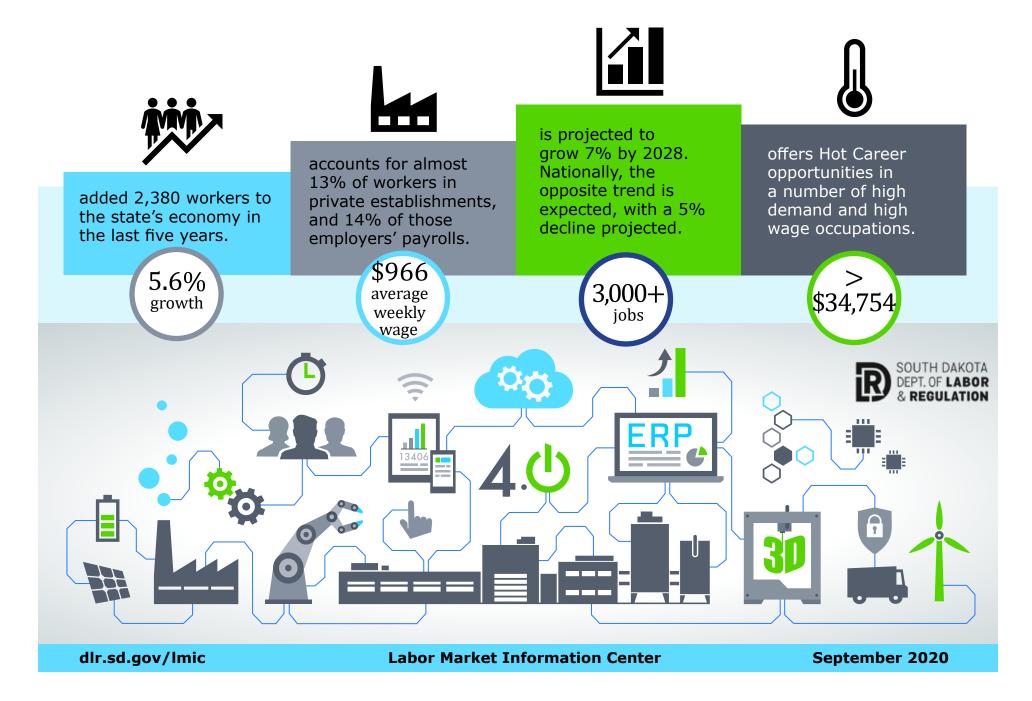
South Dakota's Manufacturing industry ...





The Stats Behind the Trends, Plus a Local Look

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- South Dakota's Manufacturing industry is an important source of employment and earnings, with 44,972 workers (12.7% of all workers in privately owned establishments) in 2019. The industry plays an even bigger role in the Yankton Area (Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson and Yankton counties), accounting for 24.5% of all workers in privately owned establishments. In Yankton County specifically, the industry accounted for 31.9% of workers.
- The Manufacturing industry also plays a huge role in payrolls, contributing 14.0% to the state's privately owned establishment payrolls in 2019. The significance is even greater in the four-county Yankton Area and Yankton County specifically, where Manufacturing makes up 30.8% and 38.5%, respectively, of private establishment payrolls.
- The number of workers in South Dakota's Manufacturing industry increased 5.6% from 2015 to 2019, adding 2,380 workers to the state's economy. Again, Manufacturing growth in Yankton Area and Yankton County has outpaced the state, with 11.9% and 12.3% worker growth, respectively, in the last five years. (All of the above based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.)
- 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 5.6% increase). At a national level, Manufacturing employment is projected to decline by 5.0%.
- Of South Dakota's 69 Hot Careers (with high pay and higher than average projected demand), seven are found predominately in Manufacturing (highlighted in blue in the table), and an additional 17 offer employment opportunities in the industry. A Hot Career has projected average demand greater than 85 and an average wage greater than \$34,754 (the median wage across all occupations in 2019).

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South Dakota Hot Careers 2018 to 2028 with Employment Opportunities in Manufacturing Average Annual **Openings** Projected Average 2018-Wage **Title** 2028 2019 Buyers and Purchasing Agents 142 \$61,908 Cost Estimators 95 \$57,660 Human Resources Specialists 117 \$56,106 Management Analysts 377 \$77,934 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$55,646 133 Business Operations Specialists, All Other 148 \$69,398 Accountants and Auditors 538 \$67,472 Network and Computer Systems Administrators 147 \$63,505 Computer User Support Specialists 140 \$39,525 Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, 191 \$92,338 Technical & Scientific Products Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Except 655 \$66,191 Technical & Scientific Products 322 \$46,535 Electricians First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers 99 \$73,367 Industrial Machinery Mechanics 151 \$47,140 Maintenance and Repair Workers, General 334 \$38,163 First-Line Supervisors of Production Workers 169 \$61,112 Cutting, Punching, & Press Machine Setters, Operators, & 94 \$37,000 Tenders, Metal & Plastic Machinists \$39,694 114 Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers 432 \$39,453 Cutting and Slicing Machine Setters & Operators 97 \$36,769 Coating, Painting & Spraying Machine Operators 103 \$38,491 Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 1,100 \$43,582 Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers 447 \$35,760 197 \$35,726 Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators Source: Labor Market Information Center, SD Dept. of Labor and Regulation