

MANUFACTURING

AUSTIN TEXAS REGION

FACTS & FIGURES

Austin is a leader in advanced manufacturing with a highly educated and creative workforce. Manufacturers ranging from electronics, food production, medical devices, and others have found Austin to provide essential advantages to support the industry. With our central location and transportation infrastructure, Austin's manufacturing ecosystem can support your business growth.

57,900

CENTRAL TEXAS
MANUFACTURING JOBS

\$14 BILLION

CONTRIBUTED BY MANUFACTURING
TO REGIONAL GDP

1,445

MANUFACTURING FIRMS ACCOUNT
FOR 13.4% OF METRO GDP



ASSETS

The Austin region is home to reliable talent, collaborative partners, and access to markets

TRANSPORTATION

- Centrally located major U.S. market
- Access to major highway systems (I-35, SH 71, US 290)
- Rail-served industrial sites
- State-of-the-art air cargo facilities
- Major trucking carriers
- 3PLs experienced with the service requirements of high tech & global markets
- Within 250 miles of the largest U.S. ports

COST SAVINGS

- Production occupation wages 6-7% below national rates
- Foreign Trade Zone
- Manufacturing sales tax exemptions
- Freeport inventory exemptions
- Tax abatements and rebates
- Training incentives
- Low unemployment insurance and workers comp

AUSTIN REGIONAL MFG ASSOCIATION

- ARMA is manufacturing's advocate serving the Austin region and supporting the rapidly growing manufacturing economy

ENVIRONMENT

- Right-to-work state
- Central time zone
- Texas has its own power grid
- Ample existing and under construction industrial buildings

**One of North America's
Top 5 Most Competitive
Cities for the Electronics
and Energy Industries**

-Conway Data, October 2015

**Austin is one of the Top
10 Metros for Advanced
Industries**

-Brookings Institution, August 2016

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OPPORTUNITY AUSTIN



BRAND RECOGNITION

The Austin region is home to diverse manufacturing expertise and investment



TALENT

Leadership, fresh perspectives and up-to-date skill sets abound with local institutions generating significant numbers of qualified industrial talent annually. Employers in Austin also realize the benefit of being able to recruit talent to one of the most attractive places to live in the U.S.

ELECTRONICS

About 175 electronics companies employ half of Central Texas' manufacturing workforce and are responsible for the majority of the region's international exports

LIFE SCIENCES

Nearly 80 manufacturers in Austin's growing pharmaceutical and medical device industries employ over 2,900

GENERAL MFG

Almost 80% of manufacturing employers produce a diverse range of goods beyond the tech products Austin is known for - everything from bricks to frozen dinners

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

- Ranked in the Top 10 Best Engineering Schools for Computer and Electrical Engineering
- UT Supply Chain Management Center of Excellence

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- ACC provides career and technical programs supplemented by state-of-the art labs and the CAD Learning Center
- Courses include CNC, welding, automotive, building and construction, energy tech, electronics & advanced technologies

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

- Engineering and Engineering Technology with specializations in electronics, manufacturing, mechanical engineering, and technology management
- On-site foundry among 14 other laboratories

EWCHCEC

- Temple College, Texas State Technical College Waco, and Texas A&M University-Central Texas have united at the East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHCEC) to offer career and technical education