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Minnesota's Career Resource

5 Great Reasons To Consider a Career in Manufacturing

#1: It pays well.

Manufacturing offers stable, dependable, family-sustaining jobs that pay well.

- **$86,600** is the average annual manufacturing wage in Minnesota – **12% above the average** for all jobs.

#2: There are lots of jobs.

Now is a terrific time to start a job in manufacturing.

- **92,000 job openings** for manufacturing production positions alone through 2034.
- Manufacturing jobs are **located across the state** and make up **11% of all jobs in Minnesota**.
- Beyond **production**, employers need people in **information technology, human resources, sales, accounting and more**.

#3: It's important work in a safe, clean, high-tech environment.

You can take pride in making things people need in a work environment that is safe and clean.

- Some plants are among the **most state-of-the-art and sanitary environments** you can find.
- High-tech machinery and workplace standards are designed to **protect safety and well-being**.
- **Robotics, artificial intelligence (AI)** and **3D printing** are among the technologies being used.
- Manufacturers **make everything from life-saving biomedical/biotech products to food** and countless other useful products.

#4: Employers want you.

Manufacturing is a great career for everyone.

- Manufacturing workplaces are **increasingly diverse and welcoming**.
- Employers are actively seeking to hire **people of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds**.
- **Older workers and people changing careers** are welcome.
- **Manufacturing needs people with all levels of education**, from a high school diploma or equivalent to advanced degrees in science, math or engineering.

#5: You'll have opportunities for growth.

Many employers offer free on-the-job training and other continuous learning opportunities.

- Entry-level jobs **can be a stepping-stone** to higher level positions.
- **Problem-solving skills, math skills,** and **mechanical aptitude** are valued.
- From hands-on production jobs to executive leadership roles, anyone can **find interesting work with high-earning potential** in manufacturing.

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