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About the Manufacturing sector

The Manufacturing sector comprises establishments engaged in the mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products.

Establishments in the Manufacturing sector are often described as plants, factories, or mills and characteristically use power-driven machines and materials-handling equipment. However, establishments that transform materials or substances into new products by hand or in the worker's home and those engaged in selling to the general public products made on the same premises from which they are sold, such as bakeries, candy stores, and custom tailors, may also be included in this sector. Manufacturing establishments may process materials or may contract with other establishments to process their materials for them. Both types of establishments are included in manufacturing.

North American Industry Classification System

The manufacturing sector consists of these subsectors:

- Food Manufacturing: NAICS 311
- Beverage and Tobacco Product Manufacturing: NAICS 312
- Textile Mills: NAICS 313
- Textile Product Mills: NAICS 314
- Apparel Manufacturing: NAICS 315
- Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing: NAICS 316
- Wood Product Manufacturing: NAICS 321
- Paper Manufacturing: NAICS 322
- Printing and Related Support Activities: NAICS 323
- Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing: NAICS 324
- Chemical Manufacturing: NAICS 325
- Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing: NAICS 326
- Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing: NAICS 327
- Primary Metal Manufacturing: NAICS 331
- Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing: NAICS 332
- Machinery Manufacturing: NAICS 333
- Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing: NAICS 334
- Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component Manufacturing: NAICS 335
- Transportation Equipment Manufacturing: NAICS 336
- Furniture and Related Product Manufacturing: NAICS 337
- Miscellaneous Manufacturing: NAICS 339

Per: <http://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag31-33.htm#about> Jan.2012