

Fighting for Canadian Jobs

Manufacturing Matters

Manufacturing is Dynamic...

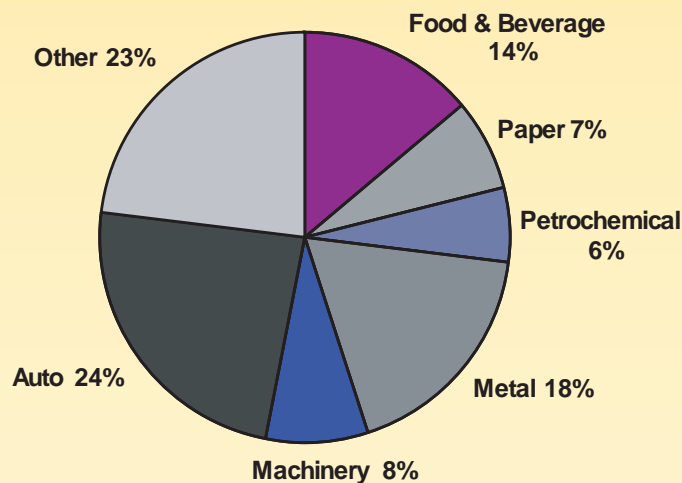
- Manufacturing is a critical piece of the local economy.
- The St. Catharines-Niagara region is home to **25,600** manufacturing workers.
- St. Catharines-Niagara boasts a diverse and capital-intensive manufacturing sector. One quarter of all manufacturing jobs are auto related and nearly one-fifth are found in metal production. Other key manufacturing sectors include food and beverage, machinery, petrochemical and paper.

Some Major Niagara Region Employers (500+ employees)

General Motors	Dana Canada
John Deere	TRW Canada
GDH Automotive	E.S. Fox
Edscha	Parker Hannifin
Bosche Rexroth	IMT
Venest Industries	Brunner Manufacturing

Source: Niagara Economic Development Corporation

A Diverse Manufacturing Sector: A Balanced Mix



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

...And Critical to the Local Economy

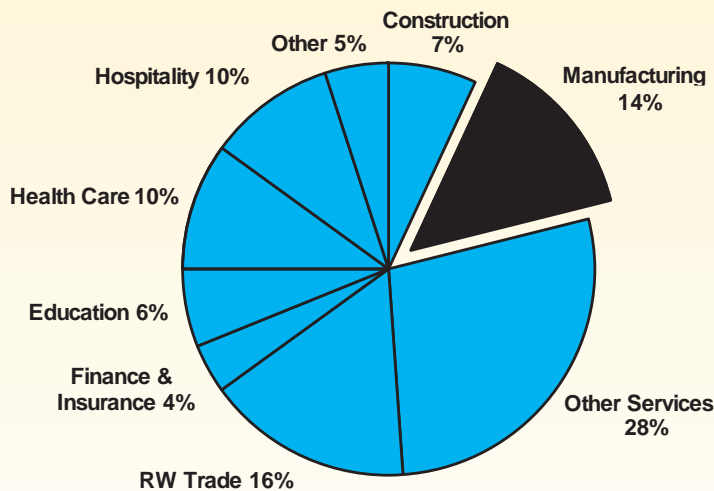
Manufacturing jobs in St. Catharines-Niagara account for:

- About **1 in 7** area jobs.
- **18%** of local economy activity.

In 2006, St. Catharines-Niagara manufacturing workers:

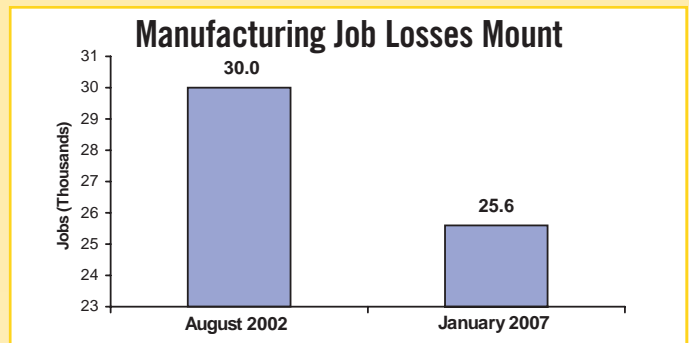
- Earned wages **24%** higher than the Ontario average.
- Brought home paychecks worth **\$1.5 billion**.
- Contributed **\$296 million** to provincial and federal income taxes.
- Supported **\$73 million** in municipal property taxes.
- Generated **\$10.3 billion** in economic activity.

Manufacturing Jobs: A Lynch-Pin for Local Economy

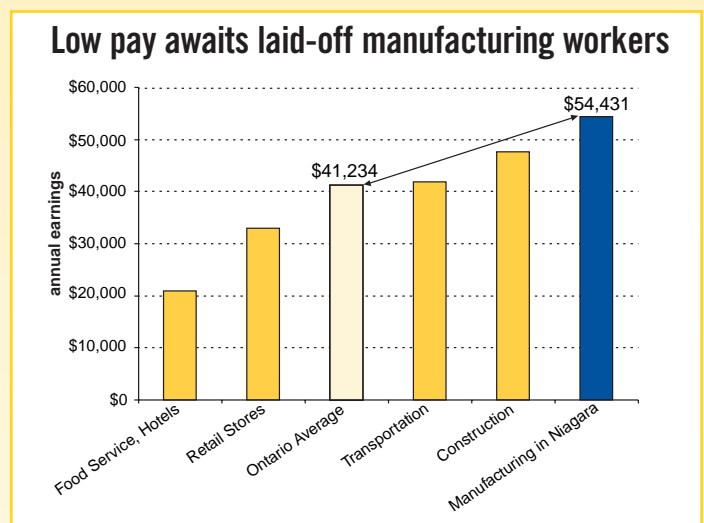


The Manufacturing Crisis in St. Catharines-Niagara

- Manufacturing employment in the Niagara region has been on a steady decline over the past two decades, through plant closures, permanent layoffs and downsizing.
- In the late 1980s, manufacturing was dominant in the Niagara region - accounting for 25% of total employment. That number has since dropped to just over 14% in 2006.
- The loss of **4,400** jobs since August 2002 has meant:
 - **\$239 million** less in annual payroll spending.
 - Chronic **insecurity** and **uncertainty** for workers and their families.
 - **Retail and food service outlets**, as well as local **charities** are all feeling the pinch.
- The loss of jobs has also had a negative impact on social services:
 - **\$49 million** lost in annual federal and provincial income tax.
 - **\$12 million** lost in annual contributions to CPP and EI programs.



- **4,400** jobs lost from August 2002 to January 2007.
- A **15%** decline in all regional manufacturing employment in the Niagara area.
- Manufacturing job losses have been compounded by a decline in other important industries, such as tourism and agriculture.



Some of the Recent Events (2002-2007)

- General Motors announces plans to phase out small block engine, 900 job lost
- GM American Axle shuts its doors, 750 jobs lost
- Ferranti Packard closes - lays off 275 workers
- Phantom Plastics goes bankrupt and leaves town shortly after company owner named Chamber of Commerce "Entrepreneur of the Year"
- Atlas Specialty Steel closes its Welland site, over 800 workers affected
- GM-Delphi closes - 500 jobs lost
- Dana Corp announces major layoffs, over 600 workers affected
- Bazaar & Novelty closes, lays off 200 workers
- Affinia Group closes its brake drum and rotor facility, 250 jobs lost