How We're Working for You

MANUFACTURING

MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA
Made In North Carolina

What's made in North Carolina, makes North Carolina. We know that manufacturing businesses like yours are the backbone of our state’s economy. From consumer goods like furniture, tape, textiles and food to pharmaceuticals, construction and vehicle equipment, steel and more, the products created by your businesses fuel everything that happens in our state.

Yet even as manufacturing continues to innovate and evolve, the industry is hurting from a lack of skilled talent and outdated perceptions about manufacturing careers. Burdensome regulations and trade uncertainty threaten to stifle growth and aging infrastructure could slow progress to a trickle. It’s clear that manufacturers need a voice fighting for them.

While some may take your work for granted, the NC Chamber is committed to serving North Carolina’s manufacturers. Whether you’re interested in making new connections with fellow leaders, growing your business’ brand or having a voice in shaping North Carolina’s future, the NC Chamber can help you achieve your business’ goals, while tackling any obstacles that stand in the way.

As North Carolina’s voice for business, the NC Chamber is here to amplify yours and ensure that North Carolina’s manufacturing industry remains a leader.

Recent Legislation

2017
Protected the Manufacturing Extension Partnership that supports small and medium manufacturers.

2017
Senate Bill 257 repealed the costly mill machinery tax, saving NC manufacturers $54 million annually.

2018
House Bill 374 reduced burdensome regulations on business.

The NC Chamber knows that the health and future of the manufacturing industry depends on our ability to attract and retain skilled workers. The skills gap is a major problem for North Carolina, and I’m grateful that the NC Chamber is leading both short- and long-term solutions on this issue. In addition, manufacturing today is very different from what it was 10 years ago. The NC Chamber is a great partner for promoting a new phase of manufacturing.

AYAKO WILSON, SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER, AW NORTH CAROLINA
The NC Chamber is a strong voice for manufacturers and logistic companies at the North Carolina General Assembly. I know I can always count on them to understand our needs and get the results that impact our bottom line.

JERRY COOK, VP OF GOVERNMENT AND TRADE RELATIONS, HANESBRANDS, INC

By the Numbers

7,763
Manufacturers in North Carolina.

250+
Manufacturing members of the NC Chamber.

10.8% (460,000 employees)
Of the state's workforce are employed by manufacturing.

$70,701
Average North Carolina manufacturing job annual salary.

$102.48 Billion
Worth of manufactured goods made in North Carolina.

#5
Best state for manufacturing from Site Selection Magazine.

Fighting for NC's Exporters

North American Trade
North Carolina’s manufacturers are often also leaders in international trade—the state exported more than $31 billion worth of manufactured goods in 2018. We know that maintaining North Carolina’s competitive global standing and close trade relationships with partners around the world is critical to your business. That’s why the NC Chamber is a member of the USMCA Coalition, fighting for the passage of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement to help your business better access our top two trading partners.

The NC Chamber is the exclusive state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers. Our relationship with this influential, nationwide organization means that we can elevate your voice on major, federal policy issues—fighting for you in both Raleigh and Washington, D.C.
The NC Chamber is the leading business advocacy organization in North Carolina. We work in the legislative, regulatory and political arenas to proactively drive positive change, ensuring that North Carolina is one of the best places in the world to do business.

We believe every business is important and matters to North Carolina’s future. That's why the NC Chamber will continue to be a voice for the commonsense middle and work tirelessly to advocate for solutions to make North Carolina a place where each business and its workforce can thrive. Our members are the businesses—large and small, across every industry and region—that fuel our state’s success.

Our approach is three-pronged. The NC Chamber Foundation researches and develops policy recommendations to solve the state’s greatest challenges, the NC Chamber’s government affairs team advocates for those policies to help businesses compete and succeed, and the NC Chamber’s Voter Education Program puts the action behind the ideas by supporting elected officials who stand up for the business community—or recruiting and electing pro-growth leaders who will.

An aligned business community matters and the NC Chamber is the voice of business. If you join, we can speak for yours too.