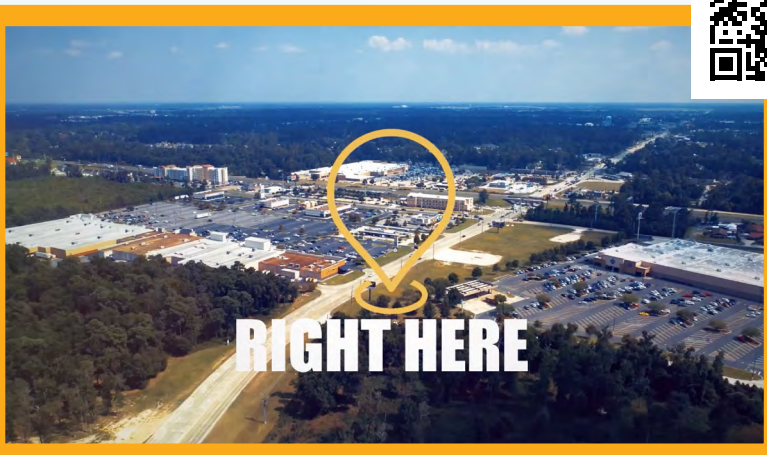


See How America's Plastic Makers are Powering Louisiana



Louisiana Makes Plastic

Most Americans understand that **we need plastic.**

Plastic helps protect our kids, our firefighters and our soldiers. It makes medical miracles possible. And it enables low-carbon energy like solar and wind power.

What's less widely understood: We need to make plastic here... at home in America.

That's why
Louisiana makes plastic.

Learn how innovation has made plastic vital to modern life





Here's why making plastic in Louisiana is important to the Louisiana economy. *And American manufacturing.*

From Baton Rouge to Lake Charles, Louisiana is a manufacturing powerhouse. To succeed, Louisiana manufacturing relies on a steady supply of high-tech materials to drive well-paying jobs and innovation. One of the most important materials that helps make Louisiana a manufacturing powerhouse? **Plastic.**



Louisiana Companies Make Plastic in Louisiana

Louisiana makes the plastic that Made-in-Louisiana products rely on. In fact, Louisiana is one of America's leaders in plastic manufacturing.

6,460 WELL-PAYING JOBS
ACROSS THE STATE

#2 FOR
PLASTIC RESIN MANUFACTURING

#4 IN
ANNUAL SHIPMENTS

\$19.2 BILLION IN
ANNUAL SHIPMENTS

The average annual wage in Louisiana's plastics sector is **\$108,310.**

Louisiana-Grown Innovation

Making plastic is a high-tech enterprise that harnesses the disciplines of chemistry, physics and engineering to make materials that have revolutionized our lives for the better. Every day, innovations in plastic enhance our healthcare, connectivity, transportation, energy infrastructure and access to safe food and clean drinking water.

We need to keep this innovation alive in Louisiana to help the state economy thrive, rather than outsourcing our innovation overseas.



Innovation = Advanced Recycling = Jobs

U.S. plastic makers are investing billions in advanced recycling – innovative new technologies that turn used plastic into valuable raw materials to make new plastic and other products. **These emerging technologies can help recycle more of the 90% of plastic that is not currently recycled.** Recycling more used plastic can energize the state economy, create thousands of jobs, and dramatically reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfills and our environment.



Made-in-Louisiana Manufacturers Rely on Plastic

Louisiana's economic output is enormous and vital to building a stronger, more resilient American economy. And Louisiana manufacturers rely on plastic. **Three examples:**



Agribusiness

Unrivaled Grown-in-Louisiana seafood/livestock/crops are processed and sold to all of America... and the world.

From farms to bayous, from distribution to retail, Louisiana food companies rely on lightweight plastic packaging to deliver food and reduce food waste.

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Lightweight plastic packaging significantly reduces the weight of transporting food, which reduces fuel use and saves money.

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Louisiana provides 40% of our nation's shrimp, 70% of oysters and 90% of crawfish.

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Life Sciences/Healthcare

From first-class universities to startups, **Louisiana leads in scientific exploration** to improve disease prevention/treatments, pharmaceutical efficacy, women's health, and more.

These companies rely on sterile plastic for lab equipment, medical devices, implants – even biocompatible materials that help save lives.

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Operating rooms require tough, durable plastic that can stand up to the sterilization of medical tools and equipment.

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Louisiana's life sciences industry is growing rapidly (25% over five years) and ranked in the top 10 for life sciences strength.

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Aerospace/Aviation

Louisiana's aerospace and aviation sector helped launch manned space missions and today contributes significantly to America's military forces.

Innovative, lightweight plastic components are widely used throughout our nation's military aircraft.

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From space suits to airplane windows to fuselages, durable plastic and composites are essential to space and air travel.

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Nearly \$10 billion in military spending supports 77,000 jobs in Louisiana.



Louisiana Manufacturing Relies on Louisiana Workers (and Plastic)

Who's farming that seafood, raising that livestock, and growing those crops? Creating those life-saving technologies? Building those aircraft?

Louisianans. Friends. Families. Neighbors.

Louisiana manufacturing relies on dedicated people who are proud of what they make and proud of their contribution to the American economy and way of life.

LOUISIANA MANUFACTURING

118,000 EMPLOYEES
ACROSS THE STATE

7% OF
STATE JOBS

\$272 BILLION IN
ANNUAL SHIPMENTS



Learn More
About Louisiana's
Manufacturing Statistics



FACT

Louisiana's plastic companies are part of the state's chemical industry, the **#1 producer of direct jobs in Louisiana's manufacturing sector**. For every job created in the chemical industry, 8.3 jobs are created elsewhere in the state



Louisiana Makes Plastics. Proudly.

That's one reason Louisiana is a manufacturing powerhouse. **Let's build on that.**

Join the Movement



AMERICA'S
PLASTIC
MAKERS