



Economic Impact of Plastics Manufacturing

Plastics manufacturing plays a key role in the U.S. economy — powering innovation, good-paying jobs, and keeping supply chains moving in critical sectors like automotive, construction, healthcare and consumer goods.

National Impact

2024 Data

~**670K**

AMERICANS
EMPLOYED

~**\$49B**

IN WAGES
PAID

\$73K

AVERAGE
ANNUAL SALARY

\$380B

PLASTIC RESINS
& PRODUCTS
PRODUCED

11,610

OPERATED
ESTABLISHMENTS
with a presence in
nearly every state

State Impact

On the next page, our table shows how plastics manufacturing drives prosperity in states—providing jobs and billions in economic activity. These numbers demonstrate why supporting U.S. plastics manufacturing means strengthening state economies and communities nationwide.

The following table breaks down key economic impact figures by state and by the three manufacturing activities (as measured by NAICS codes) that make up the plastics manufacturing sector:

- Plastics Material & Resin Manufacturing
- Plastics Products Manufacturing
- Custom Compounding of Purchased Resins

Visit our [Plastics Manufacturing in America](#) page for national insights and state-level data that show how plastics manufacturing supports local jobs, wages, and investment—and how supporting strong policies can keep U.S. plastics manufacturing and recycling growing.

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Total Plastics Manufacturing: Resin + Products + Compounding (2024)

State	Employment	Total Annual Wages (\$mil)	Average Annual Salary	Shipments (\$mil)	Establishments
Alabama	17,160	1,110	64,680	6,720	150
Alaska	<50	n/a	n/a	15	10
Arizona	6,230	400	64,840	3,160	190
Arkansas	7,110	420	58,600	3,790	90
California	39,850	3,340	83,890	19,550	1,120
Colorado	4,520	350	77,860	1,400	140
Connecticut	5,010	380	76,150	2,040	150
Delaware	1,010	80	76,190	600	30
District of Columbia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Florida	12,760	890	69,450	8,270	500
Georgia	21,420	1,470	68,510	12,850	390
Hawaii	<150	n/a	n/a	30	10
Idaho	2,050	120	59,550	720	60
Illinois	38,420	3,180	82,660	18,150	650
Indiana	36,500	2,280	62,340	16,600	480
Iowa	9,370	620	65,980	4,260	160
Kansas	9,740	670	68,280	3,520	110
Kentucky	17,060	1,390	81,220	12,220	180
Louisiana	6,460	700	108,310	19,200	90
Maine	2,010	140	68,520	900	40
Maryland	6,190	520	84,720	2,820	100
Massachusetts	13,660	1,150	84,270	5,370	240
Michigan	41,020	3,030	73,780	16,270	600
Minnesota	16,670	1,220	73,270	5,110	260
Mississippi	6,050	360	59,990	4,420	110
Missouri	14,510	940	65,060	4,290	230
Montana	n/a	30	n/a	150	30
Nebraska	4,350	270	62,850	1,320	60
Nevada	3,750	240	63,290	3,130	90
New Hampshire	4,450	340	75,490	1,020	70
New Jersey	14,420	1,190	82,240	6,410	300
New Mexico	<50	n/a	n/a	380	30
New York	18,520	1,360	73,680	9,800	400
North Carolina	30,220	2,050	67,740	18,150	390
North Dakota	<50	n/a	n/a	710	30
Ohio	49,080	3,260	66,320	26,210	810
Oklahoma	5,560	350	62,860	2,600	100
Oregon	4,090	270	64,880	2,720	140
Pennsylvania	38,060	2,660	69,810	16,800	580
Rhode Island	<50	n/a	78,550	1,450	50
South Carolina	16,080	1,330	83,020	15,790	240
South Dakota	1,880	120	64,230	600	30
Tennessee	18,020	1,150	63,970	9,220	370
Texas	54,090	4,630	85,680	61,510	840
Utah	6,950	450	64,170	2,990	160
Vermont	130	10	71,090	240	20
Virginia	12,730	950	74,330	7,790	150
Washington	7,320	530	72,270	2,900	180
West Virginia	6,400	500	77,930	3,860	60
Wisconsin	31,220	2,050	65,510	11,200	420
Wyoming	340	20	56,610	100	10
U.S. TOTAL	666,070	\$48,560	\$72,910	\$379,550	11,610



SOURCES:
Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Annual Business Survey (ABS)
Statistics of U.S. Businesses (SUSB)
U.S. Census Bureau

NOTES:
Data include estimates. Data include NAICS 3261
Plastics product manufacturing + NAICS 325211
Plastics material and resin manufacturing + NAICS
325991 Custom compounding of purchased resins.