

See How America's Plastic Makers are Powering Texas



# Texas 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  
Texas makes plastic.

Learn how innovation has made plastic vital to modern life



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



From Houston to El Paso, Texas is a manufacturing powerhouse. To succeed, Texas 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 Texas a manufacturing powerhouse? **Plastic.**



## Texas Companies Make Plastic in Texas

Texas makes the plastic that Made-in-Texas products rely on. In fact, Texas is America's leader in plastic manufacturing.

**54,000+** WELL-PAYING JOBS  
ACROSS THE STATE

**#1** FOR ANNUAL PAYROLL

**840** FACILITIES STATEWIDE

**\$61.5** BILLION IN ANNUAL SHIPMENTS

The average annual wage in Texas' plastics sector is \$85,680, with the total wage contribution reaching **\$4.6 billion.**

## Texas-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 Texas 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-Texas Manufacturers Rely on Plastic

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



### Solar Energy

Texas is an epicenter for solar panel innovation and manufacturing, **ranking #1 in U.S. solar energy installed** in 2024... contributing to America's energy independence.

Multiple types of plastic help bond, seal, insulate and protect delicate solar cells and make solar energy more efficient.

Durable plastic back sheets provide protection from moisture and UV light that can damage the cells.

There are nearly 600 solar companies in Texas that employ more than 12,000 people (ranked 3rd in U.S.). Texas is projected to grow faster than any other state in solar energy megawatts installed over the next five years.

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### Agribusiness

Texas' unrivalled livestock/crops are processed and sold to all of America... and the world.

From farms to transportation and distribution to retail, Texas food companies rely on lightweight plastic packaging to deliver food and reduce food waste.

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

Texas leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches: more than 230,000 covering 125.5 million acres. Top commodities? Cattle, poultry/eggs, dairy, corn...

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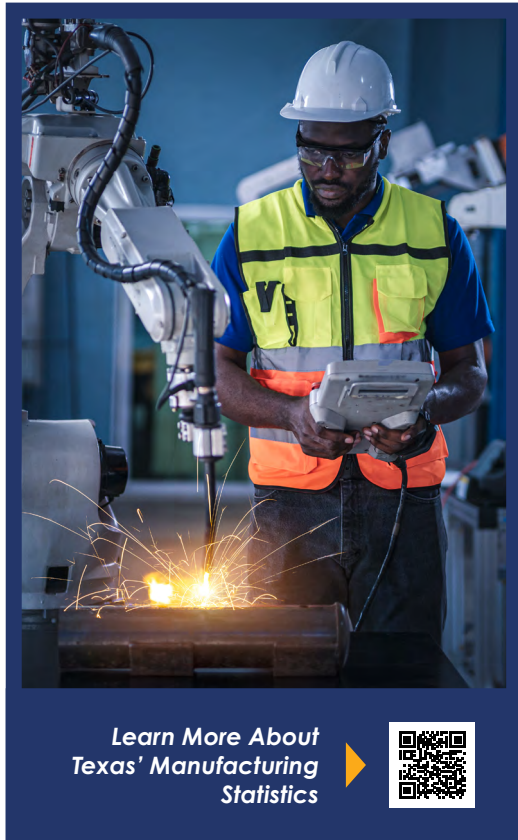
### Tech/Computers/ Electronics

This high-tech manufacturing sector in Texas is experiencing massive growth.

State-of-the-art plastic that houses, insulates and protects sensitive high-tech electronics in our cars, phones, laptops, medical devices, cell towers, smart speakers, drones...

The growing manufacture of computer chips in the U.S. (including Texas!) relies on multiple types of plastic to protect and enable the powerful computing needs of countless devices.

Texas' tech/computers/electronics sales now account for 20% of U.S. exports in this sector.



## Texas Manufacturing Relies on Texas Workers (and Plastic)

Who's building/installing those solar panels? Raising/growing those livestock and crops? Making those high-tech gadgets?

Texans. Friends. Families. Neighbors.

Texas 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.

TEXAS MANUFACTURING (2022 DATA)

**853,000** EMPLOYEES  
ACROSS THE STATE

**7%** OF  
STATE JOBS

**\$808** BILLION IN  
ANNUAL SHIPMENTS

Learn More About  
Texas' Manufacturing  
Statistics



### FACT

Texas has been the #1 exporting state for more than two decades – including the #1 exporter of pelletized plastic used to make countless innovative and life-saving products across the world.



## Texas Makes Plastic. Proudly.

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

Join the Movement



AMERICA'S  
PLASTIC  
MAKERS