



New Jersey's Manufacturing Sector

A Detailed Analysis of Labor Market Information

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Industries included in this sector

NAICS	Industry Description
311	Food manufacturing
312	Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing
313	Textile mills
314	Textile product mills
315	Apparel manufacturing
316	Leather and allied product manufacturing

Industries included in this sector (continued)

NAICS	Industry Description
321	Wood product manufacturing
322	Paper manufacturing
323	Printing and related support activities
324	Petroleum and coal products manufacturing
325	Chemical manufacturing
326	Plastics and rubber products manufacturing
327	Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing

Industries included in this sector (continued)

NAICS	Industry Description
331	Primary metal manufacturing
332	Fabricated metal product manufacturing
333	Machinery manufacturing
334	Computer and electronic product manufacturing
335	Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing
336	Transportation equipment manufacturing
337	Furniture and related product manufacturing
339	Miscellaneous manufacturing

All information presented refers exclusively to New Jersey data, unless otherwise stated

Data reflects the most recent year available: 2024

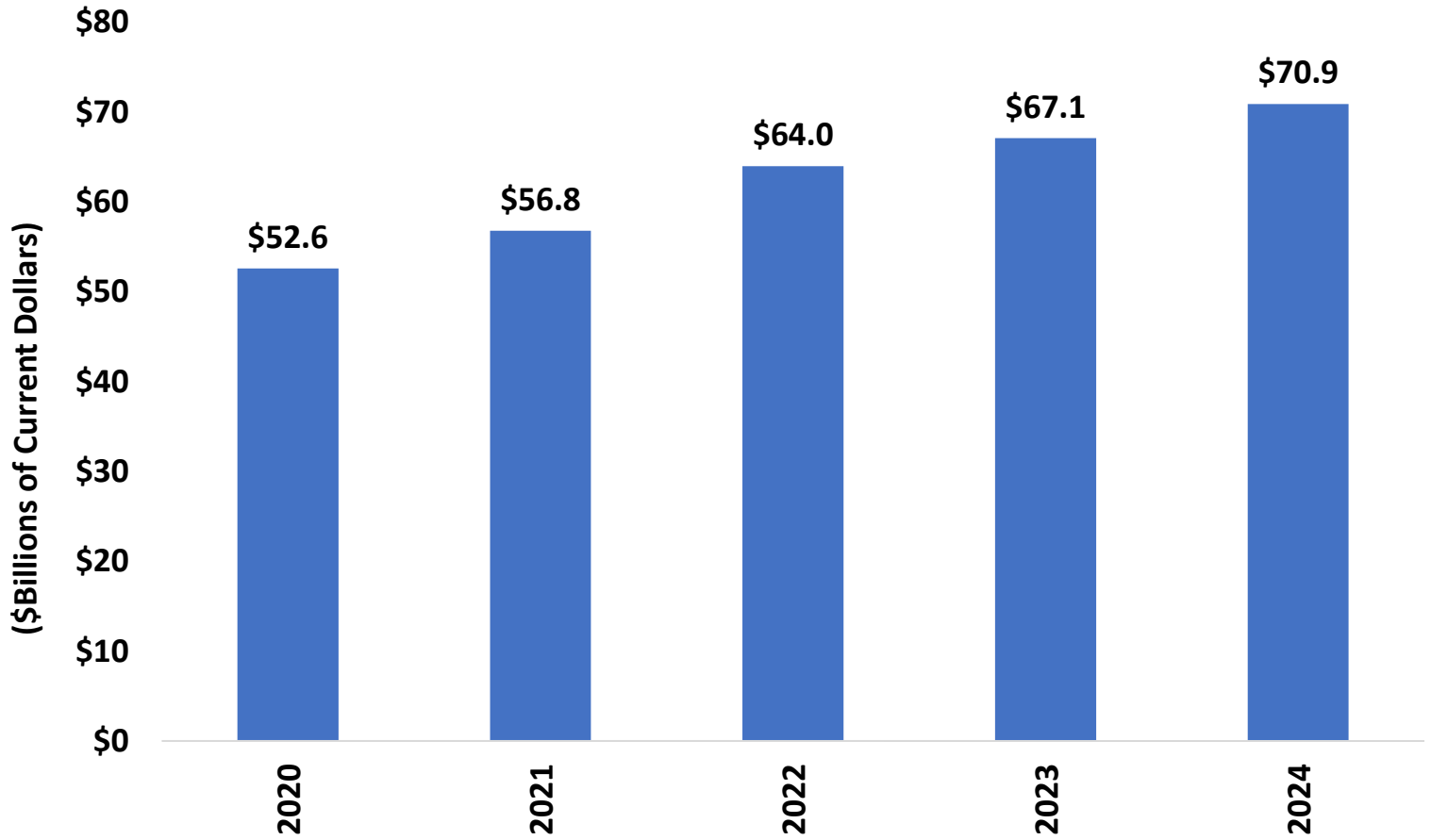
New Jersey Manufacturing Sector Highlights

- 2024 Manufacturing: 9,800 establishments employed over 253,000 workers
- Gross Domestic Product: $70.9 billion (9.3% of total private sector output)
- Average Annual Wage: $99,500 (19% above state average)
- Total Wages Paid: $25.2 billion: (8.2% of all wages paid)

Industry Analysis



The manufacturing industry contributed $70.9 billion to the Gross Domestic Product in 2024 (9.3% of private sector GDP)



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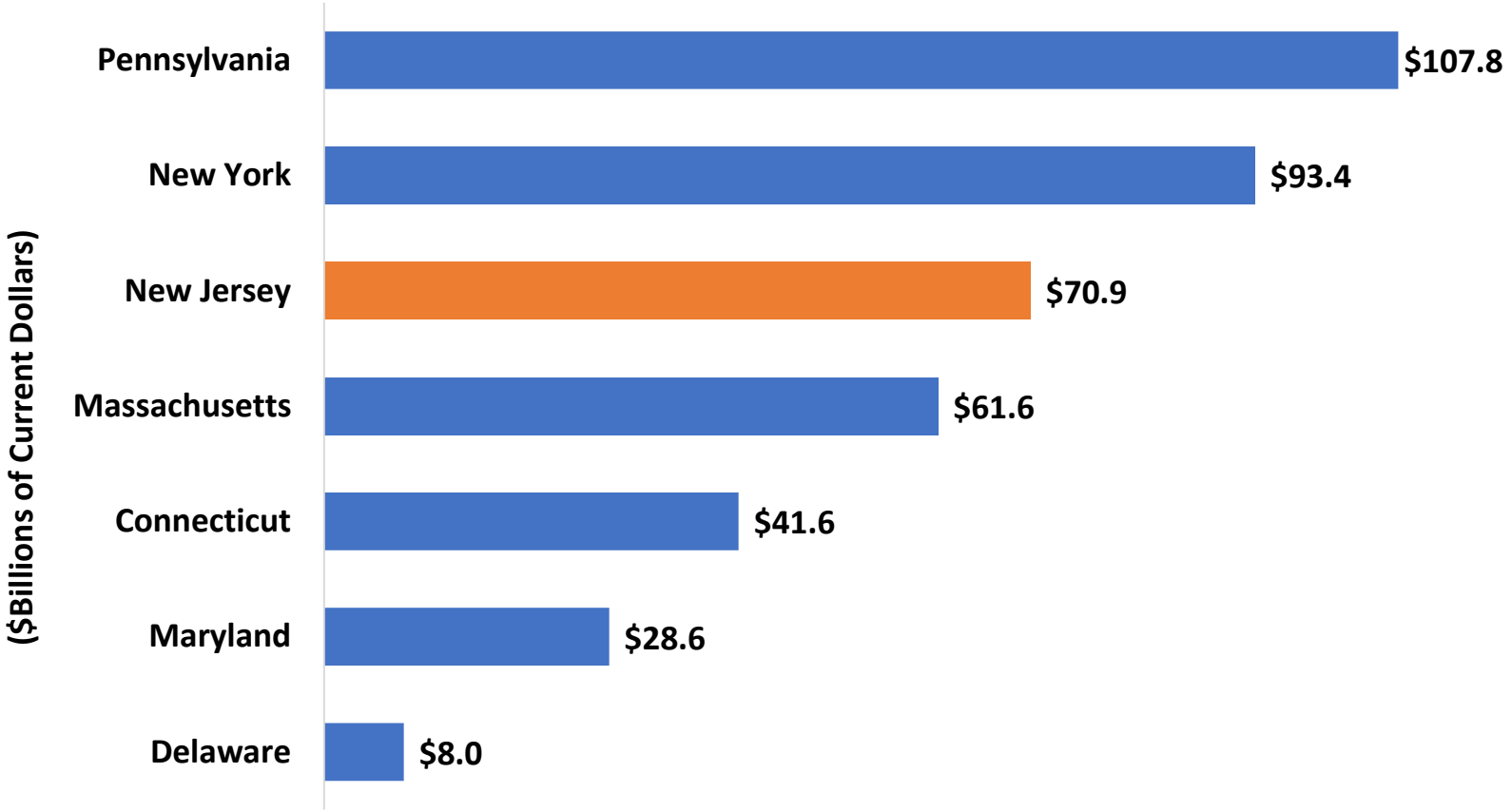
SOURCE United States Bureau of Economic Analysis

Ranked third highest GDP among regional states, totaling $70.9 billion



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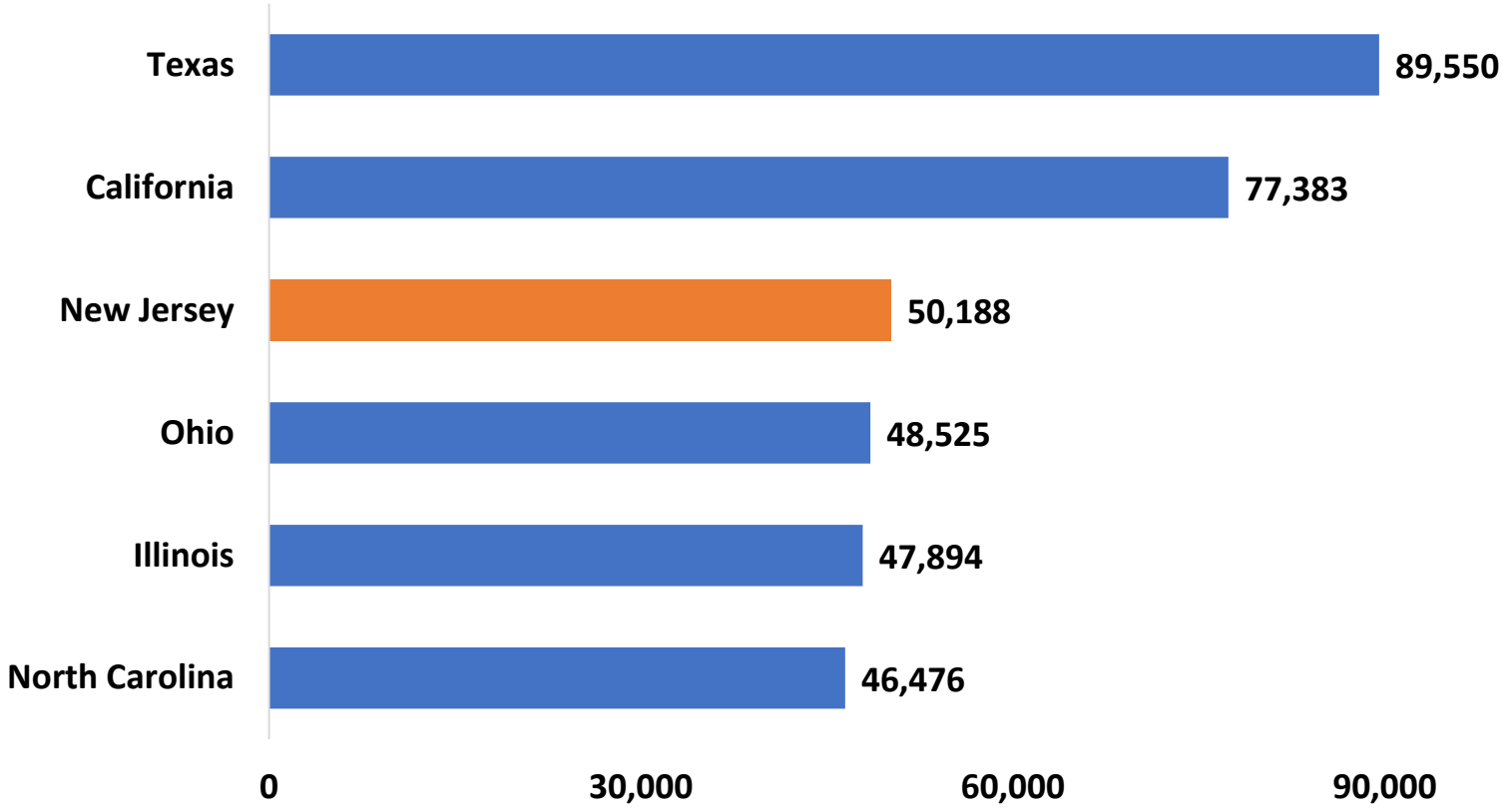
Chemical manufacturing employment: ranked third highest state (50,188 workers)



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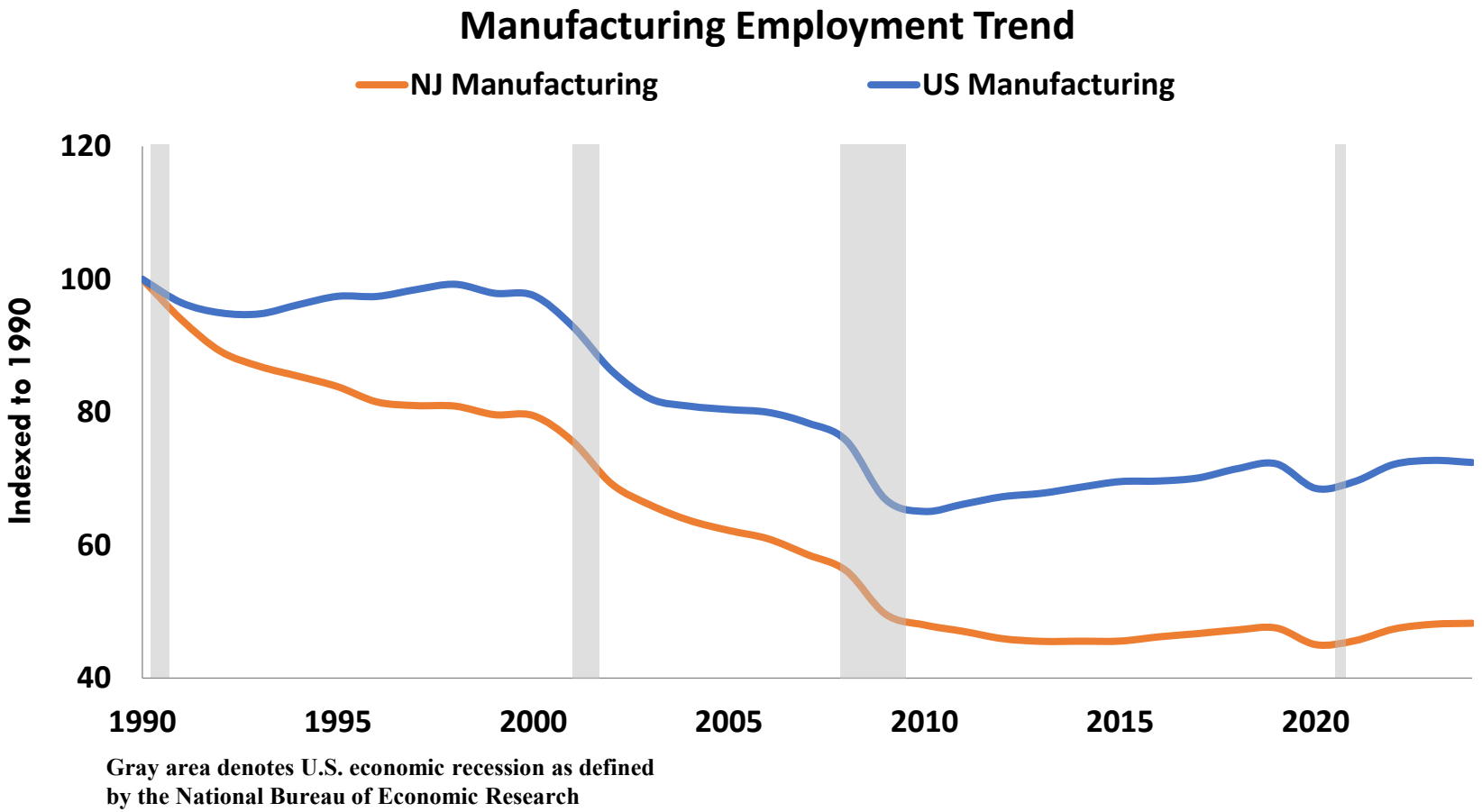
SOURCE NJDOL, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Employment losses have stabilized over the past several years at the state and national level



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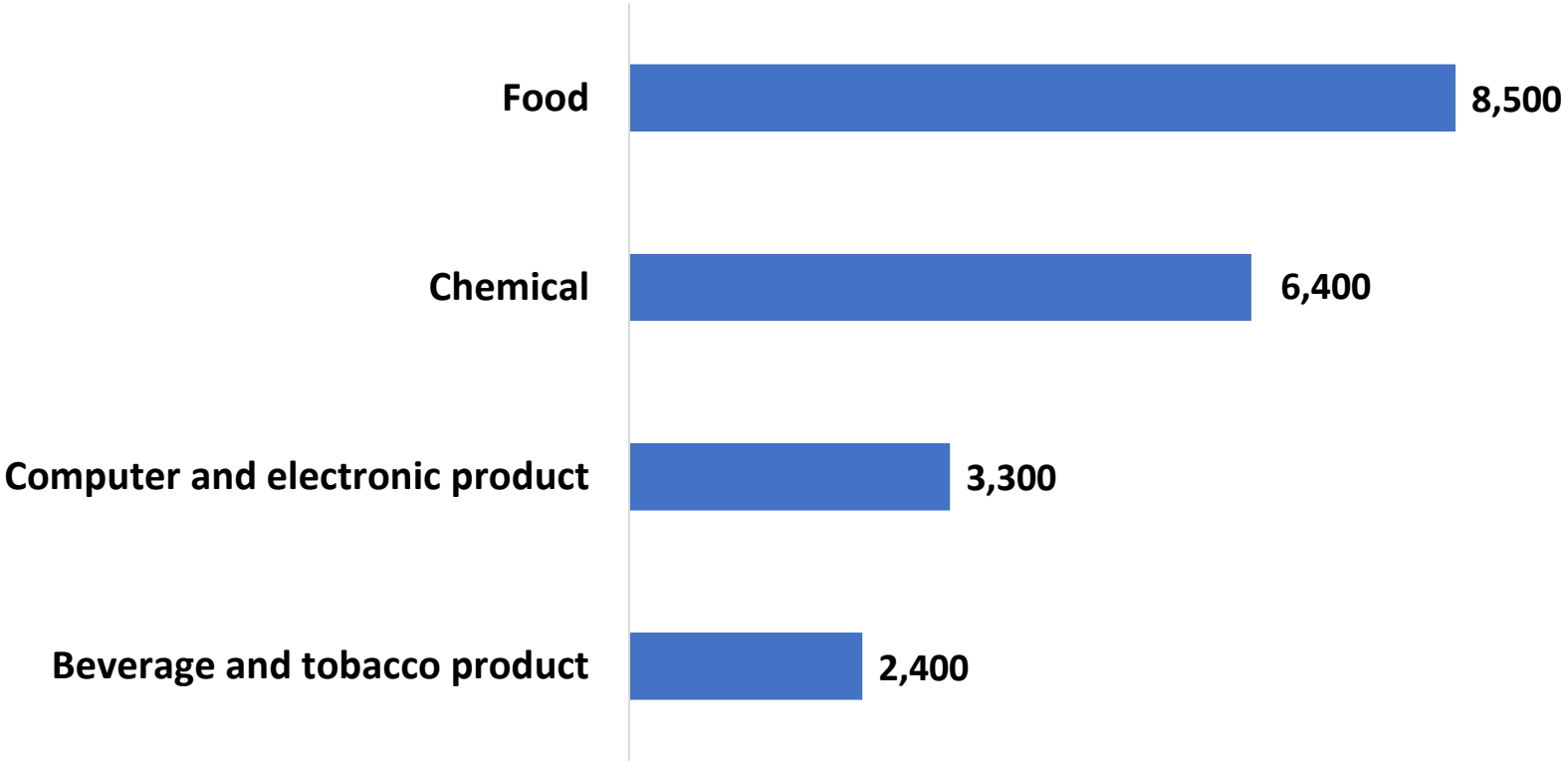
Manufacturing Segments: fastest growing from 2016-2024



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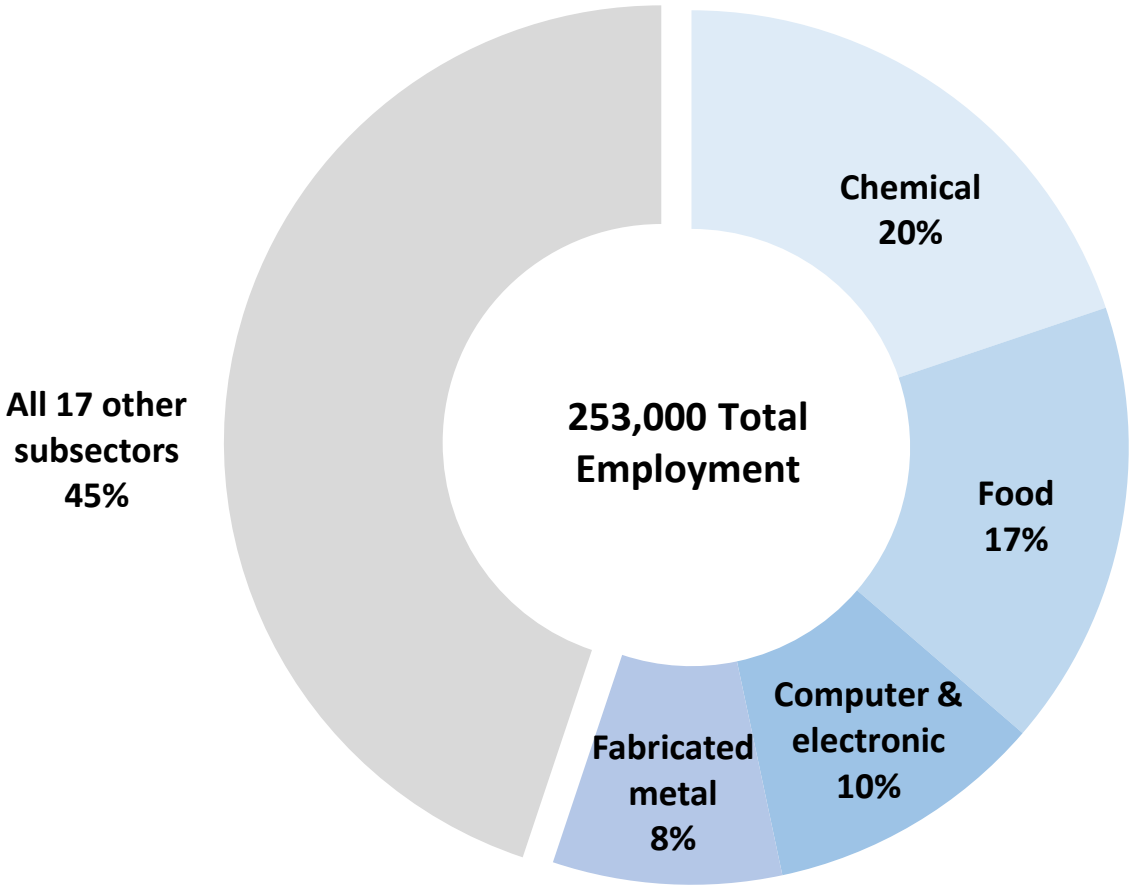
Top four segments account for 55 percent of all manufacturing jobs



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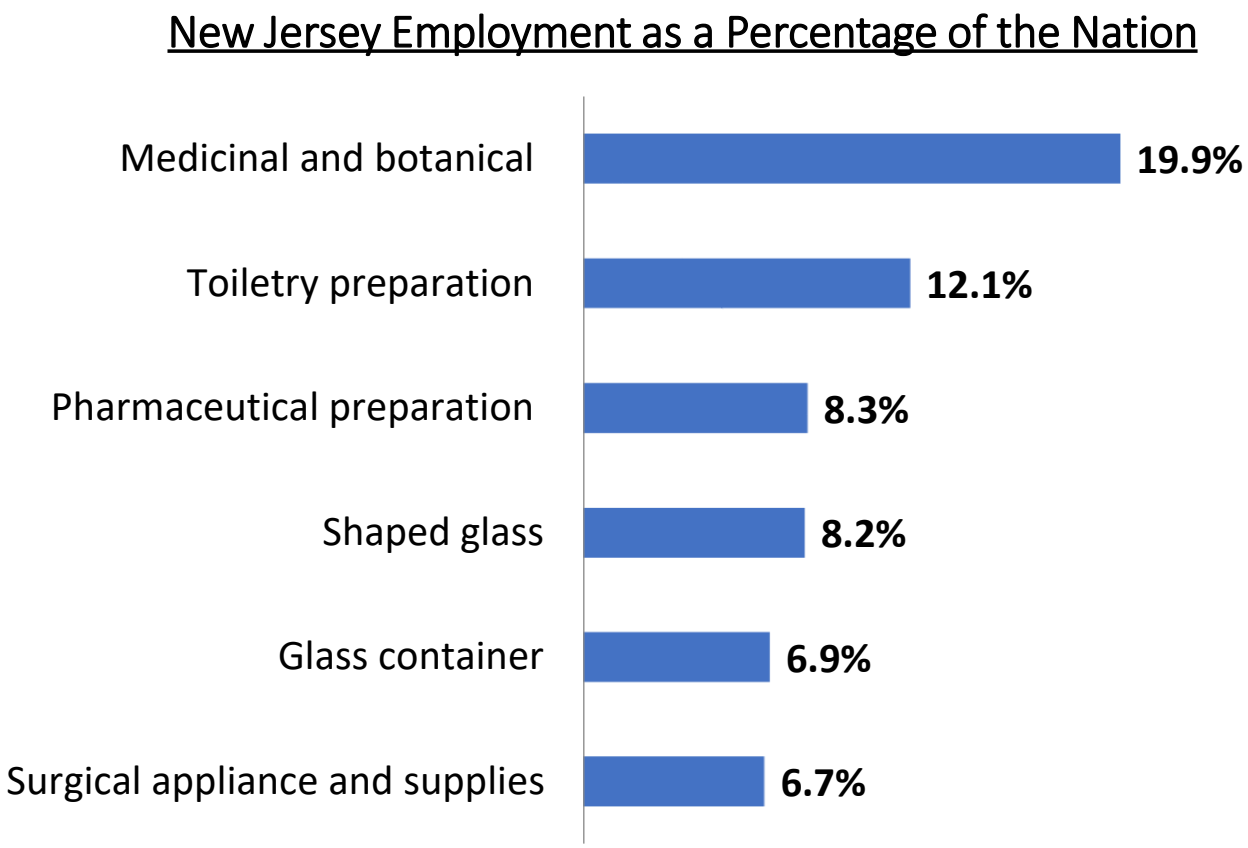
New Jersey's substantial share of the nation's life sciences manufacturing workforce reinforces its reputation as the "*Medicine Chest of the Nation*'



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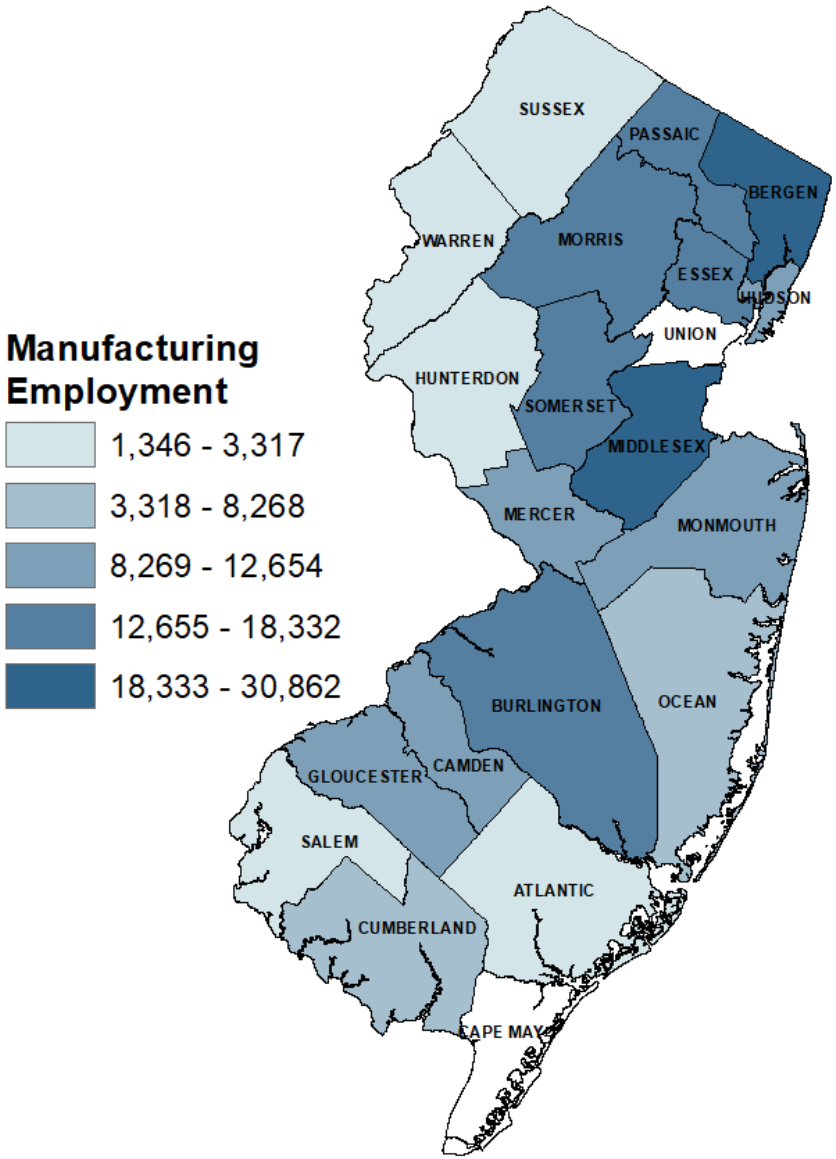
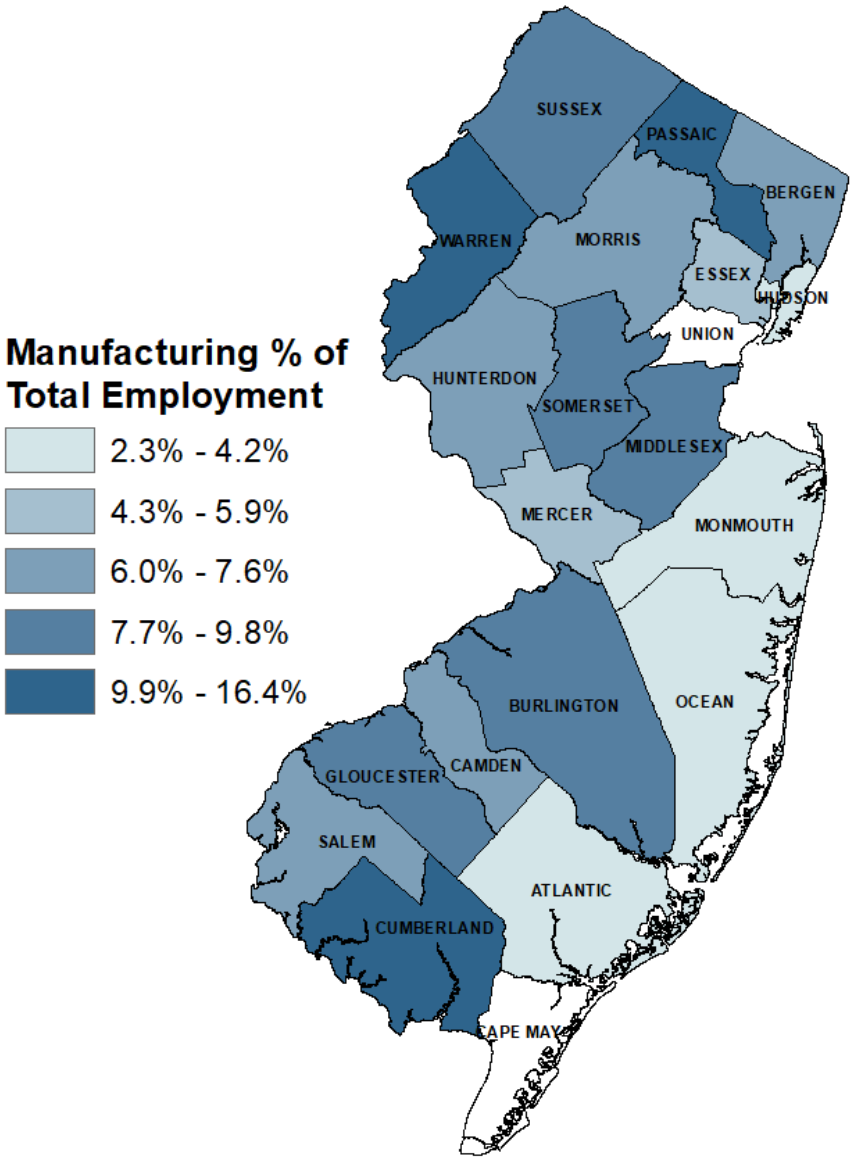
Manufacturing employment concentration by county





Manufacturing employment concentration by county

Manufacturing Employment	
ATLANTIC	2,391
BERGEN	29,613
BURLINGTON	18,332
CAMDEN	12,654
CAPE MAY	ND
CUMBERLAND	8,268
ESSEX	16,495
GLOUCESTER	9,033
HUDSON	9,793
HUNTERDON	2,931
MERCER	10,064
MIDDLESEX	30,862
MONMOUTH	9,343
MORRIS	18,144
OCEAN	5,973
PASSAIC	18,323
SALEM	1,346
SOMERSET	15,556
SUSSEX	2,888
UNION	ND
WARREN	3,317
UNDISTRIBUTED	4,546
Total	253,054

Manufacturing % of Total Employment	
ATLANTIC	2.3%
BERGEN	7.5%
BURLINGTON	9.8%
CAMDEN	7.1%
CAPE MAY	ND
CUMBERLAND	16.4%
ESSEX	5.9%
GLOUCESTER	8.6%
HUDSON	4.2%
HUNTERDON	7.3%
MERCER	5.4%
MIDDLESEX	8.2%
MONMOUTH	3.8%
MORRIS	6.7%
OCEAN	3.6%
PASSAIC	12.6%
SALEM	7.6%
SOMERSET	8.9%
SUSSEX	9.2%
UNION	ND
WARREN	11.6%
UNDISTRIBUTED	2.0%
Total	6.9%

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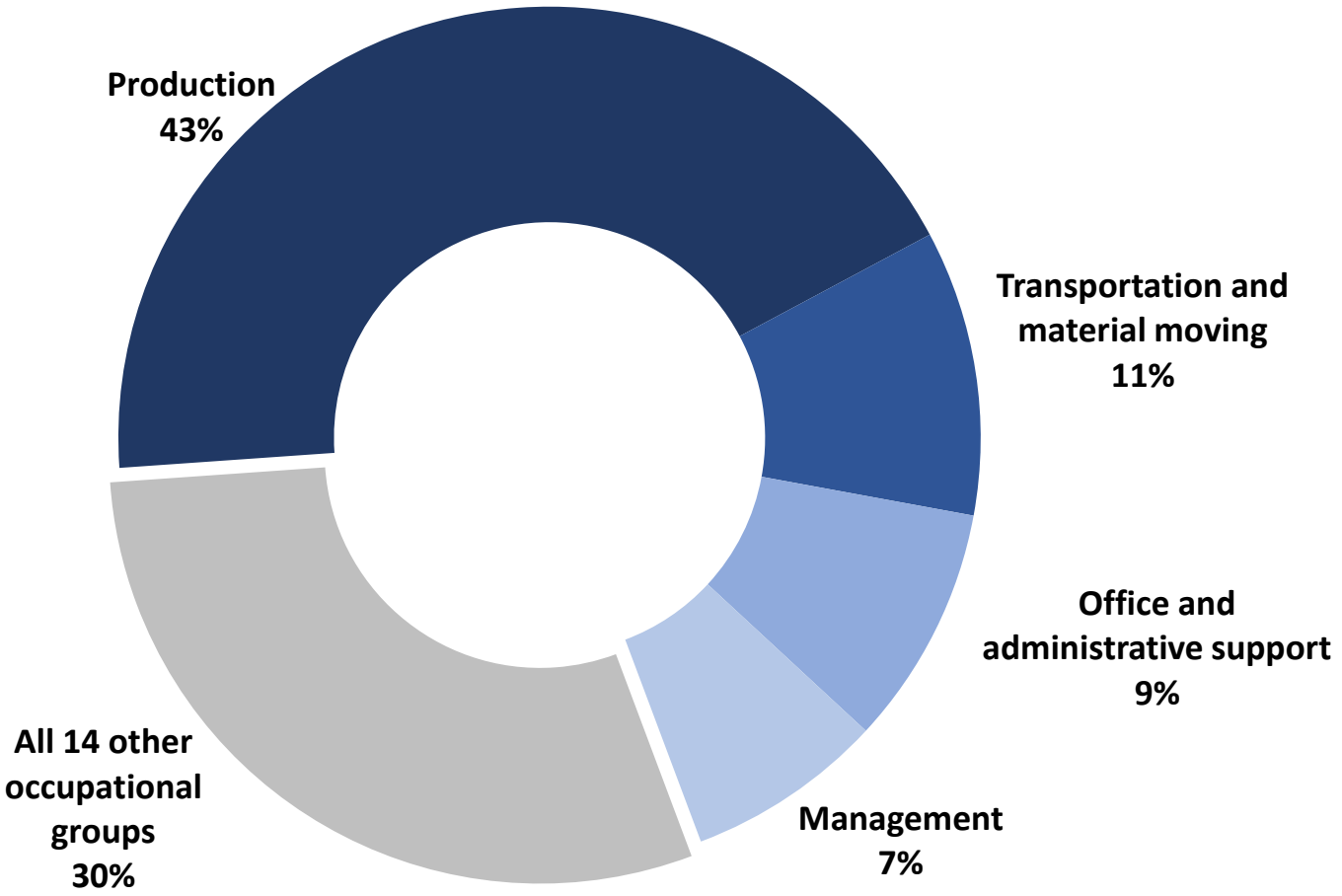
Occupational Analysis



Employment by occupational groups



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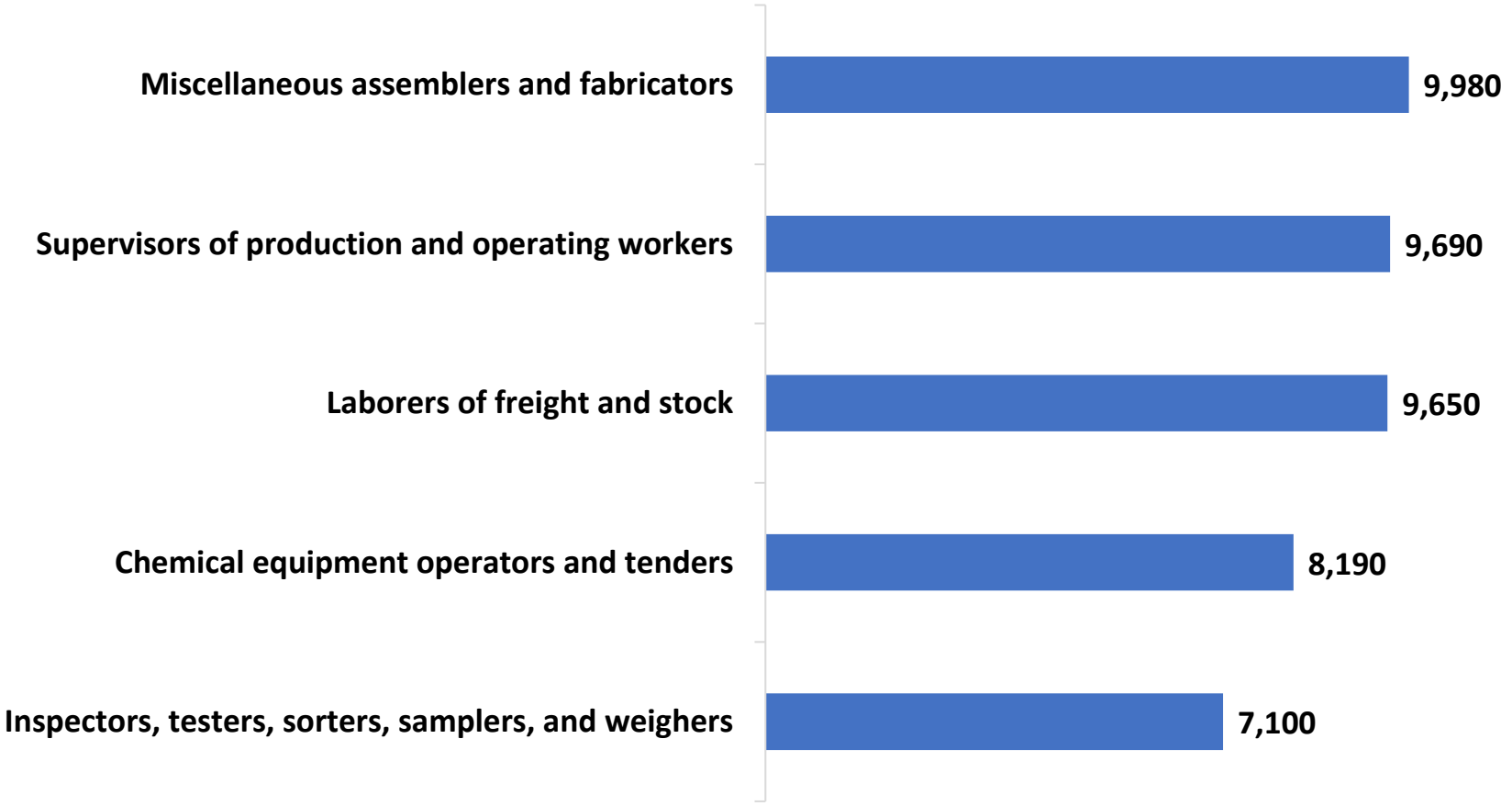
SOURCE NJDOL, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Survey

Top occupations in manufacturing



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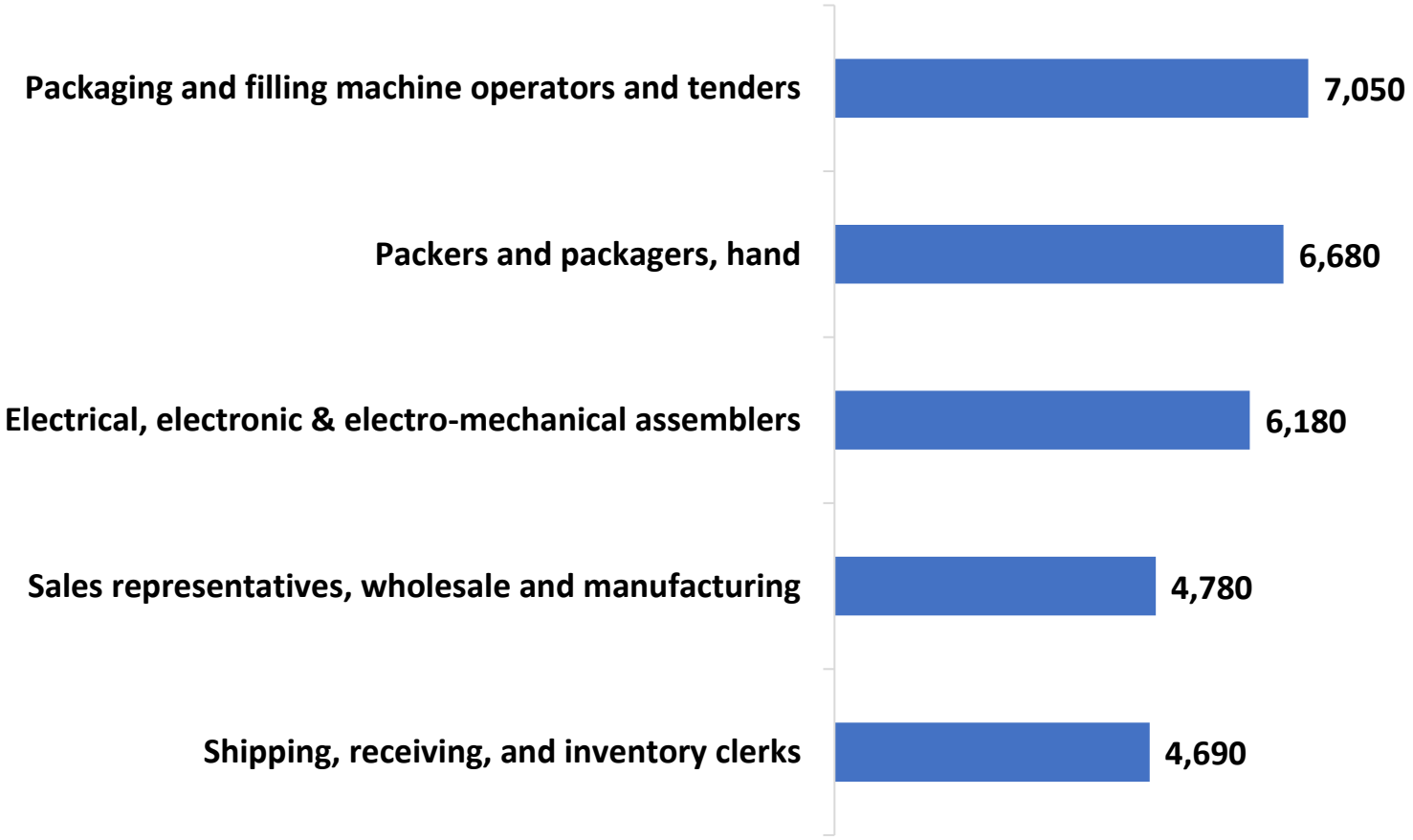

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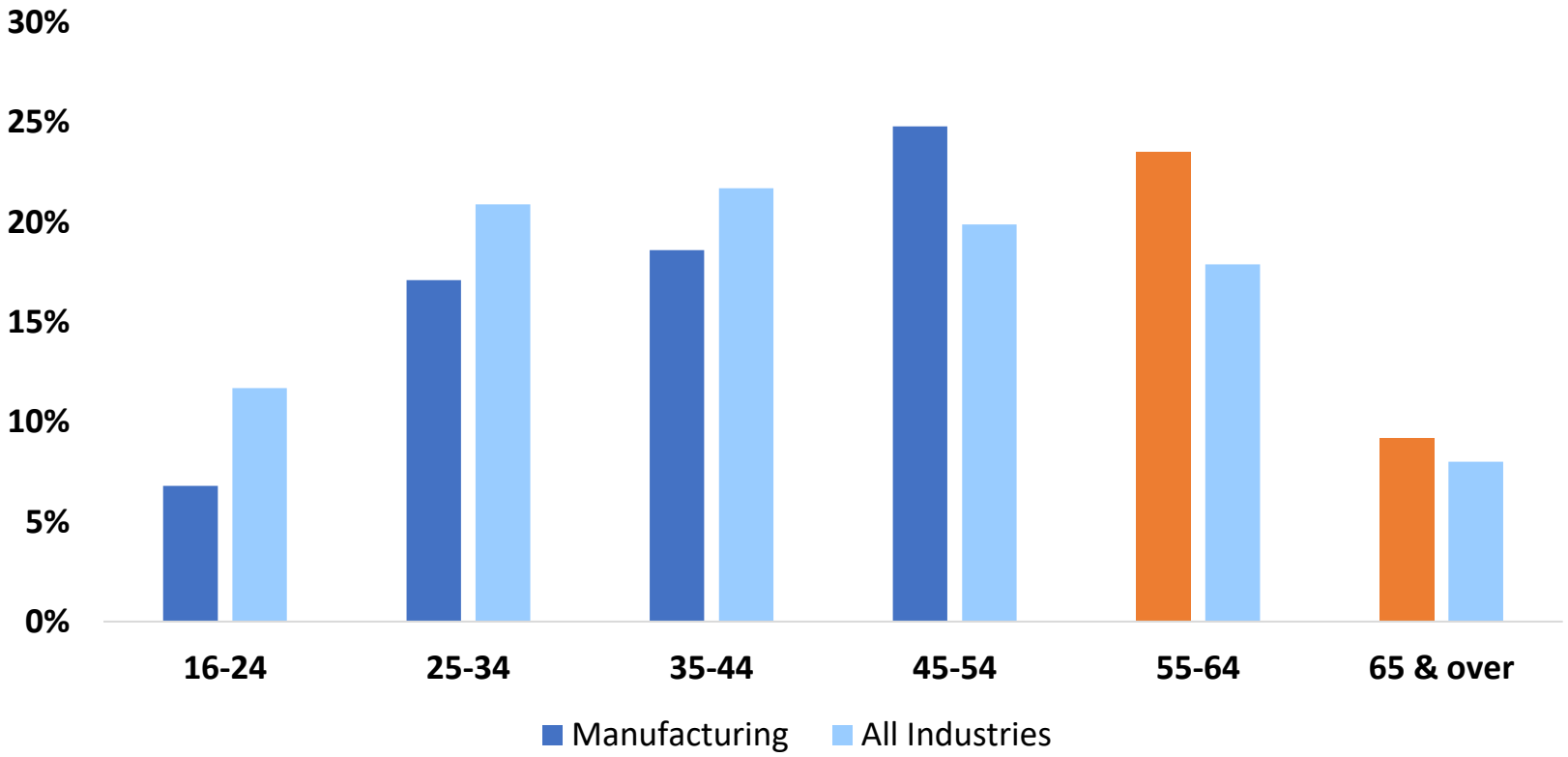
Demographic Profile



One in three workers (highlighted in orange) is 55 years or older



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