



# Manufacturing

## Manufacturing on the Gulf Coast

Though American manufacturing has declined in recent years, the industry is stronger than ever in the Mobile area, especially in high-end sectors such as steel, ship building, aviation and electronics. Manufacturers benefit greatly from the skilled workforce, pro-business government, low tax rates and multi-modal transportation infrastructure.

## Labor Force

The characteristics of the population are well-suited for manufacturing with a balance of blue collar and highly skilled workers to supply this labor-intensive industry.

<b>Population</b>	1,262,907
<b>Labor Force</b>	584,618
<b>Mean Estimated Salary</b>	Production Supervisor: \$64,722 Metal Fabricator/Fitter: \$33,547 Machinists: \$39,249 Welders: \$35,400
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	High School: 76.4% Some College/Grad School: 69.8%

60 mile radius of the city of Mobile

Source: 2011, Decision Data Systems; AL Department of Industrial Relations

## Education and Training

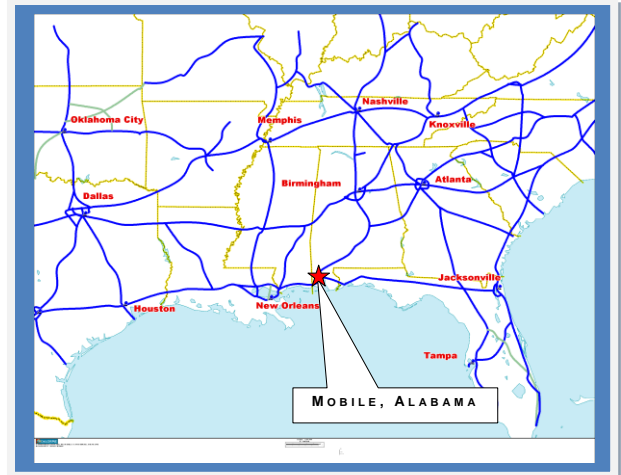
Workers are recruited from across the Gulf Coast area and trained through Alabama's Industrial Development Training Program (AIDT) one of the nation's leading training programs, or at either one of the area's technical college campuses or on-site. Area universities provide a wealth of professional staff.

The South Alabama Workforce Development Council (SAWDC), an eight county consortium of industry and education leaders, has a plan in place to grow and maintain a skilled workforce.

## Taxes and Incentives

Mobile area businesses benefit from comparatively low local and state taxes. More often than not, taxes impacting business are eliminated, reduced or credited by local and state incentive programs.

- Customized training;
- Sales and use tax abatements;
- Property tax abatements;
- Low corporate income tax burden;
- Federal income tax deduction from state income tax.



## Transportation Infrastructure

Mobile's extensive transportation infrastructure keeps business on the move. Major rail, ship and highway systems converge along the Mobile River at the Port of Alabama to link businesses with the nation and the world.

- Interstate 10 and 65 lead to all parts of the U.S.;
- 5 Class I railroads;
- Mobile Regional and Downtown Mobile Airport;
- Deepwater access at the Port of Mobile & connecting waterways.

Mobile and its partners continue to invest in infrastructure needed for companies to reach their customers on time. Examples include:

- 1,700 acre/6 million-square-foot Brookley Aeroplex, a center for aviation and logistics;
- 8,500 foot parallel runway at the Mobile Regional Airport; and a
- \$300 million high-tech container terminal at the Port of Mobile, a project funded through a public-private partnership.

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