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- > As of January 2006, there were 21,543 manufacturing establishments (freestanding 'lines of business') in North Carolina employing 728,207 workers with \$83 billion in sales.
- > For every manufacturing job, an additional 1.7 jobs are created indirectly through buy-supply relationships with support industries and through retail and household purchasing by those directly employed in manufacturing (a 'job multiplier' of 2.7).
- > North Carolina manufacturing's sector generates 1.1 and 1.2 additional dollars for every dollar of output and income in manufacturing, respectively (an 'output multiplier' of 2.1 and 'income multiplier' of 2.2).
- > North Carolina manufacturing's 'multiplier effect' means that 29 percent of the state's employment and 37.5 percent of its output in goods and services are attributable to manufacturing.
- > In 2006, the annual average earnings per job in North Carolina manufacturing was \$59,964 – 46 percent higher than the statewide average in 2006.
- > Without manufacturing, the average wage in North Carolina would be 5.6 percent less today than it is with manufacturing.
- > Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing account for an estimated 5.1 percent of North Carolina's total private-sector employment, and the share of merchandise exports in the economy has continued to rise since 2002.
- > North Carolina's manufacturing productivity (output per job) relative to the nation's manufacturing average has continued to rise since the beginning of the 1980s, surpassing the U.S. level in 1998.
- > Overall this decade, manufacturing has delivered nearly 30 percent of all North Carolina jobs – direct and indirect – and approximately one-third of total earnings.

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