

Manufacturing Industry Jackson, TN Labor Market Analysis

Younger Associates (YA) has evaluated the Jackson, TN labor market from the viewpoint of a manufacturing operation seeking to locate in Jackson. The labor Market Area is comprised of nine counties in West Tennessee including Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and McNairy.

In 2014, YA completed a comprehensive workforce survey and analysis for the nine counties that comprise the Jackson labor market. The survey of the workforce was conducted in sufficient depth to yield a 95% confidence factor and a +3% margin of error.

In this labor market assessment, we draw from the in-depth primary data that was collected in that analysis and combine it with them most current data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data was also used from licensed, proprietary sources such as Claritas and EMSI.

Younger Associates specializes in research for economic development. The firm has pioneered many innovative economic development studies and has developed a workforce survey process that provides highly reliable data that includes all sectors of the workforce. YA is nationally recognized for the quality of the firm's work in analyzing labor market dynamics for economic development. The firm's workforce data has been utilized in successful location decisions for businesses across the U.S.

Manufacturing Industry Workforce Availability

As the first step in determining workforce availability, the occupations most in demand by all manufacturing sectors were identified. A list was compiled of the national top 50 in-demand occupations (by number employed) for manufacturing included in the 2-digit NAICS codes 31, 32, and 33 which includes all sectors of manufacturing as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2014 Occupational Employment Statistics.

The annual employment demand, wage data, location quotients and other occupational characteristics were compiled for each job occupation. Applying information developed from the workforce survey, a labor yield table was developed to project the number of qualified applicants a manufacture could expect to hire from the Jackson TN Labor Market Area.

Key Findings

- This analysis finds that a manufacturing employer, providing locally competitive wages and benefits, locating in Jackson could currently expect to hire between 600 and 1,000 workers from the nine-county labor market area, depending on the selectivity of the employer.
- The average wage (\$17.01) for the top 50 manufacturing occupations is 21% lower in the Jackson labor market than the national average wage (\$21.55) for these workers.
- There are 10 colleges, universities and other post-secondary training providers in the Jackson Labor Market that offer training programs that support the top 50 manufacturing occupations.
- In 2014, these higher education training providers produced 750 graduates from programs related to the top 50 occupations in the manufacturing industry.
- Among the top 50 occupations for the manufacturing industry, 66% have a location quotient of 1 or higher, indicating a strong concentration of workers in these key occupations.
- Since employment peaked in 2007, the number of jobs in the top 50 manufacturing occupations in the region has declined 3.7%, or 4,630 jobs. This recessionary decrease in employment created a pool of potentially available workers many of whom are now unemployed or underemployed in other occupations.



Selected Demographic Data Jackson TN Labor Market Area

Demographic Characteristic	Jackson Regional Partnership 9-County Area
2021 Population Projection	307,966
2016 Population Estimate	305,709
2010 Census Population	308,100
2000 Census Population	297,619
Growth 2000-2010	3.52%
Projected Growth 2016-2021	0.74%
Population Age 18-64	183,492
Median Age	
High School Diploma/GED (%)	82.28%
Some College, Post Secondary Training	22.22%
Associates Degree	4.99%
Bachelor's Degree	10.98%
Master's Degree and Beyond	6.11%
Average Travel Time to Work (Minutes)	25.00
Labor Force (April 2016)	133,380
Annual Average Wage (2015) (all industries)	\$ 35,788
Unemployed (April 2016)	6,390
Post Secondary Completions (2014 - all educational programs)	4,525

Source: Younger Assocaites, Claritas, U.S. Census Bureau, ESRI, IPEDS.



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Labor Force and Employment Data Jackson TN Labor Market Area

County	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployed Rate	2015 Annual Average Rate
Carroll	12,150	11,500	660	5.4%	8.6%
Chester	8,230	7,880	350	4.3%	6.1%
Crockett	6,830	6,530	300	4.4%	6.6%
Gibson	20,990	19,930	1,060	5.1%	7.6%
Hardeman	9,360	8,870	490	5.2%	7.8%
Haywood	7,820	7,400	420	5.4%	8.6%
Henderson	12,270	11,550	730	5.9%	8.2%
Madison	47,140	45,250	1,890	4.0%	6.1%
McNairy	8,590	8,100	490	5.7%	8.7%
Jackson Labor Mkt Total	133,380	127,010	6,390	4.8%	7.2%
State of Tennessee				5.4%	5.8%
United States				5.1%	5.3%

Source: Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Employment Security Division



Top 50 Manufacturing Occupations Jackson TN Labor Market

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51-2092	1	Team Assemblers	4,423	3,367	3,184	(183)	(5.4%)	3.54	\$14.12	\$14.80	1,266,242	1,191,276	1,188,913	(2,363)	(0.2%)
51-1011	2	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	1,062	769	737	(33)	(4.2%)	1.55	\$25.18	\$28.13	673,679	622,435	617,020	(5,415)	(0.9%)
51-9061	3	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	751	527	517	(10)	(1.8%)	1.28	\$15.85	\$18.74	532,774	513,824	521,645	7,821	1.5%
51-4041	4	Machinists	687	518	521	3	0.5%	1.60	\$18.47	\$19.95	394,965	405,394	430,591	25,196	6.2%
53-7062	5	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	2,361	2,415	2,575	161	6.7%	1.16	\$11.93	\$13.21	2,534,944	2,606,274	2,713,547	107,273	4.1%
51-9198	6	HelpersProduction Workers	1,150	1,105	1,075	(30)	(2.7%)	3.23	\$10.40	\$12.40	479,873	428,547	424,210	(4,337)	(1.0%)
51-9111	7	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	711	731	719	(12)	(1.7%)	2.27	\$18.15	\$14.00	398,395	402,837	409,886	7,049	1.7%
51-4121	8	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	821	500	470	(30)	(6.0%)	1.56	\$17.81	\$19.08	427,955	401,326	415,672	14,346	3.6%
41-4012	9	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	911	760	806	46	6.1%	0.63	\$24.73	\$31.06	1,547,742	1,506,970	1,563,974	57,004	3.8%
11-1021	10	General and Operations Managers	1,544	1,411	1,467	57	4.0%	0.80	\$43.87	\$56.09	2,111,702	2,205,354	2,321,993	116,639	5.3%
49-9071	11	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	1,518	1,461	1,493	32	2.2%	1.25	\$17.83	\$18.52	1,405,784	1,466,944	1,535,161	68,217	4.7%
43-5071	12	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	884	772	763	(9)	(1.2%)	1.40	\$15.60	\$15.32	718,647	692,207	696,425	4,218	0.6%
49-9041	13	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	308	255	277	22	8.5%	0.94	\$26.99	\$24.15	311,773	341,726	372,917	31,192	9.1%
17-2112	14	Industrial Engineers	326	235	228	(7)	(2.9%)	1.19	\$37.95	\$41.03	251,155	246,370	250,584	4,214	1.7%
51-2022	15	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	204	133	134	1	0.7%	0.79	\$14.02	\$15.54	229,092	211,743	209,311	(2,431)	(1.1%)
53-7064	16	Packers and Packagers, Hand	724	654	684	30	4.6%	1.11	\$11.05	\$11.22	723,495	740,787	759,645	18,859	2.5%
51-4031	17	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	910	599	509	(90)	(15.0%)	3.98	\$15.72	\$15.63	238,672	188,489	172,786	(15,702)	(8.3%)
53-7051	18	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	745	616	624	8	1.3%	1.37	\$14.30	\$16.09	551,617	564,073	580,552	16,480	2.9%
43-9061	19	Office Clerks, General	2,458	2,389	2,481	93	3.9%	0.89	\$13.05	\$14.91	3,312,825	3,365,039	3,489,518	124,479	3.7%
43-4051	20	Customer Service Representatives	1,375	1,346	1,428	82	6.1%	0.63	\$14.27	\$16.40	2,524,155	2,674,925	2,846,989	172,063	6.4%
51-4011	21	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	246	174	185	11	6.1%	1.42	\$15.61	\$18.33	144,622	153,159	166,689	13,530	8.8%



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17-2141	22	Mechanical Engineers	237	119	121	2	1.4%	0.52	\$39.64	\$41.84	279,466	286,036	298,549	12,513	4.4%
11-3051	23	Industrial Production Managers	284	197	189	(8)	(4.0%)	1.41	\$47.30	\$48.50	187,658	174,643	173,186	(1,458)	(0.8%)
53-3032	24	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	3,038	2,620	2,648	29	1.1%	1.70	\$17.42	\$19.77	1,930,850	1,926,886	2,009,133	82,248	4.3%
51-4072	25	Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	409	167	144	(23)	(14.0%)	1.64	\$13.89	\$14.75	158,617	127,792	115,312	(12,480)	(9.8%)
51-5112	26	Printing Press Operators	168	129	123	(6)	(4.6%)	0.93	\$15.17	\$17.68	224,095	174,311	159,083	(15,228)	(8.7%)
51-3022	27	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	41	60	65	5	8.6%	0.47	\$10.81	\$11.55	158,913	158,064	159,608	1,545	1.0%
51-6031	28	Sewing Machine Operators	262	112	81	(31)	(27.8%)	0.89	\$12.03	\$12.05	205,664	157,931	135,575	(22,356)	(14.2%)
51-9023	29	Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	294	298	299	1	0.4%	2.91	\$17.74	\$17.27	135,068	128,335	126,775	(1,560)	(1.2%)
43-5061	30	Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	389	321	318	(4)	(1.1%)	1.26	\$21.09	\$22.96	320,715	318,752	327,367	8,615	2.7%
51-3092	31	Food Batchmakers	332	351	317	(34)	(9.8%)	3.50	\$15.49	\$13.91	120,784	125,716	127,677	1,961	1.6%
51-9199	32	Production Workers, All Other	461	560	586	26	4.6%	2.86	\$15.02	\$15.30	249,845	245,413	251,401	5,987	2.4%
43-3031	33	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	1,501	1,315	1,284	(31)	(2.3%)	0.93	\$14.92	\$18.32	1,909,852	1,780,151	1,752,270	(27,882)	(1.6%)
51-2099	34	Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	309	189	203	14	7.6%	0.93	\$11.61	\$13.89	265,132	255,785	261,899	6,114	2.4%
43-6014	35	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	2,587	2,696	2,748	53	2.0%	1.25	\$13.22	\$16.66	2,667,808	2,705,737	2,802,426	96,689	3.6%
51-4081	36	Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	264	155	147	(9)	(5.5%)	1.92	\$16.25	\$16.93	109,703	101,080	100,821	(259)	(0.3%)
13-1023	37	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	228	161	160	(1)	(0.8%)	0.66	\$22.23	\$31.09	307,266	306,551	312,031	5,480	1.8%
51-9196	38	Paper Goods Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	160	199	206	7	3.3%	2.68	\$16.78	\$17.43	112,982	92,976	85,943	(7,034)	(7.6%)
13-2011	39	Accountants and Auditors	548	529	566	37	7.0%	0.47	\$27.40	\$34.94	1,311,784	1,420,297	1,514,477	94,179	6.6%
51-9121	40	Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	296	250	237	(13)	(5.3%)	3.35	\$15.51	\$15.81	104,671	93,554	93,223	(330)	(0.4%)
43-5081	41	Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	1,637	1,627	1,680	53	3.2%	1.04	\$11.04	\$12.28	1,864,851	1,955,763	2,039,513	83,751	4.3%
51-7011	42	Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	150	110	110	(0)	(0.1%)	1.31	\$14.06	\$16.06	141,404	105,594	99,776	(5,818)	(5.5%)



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51-3023	43	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	13	28	33	5	17.5%	0.40	\$11.58	\$12.43	88,470	88,838	90,467	1,629	1.8%
51-7042	44	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	163	104	86	(18)	(17.1%)	1.74	\$12.14	\$13.81	99,715	74,815	70,169	(4,646)	(6.2%)
51-4111	45	Tool and Die Makers	183	104	98	(6)	(5.8%)	1.70	\$21.50	\$24.12	89,571	76,695	71,905	(4,790)	(6.2%)
51-4021	46	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	259	138	118	(20)	(14.4%)	2.40	\$12.84	\$16.17	88,269	71,969	65,197	(6,773)	(9.4%)
51-9041	47	Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	190	176	158	(18)	(10.0%)	3.18	\$13.73	\$15.98	80,352	69,216	64,840	(4,376)	(6.3%)
51-4033	48	Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and	249	174	153	(21)	(12.3%)	3.20	\$15.86	\$16.47	84,396	68,150	62,518	(5,632)	(8.3%)
15-1133	49	Software Developers, Systems Software	43	35	39	4	12.5%	0.10	\$36.37	\$50.61	365,199	422,656	460,283	37,627	8.9%
11-9041	50	Architectural and Engineering Managers	121	84	83	(1)	(1.0%)	0.56	\$49.32	\$66.49	189,232	187,994	193,889	5,894	3.1%
Region T	otal -	Top 50 Manufacturing Occucpations	38,937	33,744	33,877	133	0.4%		\$17.01	\$21.55	34,632,440	34,631,401	35,713,341	1,081,940	3.1%
Region T	otal -	All Occupations	130,956	126,326	130,005	3,679	2.9%		\$17.27	\$22.16	152,406,188	158,252,948	165,485,465	7,232,517	4.6%

Jackson TN Labor Market is comprised of the following nine Tennessee Counties: Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Gibson, Hardeman, Haywood, Henderson, Madison & McNairy.

This report uses state data from the following Sources: Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Statistics Division, EMSI Q2 2016 Data Set, BLS, Younger Associates.



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Occupational Programs Supporting Manufacturing Occupations Jackson TN Labor Market Area

CIP Code	Program	Completions (2010)	Completions (2011)	Completions (2012)	Completions (2013)	Completions (2014)
52.0101	Business/Commerce, General	137	0	0	208	229
52.0201	Business Administration and Management, General	557	213	486	153	164
48.0508	Welding Technology/Welder	91	70	73	86	77
47.0303	Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology	24	52	59	56	59
48.0501	Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	41	37	4	0	50
49.0205	Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor	0	0	31	32	36
52.0301	Accounting	28	17	28	30	29
52.0402	Executive Assistant/Executive Secretary	0	0	0	6	29
47.0105	Industrial Electronics Technology/Technician	28	0	4	48	24
52.0305	Accounting and Business/Management	8	4	0	8	11
48.0503	Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	20	25	46	47	11
48.0507	Tool and Die Technology/Technician	8	14	9	13	9
14.1901	Mechanical Engineering	4	6	6	8	6
11.0701	Computer Science	4	1	4	4	6
52.1101	International Business/Trade/Commerce	3	3	3	3	4
14.1001	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	4	7	4	6	3
52.0401	Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	11	19	6	4	2
11.0103	Information Technology	0	0	1	0	1
15.0613	Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician	0	0	0	0	0



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52.9999	Business, Management, Marketing, & Related Support Services, Other	0	0	209	0	0
47.0399	Heavy/Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technologies, Other	0	0	0	0	0
52.0399	Accounting and Related Services, Other	0	0	0	0	0
52.0408	General Office Occupations and Clerical Services	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		968	468	973	712	750

Institution Information

Institution	Address			
Bethel University	325 Cherry Ave, McKenzie, TN 38201			
Freed-Hardeman University	158 E Main St, Henderson, TN 38340-2399			
Jackson State Community College	2046 North Pky, Jackson, TN 38301-3797			
Lambuth University/Universityof Memphis	705 Lambuth Boulevard, Jackson, TN 38301			
Lane College	545 Lane Ave, Jackson, TN 38301-4598			
Tennessee College of Applied Technology-McKenzie	16940 Highland Dr, McKenzie, TN 38201			
Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Jackson	2468 Technology Center Drive, Jackson, TN 38301			
Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Whiteville	1685 Highway 64, Whiteville, TN 38075-0489			
Union University	1050 Union University Dr, Jackson, TN 38305-3697			
West Tennessee Business College	1186 Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38301			

Source: The national IPEDS database published by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, EMSI.



Jackson TN Labor Market Estimated Labor Supply for Manufacturing Industry

9-County Labor Market Area

1	Potential underemployment yield	6,449
2	Not employed, but interested in employment	1,687
3	New labor force entrants	825
4	Total potential applicants – 1 year	8,962
6	Qualified Applicants	4,481
7	Commute Propensity	67.1%
8	Qualified Applicants Willing to Commute	3,007
9	1 in 3 selectivity ratio	1,002
10	1 in 5 selectivity ratio	601

Explanatory Notes

- Individuals currently working, but possess skills for higher employment levels in the specified occupations. From the labor study, 26% of those currently employed report they are underemployed with higher skill levels than the job they currently hold requires.
- Based upon those not currently working, but interested in finding employment (unemployed, separating military, workers returning to the workforce after an absence, others employed, but not in the official unemployment count) with an assumed rate of experience of the specified occupations at the same ratio of those currently employed.
- 3 Growth component to account for new entrants into the labor force. Includes recent postsecondary completions and new residents that are likely to apply for data center industry positions.
- 4 Total eligible population.
- Number of applicants shown in line 4 passing initial screening and offered an interview. The actual percentage will vary according to the skills required by the operation. It is assumed 50% would be qualified for the mix of jobs available.
- Based upon the percentage of workers residing in Madison County or commuting into Madison County from the other counties in the Jackson TN Labor Market.
- 8 Number of applicants that are qualified for employment and either live in Madison County or would be willing to commute to Jackson for employment.
- 9 The number of employees an employer could hire assuming a selectivity ratio of one hire per three applicants.
- 11 The number of employees an employer could hire assuming a selectivity ratio of one hire per five applicants.

Source: Calculations by Younger Associates based upon data from BLS, IPEDS, 2014 Labor Study.

