

# The Truth About Manufacturing

Manufacturing is often overlooked as a great STEM career opportunity; let's debunk some of the myths out there:

**Its Dirty. Nope!**

This is far from true, especially in the state of Pennsylvania. Environmental, health and safety laws have created clean and safe work environments.

**It's Dumb. Wrong!**

Manufactures are leading the way in new technologies and the design and development of products that improve our daily lives and the welfare of people around the world. If you want to be on the cutting edge, then you want a job in manufacturing.

**It's Boring. False!**

Manufacturing jobs offer complex challenges, solve important problems and make a sustainable difference in people's lives. In fact, manufacturers now have trouble finding the skilled STEM workforce needed to run the state-of-the-art high-tech machines found on the production floors.

**It's Cheap. Incorrect!**

The average manufacturing employee salary in our region is more than \$56,000 a year, which is 20% higher than the regional average. Many manufacturing companies provide employees money for college education and numerous pathways to management opportunities.

**It's Dead. Untrue!**

The face of manufacturing may be changing in the US, but Manufacturing is alive and well in Southwestern Pennsylvania. There are 3,000 manufacturing companies in our region employing 100,000 workers. Only stereotypical "dirty factory" jobs are obsolete.

Visit [www.BotsIQpa.org](http://www.BotsIQpa.org) for more information about manufacturing career pathways and how you can learn the skills and talents needed for a career in manufacturing.

