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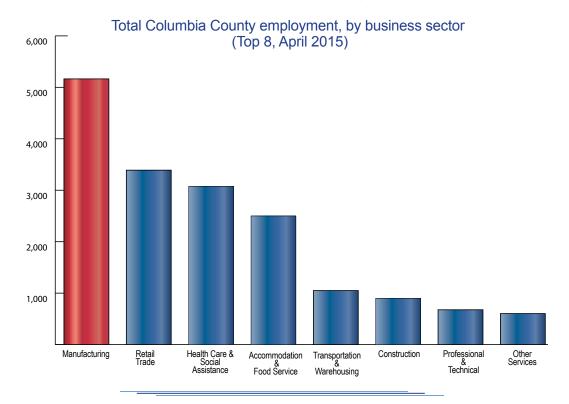
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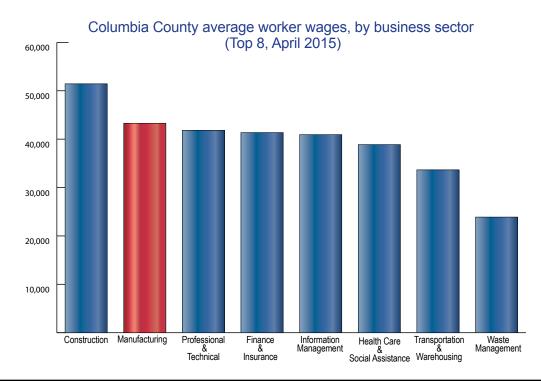
AN UPDATE ON MANUFACTURING IN COLUMBIA COUNTY June 2015



Manufacturing is Columbia County's largest employer, accounting for more than 5,100 full-time jobs, or 25% of total employment.

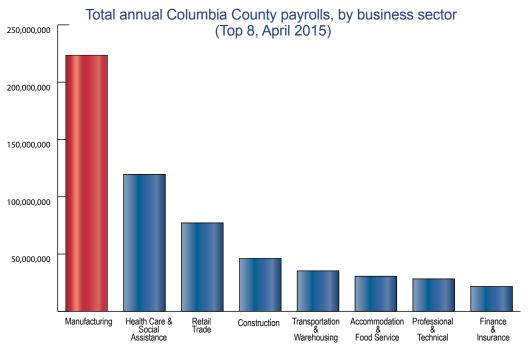


Among Columbia County industries that support more than 400 employees, manufacturing provides the second highest average salary - \$43,290.



Total Columbia County manufacturer payrolls exceed \$220 million per year

Across Columbia County, manufacturers contribute more to the regional economy in terms of total payroll more than any other industry. Manufacturers accounted for 32% of total county payrolls during the first quarter of 2015.



Manufacturing is an economic driver in Columbia County Ranking of Columbia County's top 10 industries (April 2015)

Industry	County Employment	Average Wage	Total Payrolls	% of Total Workforce Earnings
Manufacturing	1st	2nd	1st	32.84%
Retail Trade	2nd	8th	3rd	11.33%
Health Care & Social Assistance	3rd	5th	2nd	17.56%
Accommodation & Food Service	4th	10th	6th	4.50%
Transportation & Warehousing	5th	6th	5th	5.19%
Construction	6th	1st	4th	6.81%
Professional & Technical	7th	3rd	7th	4.16%
Other Services	8th	9th	10th	1.76%
Waste Management	9th	7th	9th	2.07%
Finance & Insurance	10th	4th	8th	3.18%

Source: PA Dept. of Labor and Industry, Center for Workforce Data and Analysis