

# 2012 Economic Census: Manufacturing

## *A Snapshot of Manufacturing in California*

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts an economic census every 5 years. The Economic Census provides a comprehensive and detailed profile of the U.S. economy, covering millions of businesses representing more than 1,000 industries and providing unique portraits of American industries and local communities. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business, and the general public. The 2012 Economic Census measured the economic activity of approximately 297,000 manufacturing establishments in the United States.



2012 U.S. Manufacturing Establishments		
United States	California	San Jose— San Francisco— Oakland
Employment was <b>11.3 million</b>	Made up <b>10.3 percent</b> of U.S. employment	Made up <b>2.5 percent</b> of U.S. employment
Payroll was <b>\$593.7 billion</b>	Made up <b>11.7 percent</b> of U.S. payroll	Made up <b>3.5 percent</b> of U.S. payroll
Value of shipments was <b>\$5.8 trillion</b>	Made up <b>8.9 percent</b> of U.S. value of shipments	Made up <b>2.7 percent</b> of U.S. value of shipments

\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 Economic Census, Manufacturing, Geographic Area Series.

The information collected from establishments in the Manufacturing Sector of the Economic Census produces basic statistics by industry for number of establishments, payroll, employment, value of shipments, value added, capital expenditures, depreciation, materials consumed, selected purchased services, electric energy used, and inventories held. All dollar values are expressed in current dollars, i.e., they are not adjusted for price changes. The statistics presented include data only for businesses with paid employees. For more information about the Economic Census (including a release schedule and information on comparability, confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions), visit [www.census.gov/manufacturing](http://www.census.gov/manufacturing).

