

Michigan Ranks First In Manufactured Products

Official census bureau reports rank Michigan first in the nation in the value of our manufactured products in more than 20 types of industry.

THE LIST includes motor vehicles and parts. . . truck trailers and mobile homes. . . boatbuilding. . . conveyors. . . machine shop work. . . gray-iron foundry production. . . metal stampings. . . hardware supplies. . . salt. . . sporting and athletic goods. . . steel springs. . . cereals. . . public building fixtures. . . padding and upholstery filling. . . internal combustion engines.

Moreover, Michigan ranks second in the nation in the manufacturing value of its output of industrial trucks and tractors. . . screw machine products. . . copper rolling and drawing. . . electrical welding apparatus. . . industrial leather belting. . . gaskets and asbestos insulation. . . blowers and fans. . . woodworking machinery. . . trimming and art goods. . . paper products.

We rank third in production of machine tools. . . food products machinery. . . power transmission equipment. . . ball and roller bearings. . . metal doors. . . metal office furniture. . . concrete products.

AND WE ARE fourth in production of farm tractors. . . industrial furnaces. . . prepared meats. . . pharmaceutical preparations. . . wood office furniture. . . abrasive products and photographic equipment.

We have 13,000 manufacturing establishments. . . engaged in 369 kinds of manufacturing operations. . . employing more than one million workers.

Why has Michigan achieved its industrial eminence? Manufacturers give these answers: . . . We are in the midst of the world's greatest supply of fresh water, a prime industrial asset. We also have the tremendous advantage of low-cost water transportation on the Great Lakes and reaching through the St. Lawrence Sea-

way to the world. Additionally, we have excellent highways, rail and air service.

We have the most favorable market position, in relation to population centers of any state. Centrally situated in the rich Great Lakes industrial market area, we are the fastest growing of the five states in that rapidly expanding region.

We are near major sources of materials, including semi-fabricated parts as well as raw materials. . . We have a large and highly skilled labor force. . . We are amply supplied with electric power and natural gas, distributed by 85 power companies and 16 gas companies. . . We have outstanding research and technical centers. . . and our geography gives us a favorable and stimulating climate.

BECAUSE OF its predominant position as the world's Motor Capital, not many people are aware that Detroit also has some of the country's largest drug and rubber manufacturing plants.

While it ranks fifth in population among the nation's largest cities, Detroit is third in volume of banking transactions, fourth in volume of total business, fourth in manufacturing employment and fourth in dollar value of manufacturing.

Grand Rapids, our second largest city and renowned as the nation's Furniture Capital, boasts a highly skilled force of some 8,000 quality furniture designers and craftsmen.

While Grand Rapids no longer holds first rank in volume of furniture production, it retains its distinction as the style and quality center of the American furniture industry. It is also the nation's main production center of office and school furniture and of school, church and theatre seats.

The chemical industry is currently among Michigan's fastest growing. Dow Chemical Co. at Midland, Mich., founded in 1890, is a giant among the world's leading chemical makers, operating in 10 states and the province of Ontario.

THE MICHIGAN chemical and pharmaceutical industry. . . ranked seventh in the nation in the commercial value of its products and employing more

than 44,000 people in 411 establishments. . . also flourishes in the Detroit-Wyandotte area and in Bay City, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Flint, Marysville, St. Louis, Ludington, Montague, Iron Mountain, Holland, Marquette, and Sault Ste. Marie.

The papermaking industry is also important in Michigan's economy. Our first paper mill was established in 1834 at Mon-

roe on the Raisin River. Today we have 43 mills in 17 counties. . . notably Kalamazoo, Allegan, Monroe, Kent, St. Joseph, Berrien, St. Clair, Manistee and Menominee. Nearly 30,000 workers are employed in Michigan plants manufacturing paper and allied products.

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