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MACOMB COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS (IN 2018)

- **880,400** Population
- **479 square miles across 27 cities, villages & townships**
- **#1 in nation for manufacturing job growth**
- **Workforce of 446,246**
  - **Average earnings of $71,696**
- **$43.6 Billion 2018 GRP**
SUPPLY CHAIN/NETWORK
Headquarters for eight of the 10 largest global automotive suppliers are located in Michigan and the state leads the U.S. in the number of automotive assembly plants (23) and tool and die shops (640). Michigan also has headquarters for 63 of the top 100 suppliers and more than 600 aerospace and defense companies. In Macomb County alone, there are nearly 1,700 manufacturing suppliers.

WORKFORCE
Macomb County businesses draw from a workforce that is 446,000 individuals strong. Counted among that number are more than 17,000 engineers (111,000 in the state), 11,800 R&D professionals (131,000 in the state), 60,000 individuals in the skilled trades (728,000 in the state) and additional workers across the fields of science, technology and math. Each year, more than 8,000 engineers graduate from Michigan universities and colleges along with countless trade programs, apprenticeships and on-the-job training initiatives. These numbers give businesses in Macomb County the ability to not only design and engineer products, but to manufacture them as well. It also places the county at the forefront of the U.S. automotive and advanced manufacturing industries.

To ensure future economic success, Macomb County is aggressively working to build the workforce of the future through its education partners and business contacts. These efforts include supporting academy-based learning through Ford Next Generation Learning and SME Prime, sponsoring STEM programs like FIRST Robotics, developing a Robotics Collaboration and Innovation Center, promoting local career technical education (CTE) programs – which currently have more than 14,000 students enrolled – and hosting one of the largest celebrations of Manufacturing Day in the country, with 2,100 students participating.

QUALITY OF LIFE
Macomb County’s 880,000 residents make it the third most populated county in the state. This figure is the result of an almost 70 year population growth trend. In fact, an average of 12 people move into Macomb County each day.

Being in the Midwest, the area offers four seasons of outdoor activities through its 215 parks, numerous rivers and waterways and 32 miles of lakefront shoreline. Another important asset is Macomb County’s high-quality schools. There are currently 200,000 students enrolled in 337 K-12 school facilities within 24 school districts.

Additionally, Macomb Community College serves over 50,000 students each year and is a leader in workforce training.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
The Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development serves as the county’s premier agency for advancing business growth. Its focus is on the high-growth industries of automotive, aerospace, alternative energy, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, defense and homeland security.

Macomb County’s seasoned staff stands ready to meet the needs of your business with an assistance program designed specifically for your company. Our services include assistance with site selection, access to development and growth incentives and guidance through local and state permitting, access to a vast supplier network, market research and financing options.

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