

Governor DeSantis Recognizes October 2019 as Manufacturing Month in Florida

Every October, we celebrate Manufacturing Month, an annual national event executed locally with the support of thousands of manufacturers across the country as they host student plant tours and events designed to showcase today's advanced manufacturing technology and high-wage career opportunities. Over the past several years, Florida has been one of the top states in numbers of manufacturing month events.

Today, Florida ranks among the top three states for manufacturing establishments, with over 20,500 manufacturing firms open for business. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), as of July 2019, Florida has over 384,000 manufacturing employees, gaining 12,600 new jobs over the last year. In Florida, the average wage in manufacturing is over \$60K, and the number and types of jobs available continues to increase.

To mark the event at a state level, Governor DeSantis declared October as Manufacturing Month in Florida by issuing a proclamation on September 26, 2019.

Please read the "Manufacturing Month in Florida" Proclamation [here](#).

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