

Plastics and Rubber Product Manufacturing

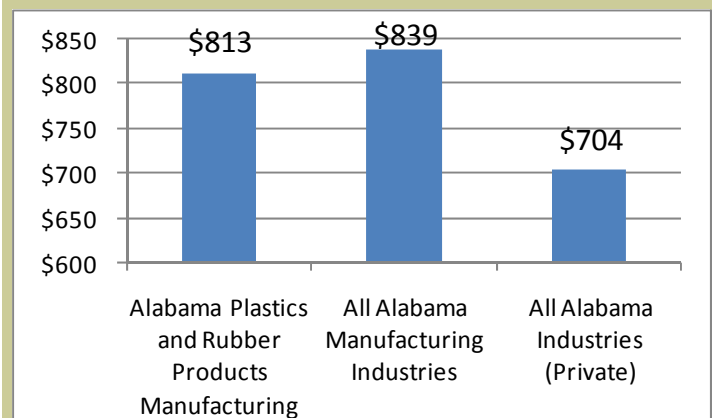
Highlights

- Plastics and rubber product manufacturing contributed \$1.17 billion to Alabama's \$158 billion Gross Domestic Product in 2006.
- This sector ranks number 10 for Alabama exports in 2007. The state ranks 23rd in this sector for exports during 2007.
- Output in this industry rose 1.7 percent to approximately \$1.1 billion in 2005.
- In 2007, some 223 establishments in this industry were located in Alabama; 166 in plastics products; 56 in rubber products. The highest concentration of establishments was in NAICS 32619, which includes plastic plumbing fixtures, resilient flooring, and miscellaneous plastic products.
- Plastics and rubber product manufacturing employment was 14,635 in 2007; 8,717 in plastic products; 5,918 in rubber products. The highest concentration of employment was in NAICS 32619, which includes plastic plumbing fixtures, resilient flooring, and miscellaneous plastic products.

Outlook and Trends

- Output for the industry is expected to slide by 0.8 percent in 2008, but increase by 1.5 percent in 2009.
- Slower growth the nation's automotive sector has created payroll decreases, but job gains are expected in 2009.
- Long term projections indicate employment in the sector is expected to reach 15,750 in 2016, up from 14,830 in 2006.

2007 Average Weekly Wages



Company	County	Product	New Jobs	Capital Investment	Project Type
2007					
BFGoodrich	Tuscaloosa	Tire manufacturing	50	N.A.	expansion
Johns Manville	Jackson	Thermoplastic polyolefin roofing membrane	100	\$30,000,000	new project
REHAU, Inc.	Cullman	Automotive Exterior Moldings	36	\$ 3,000,000	expansion
Sejin Alabama	Tallapoosa	Injection molded products such as vehicle spoilers and interior consoles	130	\$30,000,000	new project
Yachiyo Manufacturing of Alabama	St. Clair	Plastic fuel tanks	50	\$16,000,000	expansion
2006					
Hanil USA	Elmore	Assembly of plastic and steel tube components used in fuel and brake systems	120	N.A.	expansion
HS Automotive Alabama Inc.	Coffee	Rubber good manufacturer for the automotive products market	500	\$12,500,000	expansion
Janson Seals and Sleeves	Lee	Tamper-resistant seals for foods	18	N.A.	expansion
Kommerling USA, Inc.	Madison	PVC sheets for residential and commercial exterior trim	60	N.A.	expansion
KwangSung America Corporation	Tallapoosa	Plastic hoses and sun visors	150		new project
Rehau Incorporated	Cullman	Polyethylene piping; plastic automotive parts	100	\$20,000,000	expansion
Triton Polymer Matrix Composite Group	Jefferson	High-tech plastics for the military sector	25	\$ 2,500,000	new project
2005					
LoneStar Plastics	Autauga	Polyethylene film products including plastic bags, box liners and other forms of flexible packaging materials	100	\$16,000,000	new project
M-Tek, Inc. (formerly Arkay Plastics Alabama)	Autauga	Interior automotive parts	200	\$ 8,400,000	expansion

Select Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturers in Alabama



Sources

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