The Manufacturing Industry in Fife
Sector Profile 2017

Headline Statistics

14.8% OF PEOPLE WORKING IN FIFE WERE EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURING IN 2016.

11.7% OF TOTAL SCOTTISH MANUFACTURING TURNOVER WAS GENERATED IN FIFE.

10.7% OF SCOTTISH MANUFACTURING GVA WAS GENERATED IN FIFE IN 2015.

19% THE EXPECTED GROWTH IN OUTPUT FROM 2016 TO 2037.

Fife performance compared with the Scottish Local Authority Average

- Businesses
  - Fife: 675
  - Scottish Local Authority Average: 297

- Employment
  - Fife: 15,160
  - Scottish Local Authority Average: 5,688

- Turnover (billions)
  - Fife: £4.4
  - Scottish Local Authority Average: £1.1


Industry Drivers

Some of the key industry drivers for Fife’s manufacturing industry are:

- Economic uncertainty, e.g. Brexit
- Increasing competition from both UK and international manufacturers
- Opportunities and challenges arising from Industry 4.0
- Decline in the oil and gas industry, globally and nationally
- Business rates and rising costs in transport, haulage and energy
- Access to finance for manufacturers
- Access to a simplified business help and support environment
- Availability and quality of skilled labour
- Ageing profile of the manufacturing workforce
- Engagement gap between manufacturers, schools, colleges and universities.

Number of registered enterprises, employment and turnover in the manufacturing industry – Fife, 2010-2016

Source: Businesses in Scotland, 2016
Number of registered enterprises in the manufacturing industry by employee size band – Fife and Scottish Average, 2016

Source: Businesses in Scotland, 2016

Employment in the manufacturing industry – Fife Area Committees, 2015

Source: ONS Business Register and Employment Survey

For further information on Fife’s Manufacturing Action Plan, please visit www.FifeEconomyPartnership.com/supporting-businesses/