

Plastic and Rubber Manufacturing



The plastic and rubber products manufacturing industry (NAICS 326) make goods by processing plastics materials and raw rubber, either natural or synthetic. Plastic products include bags, packing materials, films, pipes, foam, bottles, and other items using injection molding, casting, compression molding, or other manufacturing processes. Rubber products include tires, hoses, belts, and other products. The outputs of this industry are typically for intermediate or final consumption.

Texas Industry Totals

Firms	729
Employment	37,328
Average Annual Wage	\$46,488
Total Capital Investments	\$320 million
Value Added Per Employee	\$149,704
Value of Shipments	\$12 billion

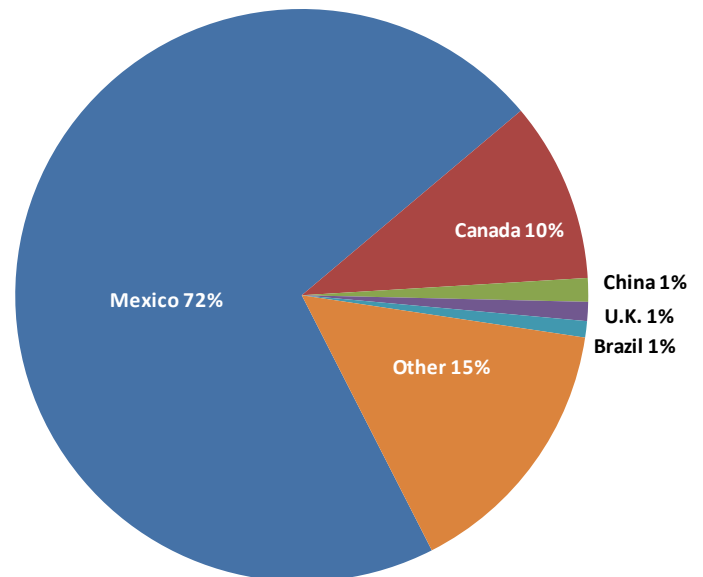
How Texas Ranks in the U.S.

All Employees	No. 4
Production Workers	No. 4
Value Added	No. 4
Value of Shipments	No. 4
Total Capital Investments	No. 6

Texas Exports

- Texas plastic & rubber products exports in 2011 were valued at \$3.5 billion – up from \$3.1 billion in 2010.
- In 2011, plastic and rubber manufacturing was Texas' 18th largest export sector.

Top Export Markets



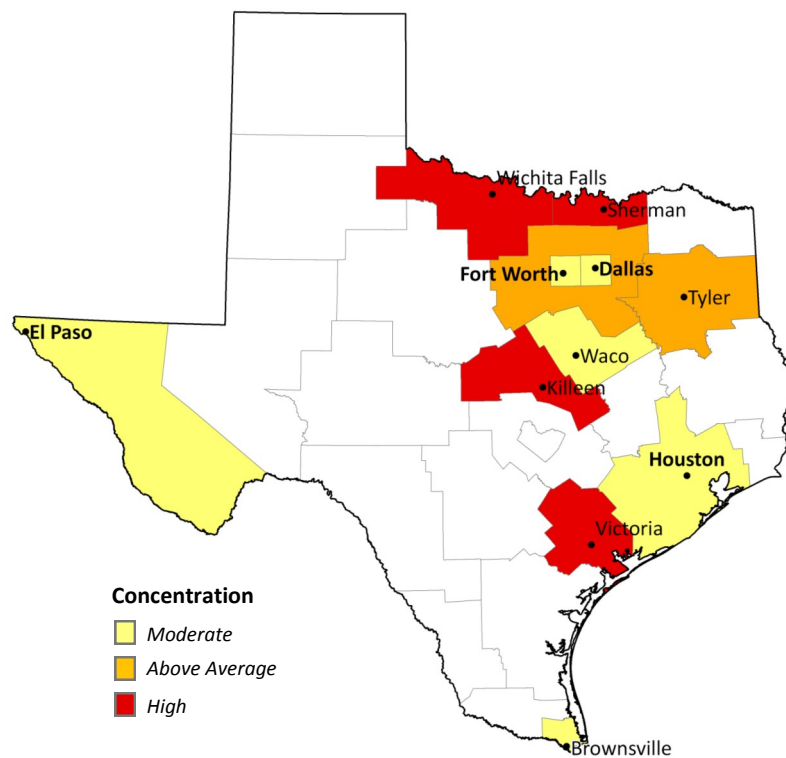
Sources: Texas Workforce Commission, U.S. Census Annual Survey of Manufactures, WISERTrade, Texas Manufacturers Register

Major Industry Employers in Texas

Company	Location(s)	Products
Illinois Tool Works Inc.	Temple, etc.	Plastic films, laminates, & bags
Sealed Air Corp.	Iowa Park, etc.	Plastic packaging materials & bags
Formosa Plastics Corp.	Point Comfort, etc.	Plastic products & resins, rigid PVC film
Technip USA, Inc.	Houston	Subsea flexible fluid pipelines
Poly-America L. P.	Grand Prairie	Plastic garbage bags, liners & sheeting

Regional Concentrations

The map at right identifies the state’s Workforce Development regions with above-average specializations in plastic and rubber products manufacturing. The highlighted regions are not the only areas in Texas where workers in this sector can be found, but rather represent areas with the greatest concentrations relative to the size of the local labor force. This industry is concentrated in non-urban areas along the Gulf Coast and in North and Central Texas.



Recent Industry Trends

- Texas plastic and rubber industry employment increased slightly from Q3 2010 to Q3 2011.
- In 2011, Illinois-based Pactiv Corp. announced a \$8.3 million expansion to its Temple, Texas manufacturing facility, creating 100 new jobs. The expansion’s new product line will produce plastic bags for Hefty and other brands.
- In 2011, Dallas Plastics Corp. announced it had acquired a manufacturing plant in Longview, Texas to produce polyethylene films. The Dallas-based company’s \$5.8 million project will employ 65 workers.