

# Plastics & Polymers

Eastern and Southern Ohio | A Rare Mix of Assets

## Exceptional Market Access, Feedstocks, Low Energy Costs and Abundant Skilled Labor

Ohio leads the nation in the production of plastics and rubber. In eastern and southern Ohio we produce resins, acrylic sheet, flexible magnets, and thermoformed, injection molded, rotational-molded and blow-molded parts.

APEG's polymers and plastics skilled labor pool is 4,000 strong. Competitive wages and the region's above average concentration of plastics workers (reflecting its long history in polymers production) are two of many great reasons to locate here.

### THE PERFECT MIX OF RESOURCES FOR PLASTICS MANUFACTURING

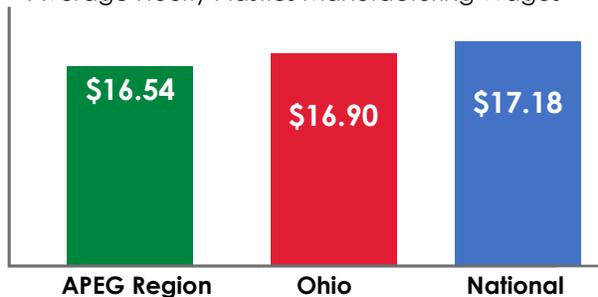
- Utica Shale in eastern Ohio is rich in ethane which can be converted to ethylene – a primary **plastics feedstock** – at prices below the Gulf of Mexico.
- Ohio and neighboring states now produce over a quarter of the nation's natural gas, an output that is projected to continue for decades. Natural gas pricing at the regional hub is trading lower than the national hub, guaranteeing **favorable energy costs** in the region.
- Electric power rates are low because of the dozen plus natural gas power plants, existing and under development, creating **cost savings** for energy-intensive operations.
- Experienced, stable, **reliable workers** who are commuting to high population areas would prefer to work closer to home.
- A robust highway system provides exceptional **market access** which reaches 60 percent of the U.S. population within one day's truck drive.

### OHIO'S TAX ADVANTAGE

Ohio has the lowest tax burden in the Midwest on new capital intensive manufacturing companies. Its favorable tax code for manufacturers and low energy costs provide competitive advantages for plastics and polymer companies.

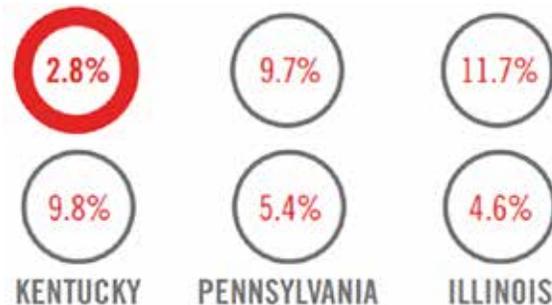
### PLASTICS & POLYMERS WORKERS' WAGES

Average Hourly Plastics Manufacturing Wages



Source: 8 Plastics SOC Codes from EMSI Q2, 2017

### LOWEST TAXES IN THE MIDWEST FOR CAPITAL-INTENSIVE MANUFACTURING



Source: "Location Matters," Tax Foundation & KPMG, 201



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## Manufacturing Grows Here

Manufacturing has deep roots in the APEG region – we still know how to make things.

One in eight adult workers in the region works in manufacturing, which is well above the national average. The pride that comes from making a quality product and the skills to do it have been passed down through many generations. Area plastics manufacturers report favorable work force productivity and low turnover, compared to similar facilities in other regions.

**Review Available Sites and Buildings** at [apeg.com](http://apeg.com).

Sites ideal for polymers and plastics manufacturing.



**Leesburg Industrial Park**  
 SiteOhio Authenticated  
 80.35 flat shovel-ready acres



**Airport Industrial Park**  
 30.18 acres, all utilities in place  
 3-miles south of Interstate 70

**Thriving in APEG** are 1,100 manufacturing companies including these in the plastics and polymers sector.

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