



Manufacturing The Truth

Obama's Boasting Of A Manufacturing Resurgence On The Campaign Trail Doesn't Match The Facts On The Ground

Obama: *"Manufacturing is coming home. Assembly lines are humming again. We've got to keep moving forward."* (President Barack Obama, Remarks At A Campaign Event, Fairfax, VA, 10/19/12)

OBAMA TOUTS A MANUFACTURING COMEBACK THAT DOESN'T EXIST IN THE STATES

The Latest Bureau Of Labor Statistics Report Shows Manufacturing Jobs Declined In September In 31 States. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), 10/19/12)

Colorado

In September, Colorado Lost 1000 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Colorado Has Lost 5,000 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Iowa

In September, Iowa Lost 600 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Michigan

In September, Michigan Lost 900 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Nevada

In September, Nevada Lost 100 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Nevada Has Lost 6,900 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

New Hampshire

In September, New Hampshire Lost 100 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, New Hampshire Has Lost 6,800 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

North Carolina

In September, North Carolina Lost 1,200 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, North Carolina Has Lost 42,500 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Ohio

In September, Ohio Lost 6,400 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Ohio Has Lost 18,700 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)
- **Manufacturing Constituted Half Of All Jobs Lost In Ohio In September.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Pennsylvania

In September, Pennsylvania Lost 3,400 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Pennsylvania Has Lost 44,000 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Virginia

In September, Virginia Lost 200 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Virginia Has Lost 26,000 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

Wisconsin

In September, Wisconsin Manufacturing Employment Remained Unchanged. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **Since Obama Took Office, Wisconsin Has Lost 22,300 Manufacturing Jobs.** ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

THE OVERALL PICTURE FOR MANUFACTURING REMAINS BLEAK

Since Obama Took Office, The Nation Has Lost 610,000 Manufacturing Jobs. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)

- **The Manufacturing Sector Shed 16,000 Jobs In September And 22,000 Jobs In August.** ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/19/12)
- **“Manufacturing Has Been A Drag On The Slow U.S. Economic Recovery, Which Is Stalling And Struggling To Add Jobs Now Some Three Years After The Brutal Recession And Financial Crisis Ended.”** “ISM's index of national factory activity fell to 49.6 in August, from 49.8 in July, and just shy of the 50.0 median estimate in a Reuters poll of economists. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the key sector. Manufacturing has been a drag on the slow U.S. economic recovery, which is stalling and struggling to add jobs now some three years after the brutal recession and financial crisis ended.” (Jonathan Spicer, “Manufacturing Another Headache For U.S. Economy, [Reuters](#), 9/4/12)

According To A Former High-Ranking Official In The Obama Administration, The Critics That Say

That The Administration Didn't Really Fight For A Manufacturing Policy "Have A Strong Point."

"But the divisions within the White House have often frustrated those who wanted a sharper focus on manufacturing. 'The critics would say we didn't really fight for manufacturing policy,' said another former high-ranking official who took part in many of those meetings and who did not want to be named because the discussions were confidential. 'They have a strong point.'" (Bill Vlasic, Hiroko Tabuchi, and Charles Duhigg, "In Pursuit Of Nissan, A Jobs Lesson For The Tech Industry?," [The New York Times](#), 8/4/12)

- **"The Trend In American Manufacturing Has Appeared Softer And Has Added To Concerns The Economic Recovery Is Losing Steam."** "The trend in American manufacturing has appeared softer and has added to concerns the economic recovery is losing steam. The decline in new orders in June will probably mean softer output down the road, which could weigh on economic growth." ("U.S. Manufacturing May Be Softening; Factory Orders Fell In June," [Reuters](#), 8/2/12)

Politifact: "The Manufacturing Uptick Of The Last Two Years Is Small" And "Employment Is Still Down Compared To The Start Of Obama's Term." "The manufacturing uptick of the last two years is small – a 3 percent jump after a 35 percent drop the prior 12 years. Employment is still down compared to the start of Obama's term." (Dave Umhoefer, "President Barack Obama Says American Manufacturers Are Creating New Jobs For The First Time Since 1990," [Politifact](#), 2/22/12)

FactCheck.org: Manufacturing Represents "A Disproportionate Share Of Job Losses Since Obama Took Office." "In fact, manufacturing jobs represent a disproportionate share of job losses since Obama took office. In all, the U.S. has lost a net 864,000 non-farm jobs since January 2009 — a decline of one half of 1 percent. But manufacturing jobs are down 5 percent since then. One recent study found that at the current pace, it will take until 2020 for the U.S. to recover the manufacturing jobs lost since 2007." (Eugene Kiely, "Biden's Manufactured Jobs Claims," [FactCheck.org](#), 3/29/12)

- **FactCheck.org: "In Fact, The Manufacturing Sector Has Taken A Bigger Hit Under Obama — Undercutting Biden's Claim That 'Manufacturing Is Back.'"** (Eugene Kiely, "Biden's Manufactured Jobs Claims," [FactCheck.org](#), 3/29/12)
- **FactCheck.org: "The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation Dismissed The Pace Of Recent Job Gains As Too Slow And Talk Of A 'Manufacturing Renaissance' As Premature."** "In fact, a recent study on U.S. manufacturing by the Information Technology & Innovation Foundation dismissed the pace of recent job gains as too slow and talk of a 'manufacturing renaissance' as premature. The bipartisan think tank — whose honorary co-chairs are two Republican and two Democratic members of Congress — says in its report that at the current pace 'it would take until 2020 to return to where the economy was in terms of manufacturing jobs at the end of 2007.'" (Eugene Kiely, "Biden's Manufactured Jobs Claims," [FactCheck.org](#), 3/29/12)