

AN ANALYSIS OF MANUFACTURING IN MENTOR, LAKE COUNTY AND THE CLEVELAND-ELYRIA-MENTOR MSA (2007 – 2012)

According to information compiled from the Economic Census, Mentor now ranks 8th in the State of Ohio in terms of the number of employees engaged in manufacturing (Table 1). Only Mentor and Solon increased in employment between 2007 and 2012; the other eight communities experienced a decline ranging from >1% (Akron) to Cincinnati (31%). In terms of number of establishments engaged in manufacturing, the City of Mentor continues to rank 7th in the State. Between 2007 and 2012, Mentor lost 19 manufacturers; while the number of companies lost ranged from 7% for Canton to 19% for the City of Toledo.

The Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA represents the five-county area of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina (Table 2). According to the 2012 Economic Census, there were 3,358 establishments employing 120,600 persons and representing \$6.6 billion in payroll. This represents a decline of 11% in the number of establishments, a 14% decline in employment and 3% decline in employee payroll since the 2007 census. A simple calculation indicates the "average" firm employs 36 persons with a payroll of \$55,306/employee in the Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA. Lake County had 617 establishments, while Mentor had 213 firms or roughly one-third of the county total; this was roughly the same percentage as in 2007. The number of firms declined by 71 in Lake County. Manufacturing employment declined approximately 3% in the County (19,820 to 19,183). The "average" firm in Lake County has 31 employees, while the average firm in Mentor has 41 employees. In terms of payroll, the "average" in Lake County is \$50,568 and \$51,804 in Mentor.

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TABLE 1
CITY RANKINGS FROM 2012 OHIO ECONOMIC CENSUS –
MANUFACTURING

Number of Manufacturing Companies

<u>City</u>	<u>No. Establishments</u>
1. Cleveland	805
2. Columbus	518
3. Cincinnati	363
4. Toledo	295
5. Akron	269
6. Dayton	266
7. Mentor	213
8. Willoughby	161
9. Canton	136
10. Mansfield	100

Total Number of Employees

<u>City</u>	<u>Employees</u>
1. Cleveland	22,075
2. Columbus	19,881
3. Cincinnati	12,881
4. Toledo	11,821
5. Solon	11,638
6. Dayton	9,794
7. Evandale	8,749
8. Mentor	8,675
9. Akron	8,672
10. Canton	8,020

TABLE 2**CLEVELAND-ELYRIA-MENTOR MSA, LAKE COUNTY AND MENTOR**

All Establishments

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA	3,774	3,358	-11
Lake County	688	617	-10
City of Mentor	232	213	-8

All Employees

Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA	141,166	120,600	-14
Lake County	19,820	19,183	-3
City of Mentor	7,497	8,675	16

All Employee Payroll (in million dollars)

Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor MSA	6,876.5	6,669.9	-3
Lake County	887.6	970.0	9
City of Mentor	326.7	449.4	37