

Almost 200,000 manufacturing jobs lost since 2010



Almost 200,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost since 2010, GMB figures show.

The damning statistics show 6.7 per cent of all manufacturing jobs have gone since Labour left office.

The numbers show:

- Scotland was worst affected, losing 15.7 per cent of manufacturing jobs (31,300)
- The East of England lost 14 per cent, a total of 40,100 roles



- In Northern Ireland, 14.6 per cent were lost, with 12,900 jobs gone

In 2010, the UK supported 2.9 million manufacturing jobs.

But by 2022, that number has dwindled to 2.7 million.

The numbers will be discussed at GMB's annual conference in Brighton today [Thursday]

Manufacturing employment – 2010 to 2022

Nation/Region	2010	2022	Change (n)	Change (%)
United Kingdom	2,882,100	2,689,600	-192,500	-6.7
North East	126,100	123,000	-3,100	-2.5
North West	363,200	320,600	-42,600	-11.7
Yorkshire and The Humber	286,400	272,000	-14,400	-5.0
East Midlands	317,300	278,200	-39,100	-12.3
West Midlands	320,700	346,200	25,500	8.0
East	286,400	246,300	-40,100	-14.0
London	142,300	147,500	5,200	3.7
South East	338,500	327,000	-11,500	-3.4
South West	276,700	249,200	-27,500	-9.9
Wales	137,100	136,500	-600	-0.4
Scotland	199,000	167,700	-31,300	-15.7
Northern Ireland	88,500	75,600	-12,900	-14.6



Source: GMB analysis of ONS Annual Population Survey data. Figures are estimates for the whole year (January to December).

Charlotte Brumpton-Childs, GMB National Officer, said:

“The loss of almost 200,000 jobs is devastating for those workers – and their wider communities.

“Every job lost means a household income more stretched. In the worst cost of living crisis for a generation we need more decent, skilled jobs – not to shed them at this rate.

“Ministers must address this urgently or there could be worse to come.

“The global green jobs race could revolutionise UK manufacturing – creating tens of thousands of jobs in fabrication for new wind, solar and nuclear.

“But this Government seems happy to let them all disappear overseas.”

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