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## BUCKEYE STATE MANUFACTURERS FACING SEVERE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES; CONSIDERING CLOSURES

A new report by the Buckeye Association of Manufacturers shows that over 170,000 manufacturing jobs across the state are unfilled and that number looks like it will grow to 325,000 opening by 2030 with Boomers retiring from the sector. This shortage has manufacturers contemplating closing their doors or sending their production functions to China due to the lack of staff. A recent report indicates the state stands to lose \$2.5 billion per year in tax revenue if the jobs crisis is not overcome.



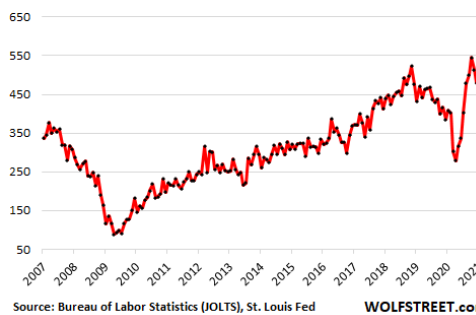
American Roll Form Products in White County currently has 37 open positions

Manufacturers are calling on the state to take immediate action to attract new workers to the sector. Del Fox, President of American Roll Form Products in White County, says "If we can't find a way to get students interested in the sector for both hourly and salary roles in the new future, I'm afraid we'll have to close up and I'll be headed back to manage a Wendy's. Or even worse, an Arby's."

Environmental groups are insisting that any new jobs in the sector be tied to planet-friendly regulations that cut carbon output and protect waterways around the state from any new pollution.

Jobs in the sector pay \$27/hr on average.

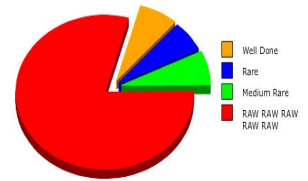
Manufacturing Job Openings  
Thousands of openings



## The Aside

### CHART OF THE DAY

How does Lady Gaga like her steak?



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes."*

—Jack Handey

### FUN FACT OF THE DAY

Experiments in universities have actually been carried out to figure out how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop, both with machine and human lickers (because this is important scientific knowledge!). The results ranged from 252 to 411.

### LESS FUN FACT OF THE DAY

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

## THE LOUVRE IS ON THE MOVE

In a stunning development, the Mona Lisa is on the move. Buckeye State is one of three finalists to get the famous smirking lady and her 35,000 artwork pals that are headed stateside after the French government messed up the autopay on the electric bill and overdrafted their account.

Buckeye State, along with Hoosier State and Palmetto State, have been announced as the three finalists for the museum.

State incentives will no doubt play a role in the final decision by the Louvre Board of Supervisors.

The Louvre currently attracts 2.5 million visitors a year, making it the top visited museum in the world. Landing the "Neuvo Louvo" as it's being called in art circles would bring 8,000 permanent jobs and 17,000 construction jobs to the state. This decision is set to be made within 3 months.



Is she smirking because she's leaving France?

## DUCK, DUCK, GOOSES, DUCK!

Beware the *Branta Canadensis!*

The number of Canada Geese (often incorrectly referred to by amateurs as “Canadian Geese”) in the Buckeye State has never been higher. The Ohio EPA estimates that over 155,000 geese call the Buckeye State home, third to only Minnesota (176,000) and Michigan (167,000).

Beyond the noise and the incessant amounts of, ummm, “goose droppings”, the geese have proven to be dangerous hazards to motorists and anyone enjoying an unsuspecting walk near nesting areas. “Goose induced crashes” are estimated by the Buckeye Department of Public Safety to increase by nearly 170% in 2023 from their prior levels. Goose crashes lead to 26 deaths in 2022 across the state. No good estimate exists for the number of bitten children.

Canada geese are protected under both the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Ohio state law. This protection extends to the geese, goslings, nests, and eggs. Non-lethal scare and hazing tactics, which do not harm the geese, are allowed.

Buckeye state residents are calling on the Governor and the legislature to identify non-lethal solutions to reduce the number of geese by 25% in the next 5 years.



Harmless loudmouths or vengeful killers?



Photo of a recent Estep City goose attack. Munson County is at the center of what some experts are calling the “Goosemageddon”

## INFLATION THREATENING BUCKEYE GUARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Chalk one more threat up to record inflation rates—this time it’s scholarship dollars for soldiers.

Since the 1940’s, members of the military have been guaranteed tuition assistance through a mixture of federal and state programs. Here in the Buckeye State, National Guardsmen are guaranteed 100% of public tuition and fees at state universities.

But current inflation pressures have left a gap in funding, threatening the availability of these funds for soldiers. If this program is not shored up, the fund could run dry by 2027.

“Without this recruiting tool, we estimate a 25% drop in recruits—it’s that bad” says Lt Colonel Bill Kilgore. “Without college, I bet they’ll all be surfing instead of serving.”



National Guard troops unload supplies in a local COVID relief effort in 2020

### OTHER NEWS:

- *New TikTok Fad Endangers Livestock - How Can We Get Kids to Stop "Kickin' Chickin"*
- *Potholes Potholes Everywhere; After a Miserable Wet Winter, State Needs New Revenue To Cover Maintenance Gap for Roads*
- *Cities Across the State are Vying to Host the Inaugural BBS Regatta*
- *Ohio Education Lobby Pushing to Add Extra Year of High School for all Current Juniors and Seniors to Make Up for "Missed COVID Time"*
- *OPINION: Can I Eat It? If It's Poisonous, We Wouldn't Advise Its*

### STOCKS

CHICKEN	▲
SLEEP	▼
MAGIC MARKERS	▲
CALLING CARDS	▼
BED SPRINGS	▼
BEDTIME POEMS	▲
CHANTS	▲

### SPORTS

ICC	
NEPAL	275
UAE	270/7
ICSA	
STANFORD	93
YALE	106