Target Industry: FOOD PROCESSING

- Food manufacturing in Kenosha County employs over 1,300 with an annual payroll of $51,861,029.
- Southeast Wisconsin’s food manufacturing industry boasts the highest concentration of workforce among the 50 largest U.S. metros, providing access to a diverse workforce necessary to be globally competitive.
- FaB (Food and Beverage) Wisconsin is a cluster consortium designed to support, expand, and attract the food industry in the region.

Wisconsin ranks No. 4 in the U.S. for food manufactured products.

Source: Milwaukee 7

Kenosha County companies operating in the food processing sector:

1. Affiliated Foods Midwest  = 235 employees
2. Aqua Terra Farms  > 3 employees
3. Ardent Mills  > 35 employees
4. Calumet Diversified Meats  > 125 employees
5. Fair Oaks Farms  > 265 employees
6. Good Foods Group  > 125 employees
7. Gordon Food Service  > 350 employees
8. Gourmet Foods Int.  > 25 employees (distribution)
9. Heartland Produce  > 95 employees
10. Kenosha Beef International/ Birchwood Foods  > 475 employees
11. LMI Packaging  > 35 employees
12. Meijer  > 400 employees
13. Niagara Bottling  > 75 employees
14. Ocean Spray Cranberries  > 210 employees
15. Olds Products Co.  > 60 employees
16. Pepsi Americas  > 130 employees
17. Puratos Chocolate USA  > 30 employees
18. Roundy’s Commissary  > 200 employees
19. ST Specialty Foods  > 35 employees
20. SuperValu  > 35 employees
21. Transchemco  > 7 employees
22. Visko Teepak  > 100 employees

= headquarters  = supply manufacturing for the food industry  = distribution

Kenosha County, WI, USA

Total population 166,426
Total Labor Force 85,592
High School Diploma and Higher 84.5%
County Unemployment Rate 9.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Source: Milwaukee 7

The Milwaukee region has the highest concentration of workers in the food industry.
Seven of the top 11 largest food companies in the world have operations in Southeast WI.

Source: Milwaukee 7

Location is Key

- Kenosha County is ideally situated on Interstate 94 between Chicago and Milwaukee and within 400 miles of six metropolitan areas and major markets.
- A viable network of distribution centers, transportation companies, and wholesale vendors in the food production supply chain.
- Rail service is provided by Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Company.
- The Milwaukee Region offers the lowest water rate and the lowest wastewater treatment rates among the nation’s 50 largest metro areas.

Average Hourly Wage by Occupation

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<th>Occupation</th>
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<td>Industrial engineers</td>
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<td>Chemists</td>
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<td>Sales representatives, wholesale &amp; manufacturing, except technical and scientific products</td>
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<td>Industrial machinery mechanics</td>
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<td>First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers</td>
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<td>Food batchmakers</td>
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<td>Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers</td>
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<td>Industrial truck and tractor operators</td>
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Source: BLS and WI Dept. of Workforce Development

In Kenosha County, Consumer Spending on food & beverages exceeds $533 million.

Source: Applied Geographic Solutions

Favorable local and state business climate

- State level support for companies bringing new investments or expanding operations includes:
  - Economic Development Tax Credit
  - Property Tax Exemptions on machinery and equipment
  - Food processing plant & food warehouse investment credit
- County level support includes Revolving Loan Funds