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Ohio's Manufacturing Legacy Propels Major Investments

Located in the heart of the Midwest, Ohio's technology-driven economy sees increased growth in the manufacturing sector.

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The notion of making things has deep roots in Ohio, with a rich legacy of manufacturing goods across the state. While that tradition forges ahead, next-generation manufacturers add a new element to Ohio's heritage. Today, Ohio manufacturers are innovating the products of the future and span diverse industries. From technology and automotive to aviation and defense, major investments have been made in recent years by Intel, LG Energy Solution-Honda, Joby Aviation, Anduril Industries, and more.



In 2022, [Intel](#) announced it chose a site in central Ohio's Licking County as the future home for its new semiconductor manufacturing facilities. With construction underway, Intel is investing more than \$28 billion to build two state-of-the-art factories that will support the company's efforts to increase the American share of the global semiconductor supply chain. Spanning nearly 1,000 acres, the "Ohio One" site is the

company's first new manufacturing site in 40 years. The company is leveraging Ohio's statewide semiconductor ecosystem with more than 360 Ohio suppliers across 47 counties and construction workers from 75 of Ohio's 88 counties.

LG Energy Solution-Honda announced an investment in Ohio that same year. LG Energy Solution-Honda is building an EV battery plant in Jeffersonville, Ohio. The partnership includes a commitment of \$3.5 billion for the new battery plant and an additional \$700 million commitment from Honda to retool three existing Ohio Honda facilities for EV production. With plans to quickly scale EV battery production, the company is partnering with JobsOhio, Ohio's private economic development corporation, and the state of Ohio to develop a workforce strategy to support the company as it begins production later this year.



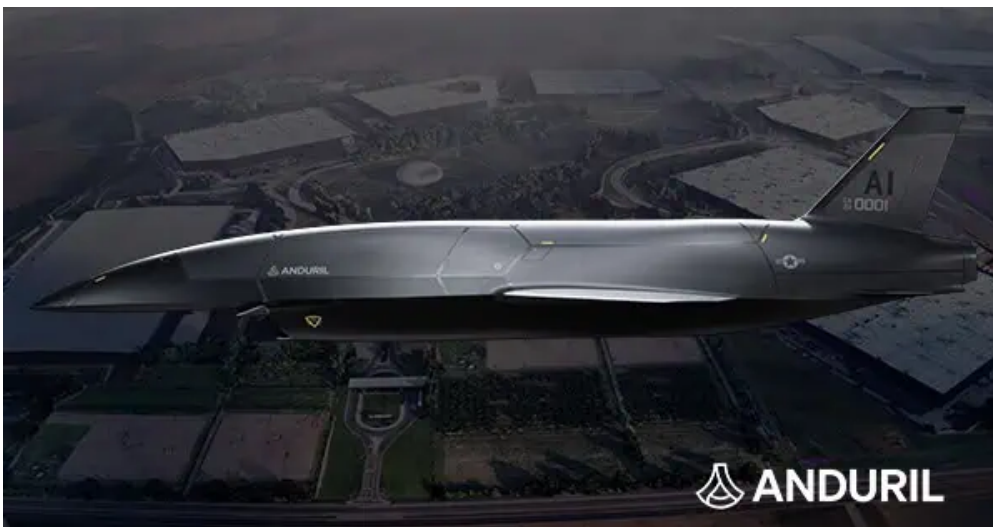
Electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft manufacturer **Joby Aviation** announced Ohio's Dayton region as the location of its new manufacturing site in 2023. The region has a long, rich history in aviation as the birthplace of the Wright Brothers and has since evolved as a hub for advanced air mobility. Joby's new manufacturing facility at the Dayton International Airport will build, test, and fly eVTOL air taxis

predominantly used for commercial passenger operations. The aircraft, designed to accommodate a pilot and four passengers, will operate in aerial ridesharing networks in cities and communities worldwide.



In 2025, California-based [Anduril Industries](#) selected the site of "Arsenal-1," a five-million-square-foot facility on 500 acres in Ohio's Pickaway County with room for future growth. A leader in defense technology, Anduril's Ohio manufacturing facility will build cutting-edge military drones, and the first products are targeted to be manufactured beginning in 2026. Anduril cited Ohio's advanced manufacturing prowess, ideal site options, top-ranked aerospace supply chain, and an array of strategic Air Force, NASA, and Space Force commands as operationally compelling, but

it added that the ease of working with JobsOhio was the final differentiator. In an interview, Anduril Founder Palmer Luckey discussed the company's aggressive production timeline and the decision to grow in Ohio, stating, "I think that they were the state that gave us the best shot of hitting that timeline."




What convinced these companies to invest in Ohio?


Manufacturing companies across diverse industries consistently choose Ohio thanks to the flexibility and speed to market that can be achieved in partnership with the state's private economic development corporation, JobsOhio. From extensive site selection resources to the ability to provide financial assistance more quickly than publicly

funded models, JobsOhio takes the hurdles out of business growth and advocates for companies alongside its partners in local and state government, utilities, and land development. Luckey explained, "There are some states that are really good at pushing you out and slowing you down, and there are others that are great at pulling you in and speeding you up. And that's what Ohio is."

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