

Closing the Manufacturing Skills Gap at the Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center

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Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center

The Vision

- A “one stop” center
 - ▣ for manufacturers to post open positions
 - ▣ for jobseekers to find jobs in manufacturing
 - ▣ to access free or low cost training that prepares entry level production workers
 - ▣ where employees can continue on a manufacturing career ladder to higher paying jobs through *employer-endorsed* training and certifications
- *A place that will promote and create excitement about manufacturing jobs in our community!*

Why focus on manufacturing?

- The sector is growing again
- 6,500 jobs added last year in Louisville region
- Higher wages – ranging from \$9.50 - \$13/hour entry level with benefits
- Possibility for career advancement with training
- With experience, wages rise - average manufacturing wage in Kentucky is \$18.50/hour



Why focus on manufacturing?

- Mayor Greg Fischer's Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM) -- a partnership with Mayor Jim Gray of Lexington -- is trying to brand our region as a national center of excellence for manufacturing talent and companies
- One of the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Business Plan experiments

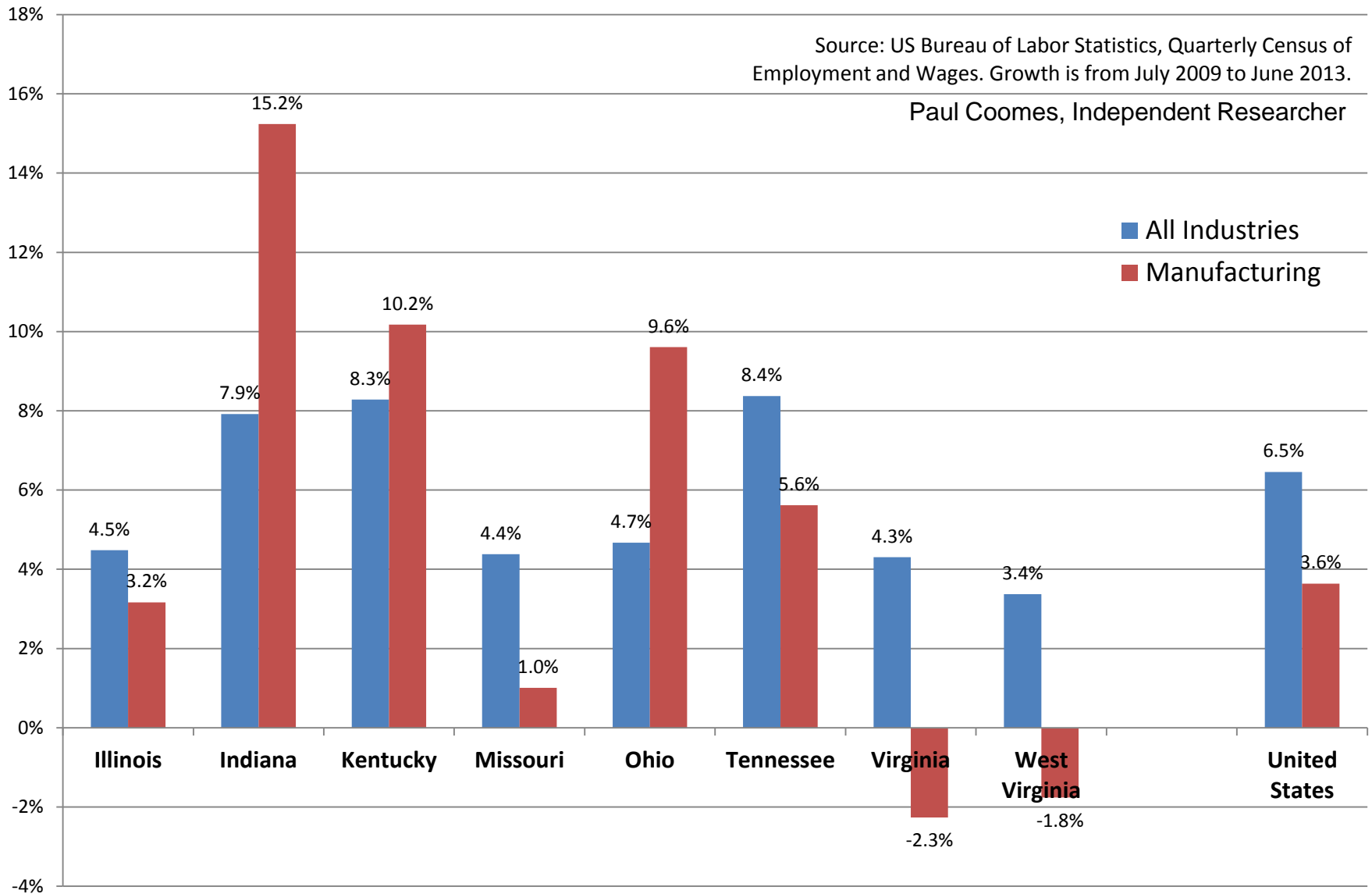


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All Industries, and Manufacturing

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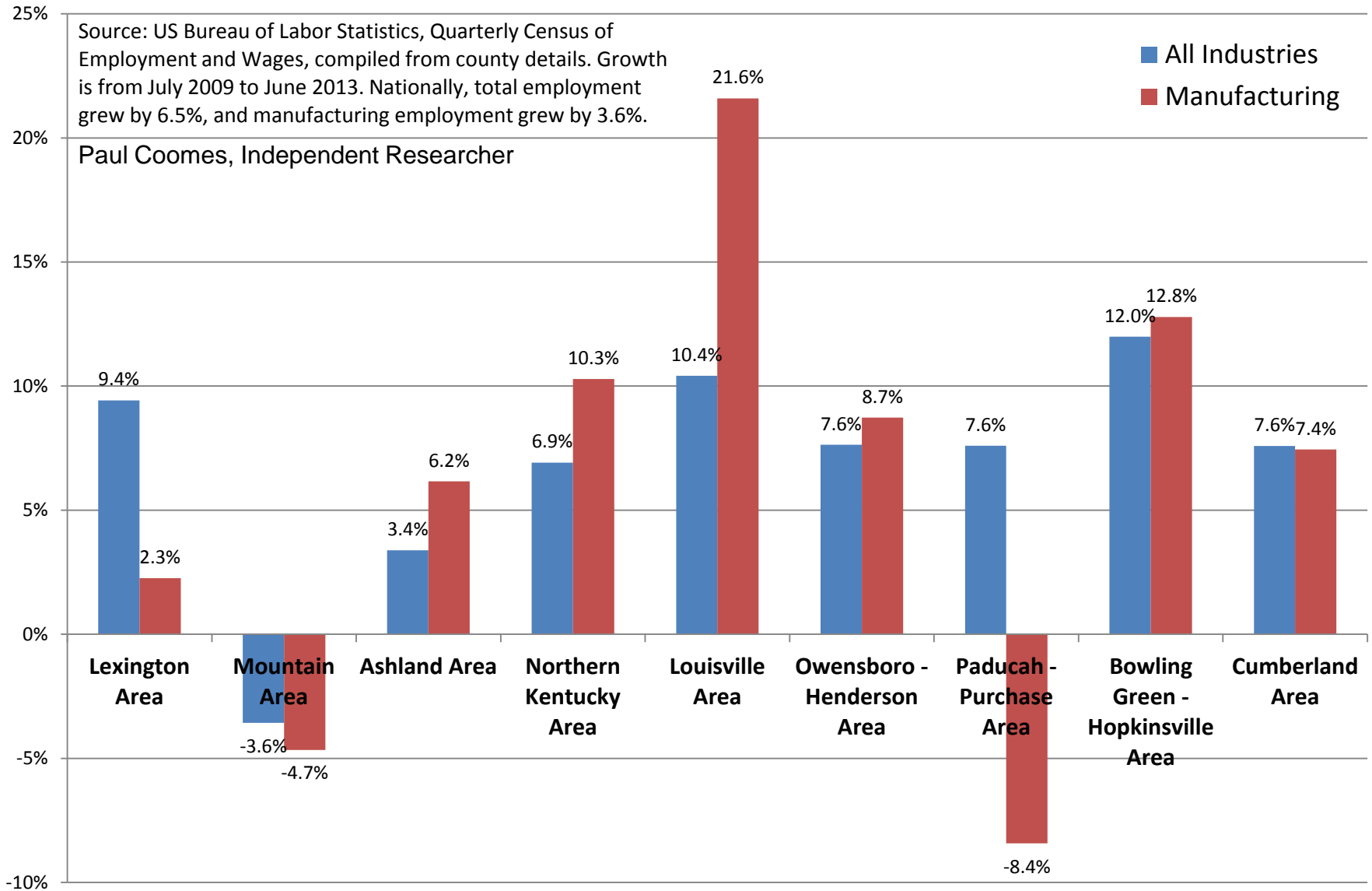
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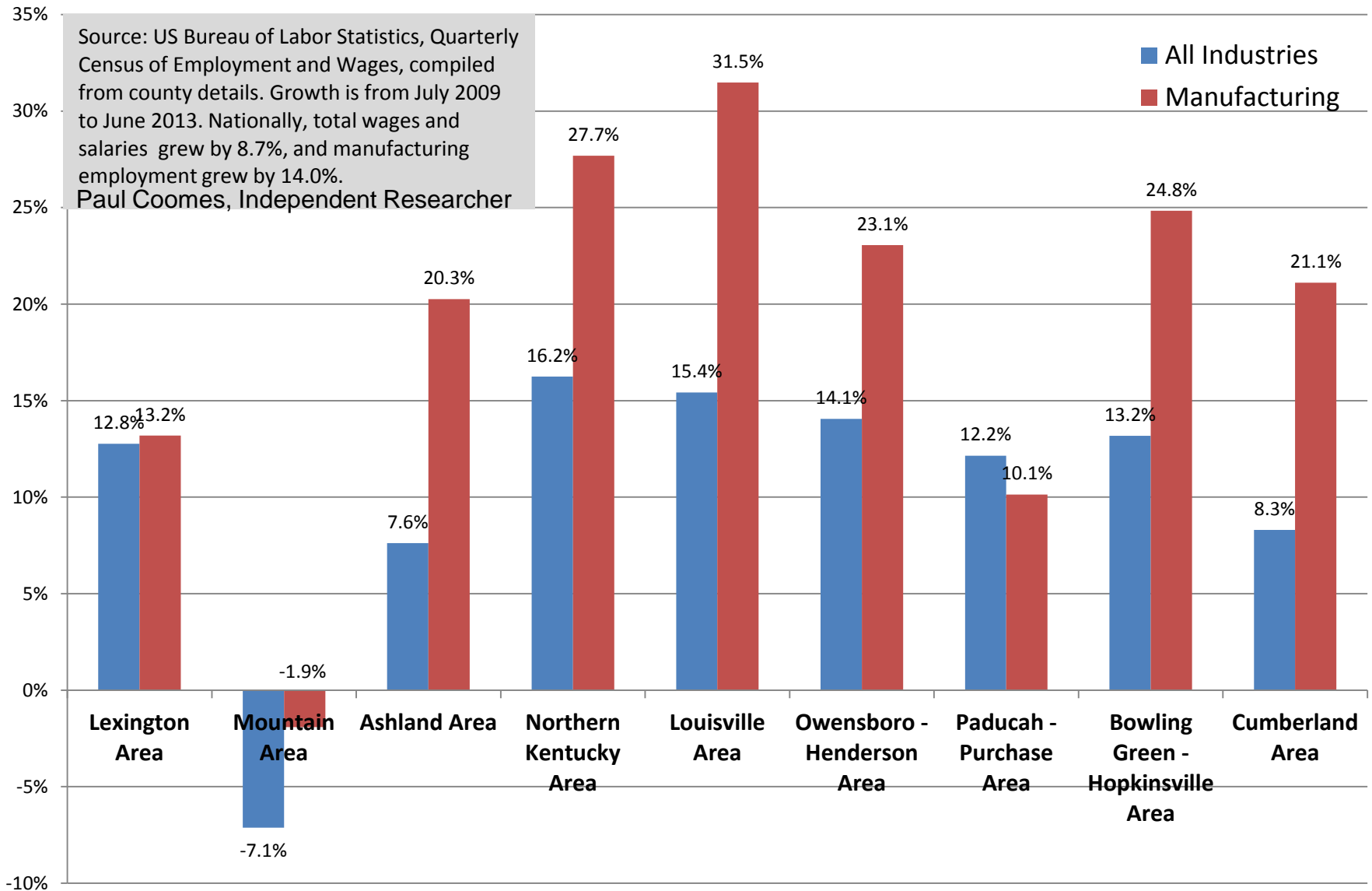
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Wage and Salary Growth Since Bottom of Last Recession

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KMCC Offerings for Job Seekers



- National Career Readiness Certificate
- Manufacturing Skills Standards Council “Certified Production Technician” Training
- Multi-Skilled Technician Training
- English as Second Language instruction geared to manufacturing
- Job Placement with participating employers
- College credit through JCTC

KMCC Background

- Opened May 2013
- Supported by National Fund for Workforce Solutions (national and local match funders), Workforce Investment Act, Louisville Redevelopment Authority, JPMorganChase
- Partnership:
 - ▣ WIB (KentuckianaWorks)
 - ▣ Community College (Jefferson Community & Technical)
 - ▣ Adult Education/ESL (Jefferson County Public Schools)

Kentucky Manufacturing Career Center Results to Date

- 29 actively engaged employers



KMCC Results to Date

Job seekers served (unduplicated)	370
NCRC assessments earned	98
Job seekers working on KeyTrain to earn NCRC	201
MSSC “Certified Production Technician” earned	46
Multi-Skilled Technician course completed	10
Gained employment	71

Mayor Fischer with a Recent CPT Class



CPT Classroom – 15 Computers



KMCC – Career Center Area

