

INDUSTRY REPORT

MANUFACTURING IN WEST MICHIGAN



**THE
RIGHT PLACE**

Advancing the West Michigan Economy

FURNITURE MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY STRENGTHS

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN: West Michigan is a premier design center with many of the world's leading office furniture designers graduating from Grand Rapids-based Kendall College of Art and Design and other local universities.

SUPPLY CHAIN: West Michigan hosts one of the most diverse material manufacturing supply chains in the U.S. From plastics and composite materials to exotic metals and embedded electronics, the region's manufacturing community offers everything your company needs to succeed.

FURNITURE HERITAGE: Since the early 1800s, Grand Rapids and West Michigan have been the epicenter for furniture craftsmanship, design and innovation. That heritage of craftsmanship is still alive and well in the 150+ furniture companies and 225 suppliers in the region today.

NOTABLE OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	EMPLOYEES
Herman Miller, Inc.	Holland/Zeeland, MI	3,621
Steelcase, Inc.	Grand Rapids, MI	3,500
Haworth, Inc.	Holland, MI	2,000
Irwin Seating Company	Grand Rapids, MI	390
American Seating	Grand Rapids, MI	400
Knape & Vogt Manufacturing Co.	Grand Rapids, MI	550
Leggett & Platt Work Furniture Group	Grand Rapids, MI	450
Nucraft	Comstock Park, MI	370

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SECTOR OVERVIEW



TOTAL JOBS

16,422



LOCATION QUOTIENT

7.11

(7x national average)



JOB GROWTH
2013-2017

11.6%

(National Rate: 8.1%)



TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS

136



AVERAGE EARNINGS

\$74,801



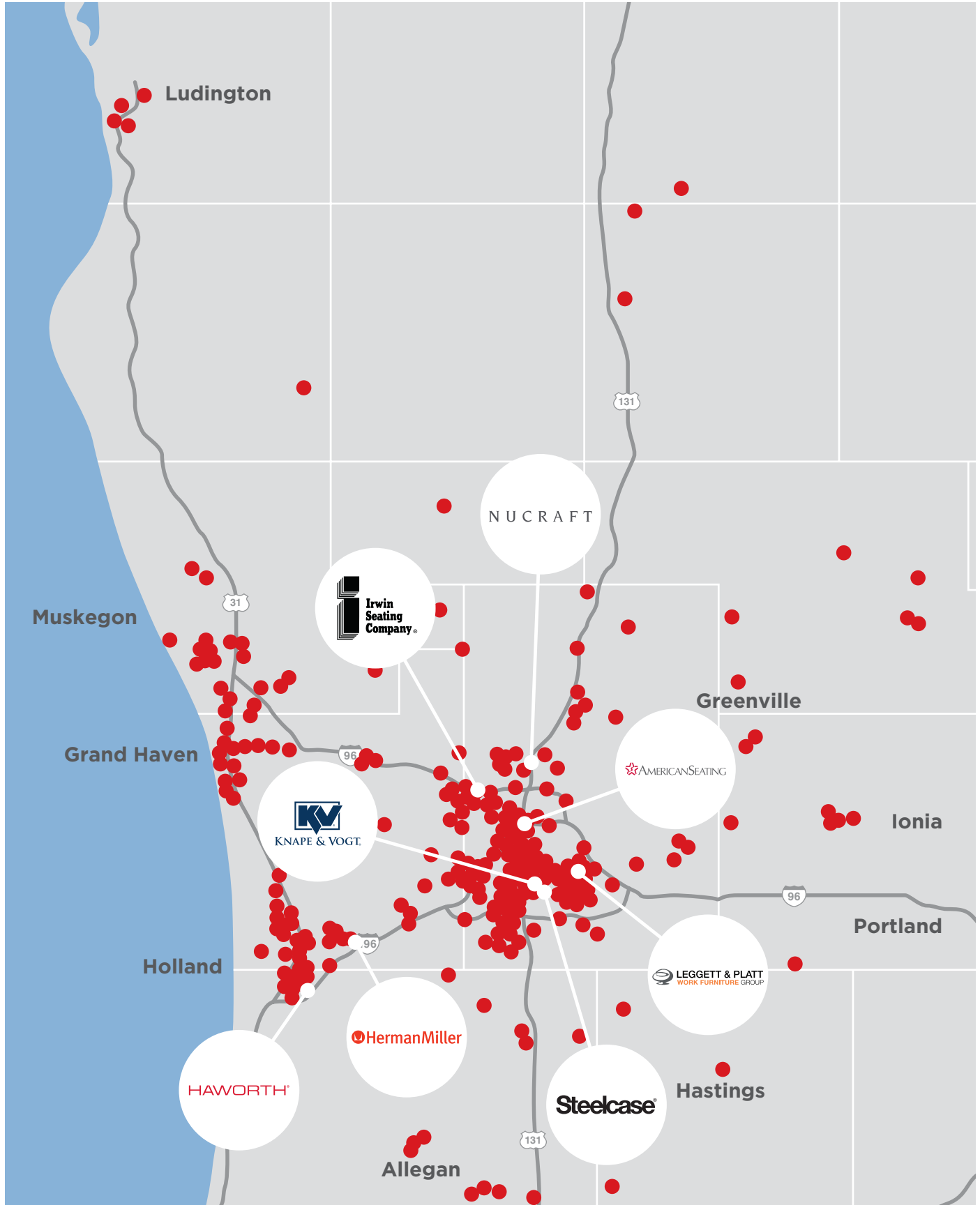
ANNUAL EXPORTS

\$2 B

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OFFICE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CLUSTERS AND NOTABLE COMPANIES

● Additional Office Furniture Companies





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