

Our Key Industries Drive GREATER Innovation

As a business-focused, collaborative city, St. Cloud attracts skilled talent and innovative, growth-minded businesses. With four colleges and universities, a steady stream of degreed professionals, and access to the world class Integrated Science and Engineering Laboratory Facility (ISELF) at St. Cloud State University, our businesses are leaders in advancing new technologies. The Advanced Manufacturing Center at St. Cloud Technical and Community College focuses on cutting edge skill building in the areas of CNC and Advanced Machining, CAD Manufacturing, and Computer Aided Mechanical Design.

PRECISION MANUFACTURING



St. Cloud companies in this space use advanced technology and machinery to create components with exact specifications and tight tolerances for a variety of industries including aerospace, automotive, medical devices, and electronics.

Leading Employers by Specialty

- Optical Lens Manufacturing
Carl Zeiss
EssilorLuxottica St. Cloud
Eye Kraft
National Vision
- Plastics Fabrication
Wiman Corp
- Fabricated Wire
Northern Metal Products
- Stone Fabrication Machinery
Park Industries
- Transportation/Equipment
Geringhoff *Agricultural Machinery*
New Flyer of America *Heavy Duty Buses*
Grede *Foundry*
- Wood Cabinets/Millworking
Quanex

Key Highlights

- Manufacturing provides 14.5% of employment (15,010 jobs) compared to 11.2% statewide
- Global market leaders, such as 3M, access ISELF at St. Cloud State University
- St. Cloud Technical & Community College invested \$4.5 million in an Advanced Manufacturing lab focusing on cutting edge skill building for local employers
- Home to 60+ businesses in fabricated metal (NAICS 332; Emsi, 2024, Stearns, Benton, Morrison Counties)



AUTOMATION



St. Cloud companies in this space specialize in the process of using integrated software or robotic tools in the manufacturing production process.

Leading Employers by Specialty

- Plastics Fabrication
Aubright
- Custom Automation/Robotics
Central McGowan
- Custom Embroidery
Dubow Textiles
- Aerospace/Medical Device
Advanced Integrated Technologies (AIT)
Artoss *Biotechnology*
- Automation and Controls
Electromatics Inc.

Key Highlights

- 333 regional manufacturing businesses
- Over 20 education programs for key occupations
- St. Cloud State University (SCSU) and St. Cloud Technical and Community College provide a steady stream of talent with degrees in automation, engineering, mechanical engineering and instrumentation, and computer software engineering
- Access to ISELF at SCSU provides space to prototype new technology in its Class 1000 clean room, where private business can collaborate and maintain rights to their intellectual property



FOOD MANUFACTURING



St. Cloud companies in this space specialize in producing machinery and equipment used to make food and beverages, including processing, packaging, quality control, warehouse/distribution.

Leading Employers by Specialty

- Cold Storage/Distribution
Arctic Cold Storage
Coborns
SpartanNash
Sysco
Associated Wholesale Grocers
Bernick's *Beer Distribution & Beverage Supplier*
- Food/Beverage Processing
Pan O' Gold Baking *Breads*
Viking Coca-Cola *Beverages*
Cold Springs Brewery *Microbrewery*
- Packaging
WestRock
- Equipment
DCI *Stainless Steel Storage Tanks*
St. Cloud Refrigeration
- Quality Control
Microbiologics *Biotechnology*

Key Highlights

- Growing SCSU programs in biomedical sciences and biochemistry
- 50% of US population within a day's truck drive
- Forbes.com named St. Cloud a "Best Small Place for Business and Career"
- MN ranked 5th in number of agricultural and food scientists
- WalletHub named St. Cloud a "Top Minnesota Small City to Start a Business"
- St. Cloud's award-winning and sustainable water processing facilities supply high-quality water to local beverage producers. Several of these businesses utilize an innovative High Strength Waste Program saving them operations and capital costs, and converting waste into energy.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



St. Cloud companies in this space specialize in the development and operations of unique software and applications for the financial/technology sectors.

Leading Employers by Specialty

- Financial Services
Cetera
Midland Credit Management
Preferred Credit, Inc. (PCI)
Wolters Kluwer
- Technology Services
Marco
- Logistics Software
GeoComm
Anderson Trucking Service (ATS)
- Digital Archiving Services
ArcaSearch
- Telemedicine
CentraCare

Key Highlights

- SCSU is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance
- St. Cloud is one of the nation's "most-wired" networks with a tremendous internet backbone capacity with long-haul fiber and diverse paths to the Twin Cities 511 building
- Home to the University of Minnesota Medical School, CentraCare Campus
- St. Cloud State University offers the only graduate program in Information Assurance in the Minnesota State System
- Computer & information systems security/information assurance graduates doubled from St. Cloud State University in just 2 years



