The U.S. Census Bureau collects data on the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) to provide key intercensal measures of the nation's manufacturing activity on an annual basis. The ASM provides estimates of domestic production and productivity helping decision-makers create sound economic policies.

### Manufacturing Data From the Annual Survey of Manufactures

October 2, 2020

The difference between the 2018 employment estimates, within each pair of subsectors, is not statistically significant at the 90 percent level for plastics and rubber products manufacturing and chemical manufacturing; nonmetallic mineral products manufacturing and wood products manufacturing.

#### Manufacturing Employment and Value of Shipments by Subsector 2017 to 2018

- **Value of Shipments**
- **Employment**

**LARGEST DOLLAR INCREASE IN VALUE OF SHIPMENTS**

- **Petroleum and Coal Products**
  - Up $141.5 billion

**UP 7.3% FROM 2017**

**UP 1.7% FROM 2017**

**Note:** The statistics in this report are estimated from sample surveys and are subject to sampling variability and nonsampling error, including bias and variance from response, nonreporting, and undercoverage. The ASM is conducted annually, except for years ending in 2 and 7, at which time ASM statistics are included in the manufacturing sector of the Economic Census.

For more information about the ASM and the ASM methodology, see [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/asm.html](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/asm.html). For more information on the Economic Census, see [www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html](http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/economic-census.html). Estimates of value of shipments have not been adjusted for price changes.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Annual Survey of Manufactures and 2017 Economic Census.