

# LEADING LOCAL INDICATORS

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT

**\$2.15B**

ANNOUNCED IN 2023

## COST OF LIVING

**87.9%**

SOURCE: Council for Community and Economic Research

## EXPORTED FROM KANKAKEE COUNTY

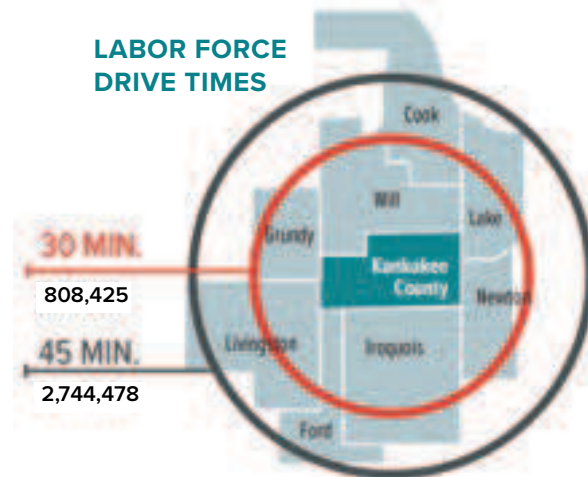
**\$8.1B**

IN 5 YEARS

- Processed Foods
- Machinery
- Agricultural Products
- Chemicals
- Plastics and Rubber Products

SOURCE: International Trade Administration

## LABOR FORCE DRIVE TIMES



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap application LEHD Origin-Destination

# KANKAKEE COUNTY LANDS \$2B EV LITHIUM BATTERY MANUFACTURER ILLINOIS' LARGEST MANUFACTURING DEAL IN DECADES

Gotion, Inc. opens its first North American electric vehicle battery manufacturing site in Manteno. By creating 2,600 positions, the plant will produce enough lithium batteries for 500,000 cars/year at full capacity. This investment will serve as a key supply chain line for electric vehicle manufacturing in Illinois and across the Midwest.



# EDUCATION & TRAINING

## OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Olivet offers students opportunities to choose from more than 140 areas of study, participate in 90 clubs and organizations, play on 22 intercollegiate athletic teams, take advantage of study-abroad and volunteer experiences around the world, and benefit from a 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio. The private university is consistently ranked as a College of Distinction and in 2024, was ranked as the #10 Best Value Regional University in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.

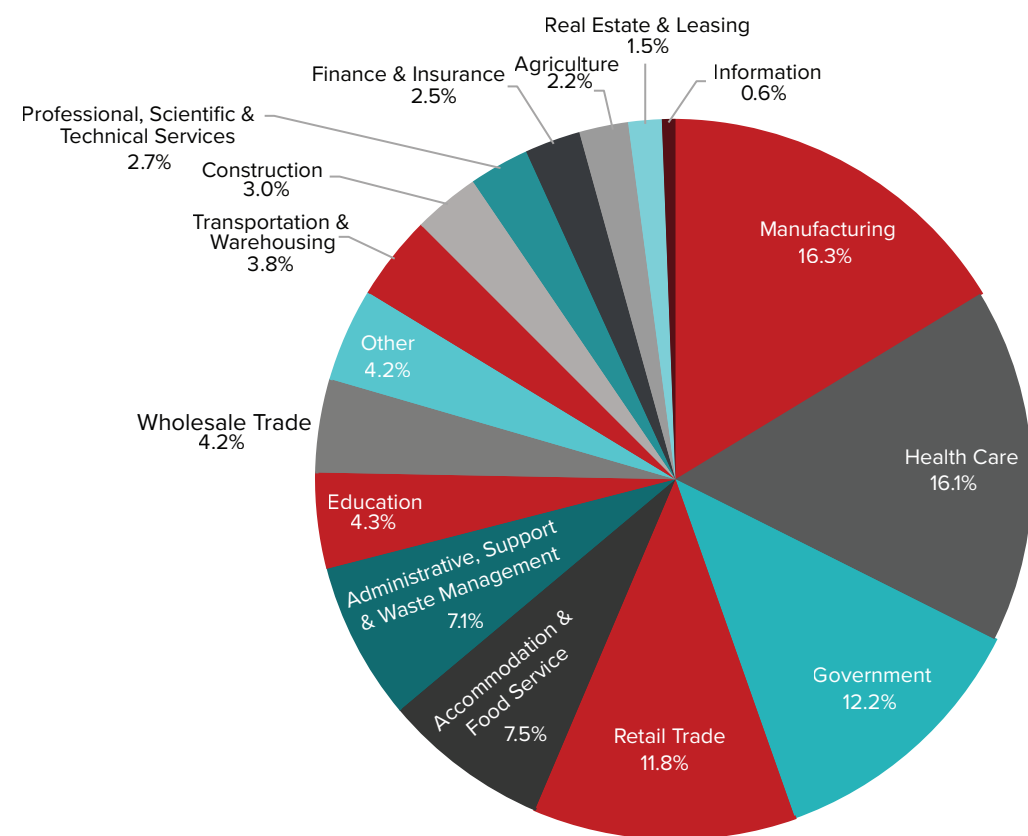
Focused on preparing students for lives of service in meaningful careers in every industry, Olivet has seen strong growth over the last decade, particularly in the Martin D. Walker School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Features of the School of STEM include ABET-accreditation in engineering; six engineering concentrations including architectural, chemical, civil, computer, electrical and mechanical; and a Computer & Emerging Technologies program that includes a high-demand major in Cybersecurity Defense and 13 optional industry certifications.

## KANKAKEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kankakee Community College plays a vital role in training qualified workers for today's jobs and keeps adapting to future trends. The college offers certifications, short-term and career preparation, and the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Beyond the classroom, KCC's service areas are designed to help students succeed, offering veterans services, dislocated worker programs with financial assistance, and career search help. In a 2022 survey, 95% of KCC students said their KCC education is worth what they paid, and 93% of students would recommend the college.

The college's career-focused programs are driven by input from advisory committees made up of local business and industry. The college remains affordable, with annual tuition and fees below \$5,000 for full-time enrollment ("cost after aid" on college2career.com), and average financial aid awards above \$2,000 (2022-23 school year); and 86.7% of students receiving financial aid. Through continuing education, business partnerships, career services and adult education, the college also meets the community's needs through custom training, personal enrichment, free GED® preparation, and other avenues.

# DIVERSE EMPLOYMENT BASE



SOURCE: Lightcast Labor Market Analytics

# MANUFACTURING MOVEMENT



**#3** AMONG SMALL MANUFACTURING ECONOMIES IN U.S.

**106%** MORE MANUFACTURING JOBS THAN NATIONAL AVERAGE

**\$100k** AVERAGE EARNINGS

SOURCE: Lightcast Labor Market Analytics



The Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board is responsible for local workforce development training which enables individuals and employers to succeed in today's economy. Below are a few bullet points which illustrate the Workforce board commitment to workforce development.

- Responsible for investing \$2M annually in support of local workforce training
- Issued \$585,665 in training scholarships to area residents from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 which resulted in 180 individuals receiving scholarships
- Assists businesses with recruitment and workforce needs including hiring events and promotions, and training funding for current employees

## KANKAKEE AREA CAREER CENTER

KACC offers state-of-the-art technical/vocational education; emphasizing theory, technical skills and workplace excellence. Students earn professional certifications, dual college credit and internship/training opportunities. Knowledge, skill sets and soft skills are transferable, aiding them as they embark on college and the workplace. Visit [www.kacc.org](http://www.kacc.org)

## CAREER COACH

A partnership between the Economic Alliance of Kankakee County, KCC, the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley and the Iroquois Area Regional Delivery System, Career Coach is a location-based online tool to connect local career and training opportunities with available employment. [kcc.emsicc.com](http://kcc.emsicc.com)

# KANKAKEE COUNTY TOP EMPLOYERS



## GENERAL MANUFACTURING

Ag Reliant Genetics	18
AHF Products	285
Crown Holdings Inc.	155
Dabrico	15
<b>Edmund Allen Lumber Company</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Electron Beam Technologies, Inc.</b>	<b>70</b>
Enterprise Coated Products	22
Fibre Drum	35
Fratco Inc.	200
Greif	40
IKO Midwest Inc.	125
ITW Angleboard	65
J.R. Edwards Brushes & Rollers Inc.	120
RS Cryo Equipment	25
Simplex	39
<b>VanVoorst Lumber Company Inc.</b>	<b>63</b>
Vulcan Materials Company	34

## IRON/STEEL/METALS INDUSTRIES

ABC Coating	160
Arctic Snow & Ice Control	60
Belson Steel Center and Scrap	75
CMC Rebar	80
Nucor Steel	440
<b>Peddinghaus Corporation</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Shoup Manufacturing</b>	<b>200</b>
SteelFab	16
<b>Stor-Loc</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Vanfab Inc.</b>	<b>55</b>

## CHEMICALS MANUFACTURING

Ardex Americas / WW Henry	40
DOW Chemical Company	56
Kensing	230
Valspar/Sherwin Williams	170
Sun Chemical	56

## HEALTH CARE

Ascension Saint Mary - Kankakee	775
Cigna Healthcare	1,200
Illinois Bone & Joint Institute	100
Illinois Veteran's Home	368
Nexus Indian Oaks	310
<b>Riverside Healthcare</b>	<b>2,791</b>
Shapiro Developmental Center	1,200

## BIOTECHNOLOGY

CSL Behring	1,500
Millipore Sigma	89

## FOOD PROCESSING

Bunge Milling	85
Del Monte Fresh	175
<b>FutureCeuticals</b>	<b>135</b>
Gilster-Mary Lee	75
<b>Heartland Harvest</b>	<b>40</b>
J.R. Short Milling Company	140
Johnsonville / Momence Packing	327
<b>Plochman Inc</b>	<b>78</b>
Rise Baking	180
<b>Silva International</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Urban Farmer LLC</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>Van Drunen Farms</b>	<b>659</b>

## PLASTICS MANUFACTURING

<b>ITW Zip-Pak</b>	<b>45</b>
Pactiv Evergreen	241
Ring Container	42

## TRANSPORTATION/DIST./LOGISTICS

<b>A.N. Webber</b>	<b>280</b>
Baker and Taylor	454
Fedex Freight	25
<b>Hoekstra Transportation</b>	<b>115</b>
Mckesson	100
Midwest Transit	300
NFI Industries	260
Swift Transportation	25
Transformco	52
Vision Logistics	90

## OTHER

<b>All Star Management</b>	<b>441</b>
<b>Aqua Illinois</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>The Daily Journal</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>e2i</b>	<b>40</b>
Gordon Electric Supply	77
IL Army National Guard	40 FT / 300 PT
<b>Kankakee Community College</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>Kankakee Nursery</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency</b>	<b>23</b>
K.B. Cores	125
<b>Monicals Pizza Corporation</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Olivet Nazarene University</b>	<b>560</b>
Tivoli Enterprises - Classic Cinemas	30

Bold indicates headquarters location.

# TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE



## PUBLIC TRANSIT

- River Valley Metro Bus Service
- Traditional Routes
- Paratransit Service
- Service to Midway Airport 12 times daily — \$2 each way
- Show Bus routes to rural areas

## FIBER

- Dark fiber is accessible from multiple carriers

## WATER

- Aqua Illinois system-wide capacity totals 30 MGD

## CLASS 1 RAIL

- Canadian National
- Norfolk Southern
- Union Pacific

## INTERSTATE ACCESS

- Six I-57 Exits including new Bourbonnais Parkway interchange at Exit 318
- Daily Traffic: +40k cars/daily

## AIR

Greater Kankakee Airport (IKK) is Chicago's Southland's largest regional airport, with the longest runway outside of Midway International, at 5,981 feet. IKK is also home to a state-of-the-art \$65M Illinois Army National Guard Readiness Center and Army Aviation Support Facility.

Kankakee County is in close proximity to Midway International Airport, which is drivable in 50 minutes and accessible by River Valley Metro shuttle service daily; and O'Hare International Airport, drivable in 60 minutes.

# INCENTIVES

BASED ON LOCATION, PROJECTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PURSUE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- New Market Tax Credits
- C-PACE Financing
- Opportunity Zone Financing
- Film Tax Credits and related incentives
- Tax Increment Financing
- Special Service Area or Business District Benefits
- Historic Tax Credit

INCENTIVES FOR QUALIFYING PROJECTS:

- 5-year property tax abatement
- Sales tax exemption on building materials
- Free/discounted building permits
- Investment tax credit
- Machinery/equipment sales tax exemption
- Utility tax exemption

## ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

In Kankakee County, enterprise zones provide valuable tools that enable the development of residential, commercial and industrial areas. Together, our community's two enterprise zones have seen more than \$3B in capital investment across 125 projects, with the creation of more than 4,600 jobs in the past five years.

**NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR THE KANKAKEE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE**



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For available property information or custom data drill-downs for local workforce readiness, wages, demographics, consumer trends, cost of doing business, cost of living, recent expansions and development incentives, please contact the Alliance office.



**2024**  
KANKAKEE COUNTY

**MARKET PROFILE**

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