

# Sweet Facts



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## U.S. Sugar Policy Harms American Jobs

U.S. sugar-using industries support an estimated 600,000 U.S. jobs, but America's broken sugar policy puts those jobs at unnecessary risk.

Here are the top three facts about how U.S. sugar policy impacts American jobs:

- **Fact #1:** Between 2009 and 2014, employment in the sugar-using industry declined by more than 13,000 jobs.
- **Fact #2:** According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2014 Annual Survey of Manufactures, sugar-using industries, which once employed more than 700,000 American workers, have experienced a decline of 132,000 jobs.
- **Fact #3:** The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that for every sugar-growing job saved through high U.S. sugar prices, approximately three American manufacturing jobs are lost.

Employment in U.S. Food and Beverage Industries

Industry	2009	2014	Absolute change	% change
<b>Sugar-using industries</b>				
Breakfast cereal mfg	12,958	11,556	-1,402	-10.8%
Choc. & confec. Mfg. from cacao beans	7,464	6,636	-828	-11.1%
Confec. Mfg from purchased choc.	24,283	30,492	6,209	25.6%
Nonchocolate confectionary mfg.	16,532	17,815	1,283	7.8%
Frozen food mfg.	86,801	88,059	1,258	1.4%
Fruit & veg canning, pickling, & drying	80,357	74,532	-5,825	-7.2%
Ice cream & frozen desert mfg.	18,389	18,201	-188	-1.0%
Bread & bakery product mfg.	195,224	172,052	-23,172	-11.9%
Cookie, cracker & pasta mfg	47,801	50,333	2,532	5.3%
Snack food mfg	42,724	48,713	5,989	14.0%
Flavoring syrup & concentrate mfg	6,385	7,370	985	15.4%
Soft drink & ice mfg	66,666	58,966	-7,700	-11.6%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>605,584</b>	<b>584,725</b>	<b>-20,859</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>
<b>Other food &amp; beverage</b>				
Animal food mfg.	44,805	44,260	-545	-1.2%
Flour milling & malt mfg	14,692	17,346	2,654	18.1%
Starch & veg fats & oils mfg	24,205	22,734	-1,471	-6.1%
Dairy product (except frozen) mfg	112,713	113,955	1,242	1.1%
Animal slaughtering & processing	491,521	476,944	-14,577	-3.0%
Seafood product prep & packaging	33,685	32,394	-1,291	-3.8%
Tortilla mfg	14,611	16,252	1,641	11.2%
Coffee & tea mfg	13,892	16,868	2,976	21.4%
Seasoning and salad dressing mfg	31,653	29,352	-2,301	-7.3%
All other food mfg	60,692	65,065	4,373	7.2%
Breweries	21,662	30,080	8,418	38.9%
Wineries	32,549	37,359	4,810	14.8%
Distilleries	7,201	7,808	607	8.4%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>903,881</b>	<b>910,417</b>	<b>6,536</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Sugar manufacturing</b>				
Sugar manufacturing	12,803	13,415	612	4.8%
<b>Total food &amp; beverage</b>	<b>1,522,268</b>	<b>1,508,557</b>	<b>-13,711</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Economic Census & Annual Survey of Manufactures

## Only Congress can fix the U.S. sugar program.

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