

HOLDING US BACK

Regulation of the U.S. Manufacturing Sector

A New Study Prepared for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM)

As the momentum builds in Washington for reform—to make regulations smarter, simpler and streamlined—the NAM is out with a new study that demonstrates the urgent need for change.

BY THE NUMBERS:
Manufacturers face
297,696
restrictions on their
operations from
federal regulations.

Manufacturing Process Step	Number of Parts of Code of Federal Regulations	Number of Restrictions
Sourcing	43	4,168
Production	239	44,628
Quality Control	83	23,951
Labeling and Packaging	47	7,477
Distribution and Shipping	64	21,057
Post-Sale Follow-Up	9	1,644
Human Resources	54	17,042
Tax	26	51,760
Governance	8	8,884
Marketing and Sales	35	1,518
Research and Development (R&D) and New Products	22	12,833
Health and Safety	85	102,734
Totals	715	297,696

SURVEY SAYS

Manufacturers were asked how regulations are affecting them:

87%

Eighty-seven percent say that if compliance costs were reduced permanently and significantly, they would invest the savings on hiring, increased salaries and wages, more R&D or capital replacement.

94%

Ninety-four percent say the regulatory burden has gotten higher in the past five years, with 72 percent saying “significantly higher.”

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