



The skills gap is widening

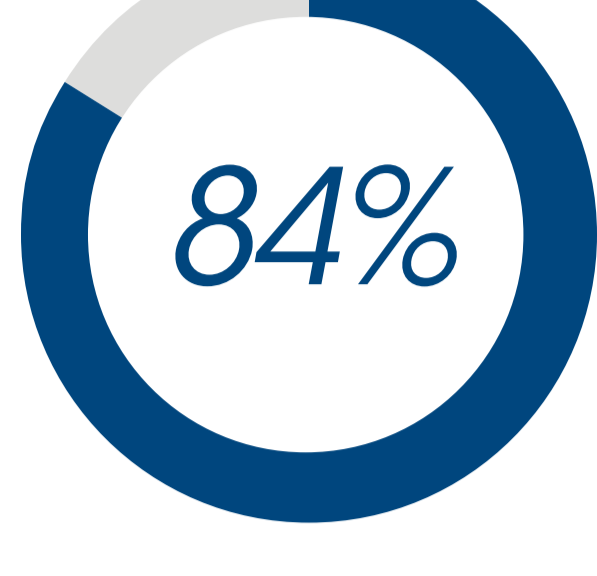
Over the next decade nearly 3 1/2 million manufacturing jobs will be needed and

2 Million

will go unfilled due to the skills gap

2015

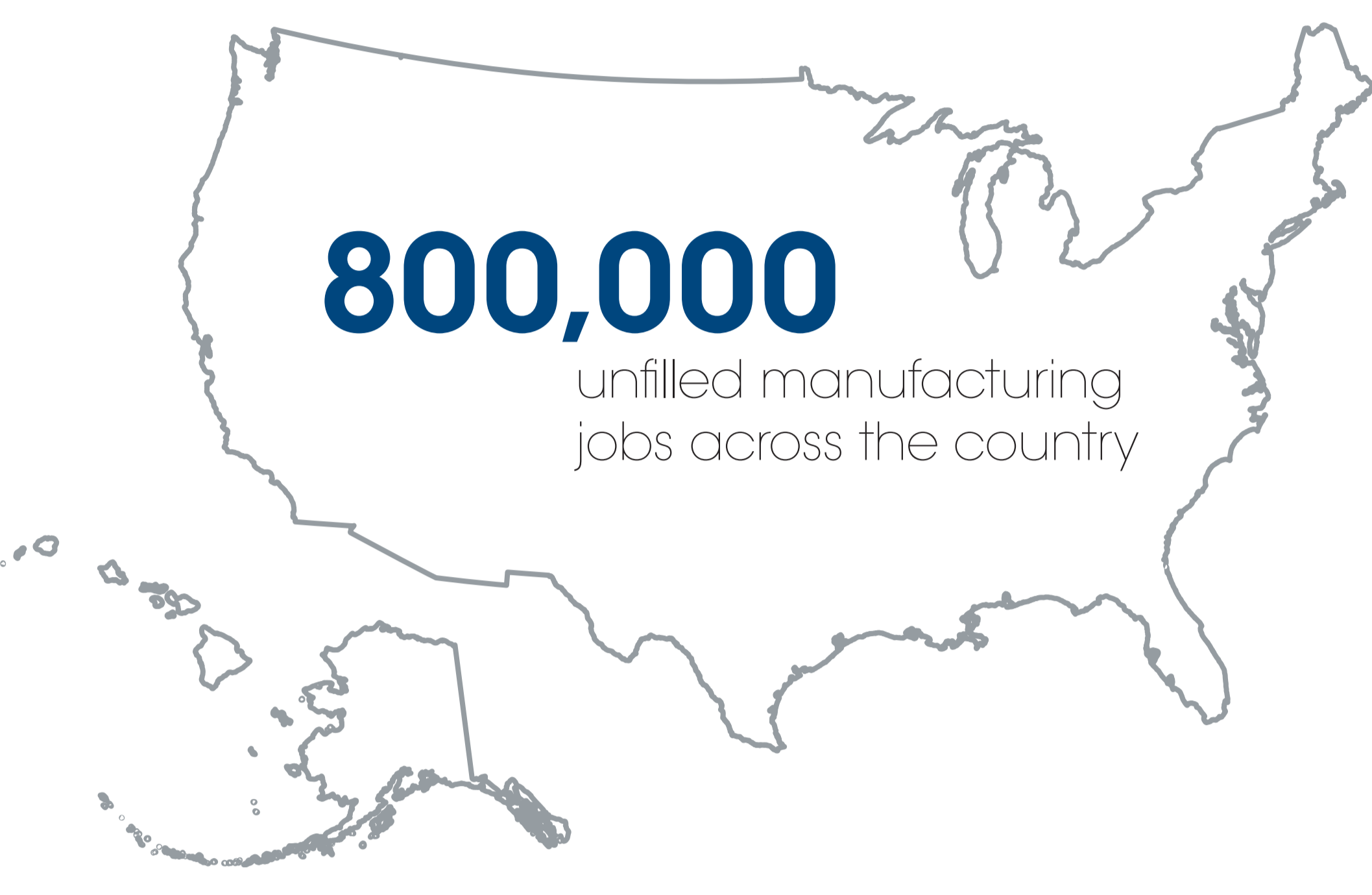
2025



of executives agree **there is a talent shortage in U.S. manufacturing**

800,000

unfilled manufacturing jobs across the country



80%



of manufacturing companies are willing to pay more than the market rates in workforce areas reeling under talent crisis

Manufacturing makes up most of the recent economic projects coming to the state

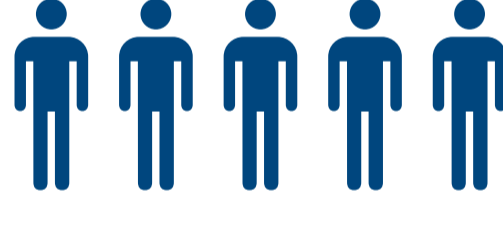
Boom Supersonic
1,750 jobs
Guilford County



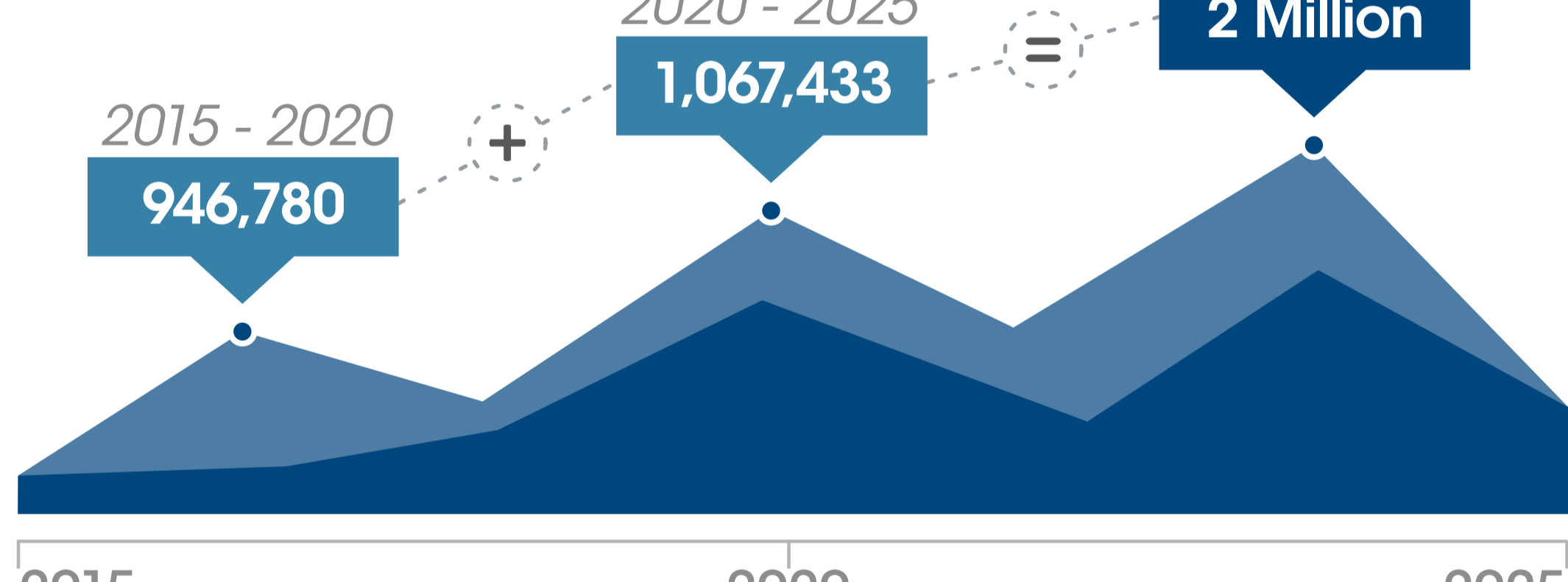
Wolfspeed
1,800 jobs
Chatham County



Toyota
5,000 jobs
Randolph County



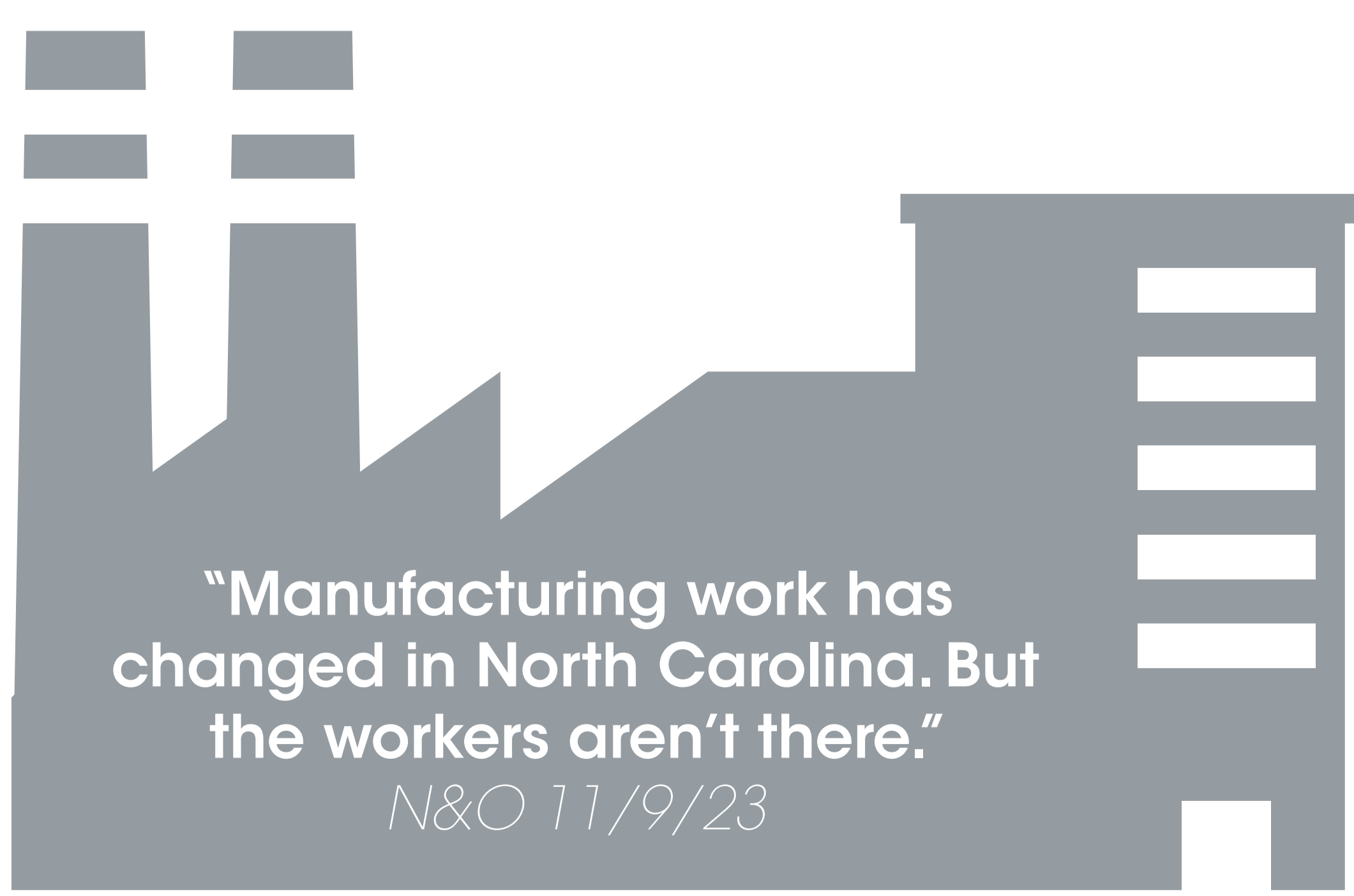
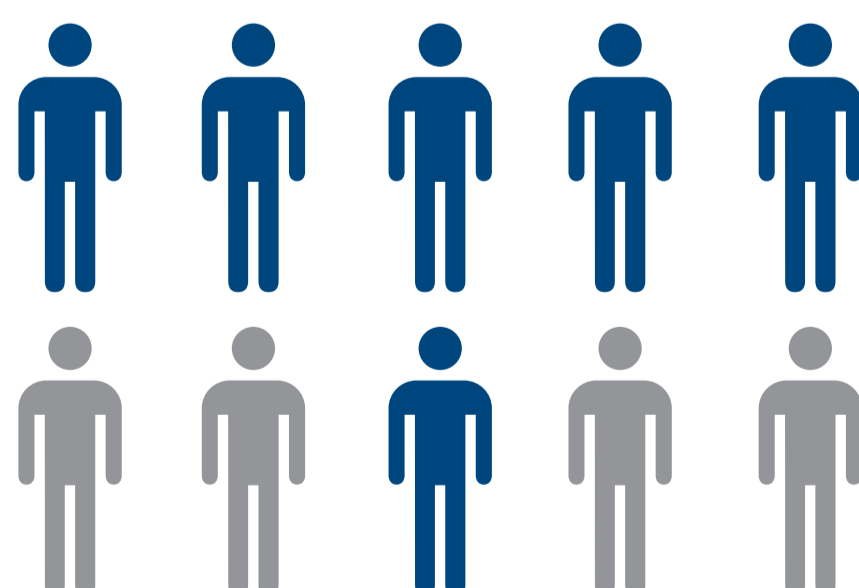
VinFast
7,500 jobs
Chatham County



Talent shortage of 2 million in the U.S. manufacturing industry from 2015 to 2025

SIX out of TEN

open skilled production positions are unfilled due to talent shortage



"Manufacturing work has changed in North Carolina. But the workers aren't there."

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