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FACT-CHECKING TRUMP'S CLAIMS ON MANUFACTURING

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REALITY CHECK ON TRUMP CLAIM

TRUMP'S CLAIM

“We brought you a lot of car plants, we brought you a lot... and we’re going to bring you a lot more,”

REPEATING LATER IN THE SPEECH:

“You better vote for me, I got you so many damn car plants.”¹



TRUMP'S RECORD

1-3=

Midwest has lost 3 major assembly plants since Trump took office, and added just 1.²

-2400 JOBS

Michigan has lost 2,400 auto jobs since Trump took office (pre-Covid layoffs).³

MANUFACTURING JOB GROWTH⁴

OBAMA'S 2ND TERM

+15%

TRUMP'S TERM

+1%

Detroit Free Press

TRUMP MAKES WILD CLAIMS ABOUT REVITALIZING AUTO INDUSTRY AT MICHIGAN RALLY

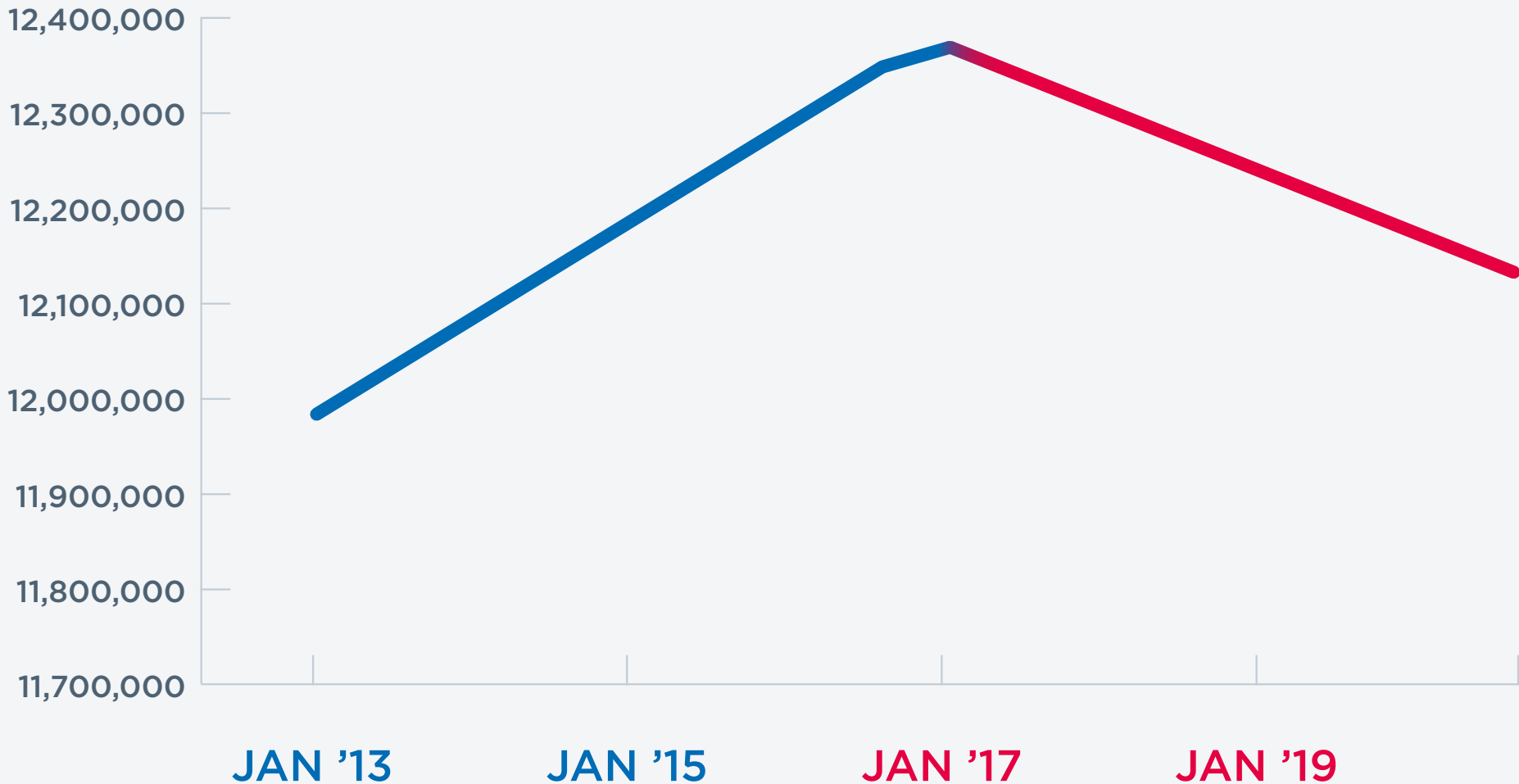
DAVE BOUCHER & TODD SPANGLER

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UNDER TRUMP, MANUFACTURING JOBS MOVED OVERSEAS

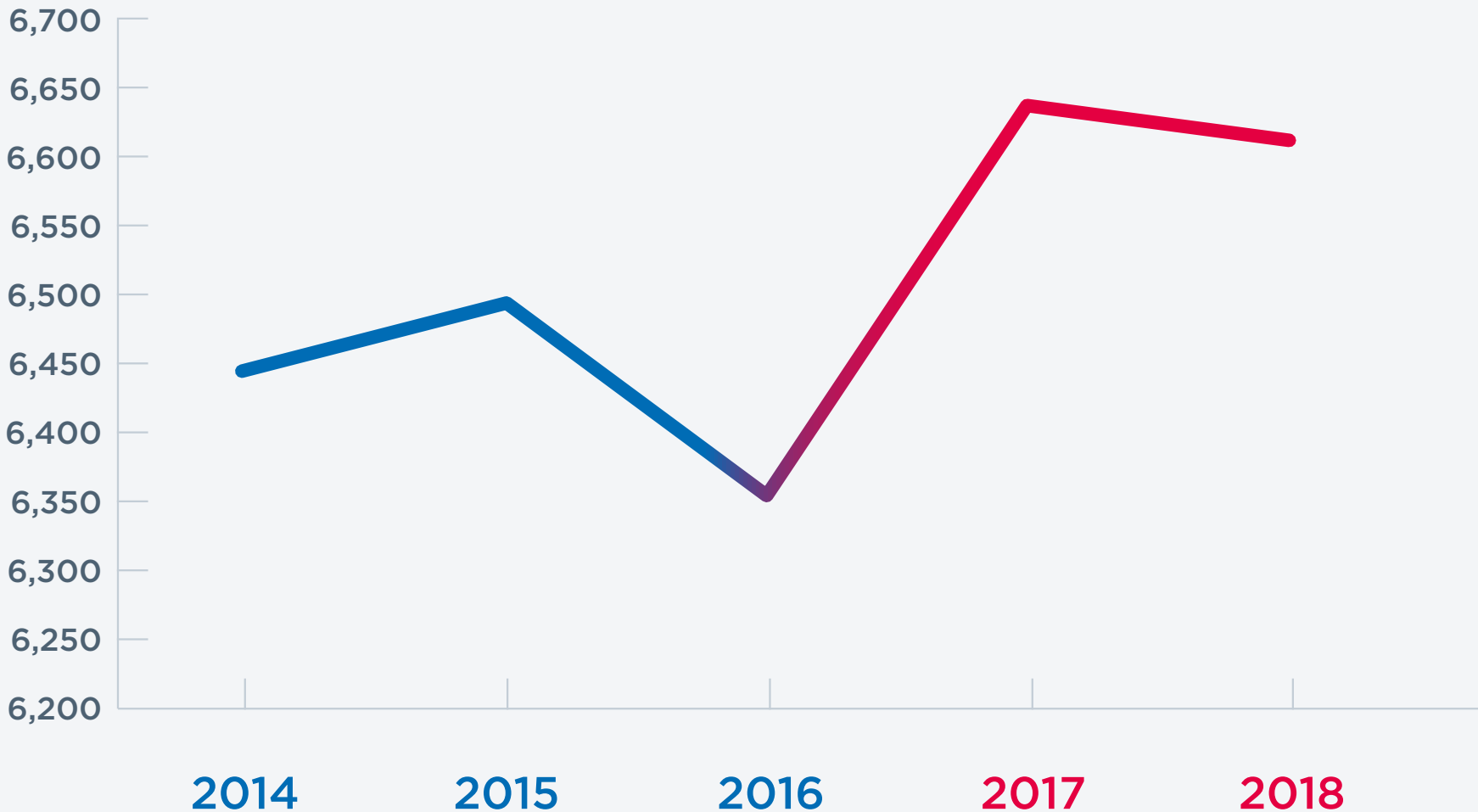
TRUMP TRADE WARS AND TAX POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE OUTSOURCING END A STRONG RUN FOR AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

U.S. MANUFACTURING JOBS⁵



THE JOBS DIDN'T DISAPPEAR: THEY WERE OUTSOURCED

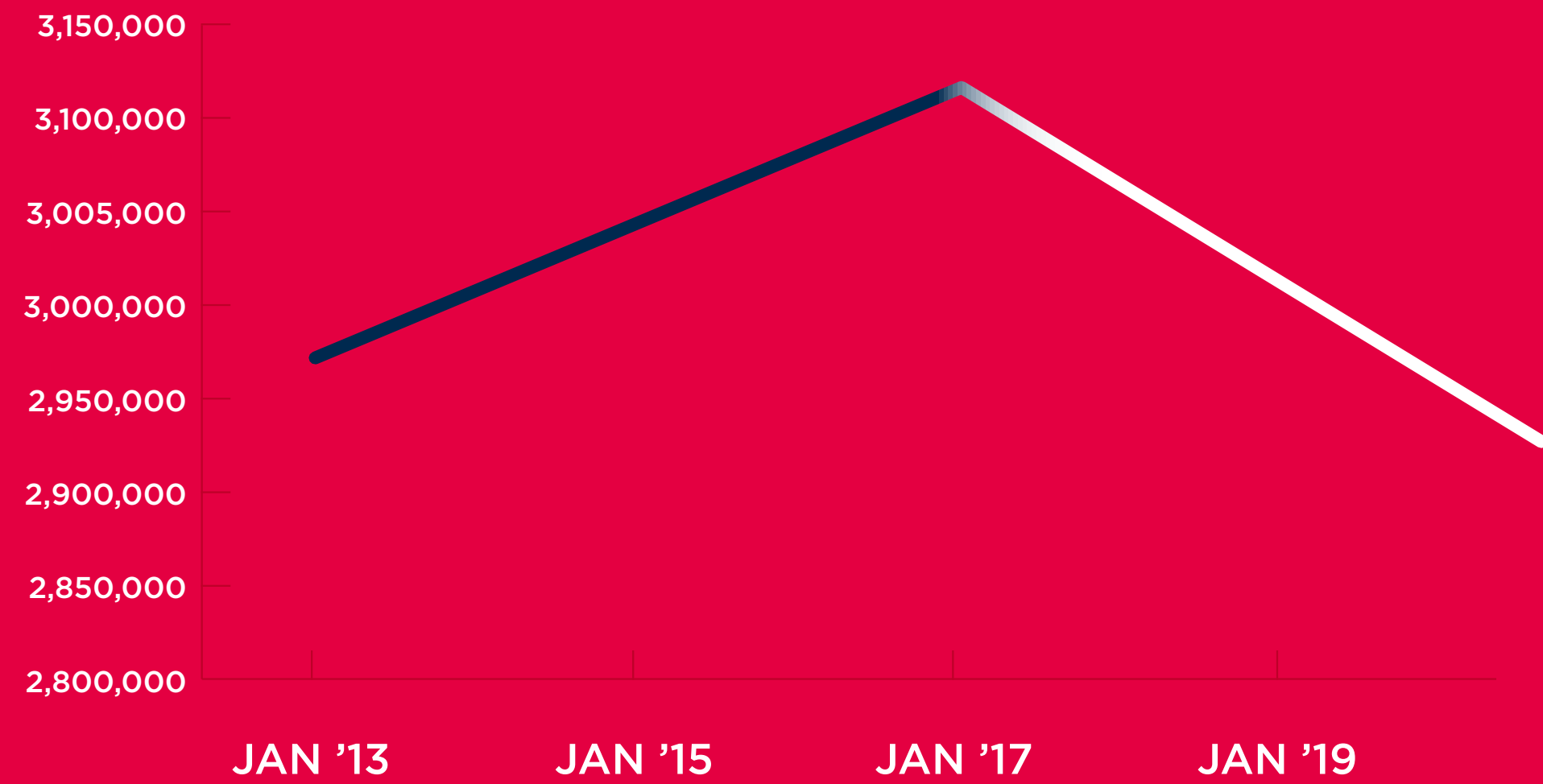
OF JOBS OUTSOURCED BY U.S. MANUFACTURERS⁶



WHO LOST

MANUFACTURING JOBS ACROSS 6 STATES

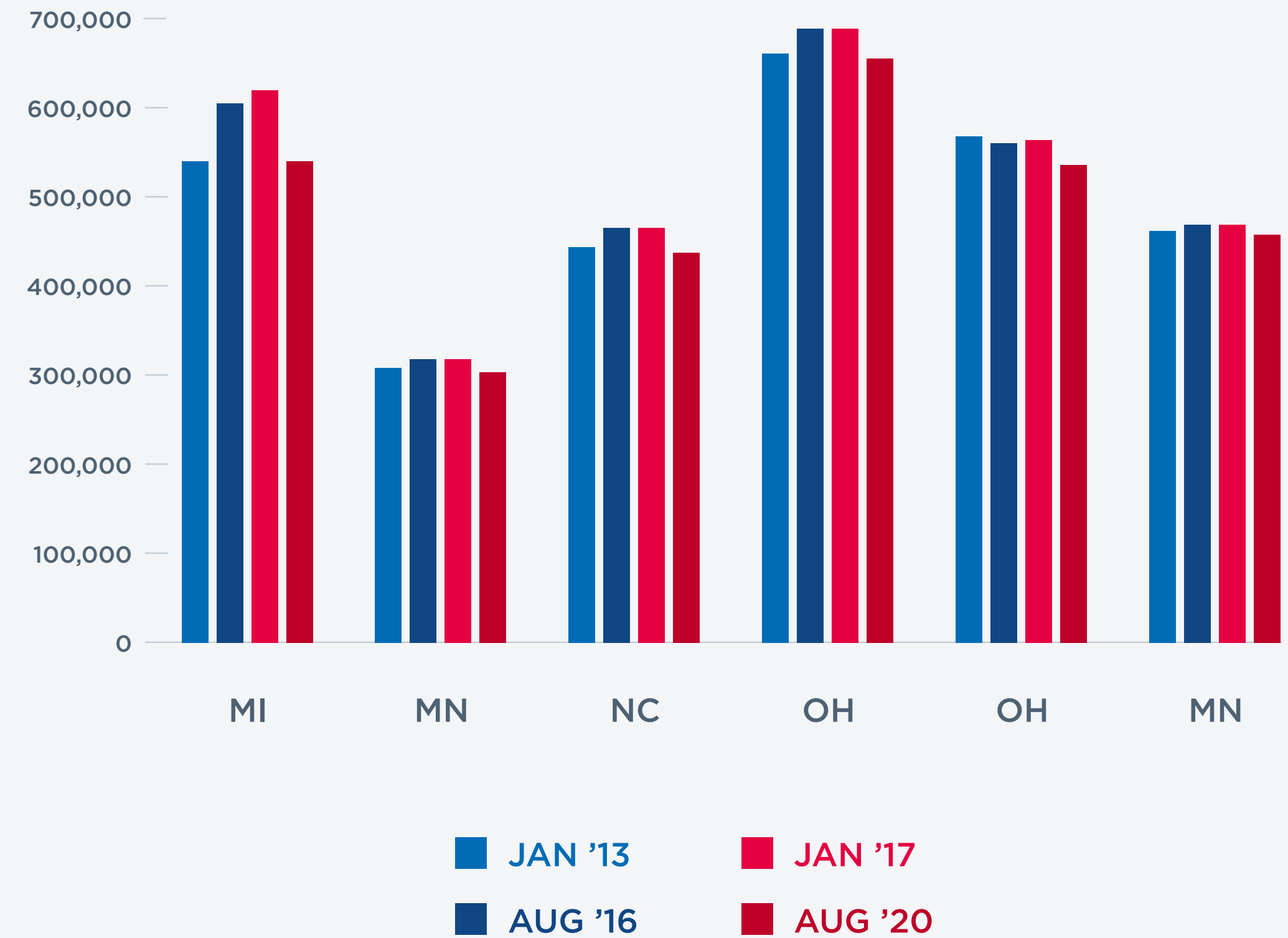
BATTLEGROUND STATES: MI, MN, NC, OH, PA, WI⁷



SOURCE: ROBERT J. SHAPIRO

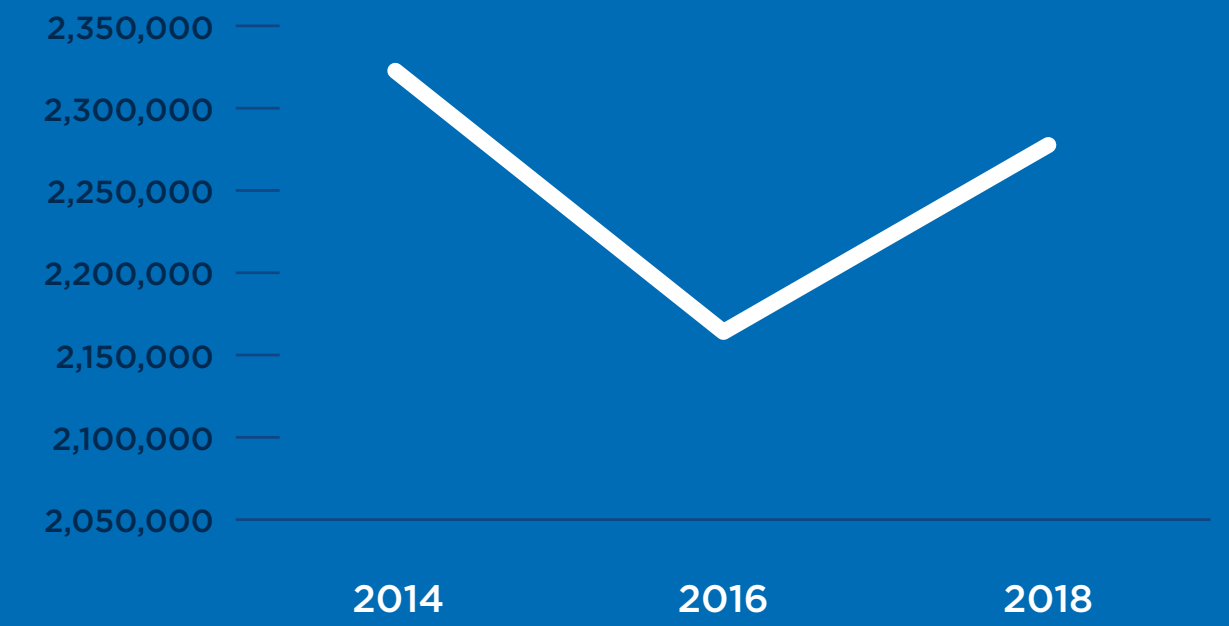
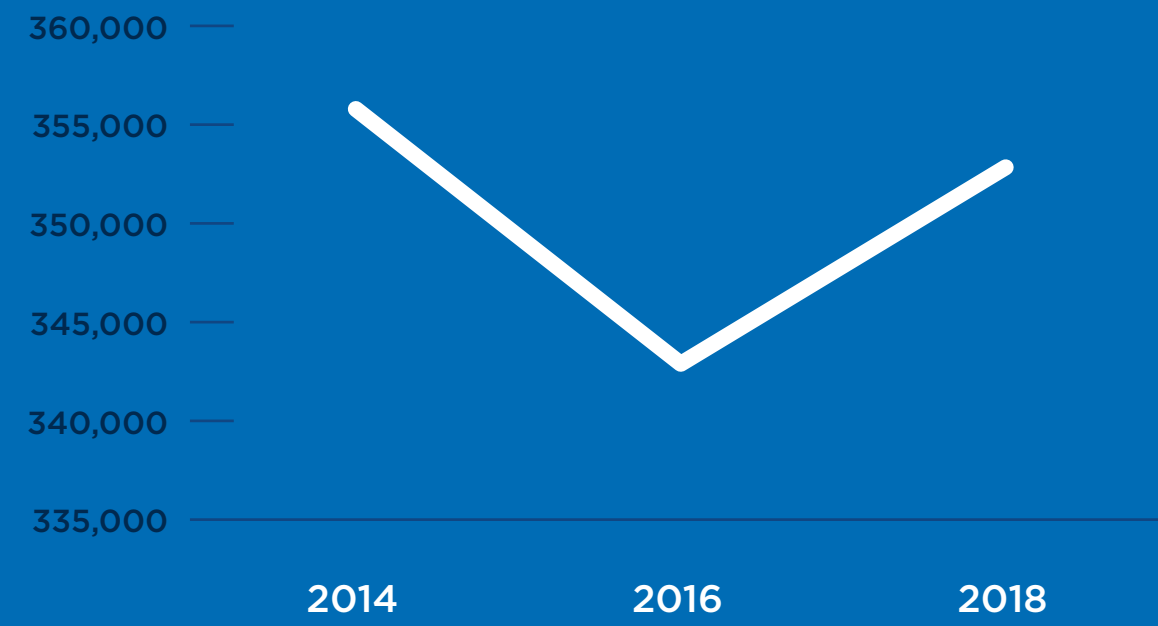
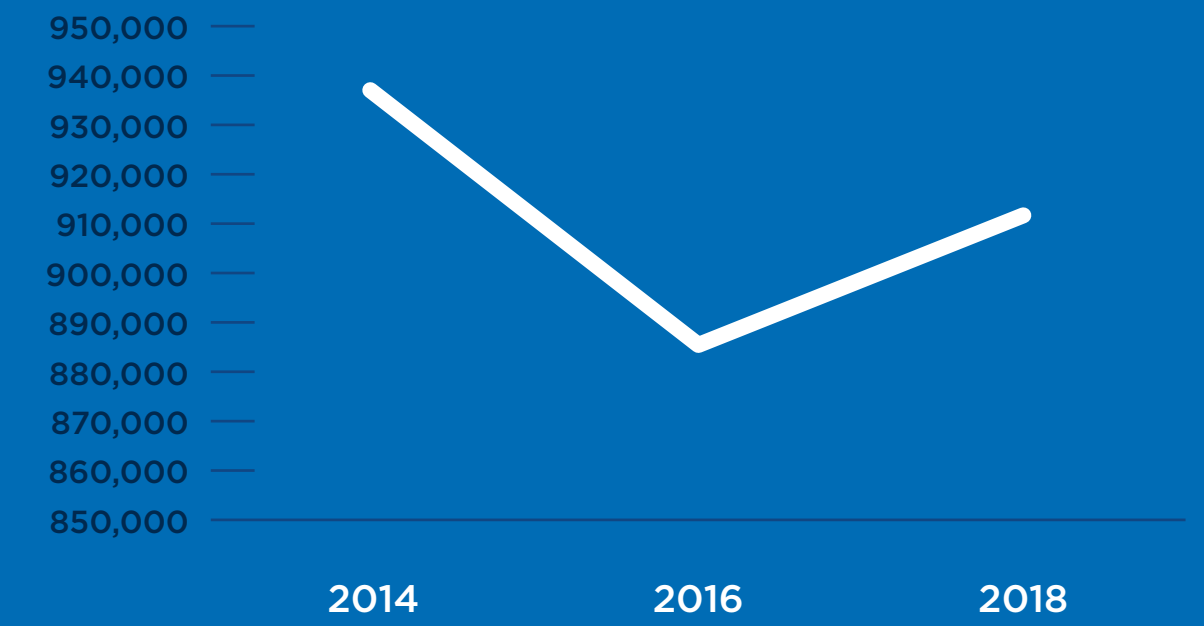
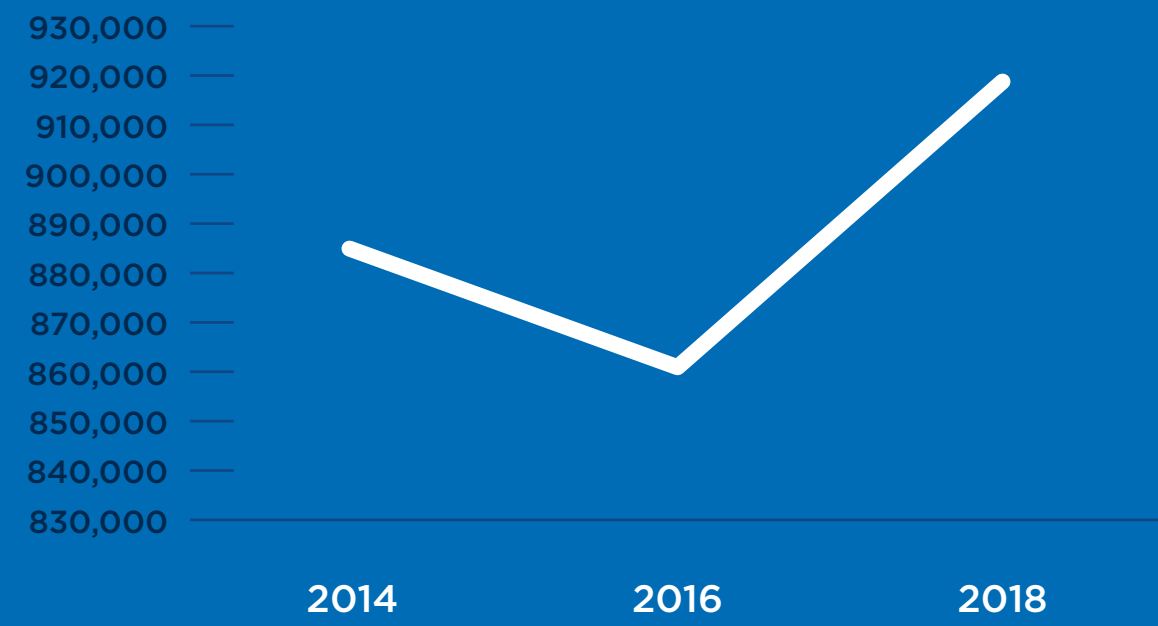
JANUARY 2013 - AUGUST 2020

MANUFACTURING JOBS⁸



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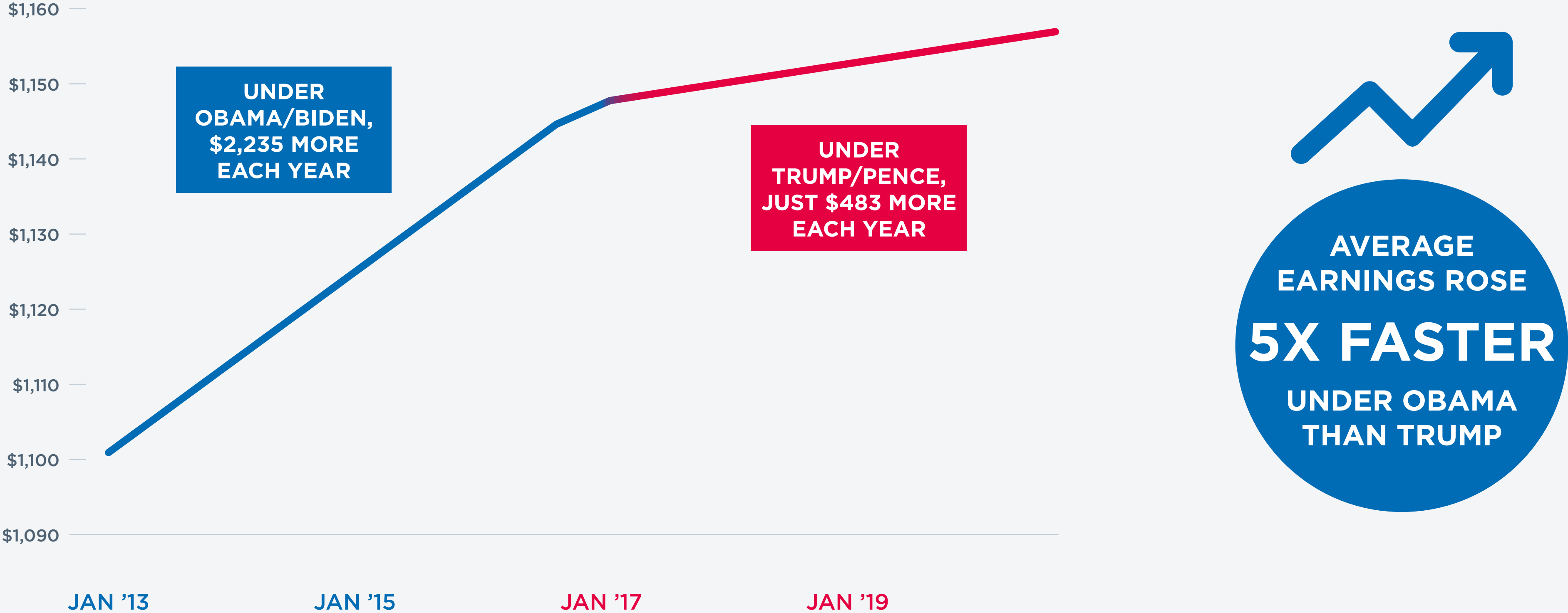
EMPLOYMENT BY FOREIGN AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS⁹



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ALONG WITH DECLINE IN JOBS, REAL WAGE GROWTH HAS SLOWED

AVERAGE REAL WEEKLY EARNINGS¹⁰



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