

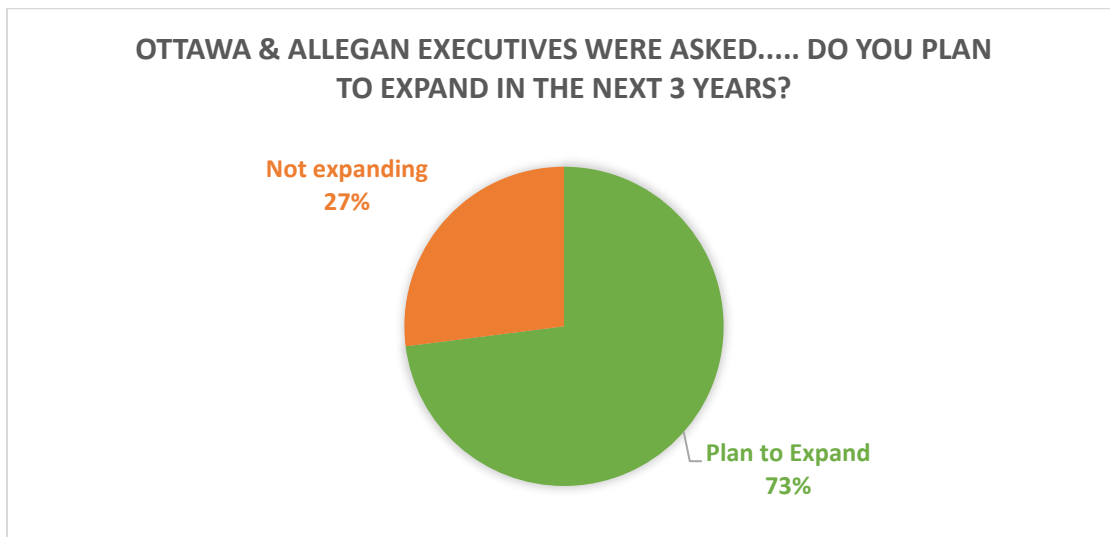
Manufacturing Matters – Common issues in our area

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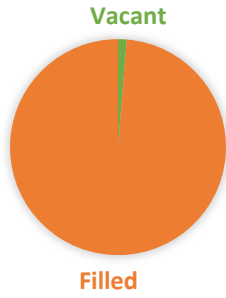
Manufacturing is the primary employer in the combined counties of Ottawa and Allegan. Over the past year, local executives from both counties were interviewed about the state of their businesses. The trends that those interviewed are seeing are very similar to the trends that many other manufacturers in our counties are seeing:

- 73% of those interviewed have plans to expand in the next 3 years
- BUT, there was only a 1.3% Industrial vacancy rate as of Q1 2019
- AND, barriers to growth include both labor and lack of available land/buildings

The Chamber continues to work with our local units of government and other partners to find creative solutions to these issues. Our goal at the Chamber is to empower businesses and build our community. The Chamber's focus is retaining and growing our existing businesses by bringing the resources they need to stay competitive in today's local economy. The Chamber is a voice for our many members. To get involved, please contact [Elizabeth Butler](#), Director of Economic Development, at The Chamber.



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