



# American Apparel Manufacturing: Reshoring Success

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**97%**



**Apparel made outside  
the USA. China,  
Vietnam, Bangladesh  
& India are the top  
producers**






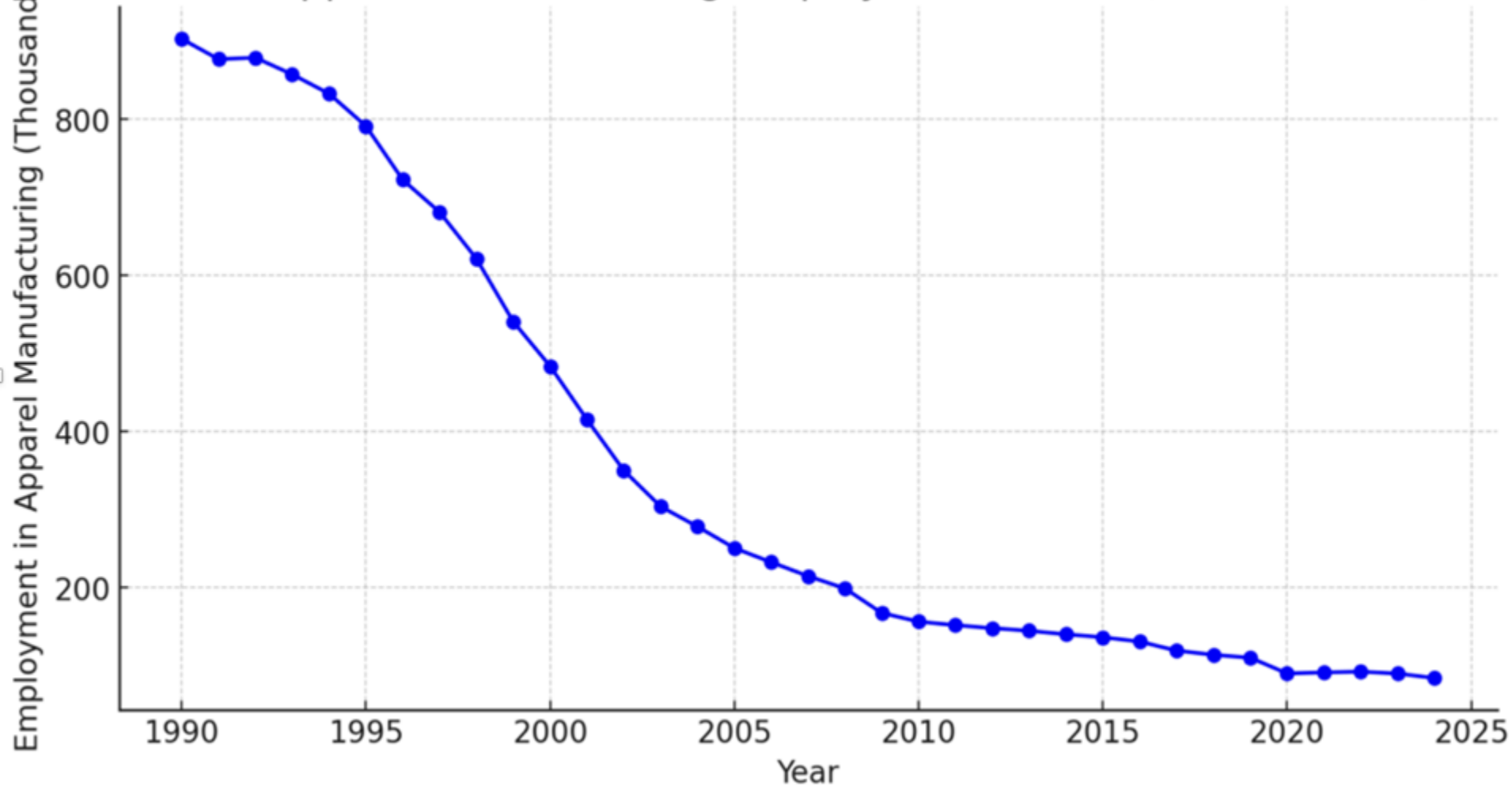
**30%**



**Of all fashion brands  
are produced in  
China with fast  
fashion driving  
offshoring**



# U.S. Apparel Manufacturing Employment Trends (1990-Present)





# Labor




Labor costs in the US average \$15-\$20 per hour while workers in bangladesh and vietnam earn \$1



**30%**



**Labor represents  
30% of the total  
garment cost.**





# Tariff s



- Imported materials
- Higher consumer prices
- Push to reshore
- How will we adapt
- Uncertainty
- Canada & Mexico


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# USA Made



- 78% of Americans prefer domestically produced clothing
  - 62% cite price as the biggest deterrent
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**10%**



**Consumers are  
willing to absorb a  
maximum price  
increase of 10% for a  
made in US label**





# Reshoring




→ **Challenges**

◆ **Lack of trained labor**

◆ **Rising costs**


→ **High number of  
manufacturers are  
considering reshoring  
and nearshoring**




# On Demand


- On demand manufacturing has grown in popularity
- Consumers want unique products
- Fast turn (from order to delivery in days, not weeks or months)
- Companies need solutions to manage new production demands
- Direct to consumer brands





# Machines & robotics



- Automation & Robotics
  - Reduce labor costs
  - Competitive edge
  - On Demand  
manufacturing
  - Equipment available  
today to help this shift
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# Software

- Shop floor control
  - ERP
  - PLM
  - Warehouse management
  - E-commerce
  - Ai ties it all together
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# Efficient Labor



**Training programs**



**Increase labor efficiency**



**Make up for increased costs**



**Incentivise labor**



**Efficient manufacturing (lean)**



**Eliminate quality issues**




# ELEVATE TRAINING



- Create & manage your training program
- Incentivise
- Block untrained employees from specific jobs
- History and skills certificate management

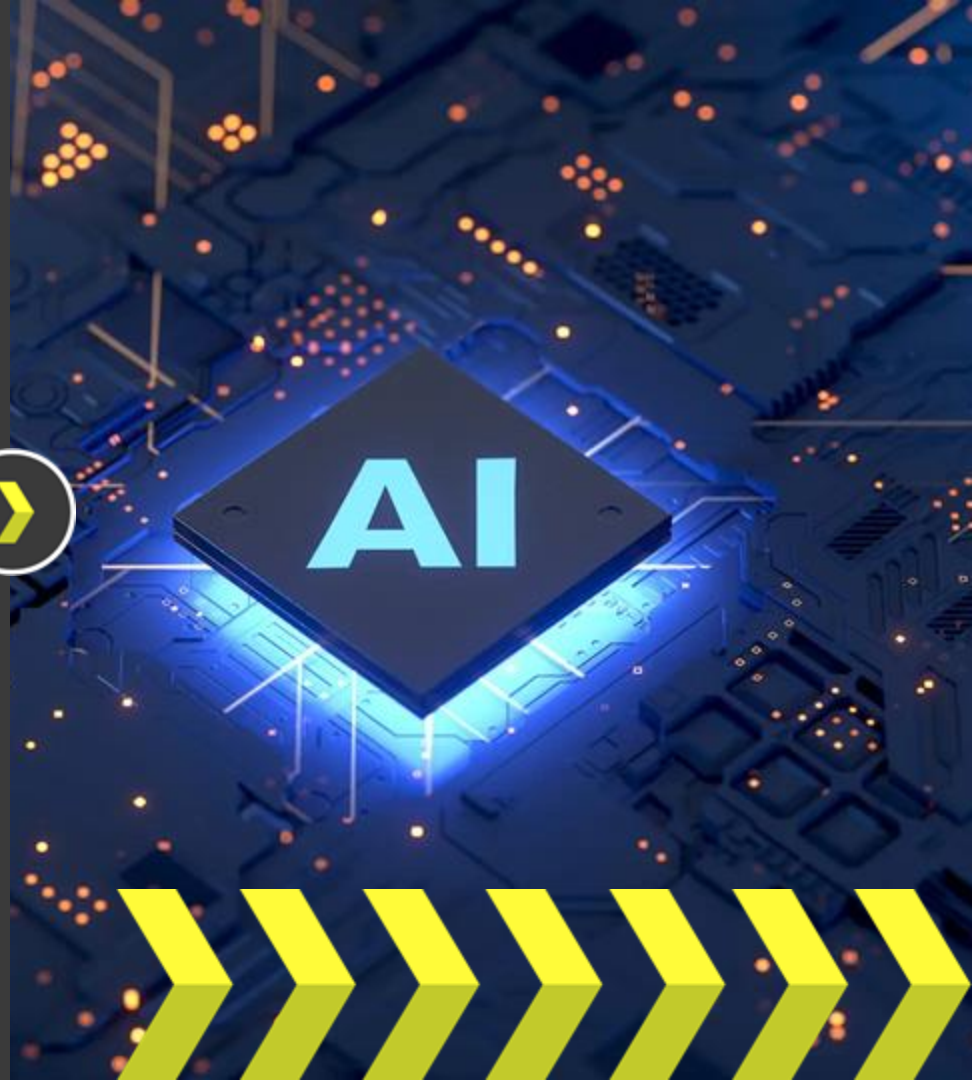




data knows more than a  
human can see.

>AI loves data.

AI data analysis is the  
future of manufacturing  
software eliminating the  
need for reporting and  
manual interaction. Let the  
data drive your production







# Savings



**Software = savings**

**Machines = savings**

**Leverage tools to  
make up for  
increased costs**



# Opportunity

→ In the long run,  
manufacturing in the US with  
the right tools can result in a  
similar cost basis compared  
to Asia and Latin America

# Opportunity

→ **With a collective shift in priorities, the US can rebuild a competitive and resilient apparel sector**



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