



A buoyant economy

Haute-Savoie enjoys a strong, thriving economy based on manufacturing, services, and farming.

MANUFACTURING

Industry in Haute-Savoie has its roots in its long tradition of craftsmanship, specializing in watch and clock-making in the 18th century.

Today, it has built up a dense, diversified array of manufacturing activities. Several large corporations, including multinationals, are located in the Department, as well as a host of efficient small and mid-sized industrial firms.

In addition to mechanical engineering—the mainstay of industry in the Department—a number of other important industries have put down roots here, chief among them food-processing, home appliances, sport and leisure, electronics and information technology.

Pride of place in Haute-Savoie's industry, however, belongs to precision turning, i.e. high-end metalworking. In fact, Haute-Savoie accounts for two-thirds of revenues in this sector in France, and the Arve Valley leads Europe.

Savoy's industry is a major exporter, and more than a third of its workers directly serve foreign markets (chiefly Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the United States and the United Kingdom).

SERVICES

The service sector is the Department's largest employer, with 41.8% of all jobs, chiefly in tourism. Activities more or less closely-linked to industry, especially research, account for another significant percentage of jobs. Employment in services, meanwhile, has been expanding steadily in the last decade or so.

FARMING

A third of the Department's land area is taken up by Haute-Savoie's thriving agricultural sector, which comprises renowned dairy and cheese products, wines, and high quality fruit.

LINKS

- Haute-Savoie Chamber of Commerce and Industry

www.haute-savoie.cci.fr

- Haute-Savoie Trades Council

www.cm-annecy.fr

- Haute-Savoie Departmental Economic Agency

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