





ACMA 2Q25 Pulse of the Industry Survey

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## **Summary of Key Findings**

**Expected Customer Demand:** Perceptions that increases are expected in customer demand for each of the market segments took somewhat of a dip in 2Q25, particularly in the Transportation market, dropping to its lowest point in a year, now at 17%.

**Stabilty of Product Lead Time:** Among total respondents the majority believe lead time for all product inputs will continue to be stable as indicated over the past year.

**"Right" Amount of Inventory:** Perceptions that product input inventory will be at the "right" amount varied this quarter. Total respondents are less inclined to think basalt fiber reinforcements will be, dropping from 92% in 1Q25 to 68% in 2Q25. Conversely, respondents are more optimistic about epoxy inputs this quarter, increasing from 66% last quarter to 88% this quarter.

Over the past year, these percentages have fluctuated quite a bit. Since 4Q24, perceptions that glass fiber reinforcements, polyurethane and unsaturated polyester resin inventory levels will be at the "right" amount have been declining.

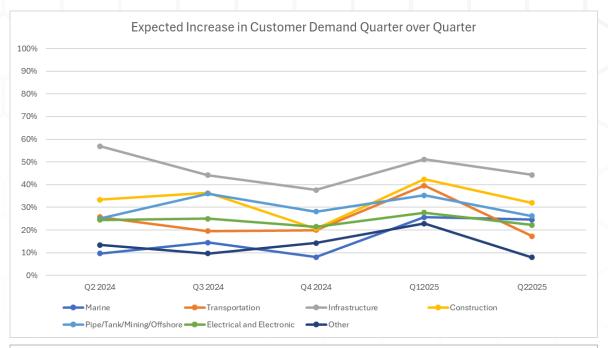
#### Importance of Issues:

- **Supply Chain Disruptions** continue to be an issue total respondents are focused on with **87%** indicating this is an **extremely/very important** issue in 2Q25.
- 79% of total respondents report Tariffs on Imports is also a hot topic this quarter.
- **Retention of Workforce** rounds out the top three topics that are important among total respondents in **2Q25 at 79%.** Training (75%) and Hiring (72%) are also important to these respondents.
- For 2Q25, **56**% of total respondents report **Tariffs on Inputs** is **extremely important** and **47**% indicate the same for **Regulation of Styrene**.

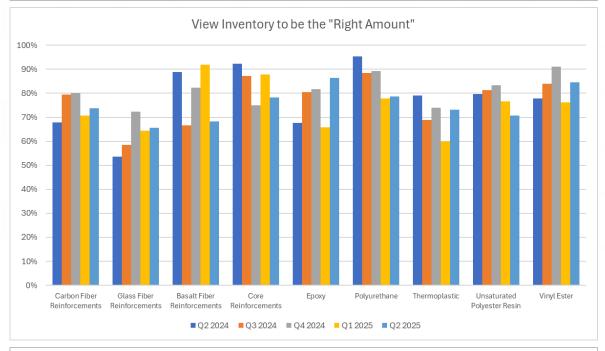
**Supply Chain Disruptions:** Among those indicating supply chain disruptions is an important issue, a quarter indicate specialized chemical suppliers will be impacted, with 22% and 21% reporting resin suppliers and fiber suppliers, respectively, reporting the same.







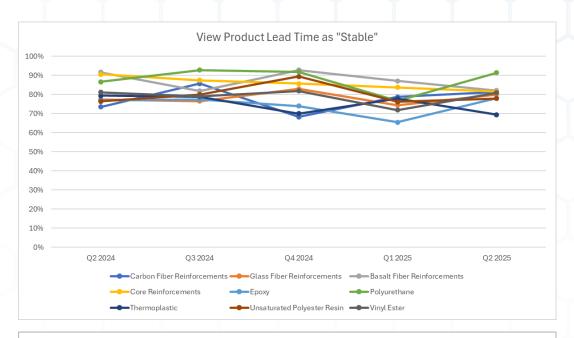
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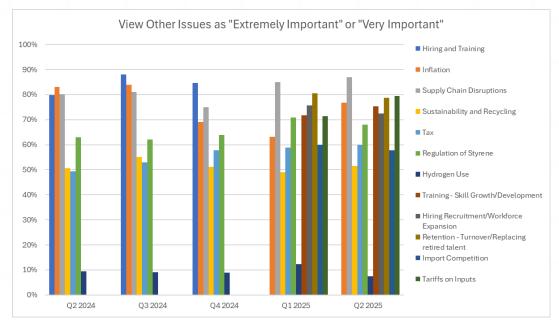
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\*Hiring and Training expanded to new categories (1) Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion (2)

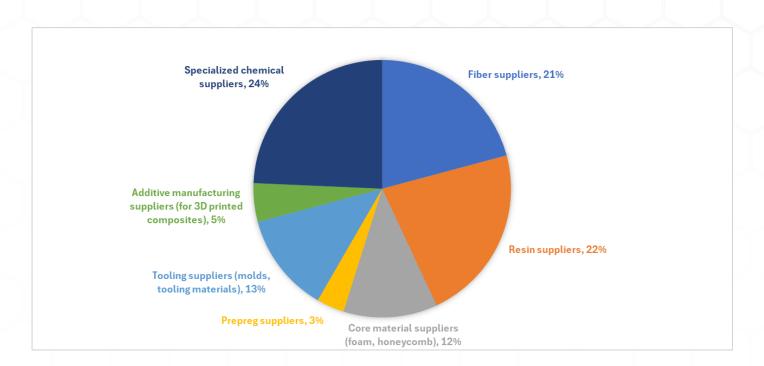
Trainin (3) Retention in Q1 2025)

What is the current lead time for the following inputs? Please only answer for products for which you have knowledge.





#### SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION







## **Survey Question:**

Please select ALL of the following supplier categories in which you expect supply chain disruptions.

\*Darker shading represents the higher responses by market segment. Shading does not represent statistical significance.

Overall	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	21%
Resin suppliers	22%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	12%
Prepreg suppliers	3%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	13%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	5%
Specialized chemical suppliers	24%
Total	100%

Company Count	
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Manufacturer	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	18%
Resin suppliers	24%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	12%
Prepreg suppliers	3%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	14%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	5%
Specialized chemical suppliers	25%
Total	100%

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4	5

Supplier / Distributor	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	30%
Resin suppliers	17%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	10%
Prepreg suppliers	7%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	10%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	7%
Specialized chemical suppliers	20%
Total	100%

Company Count
9
5
3
2
3
2
6
13



## **Survey Question:**

Please select ALL of the following supplier categories in which you expect supply chain disruptions.

\*Darker shading represents the higher responses by market segment. Shading does not represent statistical significance.

Affiliate	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	25%
Resin suppliers	25%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	25%
Prepreg suppliers	0%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	0%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	0%
Specialized chemical suppliers	25%
Total	100%

Company Count
1
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Small: 1 - 10 Employees	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	0%
Resin suppliers	50%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	0%
Prepreg suppliers	0%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	0%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	0%
Specialized chemical suppliers	50%
Total	100%

Company Count
0
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Medium: 11 - 100 Employees	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	16%
Resin suppliers	24%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	10%
Prepreg suppliers	4%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	16%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	6%
Specialized chemical suppliers	22%
Total	100%

Company Count
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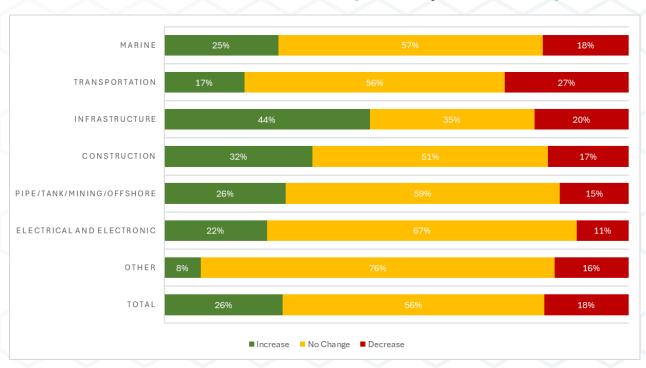
Large: 101+ Employees	
Supplier	
Fiber suppliers	24%
Resin suppliers	20%
Core material suppliers (foam, honeycomb)	13%
Prepreg suppliers	3%
Tooling suppliers (molds, tooling materials)	11%
Additive manufacturing suppliers (for 3D printed composites)	4%
Specialized chemical suppliers	25%
Total	100%

Company Count
22
19
12
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10
4
23
43

 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star} Darker shading \ represents \ the \ higher \ responses \ by \ market \ segment. \ Shading \ does \ not \ represent \ statistical \ significance.$ 



## **Customer Demand in 2Q25 Compared with 1Q25**



Survey Question: What is the outlook for customer demand in North America in the current quarter compared to the prior quarter for the following markets? Please only answer for markets for which you have knowledge.



Overall Market			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	25%	57%	<b>1</b> 8%
Transportation	17%	56%	27%
Infrastructure	44%	35%	20%
Construction	32%	51%	17%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	26%	59%	<b>1</b> 5%
Electrical and Electronic	22%	67%	11%
Other	8%	76%	16%
Total	26%	56%	18%

Manufacturer			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	26%	58%	16%
Transportation	19%	51%	30%
Infrastructure	45%	31%	24%
Construction	32%	49%	19%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	24%	53%	24%
Electrical and Electronic	26%	58%	16%
Other	14%	65%	22%
Total	27%	51%	22%

Supplier / Distributor			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	22%	52%	26%
Transportation	9%	70%	22%
Infrastructure	48%	40%	12%
Construction	30%	57%	13%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	26%	74%	0%
Electrical and Electronic	14%	86%	0%
Other	0%	91%	9%
Total	22%	66%	12%

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<b>Affiliate</b>			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	25%	75%	0%
Transportation	40%	40%	20%
Infrastructure	20%	60%	20%
Construction	40%	40%	20%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	50%	25%	25%
Electrical and Electronic	25%	50%	25%
Other	0%	100%	0%
Total	29%	55%	16%

Small: 1 - 10 Employees			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	20%	80%	0%
Transportation	0%	60%	40%
Infrastructure	20%	60%	20%
Construction	17%	50%	33%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	20%	60%	20%
Electrical and Electronic	20%	60%	20%
Other	0%	100%	0%
Total	14%	67%	19%

Medium: 11 - 100 Employees			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	36%	57%	7%
Transportation	20%	67%	13%
Infrastructure	40%	45%	15%
Construction	29%	57%	14%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	15%	46%	38%
Electrical and Electronic	15%	69%	15%
Other	14%	64%	21%
Total	25%	57%	17%

Large: 101+ Employees			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	22%	54%	24%
Transportation	18%	53%	29%
Infrastructure	48%	30%	22%
Construction	35%	49%	16%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	30%	63%	7%
Electrical and Electronic	24%	67%	9%
Other	7%	77%	16%
Total	27%	55%	18%

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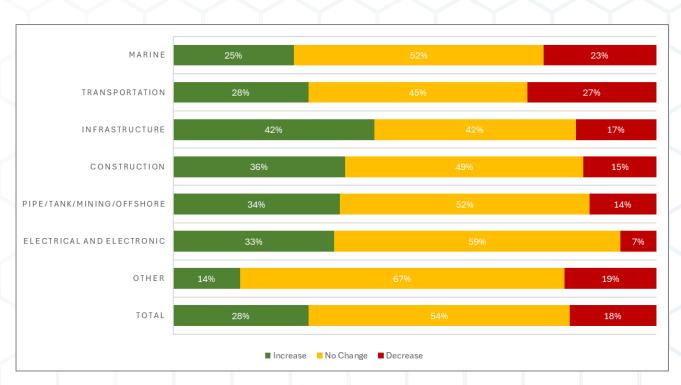
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### Customer Demand in North American 2025 vs. 2024



Survey Question: What is the outlook for customer demand in North America in 2025 compared to 2024 in the following markets?



Overall Market			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	25%	52%	23%
Transportation	28%	45%	27%
Infrastructure	42%	42%	17%
Construction	36%	49%	<b>1</b> 5%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	34%	52%	14%
Electrical and Electronic	33%	59%	7%
Other	14%	67%	19%
Total	28%	54%	18%

Manufacturer			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	20%	54%	26%
Transportation	23%	49%	28%
Infrastructure	36%	41%	23%
Construction	35%	48%	17%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	30%	48%	21%
Electrical and Electronic	33%	61%	6%
Other	15%	56%	29%
Total	28%	50%	22%

Supplier / Distributor			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	33%	48%	19%
Transportation	33%	42%	25%
Infrastructure	54%	42%	4%
Construction	35%	57%	9%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	36%	64%	0%
Electrical and Electronic	28%	67%	6%
Other	10%	85%	5%
Total	34%	57%	10%

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Company Count
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<b>Affiliate</b>			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	25%	50%	25%
Transportation	50%	25%	25%
Infrastructure	25%	50%	25%
Construction	50%	25%	25%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	67%	0%	33%
Electrical and Electronic	67%	0%	33%
Other	25%	75%	0%
Total	42%	35%	23%

Small: 1 - 10 Employees			
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease
Marine	20%	60%	20%
Transportation	0%	25%	75%
Infrastructure	25%	50%	25%
Construction	20%	40%	40%
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	25%	50%	25%
Electrical and Electronic	25%	50%	25%
Other	0%	100%	0%
Total	17%	53%	30%

Medium: 11 - 100 Employees				
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease	
Marine	27%	73%	0%	
Transportation	36%	50%	14%	
Infrastructure	33%	56%	11%	
Construction	43%	57%	0%	
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	27%	36%	36%	
Electrical and Electronic	22%	78%	0%	
Other	17%	67%	17%	
Total	30%	58%	11%	

Large: 101+ Employees				
Market	Increase	No Change	Decrease	
Marine	25%	45%	30%	
Transportation	28%	46%	26%	
Infrastructure	46%	36%	18%	
Construction	35%	48%	17%	
Pipe/Tank/Mining/Offshore	37%	56%	7%	
Electrical and Electronic	37%	56%	7%	
Other	14%	64%	21%	
Total	32%	50%	18%	

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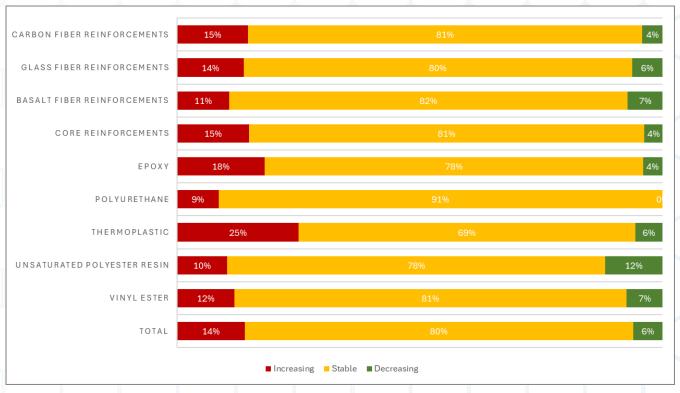
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## **Current Product Lead Time**



Survey Question: What is the current lead time for the following inputs? Please only answer for products for which you have knowledge.



Overall				
Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing	
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	15%	81%	4%	
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	14%	80%	6%	
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	11%	82%	7%	
Core Reinforcements	15%	81%	4%	
Ероху	18%	78%	4%	
Polyurethane	9%	91%	0%	
Thermoplastic	25%	69%	6%	
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	10%	78%	12%	
Vinyl Ester	12%	81%	7%	
Total	14%	80%	6%	

Company Count
43
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25
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92

Manufacturer			
Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	14%	82%	4%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	17%	78%	5%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	20%	73%	7%
Core Reinforcements	20%	74%	6%
Ероху	19%	75%	6%
Polyurethane	9%	91%	0%
Thermoplastic	29%	67%	5%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	13%	74%	13%
Vinyl Ester	13%	78%	9%
Total	16%	77%	7%

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62	

Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	20%	80%	0%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	6%	82%	12%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	90%	10%
Core Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%
Ероху	7%	93%	0%
Polyurethane	9%	91%	0%
Thermoplastic	17%	75%	8%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	5%	84%	11%
Vinyl Ester	11%	89%	0%
Total	8%	87%	5%

Company Count
15
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Affiliate				
Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing	
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	0%	80%	20%	
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%	
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%	
Core Reinforcements	25%	75%	0%	
Ероху	67%	33%	0%	
Polyurethane	0%	100%	0%	
Thermoplastic	33%	67%	0%	
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	100%	0%	
Vinyl Ester	0%	67%	33%	
Total	13%	80%	7%	

Small: 1 - 10 Employees				
Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing	
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	0%	75%	25%	
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%	
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%	
Core Reinforcements	0%	100%	0%	
Ероху	67%	33%	0%	
Polyurethane	0%	100%	0%	
Thermoplastic	33%	67%	0%	
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	100%	0%	
Vinyl Ester	0%	67%	33%	
Total	10%	83%	7%	

Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	15%	85%	0%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	20%	72%	8%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	29%	71%	0%
Core Reinforcements	25%	69%	6%
Ероху	27%	73%	0%
Polyurethane	38%	63%	0%
Thermoplastic	50%	50%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	22%	72%	6%
Vinyl Ester	37%	58%	5%
Total	27%	69%	4%

Large: 101+ Employees				
Product	Increasing	Stable	Decreasing	
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	16%	81%	3%	
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	12%	82%	6%	
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	6%	83%	11%	
Core Reinforcements	12%	85%	3%	
Ероху	9%	84%	6%	
Polyurethane	0%	100%	0%	
Thermoplastic	16%	76%	8%	
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	6%	79%	15%	
Vinyl Ester	2%	91%	7%	
Total	9%	84%	7%	

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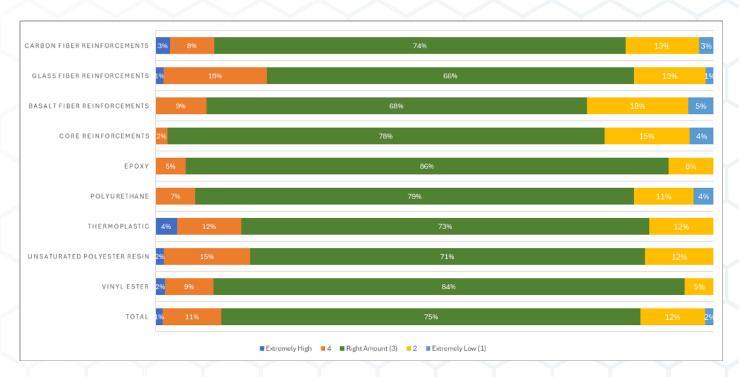
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Company Count
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### **Current Inventory**



Survey Question: Using a scale of 1 to 5 where "1" means extremely low inventory, "3" means the right amount, and "5" means extremely high inventory, how do you view inventory for the following inputs? Please only answer on products for which you have knowledge.



Overall					
Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	3%	8%	74%	13%	3%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	1%	19%	66%	13%	1%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	9%	68%	18%	5%
Core Reinforcements	0%	2%	78%	15%	4%
Ероху	0%	5%	86%	8%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	7%	79%	11%	4%
Thermoplastic	4%	12%	73%	12%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	2%	15%	71%	12%	0%
Vinyl Ester	2%	9%	84%	5%	0%
Total	1%	11%	75%	12%	2%

Company Count
38
70
22
46
37
28
26
65
58
85

#### \*Total based on Manufacturer and Supplier / Distributor responses only.

Manufacturer					
Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	0%	4%	76%	16%	4%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	2%	7%	75%	15%	2%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	8%	58%	25%	8%
Core Reinforcements	0%	0%	75%	19%	6%
Ероху	0%	4%	84%	12%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	11%	67%	17%	6%
Thermoplastic	0%	18%	71%	12%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	2%	4%	76%	17%	0%
Vinyl Ester	0%	3%	90%	8%	0%
Total	1%	6%	77%	15%	2%

Company Count
25
55
12
32
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46
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62

Supplier / Distributor						
Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)	
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	8%	15%	69%	8%	0%	
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	60%	33%	7%	0%	
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	10%	80%	10%	0%	
Core Reinforcements	0%	7%	86%	7%	0%	
Ероху	0%	8%	92%	0%	0%	
Polyurethane	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	
Thermoplastic	11%	0%	78%	11%	0%	
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	42%	58%	0%	0%	
Vinyl Ester	6%	22%	72%	0%	0%	
Total	3%	22%	72%	4%	0%	

Company Count
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Affiliate					
Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	20%	0%	60%	20%	0%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	0%	60%	40%	0%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%
Core Reinforcements	0%	33%	67%	0%	0%
Ероху	0%	0%	67%	33%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Thermoplastic	0%	0%	33%	67%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Vinyl Ester	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%
Total	4%	4%	62%	31%	0%

Company Count
5
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2
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Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	25%	0%	75%	0%	0%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Core Reinforcements	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Ероху	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Thermoplastic	0%	0%	33%	67%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Vinyl Ester	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%
Total	4%	0%	88%	8%	0%

Company Count
4
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Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	8%	0%	83%	8%	0%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	4%	9%	74%	9%	4%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	0%	67%	33%	0%
Core Reinforcements	0%	7%	60%	27%	7%
Ероху	0%	0%	92%	8%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	14%	57%	29%	0%
Thermoplastic	17%	0%	67%	17%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	6%	11%	67%	17%	0%
Vinyl Ester	6%	6%	81%	6%	0%
Total	4%	6%	73%	15%	2%

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Product	Extremely High	4	Right Amount (3)	2	Extremely Low (1)
Carbon Fiber Reinforcements	0%	11%	67%	19%	4%
Glass Fiber Reinforcements	0%	23%	58%	19%	0%
Basalt Fiber Reinforcements	0%	13%	63%	19%	6%
Core Reinforcements	0%	3%	84%	10%	3%
Ероху	0%	8%	81%	12%	0%
Polyurethane	0%	5%	85%	5%	5%
Thermoplastic	0%	15%	75%	10%	0%
Unsaturated Polyester Resin	0%	17%	72%	11%	0%
Vinyl Ester	0%	10%	83%	7%	0%
Total	0%	13%	74%	12%	1%

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## **Industry Topics of Interest**



Survey Question: Based on what you have read and heard, how important do you consider each of the following issues to your company?



**Top Two Topics of Interest** 

Торіс	Percent Very or Extremely Important
Supply Chain Disruptions	12.43%
Tariffs on Inputs	11.57%

\*Top Two Topics calculated as the highest percentage of very or extremely important topics out of all very or extremely important responses.

Overall					
Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sustainability and Recycling	12%	40%	30%	18%	1%
Supply Chain Disruptions	34%	53%	11%	2%	0%
Hydrogen Use	1%	6%	25%	43%	25%
Tax	21%	39%	28%	10%	2%
Regulation of Styrene	47%	21%	24%	6%	2%
Training - Skill Growth/Development	32%	43%	24%	1%	0%
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	33%	40%	24%	3%	0%
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	35%	43%	18%	3%	0%
Inflation	35%	41%	22%	1%	0%
Import Competition	32%	26%	33%	8%	1%
Tariffs on Inputs	56%	24%	18%	3%	0%

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Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sustainability and Recycling	13%	41%	24%	22%	0%
Supply Chain Disruptions	35%	54%	9%	1%	0%
Hydrogen Use	2%	7%	26%	35%	30%
Tax	23%	38%	25%	12%	2%
Regulation of Styrene	45%	20%	26%	6%	3%
Training - Skill Growth/Development	33%	47%	19%	2%	0%
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	35%	39%	21%	5%	0%
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	35%	49%	15%	1%	0%
Inflation	37%	42%	19%	1%	0%
Import Competition	23%	25%	39%	11%	2%
Tariffs on Inputs	55%	25%	17%	3%	0%

Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sustainability and Recycling	7%	33%	48%	7%	4%
Supply Chain Disruptions	33%	48%	15%	4%	0%
Hydrogen Use	0%	5%	23%	55%	18%
Тах	17%	42%	33%	4%	4%
Regulation of Styrene	56%	22%	19%	4%	0%
Training - Skill Growth/Development	26%	37%	37%	0%	0%
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	23%	38%	38%	0%	0%
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	35%	31%	27%	8%	0%
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Import Competition	56%	33%	11%	0%	0%
Tariffs on Inputs	70%	19%	11%	0%	0%

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Affiliate							
Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important		
Sustainability and Recycling	17%	50%	17%	17%	0%		
Supply Chain Disruptions	20%	60%	20%	0%	0%		
Hydrogen Use	0%	0%	20%	80%	0%		
Tax	17%	33%	33%	17%	0%		
Regulation of Styrene	40%	20%	20%	20%	0%		
Training - Skill Growth/Development	50%	33%	17%	0%	0%		
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%		
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	40%	40%	20%	0%	0%		
Inflation	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%		
Import Competition	17%	0%	67%	17%	0%		
Tariffs on Inputs	0%	33%	50%	17%	0%		

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Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sustainability and Recycling	0%	83%	17%	0%	0%
Supply Chain Disruptions	20%	60%	20%	0%	0%
Hydrogen Use	0%	0%	20%	60%	20%
Тах	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%
Regulation of Styrene	50%	17%	0%	33%	0%
Training - Skill Growth/Development	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	20%	20%	60%	0%	0%
Inflation	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%
Import Competition	17%	17%	67%	0%	0%
Tariffs on Inputs	17%	50%	33%	0%	0%

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Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important
Sustainability and Recycling	20%	28%	32%	16%	4%
Supply Chain Disruptions	19%	58%	23%	0%	0%
Hydrogen Use	0%	10%	30%	40%	20%
Tax	25%	42%	17%	17%	0%
Regulation of Styrene	48%	17%	26%	4%	4%
Training - Skill Growth/Development	33%	42%	25%	0%	0%
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	35%	35%	27%	4%	0%
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	44%	36%	16%	4%	0%
Inflation	42%	21%	33%	4%	0%
Import Competition	18%	14%	59%	5%	5%
Tariffs on Inputs	42%	21%	29%	8%	0%

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Large: 101+ Employees						
Topic	Extremely Important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	
Sustainability and Recycling	10%	40%	30%	20%	0%	
Supply Chain Disruptions	41%	51%	6%	3%	0%	
Hydrogen Use	2%	5%	23%	43%	27%	
Tax	18%	37%	33%	8%	3%	
Regulation of Styrene	47%	22%	25%	4%	1%	
Training - Skill Growth/Development	31%	43%	24%	1%	0%	
Hiring Recruitment/Workforce Expansion	32%	41%	24%	3%	0%	
Retention - Turnover/Replacing retired talent	33%	48%	16%	3%	0%	
Inflation	36%	48%	16%	0%	0%	
Import Competition	38%	30%	22%	10%	0%	
Tariffs on Inputs	64%	22%	13%	1%	0%	

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## Other Industry Topics of Interest

Topic	Count
Public Perception	1
Predictability of Policy to drive investment and business strategy	1
Gov. Uncertainty	1
Trade Tariffs in General	1
Regulations in general	1
External Composite Education	1

Survey Question: Based on what you have read and heard, how important do you consider each of the following issues to your company? - Other (Specify)



## **Background:**

#### Purpose:

The purpose of the survey is to gauge perceptions about how the composites industry is performing over time. Published data from the survey will allow members to assess how their company's markets and inputs are trending relative to the overall composites industry; and enable ACMA to identify hot topics in the composites industry for which the association should be engaged on behalf of its members.

ACMA will also use the survey to gauge the perceived value of association membership and identify any strengths and areas for improvement.

#### Survey Objectives:

To assess perceptions of end market segments over the next quarter and next year To determine the size of composites inputs inventory

To identify issues that members perceive to be important in the composites industry

#### Survey Methodology:

The survey is conducted on a quarterly basis among members of ACMA.

The survey takes approximately <u>5 minutes</u> to complete and remain in the field for roughly two weeks.

Vault Consulting will distribute the survey each quarter and will be responsible for collecting, aggregating, and reporting results each quarter. Reports will be published roughly two weeks after fieldwork closes.

#### Sample sizes for the current quarter were as follows:

Total Respondents 108 Manufacturers 74 Supplier/Distributor 27 Affliliates 7

Data collection was conducted between 3/3/2025 and 3/21/2025.

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