Between 1970 and 2010, the manufacturing sector’s share of gross domestic product (GDP) declined at about the same rate in Japan, the European Union, and the United States.

- From 2009 to 2010, after several years of overall decline, manufacturing output increased as a share of GDP in Japan, the European Union, and the United States.
- In China, manufacturing output as a share of GDP decreased from a peak of more than 40 percent in the late 1970s to less than 30 percent in 2010.

**Sources:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and The World Bank.