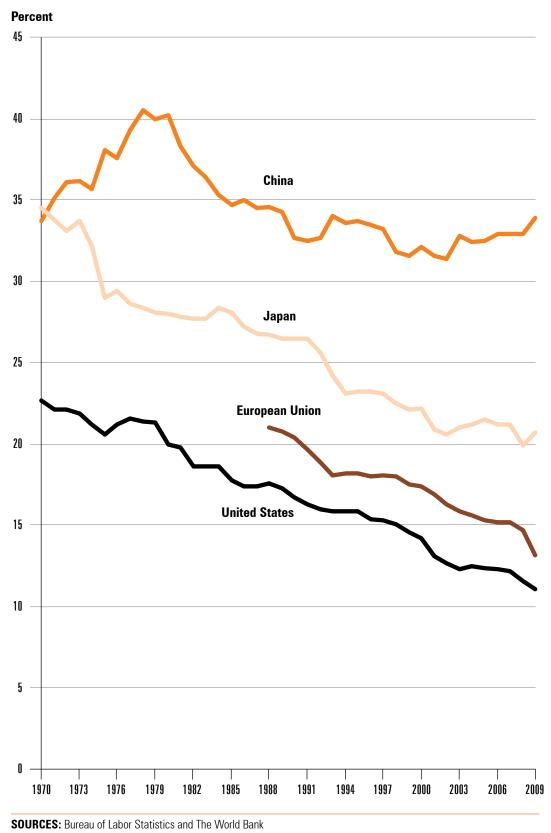
Manufacturing output as a percent of gross domestic product, selected economies, 1970-2009



Over the period, 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.**

- U.S. manufacturing made up 11 percent of GDP in 2009, compared with 23 percent of GDP in 1970.
- Manufacturing output as a share of GDP was about one-third in both China and Japan in 1970. The share decreased overall in Japan but rose and fell in China before returning to 1970 levels in 2009.