

In a replay of 2019, Apple says a single desktop Mac will be manufactured in the US

The bulk of the supply chain for phones, tablets, computers, game consoles, and most other tech is still overwhelmingly reliant on overseas manufacturers. Most of Apple's A- and M-series chips are still made in TSMC's factories in Taiwan, and while TSMC is making some of its chips in the US, it has resisted efforts to bring more of its capacity to the US. Facilities for manufacturing memory, storage, and displays are also mostly located overseas. And that's before you even start thinking about the facilities where all of these components are assembled into finished products.

There are signs that more chip manufacturing, at least, is coming to the US. Apple itself says that it will buy roughly 100 million chips manufactured at TSMC's facilities in Arizona; these 4nm factories can't make the newest A- and M-series chips, but they can make the older Apple A16 (still used in the low-end iPad) and the Apple S10 chip used in Apple Watches. Intel, itself the beneficiary of multiple sources of external investment, is still working on new factories in Ohio and elsewhere; memory manufacturer Micron is using some of its AI-fueled profits to build domestic factories as well.

But Apple's Mac Pro announcement in 2019 wasn't the first step toward domestic manufacturing for the company's biggest-selling hardware, and it's hard to see today's announcement ushering in a major change to Apple's manufacturing strategy,

either. The Mac mini is almost certainly more popular than the Mac Pro, but it's not nearly as big a deal as domestic iPhone, iPad, or MacBook manufacturing would be.

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