Manufacturing employment has been in relative decline for nearly five decades in advanced economies, and it seems to be peaking at low shares of total employment among more recent developers.

Source: IMF staff calculations.
Note: The solid lines and shaded areas denote the simple average and the interquartile range across economies, respectively. The sample comprises 21 advanced economies and 44 emerging market and developing economies with sectoral employment data since 1970. See Annex 3.1 for data sources and country coverage.

Figure 3.1. Share of Manufacturing in Aggregate Employment (Percent)