The share of manufacturing jobs in total employment has declined steadily in most advanced economies since 1970, while in half of those economies the manufacturing output share increased until the 1990s. For most developing economies, manufacturing employment and output shares peaked around the middle of the sample period.

Figure 3.6. Cross-Country Distribution of Estimated Trends in Manufacturing Shares, 1970–2015
(Percentage points per year)

Source: IMF staff calculations.
Note: The figure shows the cross-country distribution of the average annual percent change in the employment and real-value-added manufacturing shares. The horizontal line inside each box represents the median; the upper and lower edges of each box show the top and bottom quartiles; and the red markers denote the top and bottom deciles. The red diamond denotes the weighted average for the group. X-axis labels indicate the start of each decade. Boxes for 2000 represent data for 2000–15, whenever available.