

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

Over the past two decades, the Nashville region's premier location, skilled workforce, labor cost advantages, advanced training and innovative technology have made the region an ideal destination for world-class manufacturers. These advantages allow Nashville's celebrated manufacturing base to operate more efficiently and at a lower cost than almost anywhere in America.

Three interstate highways converge in Nashville providing ideal access to market for the manufacturing community. Nashville is a hub in the CSX rail system connecting 20 states, 140 freight carriers and 150 truck terminals. Air cargo at Nashville International Airport (BNA) is supported by 10 major carriers. Rates for freight transport are among the most competitive in the nation.

As a right-to-work state, Tennessee consistently gives employers optimal return on investment. Favorable business regulatory and tax climates allow manufacturing firms to focus on high-quality production. The community college system of vocational/technical schools provides the workforce that helped Nashville earn a national reputation as a top location for advanced manufacturing operations.

LEADING ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EMPLOYERS

LOCAL EMPLOYEES

Nissan North America	12,000
Electrolux Home Products North America	3,400
Bridgestone Americas Inc.	3,335
A.O. Smith Corp.	2,254
Dell	1,750
Tyson Foods Inc	1,600
Schneider Electric	1,416
Hankook Tire America Corp.	1,200
Trane Co.	1,100
General Mills Inc.	1,028
ABC Technologies	1,000
Adient	1,000
Mars Petcare US	1,000
UniPres USA Inc.	913
Carlex Glass America	775
Vi-Jon	728
Tennsco	576
Triumph Aerospace Structures	560
Nashville Wire Products Manufacturing Co.	556
Akebono Brake	500
Mahle Filter Systems North America	491
North American Stamping Group	410
Josten's Printing and Publishing Division	400
Bridgestone Metalpha	375
YAPP USA Automotive Systems Inc.	375

Source: Book of Lists 2019

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING OCCUPATION	JOB IN NASHVILLE MSA	MEDIAN HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction laborers	6,120	\$16.56
Drafters, all other	140	\$25.84
Industrial engineers	1,470	\$41.21
Mechanical engineers	1,010	\$44.44
Operating engineers and other construction equipment operators	2,850	\$19.04
Painters, construction and maintenance	1,060	\$17.96
Paving, surfacing, and tamping equipment operators	190	\$17.45

86,425 MANUFACTURING JOBS IN THE NASHVILLE REGION



22,472 NEW JOBS IN THE NASHVILLE REGION'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR SINCE 2010



#2 BEST PLACE FOR NEW BUSINESSES (SMARTADVISOR 2019)



#2 STATE FOR DOING BUSINESS



Source: BLS, Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2019
Release, Chmura Analytics 2019



"Bridgestone Americas is proud to call Nashville home for the past 28 years. Music City's creative spirit and energy make it a great place to live, work and play for our Bridgestone teammates and their families and we're honored to remain an integral part of Nashville's continued success."

**Paolo Ferrari, CEO & president,
Bridgestone Americas**