

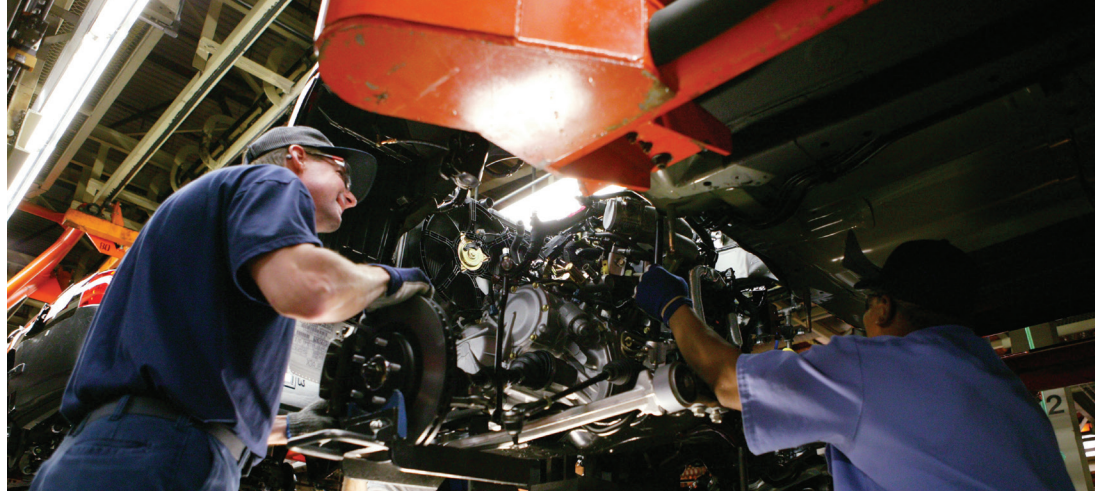
ADVANCED MANUFACTURING IN NASHVILLE

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Over the past two decades, the Nashville region's premier location, skilled workforce, labor cost advantages and advanced training and technology have made the region an ideal destination for world-class manufacturers. These advantages allow our 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 16 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 COMPANIES

COMPANY	LOCATION	# OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES	PRODUCT/SERVICE
Nissan North America	Smyrna	8,000	Automotive
Electrolux Home Products	Springfield	3,200	Electric/Gas Ranges
General Motors	Spring Hill	2,139	Automotive
Tyson Foods	Goodlettsville	1,600	Food processing
A.O. Smith Corp.	Ashland City	1,500	Water heaters
The Trane Company	Clarksville	1,400	HVAC
Johnson Controls	Murfreesboro	1,080	Automotive seating
Unipres USA	Portland	975	Automotive parts
Bridgestone Americas - Tire Operations	Lavergne	942	Tire
Schneider Electric	Smyrna	900	Electric power equipment
General Mills	Murfreesboro	891	Baked goods
Triumph Aerostructures	Nashville	868	Aerospace
Standard Candy Company	Nashville	756	Candy bars
Vi-Jon Laboratories	Smyrna	728	Health and Beauty products
Carlex Glass	Nashville	700	Automotive glass
Josten's Printing and Publishing	Clarksville	700	Commercial Printing
Mars Petcare	Franklin	659	Pet Food
Akebono Brake	Clarksville	650	Automotive brakes
Nashville Wire	Nashville	588	Wire and Steel products
Mahle Filter Systems North America	Murfreesboro	550	Automotive parts
Tennsco Corp.	Dickson	520	Steel products
Lochinvar	Lebanon	520	Water heaters
IB Tech	Mt. Pleasant	500	Automotive parts
ABC Group	Gallatin	482	Automotive parts
Quality Industries	Lavergne	465	Metal products

Source: Nashville Business Journal & Avention, 2015

77,500

MANUFACTURING JOBS IN
THE NASHVILLE REGION

14,883

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

ADVANTAGES OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE NASHVILLE REGION

FAVORABLE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Nashville is centrally located, allowing businesses to reach U.S. and international locations with ease and affordability. Fifty percent of the U.S. population lives within 650 miles of Nashville, and 75 percent of U.S. markets are within a two-hour flight.

SKILLED WORKFORCE

The area is home to more than 118,000 students who attend the region's higher education institutions, with 17,000 graduating each year and 10,000 of those graduates remaining in the Nashville area. This provides a strong and consistent pipeline of educated talent annually.

LOW COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Tennessee has one of the nation's lowest tax burdens. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Enterprising States report named Tennessee a top state for low business taxes and regulations.

HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

The cost-of-living index in Nashville is 10 percent below the U.S. national average, and per capita income is 14 percent higher than the national average, resulting in more disposable income for more education and leisure activities. Also, Nashville routinely places at the top of livability rankings.

DIVERSE MIX OF INDUSTRIES

Health care, corporate operations, advanced manufacturing, music and entertainment, and supply chain management are the leading industries that drive the Nashville economy.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AVERAGE WAGES

OCCUPATION	MEAN HOURLY WAGE	MEAN ANNUAL WAGE
Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	\$17.44	\$36,280
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	\$19.94	\$41,470
Drafters, all other	\$21.86	\$45,460
Helpers-production workers	\$13.08	\$27,200
Human resources assistants (except payroll and timekeeping)	\$18.30	\$38,070
Industrial engineers	\$37.51	\$78,020
Industrial truck and tractor operators	\$15.09	\$31,390
Inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers and weighers	\$16.27	\$33,850
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	\$12.37	\$25,730
Machinists	\$21.17	\$44,040
Mechanical engineers	\$38.38	\$79,830
Painters, construction and maintenance	\$15.40	\$32,020
Production, planning and expediting clerks	\$24.96	\$51,920
Stock clerks, and order fillers	\$12.05	\$25,060
Welders, cutters, solderers and brazers	\$18.39	\$38,260
Wholesale and retail buyers (except farm products)	\$25.48	\$52,990

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, 2014

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GROWTH IN
ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING**

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331,000

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IN TENNESSEE**



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