

Northern Kentucky is home for many manufacturers in the automotive industry. More than 40 automotive companies are already located in Northern Kentucky, including major employers and Tier 1 suppliers like Robert Bosch Automotive Steering, Mubea and Johnson Controls, as well as advanced automation, machine parts, metals, plastics and distribution facilities.

Why NKY – Our Advantages

- **Location:** Northern Kentucky can serve northern and southern OEM markets – we're in the center of Auto Alley. Kentucky is within 600 miles of 64 automotive OEM facilities and home to four major assembly plants—Ford (two plants), General Motors and Toyota. (Source: *ThinkKentucky, 2020*)
- **Industry Expertise:** Northern Kentucky has a strong reputation and history of manufacturing. The region is home to a variety of automotive suppliers including sensors & controls; engine production & metal fabrication; chemicals, plastics and composites; automation and distribution.

Automotive Occupations	
Region	Avg. Annual Wage
Northern Kentucky	\$51,200
Cincinnati MSA	\$51,700

- **Cost Competitive:** Average wages are lower in NKY; annual electric costs in Kentucky were 7th lowest in the country in 2020. (Source: *EIA*)
- **Kentucky prioritizes automotive manufacturing:** Over the past 5 years, the auto industry has announced more than \$10.8B in investments in the state. Kentucky is ranked #1 for automotive production per capital in the U.S. (Source: *Think Kentucky, 2020*)

Workforce

With a labor shed of over 1.1 million people and more than **20,000** people currently employed in the automotive industry, Northern Kentucky has a strong core of both professional and production workers. Business, data, engineering and manufacturing degree programs complement custom apprenticeships to ensure that our talent and automotive workforce is equipped with skills and hands-on experience in robotics, maintenance and repair, materials, data analytics and information technology.

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Boone, Campbell, & Kenton Counties
 Source: JobsEQ

Major Companies in Northern Kentucky – [See them on a map](#)

Ancra International	LOGOMAT Automation Systems
Auto Fastener Group	Magna-Tech
Auveco	Magni Industries
Balluff Inc.	Meritor Heavy Vehicle Systems Inc.
Benda-Lutz Corporation	Mubea Inc.
Blue Grass Metals Co.	Obara Corporation
BOGE Rubber & Plastics USA	Robert Bosch Automotive Steering
Celanese	Steinkamp Molding LP
Cincinnati Ventilating Co. Inc.	Summit Fire Apparatus Inc.

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Clarion Corporation of America	Tenryu America Inc.
Fischer Special Manufacturing	The WJ Baker Company
Fuji Autotech USA LLC	Toyota Boshuku America Inc.
HAHN Automation	Toyota NA Parts Center Kentucky
Heinrichs USA LLC	Verst Group Logistics
ITT Koni America LLC	WABCO USA
Johnson Controls Inc.	Waltex NKY LLC
Linamar Corp. (Eagle Manufacturing)	Zenith Motors



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