



AUTOMOTIVE

MISSISSIPPI With a well-developed infrastructure, central geographical location, and a strong business climate, Mississippi is the ideal location for today's automotive companies. The state's proven track record of success in the automotive industry is why both OEMs and suppliers continue to grow.

Located halfway between Laredo, Texas, and Detroit, Michigan, key supply locations can be reached within a day's drive from Mississippi. The state's transportation network, including its divided 4-lane highway system, was ranked the 8th best in the nation in 2014. Timeliness of delivery and a reputable highway system are among the benefits Mississippi automotive companies enjoy.

Mississippi's low cost of doing business provides the state with a competitive advantage in the U.S. With the 3rd lowest union membership rate in the nation, a top 5 ranking for speed of permitting, and a top 5 ranking for competitive utility rates, Mississippi is a prime location for business investment.

The state's 15 community colleges offer 26,403 training classes and served more than 550 companies with customized training solutions. In addition, Mississippi is home to four major public research universities and each plays a vital role in the state's economic and workforce development. From providing cutting-edge research to training support in new industry skills, Mississippi's universities are ready to work with your business to help it grow and succeed.

Find out why world-class companies like Nissan, Toyota, PACCAR, and Yokohama choose to call Mississippi home.

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MODELS OF VEHICLES
 Manufactured in Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI RANKS
TOP 10
AUTOMOTIVE
 MANUFACTURING STRENGTH
Business Facilities, 2014

ANNUAL
VEHICLE
 PRODUCTION IN MISSISSIPPI
 Exceeds
1/2 MILLION
Wentz North America, Cadillac, & Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Mississippi, Inc.

MISSISSIPPI RANKS
TOP 5
 IN ADVANCED
 MANUFACTURING
Expansion Solutions Magazine, 2013

Over **200** Automotive Related
MANUFACTURERS
EMPLOYING
 MORE THAN
40,000
 SKILLED WORKERS

Automotive Success in Mississippi:



4 major universities throughout the state offer ABET-accredited undergraduate degree programs in 16 different engineering fields.



WORKFORCE Mississippi's skilled workforce is its greatest treasure. Mississippians have a "can-do" attitude and are driven by pride to do things right. Robust workforce training programs offered throughout the state equip Mississippi's people with the necessary skills to get the job done. A right-to-work state, Mississippi's affordable cost of living, low overall cost of doing business, and tax and financing incentives make it an attractive economic option for companies of all sizes—from start-ups to established multinational corporations.

An enterprise is only as good as its people—that's why more industry leaders are choosing a Mississippi location to compete in today's global marketplace.



INCENTIVES The State of Mississippi offers a variety of grant, loan, and tax incentive programs designed to assist businesses creating jobs and making capital investments in the state. For a full list of automotive industry business incentive programs available from the state, [visit the incentives page](#).

“**MADE IN MISSISSIPPI IS A STAMP OF QUALITY WORLDWIDE.**”

Dan Bednarzyk, V.P. for Total Delivered Cost
Nissan

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MISSISSIPPI'S
TRANSPORTATION
INFRASTRUCTURE



ROADS

DIVIDED FOUR-LANE
HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE,
SIX INTERSTATES,
& 14 FEDERAL HIGHWAYS

RAIL

30 RAIL CAR PROVIDERS,
INCLUDING FIVE
CLASS 1 RAILROADS,
(2,500 MILES OF TRACK)

PORTS

15 PORTS (2 DEEPWATER)
ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO,
MISSISSIPPI RIVER,
& TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY

AIR

7 COMMERCIAL
AIRPORTS
(INCLUDING TWO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS)