

**Critical Industry Needs**

- Proximity to auto assembly plants
- Skilled and available workforce experienced in automotive sector
- Available and affordable buildings or sites.
- Low cost of doing business.
- Pro-Business, non union environment
- State and local incentives

**Franklin County**

Thirteen auto assembly plants are either located or under construction within 250 radius of Franklin County.

Workforce numbers over 95,000 within 30 mile radius. Many of whom are already experienced in automotive sector.

Tennessee has no personal income tax, is tied for the lowest capital gains tax and ranks among the ten states with the lowest state and local property taxes.

Over 200 acres of available low cost industrial land.

Industrial park borders mainline CSX rail line.

Four-lane divided highway access to I-24 and I-65

# Franklin County, Tennessee

## Automotive Industry Executive Summary

### Competitive Strengths of Franklin County, TN

The auto industry has grown significantly in the Southeast. The state of Tennessee ranks fifth in the nation in automotive production and is home to more than 1,000 automotive suppliers. The automotive industry in Tennessee employs nearly 160,000 workers and accounts for more than 38% of the state's manufacturing employment base.

Franklin County, Tennessee is strategically located in the Southern Automotive Corridor. Thirteen automotive assembly plants are located or are under construction within a 250 mile radius of Franklin County. All thirteen assembly plants are

connected to Franklin County via the Interstate system and US Highway 64, a four-lane divided highway that connects I-24 and I 65. Three assembly plants (Nissan – Smyrna, Tennessee, GM – Spring Hill, Tennessee, and the new Volkswagen plant – Chattanooga, TN) are located within 60 miles.

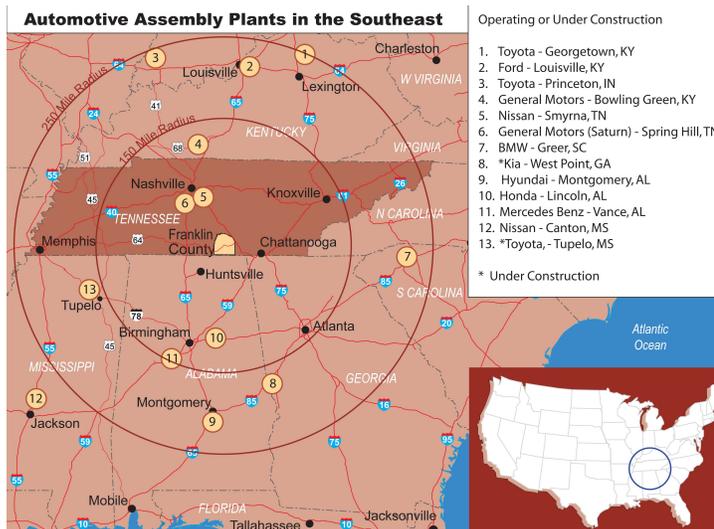
Franklin County has a strong base of tier I and tier II automotive suppliers. Nissan has an engine and power train plant located in Franklin County. Additionally three plastic injection mold auto parts manufacturers, one rubber auto weather stripping manufacturer and one mold manufacture and repair

company have facilities in Franklin County.

There also is a strong contingent of foreign owned companies as 4 companies (2 Japanese, 1 Spanish, and 1 Canadian) are located in Franklin County.

Franklin County offers a skilled and motivated workforce. There is a workforce that numbers a little over 95,000 living within thirty miles of the center of Franklin County. This number increases dramatically to over 526,000 within a fifty mile radius. Over 60% of Franklin County's manufacturing workforce is currently working in the automotive sector.

### Strategic Location



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