

Northern Kentucky has a proven advantage in automotive manufacturing. 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.

Why NKY

Labor Cost Comparison

Region	Avg. Annual Wage
Northern Kentucky	\$44,300
Nashville	\$45,400
Detroit	\$50,600
Atlanta	\$50,700
Chicago	\$50,900
Dallas	\$52,900

Automotive Occupations | Source: JobsEQ

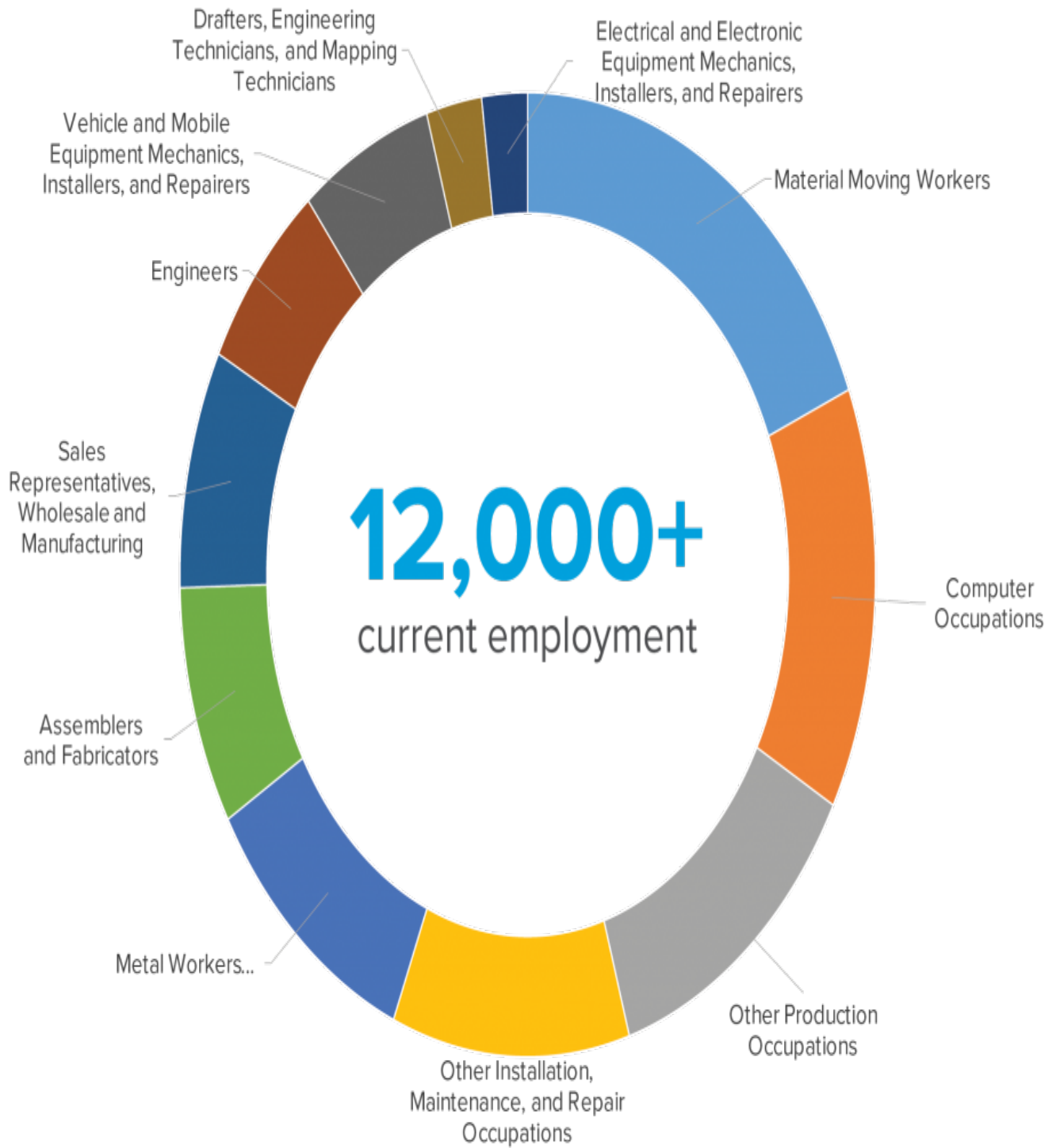
● **Location:** Northern Kentucky can serve northern and southern OEM markets and

sits within 330 miles of 29 regional automotive assembly plants. More than half of all US motor vehicle-related establishments are within 500 miles of Kentucky. (Source: *ThinkKentucky, 2016*)

- **Industry Expertise:** Northern Kentucky is home to automotive support industries including metal fabrication; chemicals plastics and composites, shared services, automation and distribution.
- **Cost:** Average wages are lower in NKY; annual electric costs in Kentucky were 6th lowest in the country in 2016 (Source: *EIA*)
- **Kentucky prioritizes automotive manufacturing:** Kentucky is the third highest in auto-industry related employment in the US and the third largest producer of cars, light trucks and SUVs annually. (Source: *Kentucky Automotive Industry Association, 2016*)

Workforce

With a labor shed of over 1.1 million people and more than **12,000** people currently employed in the automotive industry, Northern Kentucky has a strong core of both professional and production workers. Manufacturing degree programs, custom apprenticeships and a rapidly growing informatics program at Northern Kentucky University ensure that our automotive workforce is equipped with skills and hands-on experience in robotics, maintenance and repair, materials, data analytics and information technology.



Based on 45 minute commute radius from Northern Kentucky
 Source: JobsEQ

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

Ancra International	LOGOMAT Automation Systems
Auto Fastener Group	Magna-Tech
Auveco	Magni Industries
Balluff Inc.	Meggitt
Benda-Lutz Corporation	Meritor Heavy Vehicle Systems Inc.
Blue Grass Metals Co.	Mubea Inc.
BOGE Rubber & Plastics USA	Obara Corporation
Celanese	Parkway Products LLC
Cincinnati Ventilating Co. Inc.	Robert Bosch Automotive Steering
Clarion Corporation of America	Steinkamp Molding LP
Fischer Special Manufacturing	Summit Fire Apparatus Inc.
Fuji Autotech USA LLC	Tenryu America Inc.
HAHN Automation	The WJ Baker Company
Heinrichs USA LLC	Toyota Boshoku America Inc.
ITT Koni America LLC	Toyota NA Parts Center Kentucky
Johnson Controls Inc.	Verst Group Logistics
Krauss Mauffei	Waltex NKY LLC
Linamar Corp. (Eagle Manufacturing)	Zenith Motors