

VEHICLE MANUFACTURING INNOVATION

Photo: General Motors

Northeast Indiana has a history of innovation and manufacturing in the automotive sector. We've produced some of the first cars—such as the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg—as well as some of the earliest trucks by International Harvester. Today, Northeast Indiana and Fort Wayne continue to have a very **high concentration of vehicle manufacturing making up more than 20 percent of the manufacturing employment** in the region compared to 13 percent for the nation.

RIGHT TO WORK



As the first state in the Great Lakes region to establish right-to-work laws, Indiana prohibits agreements between labor unions and employers that make membership or payment of union dues or fees a condition of employment.

HOME TO GENERAL MOTORS



The region's largest automotive manufacturer, General Motors, is investing more than **\$1.2 billion** to expand and upgrade the existing **3.3 million-square-foot facility**. The new construction adds **1.5 million square feet of new space at the plant**.

NATIONALLY RANKED



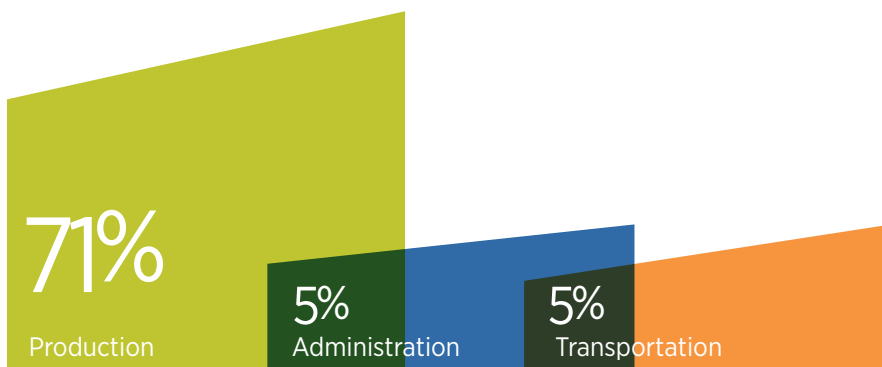
Indiana **ranks 3rd nationally** for vehicle manufacturing.

WORKFORCE



Transportation equipment manufacturing accounts for over **5% of Northeast Indiana's labor force**.

MAJOR OCCUPATIONS



Together, these critical occupation areas account for nearly **81%** of the vehicle workforce.

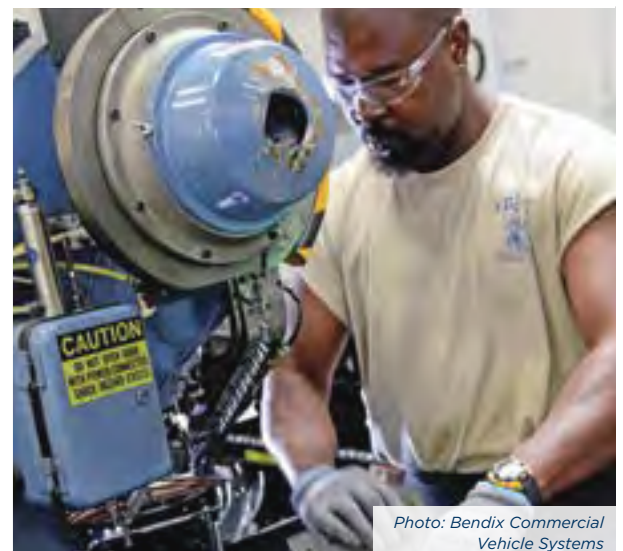


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HIGHER EDUCATION AND TALENT PIPELINE

In Northeast Indiana, we not only invest in our businesses, but we also invest in tomorrow's talent **today**. By coupling our certified training programs with higher-education degrees specific to vehicles, we work to ensure that your company has the talent it needs to do business.

TALENT POOL

5%

In Northeast Indiana, 7 of the region's 11 counties are in the **top 5% of counties nationwide** for manufacturing employment concentration.

STEM PROGRAMS

9

The Fort Wayne area invests in education that prepares students for college. Currently, the region has **nine STEM-focused New Tech schools**.

DUAL CREDIT

51

Ivy Tech Community College-Northeast provides dual credit opportunities to **6,250 students in 51 high schools and career centers** in Northeast Indiana.

SKILLED TRADES

\$1.3M

Northeast Indiana expects to create **26,000 new jobs** in manufacturing and the skilled trades in the next decade thanks to the **\$1.3 million Skill UP Indiana! grant**. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and develop programs.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| COMPANY | PRODUCT | EMPLOYMENT* |
|------------------------------|---|-------------|
| General Motors | Trucks | 3,900 |
| BFGoodrich | Tires | 1,640 |
| Thor Industries, Inc. | Recreational Vehicles & Travel Trailers | 1,467 |
| TI Automotive | Fluid Storage, Transfer & Delivery Systems | 1,388 |
| REV Recreation Group | Recreational Vehicles & Travel Trailers | 1,200 |
| Dexter Axle | Axles for OEM, Trailers & Recreational Vehicles | 1,070 |
| Tenneco Automotive | Torque & Tie Rods, Couplings & Grease Seals | 1,015 |
| Carlex Glass of America, LLC | Automotive Glass | 913 |
| Dana Corp. | Axles, Seals & Other Motor Vehicle Parts | 721 |
| Creative Liquid Coatings | Injection Molded Auto Parts & Painting | 600 |

*Full-time employees in Northeast Indiana
Source: Community Research Institute at Purdue Fort Wayne, 2018



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