

Surprising Japanese Exports: American Jobs

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The fact that GM creates 6,000 jobs in China and will invest \$11 billion in China until 2016 (and \$16 billion in America) gets all the headlines. What falls under the table is the fact that someone else invests \$76 billion each year straight into more than a million Americans. It's the Japanese auto industry.



Jobs From Japanese Transplants

Manufacturing	57,939
R&D	4,196
Distributors	18,899
Spin-off production	325,000
Dealerships	327,477
Spin-off dealer	339,000
TOTAL	1,072,511
Annual compensation	\$76,000,000,000

Source: JAMA

Japanese-branded automobile plants account for nearly 40 percent of all U.S. automobile production. What's more, Japanese automakers are a major driver of exports – from America to the world. Honda estimates it will become a “net exporter” of automobiles from North America by 2014. Toyota expects to export more vehicles from North American plants than the Detroit 3 automakers, and foresees a future where all Toyota cars sold in U.S .may eventually be built here.