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## Biggest Japanese auto plants in the U.S. – COUNTDOWN



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Honda gets a good bang for its manufacturing buck.

Though its Marysville auto plant only has the fifth-highest employment among the 12 U.S. plants owned by Japanese automakers, it produced the second-most number of vehicles in 2012. This production strength comes as Honda Motor Co. is giving more work to its Ohio operations, a topic I've written about extensively in the past few weeks (you should check it out).

Japanese automakers and their dealer networks were responsible for 1.36 million direct and indirect jobs in 2012, <u>according to a study</u> by <u>Rutgers University</u> professor<u>Thomas Prusa</u> conducted for the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association with 81,000 of those jobs U.S. manufacturing, distribution and R&D workers.

Who makes what where, and how many workers does it take to do it? Using data compiled from the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association and company resources, I ranked the U.S. auto assembly plants owned by Japanese-based automakers by employment.



Mitsubishi Motors North America Inc.

Where: Normal, III.

Vehicles: Mitsubishi Galant, Outlander Sport

**2012** production: 37,152

Capacity: 70,000 Employees: 1,267



Toyota Motor Manufacturing Mississippi Inc.

Where: Blue Springs, Miss. Vehicles: Toyota Corolla **2012 production:** 129,602

Capacity: 120,000 Employees: 1,796



Honda Manufacturing of Indiana LLC

Where: Greensburg, Ind.

Vehicles: Honda Civic, Civic CNG, Civic Hybrid; Acura ILX, ILX Hybrid

**2012** production: 199,544

**Capacity:** 250,000 **Employees:** 2,150



Honda of America Manufacturing Inc.

Where: East Liberty

**Vehicles:** Honda CR-V, Crosstour; Acura RDX

**2012** production: 243,428

Capacity: 240,000 Employees: 2,400



Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas Inc.

Where: San Antonio, Texas

Vehicles: Toyota Tundra, Tacoma

**2012** production: 219,198

Capacity: 200,000 Employees: 2,883



Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc.

Where: Lafayette, Ind.

Vehicles: Subaru Legacy, Outback, Tribeca; Toyota Camry

**2012** production: 277,932

**Capacity:** 310,000 **Employees:** 3,533



Honda Manufacturing of Alabama LLC

Where: Lincoln. Ala.

Vehicles: Honda Odyssey, Pilot, Ridgeline

**2012** production: 336,790

**Capacity:** 340,000 **Employees:** 4,200



Honda of America Manufacturing Inc.

Where: Marysville

Vehicles: Honda Accord, Accord Hybrid; Acura TL

**2012 production:** 439,564

**Capacity:** 440,000 **Employees:** 4,400



Nissan North America Inc. **Where:** Canton, Miss.

Vehicles: Nissan Altima, Frontier, Xterra, Titan, Armada, LCV Van

**2012 production:** 233,476

**Capacity:** 400,000 **Employees:** 5,000



Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana Inc.

Where: Princeton, Ind.

Vehicles: Toyota Sequoia, Sienna, Highlander

**2012** production: 297,346

Capacity: 350,000 Employees: 5,026



Nissan North America Inc. **Where:** Smyrna, Tenn.

Vehicles: Nissan Leaf, Altima, Maxima, Pathfinder; Infiniti JX

**2012** production: 411,219

Capacity: 550,000 Employees: 6,000



Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky Inc.

Where: Georgetown, Ky.

Vehicles: Toyota Camry, Camry Hybrid, Avalon, Avalon Hybrid, Venza

**2012** production: 462,080

Capacity: 500,000 Employees: 6,600