## **AUTOMOBILE SUPPLY CHAIN**

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Ottumwa, Iowa, has a solid manufacturing pedigree and access to many of the most productive auto assembly plants in America. With Iow labor costs, excellent access to rail and other transportation, a well-educated workforce with an outstanding work ethic, and a livable, low-cost community your employees will love, your auto supply chain business will thrive in Ottumwa.

### There are 9 auto assembly plants within a day's drive of Ottumwa, including some of the nation's most productive facilities.

COMPANY	COMMUNITY	MILES	<b>DRIVE TIME</b>	
Ford	Claycomo, MO	209	3:21	
General Motors	Kansas City, KS	217	3:32	
General Motors	Wentzville, MO	221	3:28	
Ford	Chicago	310	4:57	
Subaru	Lafayette, IN	356	5:35	
Toyota	Princeton, IN	431	6:35	
General Motors	Roanoke, IN	442	7:16	
General Motors	Lansing, MI	498	7:38	
Honda	Greensburg, IN	500	7:35	

#### IOWA, WHERE AUTO MANUFACTURING THRIVES

- #5 Highest Concentration of Industrial Machinery Mechanics of Any State (*BLS*, 2015)
- Automotive industry employs more than 72,000 lowans (Center for Automotive Research)
- #11 in the U.S. for automotive components and #9 in the U.S. for both forgings and stampings and in small vehicles and trailer production (*Iowa Auto Industry Supply Chain Study*)
- Alcoa, the world's leading manufacturer of primary and fabricated aluminum, recently announced plans to invest \$300 million in its Davenport, Iowa facility

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• Winnebago Industries, Inc., a leading manufacturer of recreational vehicles (RVs) based in Forest City, Iowa. The company is also an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts



#### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Highways:** Ottumwa is located just an hour and a half from both Des Moines and Iowa City. The City of Ottumwa lies along U.S. 34, an east-west highway that runs from central Colorado to Chicago, and U.S. 63, a north-south highway that runs through the Midwest.
- **Rail:** Ottumwa is served by two Class I rail providers, BNSF and Canadian Pacific Railway. The City has two industrial sites served by rail, the Cargill Bioprocessing Industrial Park and the Ottumwa Regional Airport Industrial Park. Burlington Junction Railway also operates a switching line and truck-rail transloading facility in Ottumwa.
- Air: The City of Ottumwa has access to the Ottumwa Regional Airport, a public airport owned by the City with two runways and rental hangars.
  Located less than 90 minutes away, the Des Moines International Airport offers non-stop flights to twenty destinations across the U.S.
- **Port:** Ottumwa is located along the Des Moines River, which connects to the Port of Des Moines. There are a number of major ports along the Mississippi River, the closest being the Port of Burlington, which also serves Illinois River Shipping.

#### THE SKILLS YOUR AUTO SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS NEEDS



**Indian Hills Community College:** A public community college with campuses located in Ottumwa and Centerville, the Ottumwa location has a student enrollment of over 4,300. Indian Hills Community College offers two-year degrees, including

community college aviation programs, commercial driver training, welding technology and auto collision repair programs.

• Automotive Technology Program: 21 month program with one of the only live labs in the state of lowa where students can fix real, broken and/or damaged cars and trucks. The program is certified by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. Skills from this program can be applied to the automotive manufacturing industry.

RELEVANT INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS	1 YEAR CERTIFICATE	ASSOCIATE'S
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	90	17
Welding Technology/Welder	46	6
Machine Tool Technology/Machinist	9	9
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technicia	n —	23
Robotics Technology/Technician	—	12

#### **COMPETITIVE WAGES**

Wages for many of the professions auto supply chain manufacturers require are below the averages for the region and the nation.

OCCUPATION	WAPELLO COUNTY MEDIAN WAGE	OEDC REGION	IOWA	UNITED STATES
51-1011 First-Line Supervisors or Production and Operating Workers	\$26.88	\$26.58	\$25.21	\$27.78
51-2092 Team Assemblers	\$15.05	\$15.85	\$15.29	\$14.45
51-2099 Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	\$12.51	\$14.33	\$15.06	\$13.73
51-4031 Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	c \$12.82	\$13.50	\$15.52	\$15.56
51-4041 Machinists	\$14.34	\$15.53	\$18.25	\$20.05
51-4121 Welders, Cutters, Solderes, and Brazers	\$16.89	\$16.89	\$17.42	\$18.94
51-4122 Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	\$17.60	\$17.39	\$17.56	\$17.78
53-1021 First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	\$19.55	\$21.00	\$22.39	\$22.71
53-7062 Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$12.86	\$13.56	\$13.46	\$12.49
51-9199 Production Workers, All Other	\$13.28	\$14.15	\$14.59	\$13.83



# To Learn More About the Surprising Value Ottumwa Offers Auto Supply Chain Manufacturers, Call Me Today!

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