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Motor Vehicle Parts Suppliers are Nation’s Largest Employer of Manufacturing Jobs

Industry employs more than 734,000 workers and generates nearly \$355 billion to economy, study finds

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 8, 2013 – A new economic impact study confirms that the motor vehicle parts manufacturers industry, made up of the original equipment, aftermarket, heavy duty and remanufacturing sectors, is the largest employer of manufacturing jobs in the United States. The industry directly employs more than 734,000 American workers and generates nearly \$355 billion in GDP contribution, or 2.3 percent of the total U.S. GDP.

The study, released by the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) in collaboration with IHS, the leading global source of information and analytics, shows that the total employment impact for motor vehicle parts manufacturers in the U.S. was more than 3.62 million jobs in 2012.

“Motor vehicle parts manufacturers are the largest creators of manufacturing jobs in the nation. With a presence in all 50 states, this industry is important to the health and success of American manufacturing, and to the future of this country,” said Bob McKenna, president and CEO of MEMA.

Top 15 States for U.S. Direct Employment	
States	Direct Jobs
Michigan	102,624
Ohio	89,423
Indiana	79,651
Tennessee	48,284
Kentucky	41,097
Illinois	37,087
Alabama	30,566
Texas	29,422
North Carolina	25,843
South Carolina	24,569
California	22,736
Pennsylvania	21,130
New York	19,005
Missouri	16,648
Georgia	16,287

“The study conducted by IHS provides valuable information for policymakers on the industry’s overall impact on the U.S. economy,” said McKenna. “We hope the data will be used as a resource for our nation’s leaders to continue working to create a sustainable and vibrant manufacturing environment.”

The [economic impact study](#) is available as a PDF. The complete IHS economic analysis may be found [here](#).

ABOUT MEMA

MEMA represents its members through four affiliate associations: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA); Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA); Motor & Equipment Remanufacturers Association (MERA); and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). For more information on the motor vehicle parts manufacturers industry, visit www.mema.org.

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