

Jobs at automotive manufacturing plants in U.S. have declined in cities like Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, and St. Louis, while lower wage, non-unionized work forces in the American South have attracted foreign manufacturers. Automobile manufacturers BMW, Toyota, Mercedes, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Nissan, and Volkswagen have opened plants in states such as Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Mississippi and West Virginia.^[10] Meanwhile, General Motors factories continue to operate in Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas, and two Ford factories operate in Kentucky's largest city of Louisville.



Dallas' skyline

High-profile companies such as IBM, Intel, Verizon and Microsoft have major corporate presence in the Research Triangle of North Carolina.

American Airlines Group, the largest airline in the world as of 2019, is headquartered in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex in Fort Worth. Dallas is also home to many global corporations, including the largest energy company in the world ExxonMobil, the largest Telecommunication company in the world AT&T, and the company where the microchip was first invented Texas Instruments. The Dallas metro area is the largest metro area in the South.

Delta Air Lines, one of world's largest airlines, is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.^[11] Atlanta is also home to many global corporations, including The Coca-Cola Company, UPS, CNN,^[12] Norfolk Southern, NCR, Mercedes-Benz, and Porsche.

See also

- History of the Southern United States
- Deep South
- Border States
- Solid South
- Sun Belt
- Swamp Democrats

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