

Turkey and Indiana: A Job-Creating Economic Partnership



Turkey is now the second biggest exporter to Indiana in the entire MENA region.

In 2019, Indiana imported over \$131 million worth of goods and services from Turkey.

Indiana's imports from Turkey rose by \$30 million between 2018 and 2019.

Turkey is the fourth biggest importer of goods from Indiana in the MENA region.

In 2019, Turkey imported over \$83 million worth of goods and services from Indiana.

Turkey's imports from Indiana rose by more than \$3 million between 2018 and 2019.



Indiana is home to more than 3,000 Turkish Americans, many of whom are small business owners.

Bloomington, Carmel, Indianapolis, and Concord share the majority of Indiana's Turkish American population.

The graphic to the right shows the locations of seven companies in Indiana that are either:

- Owned by Turkish citizens or Turkish companies
- Owned by Turkish-Americans
- U.S. companies with investments in Turkey
- U.S. companies reliant on their sales to Turkey
- U.S. companies reliant on imports from Turkey
- U.S. companies with joint ventures with Turkish companies



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A number of Indiana companies have strong ties to Turkey, including family-run small businesses as well as some of the state's largest employers.



Keystone Construction: Indianapolis

Keystone Construction was founded its current President and CEO, Ersal Ozdemir, a Turkish businessman and Indianapolis resident. The company has had numerous projects across Indiana, including in the healthcare, education, housing, retail, and hospitality industries.

Keystone currently has 76 employees and an annual revenue of \$24.4 million.



Mikropor America: Michigan City

Mikropor is a Turkish producer of atmospheric air filtration and compressed air systems and its U.S. subsidiary is based in Michigan City.

In June 2019, Mikropor America announced plans to hire 10 more workers, invest \$400,000 into its new office, and expand the capacity of its warehousing facility by 100,000 square feet. The company currently has around 20 employees and annual revenue of \$10 million.



Cummins: Columbus

Indiana's biggest employer, Cummins designs, manufactures, and distributes engines, filtration, and power generation products and has been in the state since its founding over 100 years ago.

Cummins started its operations in Turkey in 2012, constructing a \$70 million manufacturing site in Izmir and creating 800 jobs. Cummins Turkey exports products across the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and Africa.



Anatolia Restaurant: Bloomington

This restaurant was opened in 2014 by Sibel Cekic, a local Turkish American, and is highly popular among the students of Indiana University Bloomington. The restaurant has been ranked among the top three ethnic restaurants in the area since its opening.

The restaurant currently has around five employees.



Sofra Cafe: Bloomington

Another Turkish restaurant popular among Bloomington students, Sofra Cafe was started by local Turkish Americans Naciye and Mehmet Akgun, and its chefs are also from the Turkish American community.

The restaurant has six employees.



Bosphorus Istanbul Cafe: Indianapolis

Indianapolis' first and only Turkish restaurant, Bosphorus Istanbul Cafe was started in 2011 by Orhan Demirtas, who brought his mother's recipes from Turkey with him when he immigrated to Indianapolis.

The restaurant has received a number of highly positive reviews in the local press.



Heritage Environmental Services: Indianapolis

Based in Indianapolis and one of the largest companies based in the state, Heritage Environmental Services has more than 1,800 employees across the United States, hundreds of which are in Indiana.

The company recently announced a joint venture with Kibar Americas, a Turkish company which produces aluminum goods, packaging, and car parts. Together, the two firms are creating "Heritage Battery Recycling" to address the growing demand for safe, sustainable solutions for lithium-ion batteries near or at end-of-life. They will develop a battery reuse and recycling facility sited in the southwestern United States.