

## Turkey and Tennessee: A Job-Creating Economic Partnership



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Turkey is the second biggest exporter to Tennessee in the MENA region.

Turkish companies have brought hundreds of jobs to Tennessee.

In 2019, Tennessee's exports to Turkey totaled more than \$162 million.

Turkey is Tennessee's second largest market in Eastern Europe and the MENA region.

Turkey is among the biggest foreign markets for a number of Tennessee companies.

Tennessee is home to around 2,000 Turkish-Americans, many of whom are small business owners. Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis are home to the majority of the state's Turkish-American community. Below are the locations of companies in Tennessee with close ties to Turkey, including those with partnerships in Turkey, heavily reliant on sales to Turkey, or owned by Turkish companies themselves.



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Tennessee is a top destination for Turkish investment, including from some of Turkey's industrial giants which have invested millions of dollars in the state and have created 400 jobs. The state is also home to a number of successful small businesses owned by Turkish-Americans.




**KordSA: Chattanooga**  
KordSA, a composites and tire reinforcements producer, has been in Tennessee for over 15 years. Its manufacturing facility in Chattanooga has 325 employees and is part of a wider \$487 million investment KordSA has made in its US business. KordSA has spent at least \$23 million on maintaining the facility since 2007.



**Nobel Automotive: Paris**  
Owned by Orhan Holding, Nobel Automotive produces pipes for fuel and oil circuits for engines and gearboxes. It also produces parts for power assisted steering, and washer lines. Founded in 2007, the company currently has around 500 employees, just over 70 of which are based in Paris, Tennessee.

Tennessee companies benefit hugely from trade with Turkey, particularly those in the cotton industry. Other Tennessee companies, such as Fedex, are playing a big role in Turkey's growing prosperity, creating hundreds of jobs.




**Allenberg Cotton: Cordova**  
Allenberg Cotton has been in Tennessee for almost one hundred years, having been founded in Memphis in 1921. Turkey is Allenberg Cotton's largest customer, ahead of Pakistan, China, and Vietnam. The company has 175 employees and has an annual revenue of \$300 million.



**Cargill Cotton: Memphis & Cordova**  
Cargill Cotton is headquartered in Memphis and has an enormous presence in Tennessee, with two warehouses in Memphis and two offices on Cordova. The company has annual sales over \$1 billion and is one of the largest private firms in Memphis, with its headquarters there having 75 employees. Turkey is Cargill Cotton's fourth largest customer, behind Pakistan, China, and India.



**Contura Energy: Bristol**  
Honda brings together the economies of Alabama and Turkey. In Alabama, Honda has a \$2 billion manufacturing facility in Lincoln where it has more than 4,500 employees. In Turkey, Honda major production, sales, post-sales, and distribution operations across the country.



**Fedex: Memphis**  
FedEx Trade Networks, a subsidiary of Fedex and a growing international ocean and air freight forwarder, first expanded into Turkey in May 2011. FedEx Trade Networks currently has offices in Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir - Turkey's three largest cities. As of September 2019, the company had 805 employees in Turkey.