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Automotive

Evergy's region is the 2nd largest automotive trading hub in the USA only behind Detroit according to Brookings Institute.

2nd **Second Largest Automotive Trading Hub in U.S.**

Largest Ford Plant Under One Roof in the World

Ford & GM OEM Plants

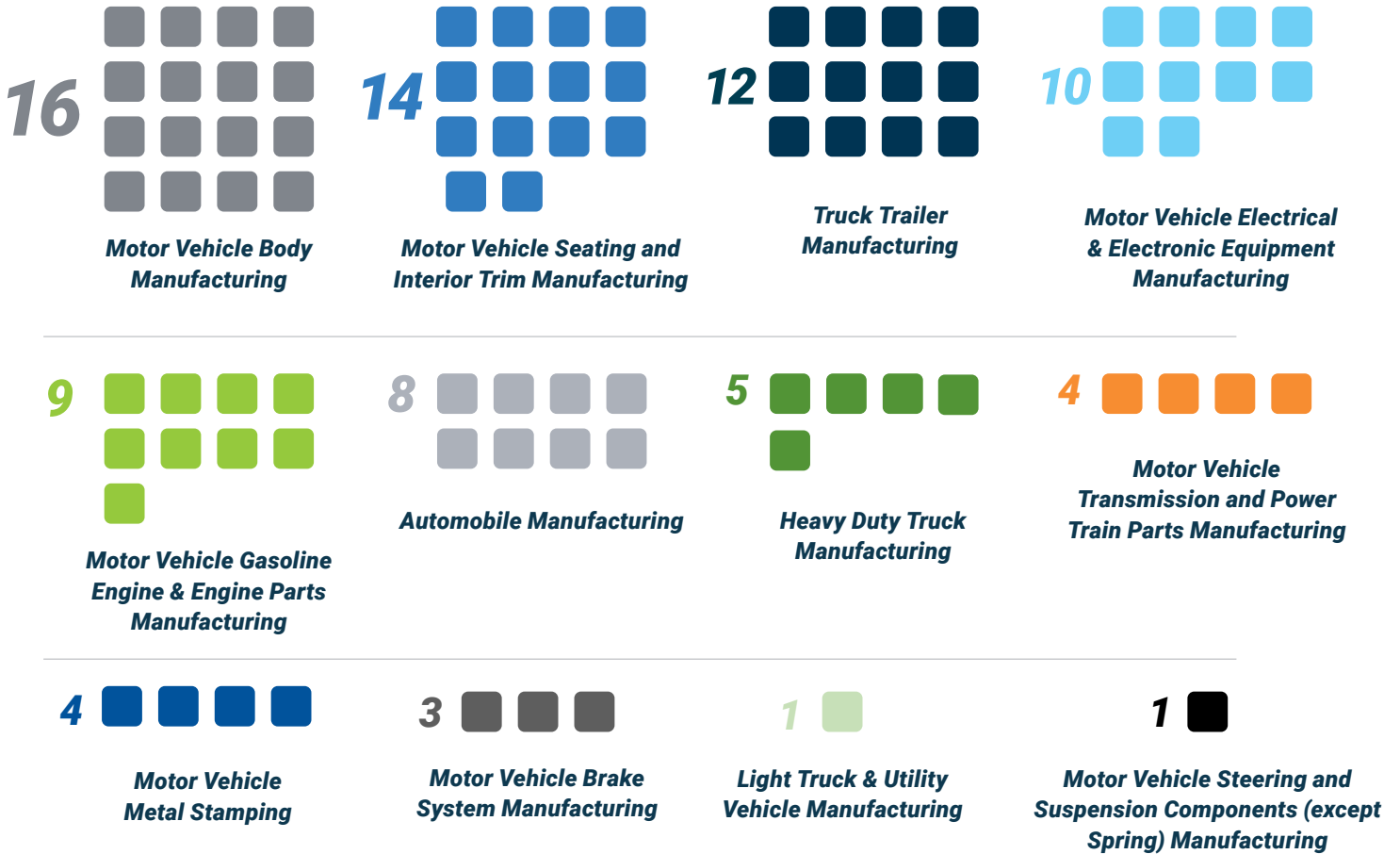
Ford Motor Company's Kansas City plant is the single largest automotive manufacturer in the region, producing the popular F-150 trucks and Transit full-size vans. The manufacturer's most recent investment in the region was worth \$1.2 billion which expanded the facility's capacity and added 3,000 jobs making it one of the top producing plants of the manufacturer. Currently, Ford employs approximately 7,250 workers in our region.



The **General Motors Fairfax Assembly & Stamping Plant** has been producing World Class Quality vehicles in the Kansas City area since 1946. Fairfax Assembly was the first industrial facility to operate as a dual-purpose manufacturer producing both automobiles and jet fighters in the same building. Products built at this location are Cadillac XT4 and Chevrolet Malibu. The plant received the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's 5-star award for its 2018 Chevrolet Malibu. Currently, the plant employs approximately 2,260 employees. Recent major investment announcements include \$265 million to produce Cadillac XT4.



Raw Numbers of Automotive Manufacturing Companies in the Region



[Click here for a full list of all automotive companies in our territory.](#)

Raw Numbers of Automotive Support Companies in the Region



A Sampling of Automotive Suppliers in Our Region

Johnson Controls

Faurecia

Leggett & Platt

Martinrea

Modine

Yanfeng

Henkel

Sika Corporation

U.S. Farathane

Magna

Grupo Antolin

Haldex

Nitto Denko

Peterson Manufacturing



Skilled Labor: Number of People in Automotive Industry in Our Region

Our region enjoys an abundant, highly skilled workforce as evidenced from the following automotive relevant jobs numbers for the year 2021:

Number of Jobs

21,504	<i>Assemblers and Fabricators, including Team Assemblers</i>	2,663	<i>Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators and Tenders</i>
8,079	<i>Electricians</i>	2,482	<i>Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tenders</i>
7,450	<i>Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers</i>	2,356	<i>Sheet Metal Workers</i>
5,484	<i>Industrial Machinery Mechanics</i>	1,199	<i>Tool and Die Makers</i>
5,196	<i>Machinists</i>	1,192	<i>Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technicians</i>
3,929	<i>Mechanical Engineers</i>	1,031	<i>Mechanical Drafters</i>
2,920	<i>Electrical Engineers</i>	1,026	<i>Industrial Engineering Technicians</i>
2,786	<i>Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters and Operators</i>		



Automotive-Related Jobs Are Growing

Growth since 2016:

83% growth ↑

Motor Vehicle Metal Stamping

8% growth ↑

Electrical Engineers

70% growth ↑

Motor Vehicle Seating and Interior Trim Manufacturing

8% growth ↑

Mechanical Engineers

50% growth ↑

Motor Vehicle Steering and Suspension Components (except Spring) Manufacturing

7% growth ↑

Motor Vehicle Body Manufacturing

39% growth ↑

Heavy Duty Truck Manufacturing

3% growth ↑

Electricians

20% growth ↑

Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators and Tenders, Metal and Plastic

15% growth ↑

Industrial Machinery Mechanics

12% growth ↑

Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic

Sampling of Universities Offering Automotive, Precision Production, Mechanical & Electrical Engineering and/or Engineering Technology Programs/Degrees within Our Region

- **University of Missouri-Kansas City** has a Bachelor's degree program in Mechanical Engineering and Master's degree programs in Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.
- **Wichita State University** Mechanical Engineering Department has both undergraduate and graduate level programs with research specializations in Mechanical Systems and Robotics/Control, Thermal/Fluid Engineering. WSU Tech offers associate and certificate programs in Automotive Service Technology, Industrial Automation and Machine Maintenance, Robotics, Assembly Mechanic, Composite Technology, etc.
- The **University of Kansas** Mechanical Engineering Department trains its students in Formula SAE Vehicle Design.
- **Missouri Western State University** has both a Bachelor's and Master's Manufacturing Engineering Technology degree program.
- **Kansas State University** Polytechnic offers a Bachelor's program in Robotics and Automation Engineering Technology.
- Numerous **community colleges** offer programs in CAD, Engineering Technology, Automotive Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Machine Technology, Welding, etc.



Our Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Advantages

Kansas City ranks first in the country in FTZ space, with five manufacturing zones (123.4 acres), nine general purpose FTZ sites, over 8 million square feet of active FTZ space, and 13,000+ acres of inactive FTZ space available for storage or processing merchandise.

Ranks #1 in FTZ space

5 manufacturing zones

9 general purpose sites

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Electric Power

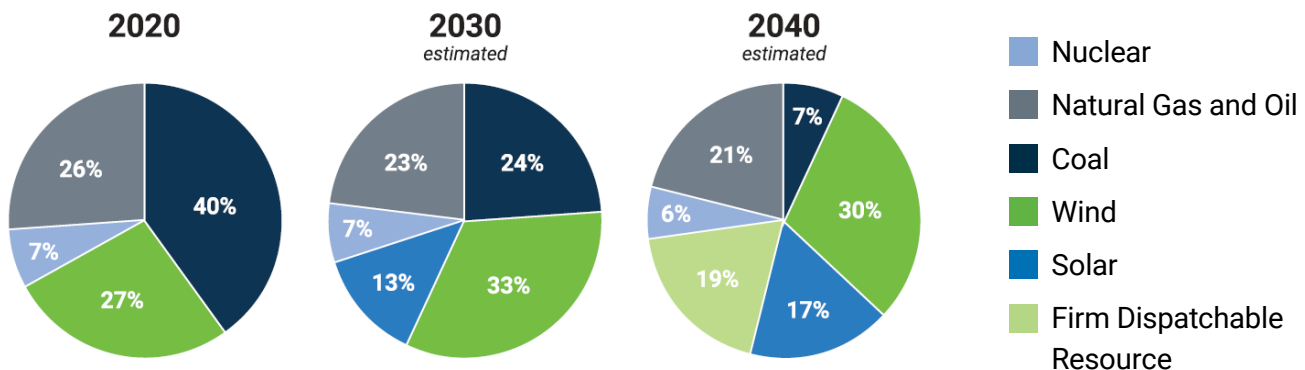
Evergy services more than 1.6 million customers in 92 northwestern Missouri and Kansas counties. We have over 13,000 megawatts of efficient generation assets in operation.

Evergy's diverse energy mix results in affordable, reliable electricity generation. Like many utility companies around the country, we depend on coal as a price-stable way to generate the electricity needed to supply our customers 24 hours a day. We supplement with power generated from other sources, including natural gas, fuel oil, wind, solar, nuclear, biogas and hydro. The result: a balanced portfolio that is responsive to fuel prices, environmental concerns, regulatory initiatives and other factors.

Renewable energy is part of our current mix and will continue to be considered in our future capacity additions. We continually explore ways to broaden our sustainable strategy and comply with renewable energy mandates.

Our rates for auto industry manufacturers benefit from that industry's typical multi-shift operations which reduces the cost per kWh. In addition, auto industry suppliers benefit from cost-saving tariffs that will provide a reduced rate for a five-year period.

Generation Capacity by Fuel Type (year end)



Intermodal Transportation Infrastructure

We have access to numerous interstates and all five Class I railroads.



Major Interstates

- I-35
- I-70
- I-49
- I-29



Class I Rail

- BNSF NS
- CSX UP
- KCS



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