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Sales

In the last year or so, there have been several major announcements related to new vehicle manufacturing facilities being built in the U.S. These announcements followed and nearly 20-year trend of automotive manufactures building assembly plants in the southern USA. Volvo announced plans to build a new plant in Charleston, SC. Toyota and Mazda announced a joint venture manufacturing facility in Huntsville, AL. Also, Mercedes-Benz announced that they will be producing all new Electric SUV models at a new facility in Tuscaloosa AL as part of a 3 continent, 6 plant electric vehicle strategy. In addition, Mercedes announced that they will build an all new battery factory in AL to support its electric vehicle manufacturing.

BMW's, Spartanburg, SC plant has the capacity to produce over 400K vehicles and is the largest export plant in the USA by sales value.

In 2000, the total US Vehicle production was over 12M vehicles. Approximately 77% were built in northern states, of which, Michigan built nearly 25% of all vehicles manufactured in the USA. In 2000, the southern states had 23% of the market. In 2018, U.S. vehicle manufacturing is expected to hit just over 11M according to HIS. The southern states are expected to produce 43% of these vehicles. The south gained nearly 2M vehicles over the past 18 years. Michigan alone lost 1M vehicles.

