Ohio among leaders for foreign jobs

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Ohio ranks eighth in the nation for the total number of jobs created by companies based outside the country, according to new figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Organization for International Investment issued a press release Wednesday citing the figures that reveal U.S. subsidiaries accounted for 208,600 jobs in Ohio in 2005, almost one in every 22 jobs in the state. That's also about 4.4 percent of all private sector workers.

The news release also said 48 percent, or 100,600, of those jobs are in manufacturing.

The Organization for International Investment is a Washington, D.C.-based business group representing nearly 140 U.S. subsidiaries of companies based abroad. U.S. subsidiaries make up about 5.3 million jobs nationwide.

Some of the companies in Ohio include Honda Motor Co. Ltd., with a plant in Troy and plants in several counties north of Dayton; Reed Elsevier pic, the parent company of Miami Township-based Lexis-Nexis; and Bridgestone Corp., with operations in Dayton.

California ranked number one with 561,000 jobs, New York was second with 382,600 jobs, and Texas was third with 339,300 jobs.