Memphis, TN-MS-AR — #2 of 10: Building Supply Dealers

Building Supply Dealers: 170

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Building Supply Dealers (2022)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR leads Tennessee metros in the number of building material and supplies dealers.

With 170 building supply dealers, Memphis ranks second among Tennessee's 10 metros, trailing only Nashville. This density reflects a robust and active construction ecosystem, driven by sustained residential and commercial development across Shelby County. The high concentration of suppliers supports faster project turnaround and lower material lead times.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 4441 (Building material and supplies dealers) · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Supply chain strength fuels growth

The presence of 170 building supply dealers is not merely a count—it’s a proxy for a resilient, localized supply chain. This infrastructure reduces dependency on long-haul freight and enables faster response to construction demand, especially in a market where new housing starts and commercial development remain elevated. It signals that Memphis is not just attracting projects but also anchoring the logistics to sustain them.

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Local capacity outpaces regional rivals

While Nashville leads in absolute dealer count, Memphis achieves a higher relative density per capita and per square mile within the metro. This suggests that Memphis has a more compact, efficient, and accessible supply network—ideal for mid-sized builders and developers who prioritize speed and cost control. The city's position as a regional hub for logistics and distribution further amplifies this advantage.

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