Memphis, TN-MS-AR — #2 of 10: Machinery and Equipment Wholesalers

Memphis Leads Tennessee in Industrial Wholesaling

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Machinery and Equipment Wholesalers (2022)

Memphis, TN-MS-AR ranks #2 of 10 Tennessee metros in the number of machinery and equipment wholesalers.

This ranking underscores Memphis' enduring role as a Mid-South industrial hub. With 238 such wholesalers, the metro outpaces all but Nashville in the state, signaling deep supply chain integration and sustained demand for industrial goods. The concentration reflects not just current activity, but a structural advantage in regional manufacturing logistics.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 4238 (Machinery, equipment, and supplies merchant wholesalers) · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Industrial Density Drives Economic Momentum

The presence of 238 machinery and equipment wholesalers is not a standalone stat — it’s a proxy for industrial activity, supply chain resilience, and workforce specialization. This density supports high-value manufacturing, logistics, and infrastructure investment. Memphis’ position as a top-tier industrial center in Tennessee confirms its strategic role beyond retail and services.

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Wholesalers Signal Industrial Resilience

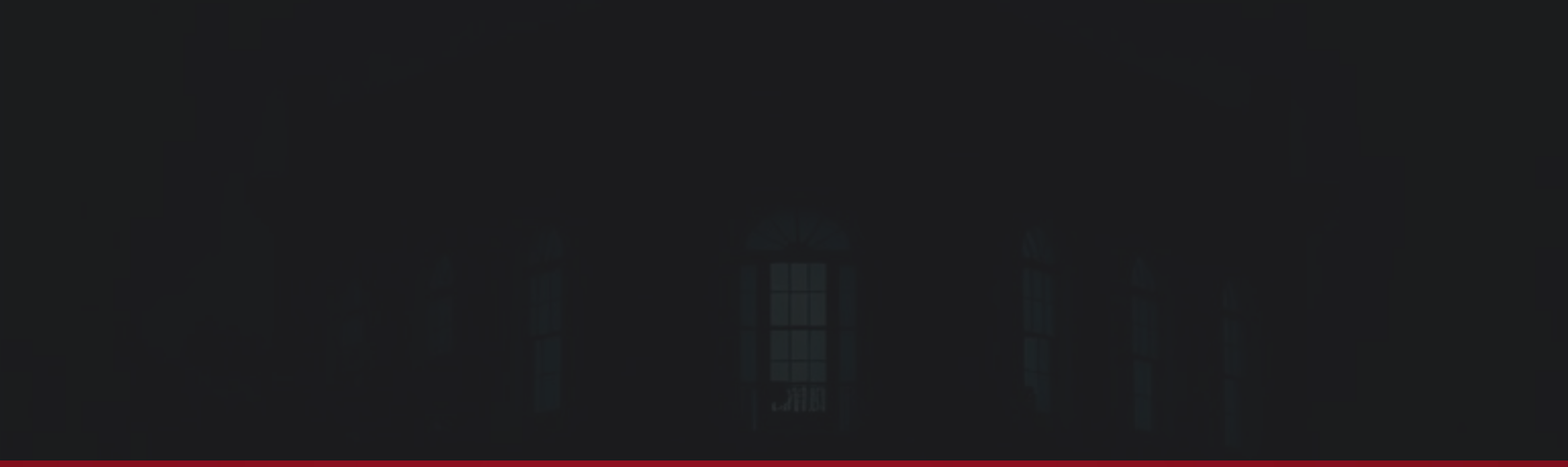
Unlike consumer-facing sectors, industrial wholesaling is less volatile and more indicative of long-term economic health. Memphis' strong ranking suggests sustained capital investment in manufacturing and distribution infrastructure. This resilience is amplified by recent expansions like Peak's new facility in Shelby County, which aligns with broader 8th District manufacturing trends.

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