



Foreign Investment in Ohio: *Executive Summary*



- **This survey identified 971 foreign firm establishments employing 197,077 people, currently operating in the State of Ohio. These totals represent foreign firms employing one (1) or more employees and includes service centers and sales offices.**
- **When analyzed by source region (Figure 1), European investment and Asian investment has the most substantial impact in Ohio. European firms employ 114,903 and operate 442 establishments in Ohio, Asian firms employ 69,136 and operate 271 establishments. North America is the third largest investment source region. All North American investment is affiliated with Canadian corporations, Canadian firms employ 10,196 in 102 establishments.**
- **Sixty-two percent of the foreign establishments are in three countries . Japan leads the list with 68,861 employees and 308 establishments. The United Kingdom is second with 35,622 employees and 146 establishments. Germany rounds out the top three with Ohio employment totaling 35,100 and 145 establishments. Other major operators include France, Canada, the Netherlands and Switzerland. Together these seven countries consist of 93% of the foreign employment in the state and operate 90% of the foreign establishments in Ohio.**
- **Foreign firms classified in the manufacturing sector consist of 82% of the total foreign firm employment. The top four manufacturing sectors for are: transportation equipment, industrial machinery & equipment, electronic equipment and chemicals & allied products. The remaining 18% of Ohio's foreign firm employment is non manufacturing related, the largest non-manufacturing foreign employment was in retail trade, services and wholesale trade.**
- **Foreign firm employment is concentrated in the central counties of Ohio's metropolitan areas. Cuyahoga County is first in foreign firm employment (28,162) and number of establishments (109). Hamilton County ranks second in employment (15,852) and establishments (81). The other top counties for foreign investment were Montgomery County, Franklin County, Lucas County and Summit County.**
- **A large group of foreign parent corporations lead the state in foreign firm employment. Ten foreign firms employ more than 2,000 in Ohio. Of these ten firms, the automotive giants, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (14,000 employees) and Daimler Chrysler (12,950 employees) lead the list.**