

Car capital of Japan

Once a silk-weaving hub, Toyota City is now one of the largest automobile manufacturing centers in the world.



- **Former name**

Koromo (changed in 1959)

- **Population** 420,000, including 16,800 foreigners

- **Work force** 80 percent of workers are in the auto industry

- **History** Before the Great Depression, Koromo was a silk production hub; the 1929 crash destroyed the industry, so a loom maker named Kiichiro Toyoda began making automobiles



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