

Corporate welfare

As the data centers' labor needs have shifted [from low- to high-skilled jobs], tech companies have begun breaking ground in less rural areas. New Albany, the wealthy suburb of Columbus, Ohio, where Facebook is putting a \$750 million facility, has a poverty rate below 3 percent, an unemployment rate of around 4 percent, and a median household income of \$196,000. Even so, Ohio is offering \$371,000 in tax credits for each of the 100 full-time positions Facebook has promised there—none of which is likely to provide a lifeline to a laid-off factory worker.

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