

Location Overview

Marion, Ohio

Marion is located in North Central Ohio, 45 miles north of the capital city of Columbus. The city of Marion has a population of 35,318; 66,217 are in Marion County.

Marion is a progressive city that enjoys exceptional benefits in terms of transportation, convenience and proximity to markets. Marion County is situated in North Central Ohio's rich agricultural area. The majority of the United States' eastern, northern and mid-western metropolitan markets are within easy reach. Approximately two-thirds of the U.S. and Canadian markets are within a day's truck drive from Marion. From Cleveland and eastern markets, over 120 regular-route carriers provide trucking to and from Marion.

Agriculture and diversified industries form the economic base of the Marion area. Approximately 80 percent of Marion County's land area is devoted to farming with corn, soybeans, hogs and dairy cattle as the principal products. A number of Marion's industries reflect the importance of agriculture to this community. Bunge, Morral Companies, Na-Churs/Alpine Solutions, Ohigro, Inc., ConAgra and Wyandot, Inc. are among the ag-related industries.

Marion's largest industrial employer is Whirlpool Corp. – the largest dryer manufacturer in the world. Other major industrial employers include Silver Line Windows and Doors an Andersen Company, Wyandot, Inc., Nucor Steel Marion, Inc. and General Mills.

Marion offers numerous training and education options, including a regional campus of The Ohio State University, Marion Technical College and Tri-Rivers Career Center.

US 23 is the main four-lane north-south artery through Marion county and adjacent to Marion City. US 23 intersects I-75 at Findlay; I-270, I-70 and I-71 at Columbus, providing the link between Columbus and the Toledo-Detroit markets. State Routes 309 and 95 provide excellent east-west statewide access. Equally excellent are State Routes 4 and 98 for north-south access. Just 25 miles east of Marion is I-71, providing access to Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Louisville, Kentucky. Twenty-five miles north is US 30, a nationwide east-west artery. It intersects I-77 in Canton, I-71 in Mansfield and I-75 just north of Lima.

CSX and Norfolk Southern, two Class I rail carriers serving the eastern U.S. converge in Marion. Participating in a reciprocal switching agreement, they reach all major markets. Marion's Dual Rail Industrial Park offers rail-using companies well-developed industrial lots with equal access to CSX and Norfolk Southern. In collaboration with CSX, Kansas City Southern and the Marion Industrial Center, truckload carrier Schneider National opened its Ohio Valley intermodal facility. Dedicated intermodal trains run between Marion, Ohio and Kansas City with highway service provided by Schneider National at both ends of the line.

The Marion Municipal Airport features 5,000 and 3,500-foot runways. It provides jet charter services, as well as single and twin-engine propeller charter services, an air ambulance and facilities for private and corporate aircraft.

Adjacent to the airport is the Marion Airport Industrial Park with over 100 acres suitable for light manufacturing, air cargo and distribution facilities. The park has all utilities in place and offers CSX rail service.

Marion's city and county governments work together with the community's economic development organization, CAN DO!, the Marion Area Chamber of Commerce and the Marion County Regional Planning Commission to encourage growth and orderly development. Through the Ohio Department of Development, Enterprise Zones and other incentive programs, expanding companies are offered cooperation and incentives to locate and expand in Marion County.

