

# Location Overview

## Whitehall, Ohio

The Village of Whitehall is a suburban community of Columbus, Ohio in Franklin County. It is located six miles due east of downtown Columbus, in close proximity to the Port Columbus International Airport. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 5.2 square miles, all of it land. Today the population holds steady at around 20,500 residents. Whitehall's residents share a strong sense of community, and the city has a nurturing, family-friendly feeling.

The Office of Economic & Community Development strives to keep existing Whitehall business growing and to bring new business and jobs to the city. For business assistance or development project information, contact the Office of Economic & Community Development of the City of Whitehall (614) 338-3103.

## Franklin County, Ohio

Franklin County, at the heart of the Columbus region, is home to more than one million of the region's 1.7 million residents. Most of the area's largest cities, including the state capital Columbus, are located in Franklin County. Franklin County offers a metropolitan lifestyle with many of the area's major educational, shopping, dining, and cultural attractions. In addition to government, other major industries in the county include business services, retail trade, financial services, and healthcare. Research is a major focus in Franklin County with the presence of research centers such as The Ohio State University, Battelle, Chemical Abstracts Service, and Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). The Ohio State University Hospitals and Children's Hospital are both centers for primary medical research and clinical trials.

Major Highways: I-70 (east-west through Columbus to Indianapolis and Pittsburgh), I-71 (north-south through Columbus to Cleveland and Cincinnati), I-270 (outer belt encircling Columbus), I-670 (freeway connecting the airport and downtown), U.S. 23 (north-south through Columbus to Detroit and southern Ohio)

Air: Port Columbus International Airport, passenger service, Rickenbacker International Airport, cargo service, General aviation services available at Port Columbus and Rickenbacker, Two other general aviation airports: Bolton Field and The Ohio State University Airport

Rail: CSX, Norfolk Southern, Chesapeake and Ohio, Two intermodal yards

Franklin County may offer several programs consisting tax incentives, loans and grants. To learn more visit [www.co.franklin.oh.us](http://www.co.franklin.oh.us) or contact the Economic Development Department at 614-462-5631.

## State of Ohio

Ohio is a Midwestern state of the United States. The thirty-fourth largest state by area in the U.S., it is the seventh-most populous with nearly 11.5 million residents. Ohio's geographic location has proved to be an asset for economic growth and expansion. Because Ohio links the Northeast to the Midwest, much cargo and business traffic passes through its borders along its well-developed highways. Ohio has the nation's 10th largest highway network, and is within a one-day drive of 50% of North America's population and 70% of North America's manufacturing capacity. There are 399 corporations based in the United States and around the world that chose to invest more than \$7.1 billion in Ohio for their business expansion. As a result, Ohio is now the top U.S. market for new and expanded business facilities.

The State of Ohio may offer business incentives to help you expand or locate your business in Ohio. To learn more visit [www.ohiomeansbusiness.com](http://www.ohiomeansbusiness.com) or contact the Regional Economic Development Director for Columbus & Central Ohio at (614) 466-9627.



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