

Location Overview

Columbus, Ohio

The City of Columbus is the capital of the State of Ohio, the largest city in the state in both population and area, and the 15th largest in the nation. It is located in the heart of the seven-county Greater Columbus region. But despite its size, Columbus is easy to get around, more than half of commuters travel fewer than ten minutes to work. Columbus offers housing of every type, at every price level. Residents enjoy outstanding dining and entertainment venues, sports opportunities, exciting downtown festivals, and an abundance of cultural offerings at the city's many fine museums and theaters. Educational opportunities are plentiful with presence of The Ohio State University and 18 other institutions of higher education in the area. Leading companies in insurance, banking, and technology also call Columbus home.

The Brewery District is a neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio located just south of the central business district. It is bounded by Interstate 70 on the north, Pearl Street on the east, Greenlawn Avenue on the south, and the Scioto River on the west. The Brewery District is easily accessible to freeway interchanges and major streets. The District has ample parking and is within walking distance to downtown Columbus and German Village. The Brewery District is the home of some of the areas finest restaurants and retail establishments with a host of year round entertainment, special events and holiday traditions.

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

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 Office of Business Development can provide further information on business incentives to help you expand or locate your business in Ohio, please visit www.odod.state.oh.us/EconomicDevelopment.htm.



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