

ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

THE PERFECT LOCATION FOR YOUR GROWING COMPANY

Community Showcase

Availability of Sites: The east side of Ashland is developing quickly, and there are prime sites available on the US 250 corridor. Businesses in this area see tremendous success from those travelling on I-71. On average, 40,000 vehicles travel down I-71 past Ashland everyday.

Ease of Access: The city of Ashland is located on I-71, which spans from north to south and connects the state's three largest cities, two of which are only an hour away. Commercial travel is convenient and easy; Ohio has the 10th largest highway network in the nation.

Local Incentives: The Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) tax incentive program provides immediate bottom-line savings for residential and retail construction or renovation. The program provides up to 50% abatement of real property taxes for 10 years for commercial investments.

Top of the Line Education: The area boasts over-performing school districts, with a brand new middle school, elementary school, and auditorium in the Ashland City School system. Ashland is also home to Ashland University, a Christian-based university with a [strong dedication to community](#).

Award Winning:

- Ashland County, Ohio has been named as a **Top Micropolitan in North America**—#6 in 2014 and #22 in 2015.
- The United Way of Ashland County won United Way of the Year in 2015 and has exceeded its campaign goal 9 years in a row.
- The Ashland Area Safety Council was awarded Top Safety Council of the Year in 2015.
- [Ashland University](http://www.ashland.edu/administration/ratings-and-awards) (www.ashland.edu/administration/ratings-and-awards)
- [Samaritan Medical Center/University Hospitals](http://www.samaritanhospital.org/about-us/samaritan-awards) (www.samaritanhospital.org/about-us/samaritan-awards)

Community Revitalization: With plans in action like the Ashland Downtown Comprehensive Plan and the renovation of the Ashland Schines Theater, the heart of Ashland is seeing revitalization like it hasn't seen in years.

See what Ashland County has to offer:

[Business and Industry](#) • [Quality of Life](#) • [Signature Events](#)

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Demographics

	Ashland County	City of Ashland
Total Population	53,202	20,421
Land Area	427 sq. mi.	11 sq. mi.
Persons 19 and under	26%	26%
Persons 20-64	57%	57%
Persons 65 and older	17%	17%
Median Household Income	\$47,034	\$39,215
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$119,900	\$97,500
% of Population with High School Degree or Higher	87%	87%
Total # of Companies	4,140	1,559
Labor Force	23,272	8,741
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.9%

Statistics from 2014 American Community Survey by US Census Bureau



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Largest Employers in Ashland County

Company	# of Employees (FT & PT)	Products or Services
Ashland University	875	private university
University Hospitals	667	medical
WIL Research Laboratories	547	biomedical research
Mansfield Plumbing	508	bathroom fixture manufacturing
Ashland City Schools	380	public schooling
Pentair Pump Group	371	pump manufacturing
Ashland County	350	county government
Wal-Mart	340	big box retailer
Brethren Care Village	295	assisted living
City of Ashland	249	city government
Step 2 Corporation	248	lawn, garden, and household supplies
Snyder's-Lance	200	cookies
Hedstrom Plastics/Ball Bounce & Sport	200	toys
American Augers	195	boring equipment
BookMasters	191	book manufacturer
Kingston	170	assisted living
Loudonville-Perrysville Schools	165	public schooling
LiquiBox	147	containers for liquids



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Retail Establishments along 250 E Corridor

Retail & Service
Aaron's
Aldi
AT&T
Bell Stores
Buehler's
Cheap Tobacco
Dollar Tree
Fin Feather Fur Outfitters
GameStop
GNC
Goasis
Grandpa's Cheesebarn
Home Depot
Marathon
Nail Pro
Puckerfish Vape
Rent-A-Center
Sally Beauty Supply
Showplace
Snap Fitness
The Shoe Dept.
Verizon
Wal-Mart

Restaurants
Brian Buffet
Denny's
Dunkin Donuts
McDonalds
Perkins
Pizza Hut Express
Popeye's Chicken
Scenic River Coffee Co.
Starbucks
Subway
Taco Bell
The Mill Restaurant
Wendy's

Accommodations
Hampton Inn & Suites
Holiday Inn Express
Quality Inn & Suites
Rodeway Inn
Super 8 Motel



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Local & State Incentives

Community Reinvestment Area tax abatement (CRA): This program provides immediate bottom-line savings for residential and retail construction or renovation. Residential applicants can receive a 75% abatement of real property taxes for a maximum of 10 years and a commercial applicants can receive a 50% abatement for 10 years.

State of Ohio's Job Creation Tax Credit Program (JCTC): The Job Creation Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit to companies creating at least 10 new jobs (within three years) with a minimum annual payroll of \$660,000 that pay at least 150 percent of the federal minimum wage. For example, Snyder's Lance, a local manufacturer, was awarded this incentive and has saved more than \$360,000 over a six year term (based on a forecast of 150 new employees).

Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund (OEBF): The Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund provides revenue bond financing through an S&P rated fund, whereby proceeds from the sale of bonds are loaned to companies for fixed-rate, long-term capital asset financing. Loan terms range between 7-10 years for equipment and 15-20 years for real estate.

Ohio 166 Direct Loan Program: These are low-interest loans for job creation or retention projects. Loans are for fixed-asset purchases or construction of real estate and machinery and equipment. Program can finance up to 30% of these fixed-asset costs. Minimum loan amount is \$350,000 and maximum is \$1,000,000. (Loans under \$350,000 are available through regional partner agencies).

Ohio Workforce Training Grant: The Ohio Workforce Training Grant supports companies that are making investments in facilities, equipment, and training that result in the retention and creation of jobs for Ohioans. The program provides reimbursable financial support to employers for training, a portion of instructor salaries, materials, travel, and special needs.

Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program: This program provides a 25% tax credit for the rehabilitation expenses to owners and lessees of historically significant buildings. A building is eligible if: 1) it is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places; 2) contributes to a National Register Historic District, National Park Service Certified Historic District, or Certified Local Government historic district; or 3) is listed as a local landmark by a Certified Local Government.



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