

# THE CITY OF **COLUMBUS**

ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR



**The City of Columbus is seeking an innovative,  
talented leader to serve as the next**

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## ABOUT COLUMBUS, OHIO

The City of Columbus is one of the fastest growing major cities in the country and offers the amenities of a big city with the accessibility, charm, and community of a mid-sized city. As the 14th largest city in the United States with an estimated population of nearly 900,000 spread over 225 square miles Columbus boasts the renowned Columbus Zoo, top-notch culinary, fashion, music and entertainment, exciting Ohio State football and professional sports such as the NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets. With a vibrant entrepreneurial spirit, burgeoning downtown, and a diverse array of welcoming neighborhoods, the City of Columbus enjoys a tradition of working across the entire community.



### Dynamic Communities

The region offers a wide variety of housing options, from charming historic neighborhoods and downtown lofts to new suburban developments and multi-acre living. Nearly 70% of Columbus residents earning the median income can afford home ownership – an incredible number compared to Chicago's 47% or New York's 57%.

### Diverse, Strong Economy

Columbus ranks 7th in economic strength among the 102 largest metropolitan cities in the country. Columbus benefits from a dynamic, yet stable, economy, with a collaborative business environment earning it recognition as one of the top metros for job creation. As an emerging tech city, its research and technology institutions attract the brightest minds from around the world. In fact, the City of Columbus is one of a handful of the largest U.S. cities to receive a AAA bond rating from all three bond rating agencies.



### Arts and Culture

Fueled by a workforce more educated than the national average, Columbus has an energy that radiates throughout thriving industries, communities, and educational institutions. Art lovers will savor the collections at the Columbus Museum of Art and revel in Gallery Hop, a monthly celebration of culture in the Short North Arts District.

## Education

The Columbus region's K-12 education options include U.S. News & World Report top-ranked high schools as well as U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon schools. The region has excellent public schools, 140 private institutions, and 54 higher education campuses with nearly 150,000 college students.

## Highlights

- A Top 50 Cities in America city (Bloomberg Businessweek)
- One of the Top 7 Intelligent Communities in the World (Intelligent Communities Foundation)
- Cost of living is 11% lower than the national average
- Ranked #9 Best City for Young Professionals (Forbes.com)
- Ranked 1st in the nation for public library system, museum of art, zoo and aquarium, and COSI science center
- Number 2 best city in the nation for African American families
- Top 10 best city for female entrepreneurs
- 120 miles of bike lanes, paths, and trails

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