



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Brief History of the City

Columbus was founded in 1812 at the confluence of the Scioto and Olentangy rivers. In 1803, the year of Ohio's statehood, the capital was moved from Chillicothe, located 45 miles to the south, to Zanesville, located 50 miles to the east, and back to Chillicothe. Created specifically to be the capital city, state officials finally selected a centralized location in Columbus in 1812 and the city officially became Ohio's permanent capital in 1816. The National Road reached Columbus in 1831 and brought with it additional industry and trade. The railroads prospered in the 1850's in the city, and Columbus became a center of manufacturing. The 20th century saw a rise in the aviation, education, business, banking and insurance industries. Today, Columbus continues to be a leader in these and other fields, including research, technology and healthcare.

Form of Government and Organization

The state legislature established Columbus as a city in 1812. The city is a home-rule municipal corporation operating under the laws of Ohio. The City Charter, its constitution, can only be amended by a majority of the city's voters.

The City of Columbus is administered by a Mayor, a seven-member City Council, the City Auditor and City Attorney. These officials are all elected for four-year terms on an at-large basis. The Mayor and four Council members are elected in an odd numbered year. Three Council members, the City Auditor, and the City Attorney are elected in the following odd numbered year. The Charter provides for appointments and elections of successors to these officials if they should, for any reason, vacate their office. All are chosen through a non-partisan process.

Community Profile

The Mayor appoints directors for the Departments of Public Safety, Public Service, Public Utilities, Finance and Management, Development, Building and Zoning Services, Human Resources, Technology, Equal Business Opportunity, Community Relations and Education. The remaining four city department directors are appointed by and report to independent commissions. These are the Recreation and Parks Department Director, the Health Commissioner, the Civil Service Executive Secretary and the Secretary of the Sinking fund. The City Treasurer and Clerk to the Council are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Council.

Location

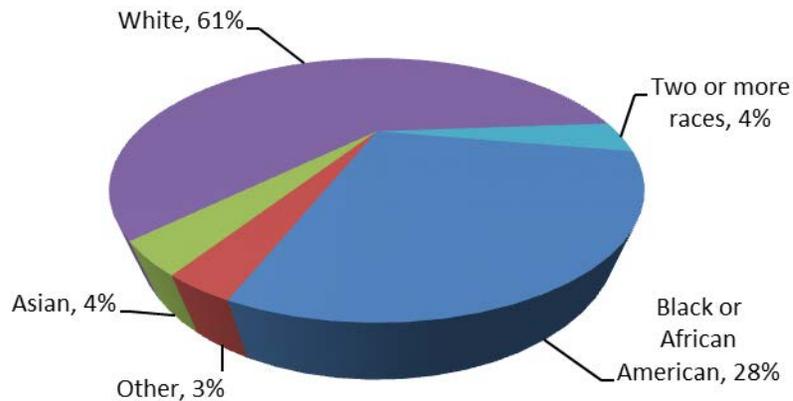
Located at 39°59' north latitude and 82°59' west longitude in the eastern portion of the U.S. Midwest at 902 feet above sea level, Columbus is within 500 miles of more than half of the nation's population including, among others, the following cities: Chicago (350 miles), St. Louis (400 miles),

Indianapolis (175 miles), Detroit (200 miles), Pittsburgh (185 miles), Philadelphia (470 miles), and New York City (500 miles).

Demographics

At year-end 2013, Columbus encompassed approximately 228 square miles. With an estimated 822,553 residents (U.S. Census Bureau American "Fact Finder" 2013 population estimate) there were 3,607 residents per square mile within the city. U.S. Census Bureau data report that 48.8 percent of the population is male and 51.2 percent is female. The median age is 31.5 years old and 76.8 percent of the resident population is 18 or older.

According to the American Fact Finder, 5.4 percent of the city's residents identify as Hispanic or Latino with the remaining 94.6 percent identifying as not Hispanic or Latino. The racial demographics for Columbus are broken down as follows:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2013 American Community Survey, 1 Year

Transportation

The Columbus metro area is located within a one day drive or one hour flight of over half the population of the U.S. and Canada. Crossed by eight major interstate highways, the metro area has easy southbound access through the Mid-Atlantic States to the southeast. The region's east-west corridors traverse the country from coast to coast. Interstate access also provides major benefits for in-state commerce with easy travel possible from any market in the state to another. The region is home to the Port Columbus International Airport and the Rickenbacker International Airport, a multimodal logistics hub serving international airfreight, cargo airlines, manufacturers and distributors.

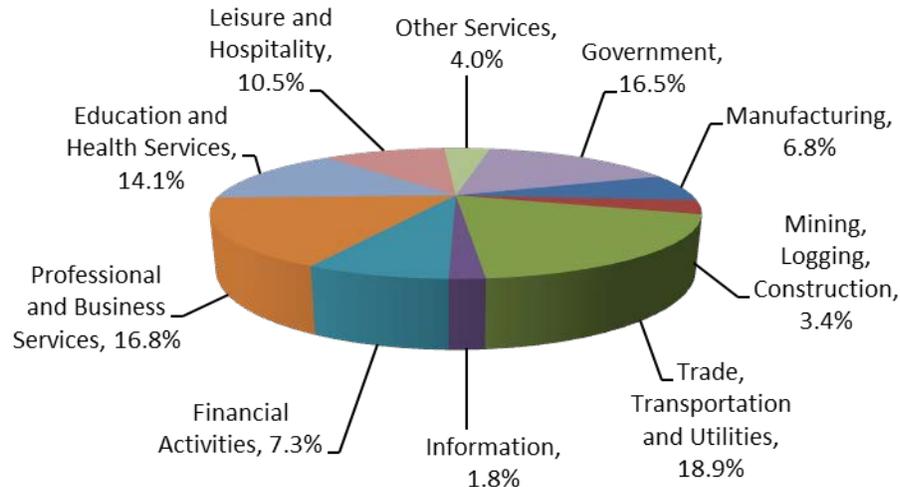
Of the total working population that commutes in the Columbus MSA, 80.8 percent commute to work alone in their vehicles, 8.5 percent carpool with others, and 2.9 percent utilizes public transportation to get to and from work. Estimated mean travel time to work was 21.2 minutes. The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) operates bus service throughout Franklin County, and parts of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking and Union Counties, providing over approximately 18.7 million rides annually.



Area Employment and Economic Outlook

Business Sectors and Employers

Columbus has a stable employment environment anchored by local, state, and federal government operations, and augmented by financial services, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, information services, energy, and technology companies. The graph below shows Columbus area employment by major sector.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

While the number of jobs in some sectors, such as logging, construction and manufacturing, has declined over the past decade, and more recently, the information and financial services sectors, other areas have grown. Education and health services, professional and business services and the leisure and hospitality sectors have expanded over the past ten years.

Columbus Area Employment, by Sector and Number of Jobs (2004 to 2014¹)

Employment Sector (non-farm)	# of Jobs 2014	Net Change 2004 to 2014	% Change 2004 to 2014
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	188,300	3,100	1.7%
Professional and Business Services	167,500	32,800	24.4%
Government	164,600	10,900	7.1%
Education and Health Services	140,900	39,200	38.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	104,600	17,500	20.1%
Financial Activities	73,000	(900)	-1.2%
Manufacturing	67,900	(13,200)	-16.3%
Other Services	39,400	900	2.3%
Mining, Logging and Construction	41,800	1,200	3.0%
Information	18,200	(1,500)	-7.6%
Total Non-Farm Employment	998,700	82,500	9.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

¹2014 is estimated using June 2014 preliminary figures. Job figures are rounded to the nearest one-hundredth.

Columbus serves as headquarters to major national and multinational corporations, including Nationwide Insurance, American Electric Power (AEP), Limited Brands, and Big Lots.

Several leading information providers are also based in Columbus, including Chemical Abstracts Service and the Online Computer Library Center. In recent years, the healthcare industry has emerged as a new growth sector, with the city boasting four nationally recognized health systems employers that employ thousands of healthcare workers and contribute billions to the local economy. Central Ohio's 25 largest companies, by employee count, are listed below.

	Employer Name	Central Ohio Employees
1.	The Ohio State University	27,656
2.	State of Ohio	23,677
3.	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	19,200
4.	OhioHealth Corp	19,182
5.	Kroger Co.	17,397
6.	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.	11,300
7.	Mount Carmel Health System	8,410
8.	Columbus City Schools	8,293
9.	City of Columbus	8,111
10.	Nationwide Children's Hospital	7,822
11.	L Brands, Inc.	7,800
12.	McDonald's Corp.	7,622
13.	Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.	7,300
14.	Franklin County	6,130
15.	Huntington Bancshares Inc.	5,330
16.	Giant Eagle, Inc.	4,260
17.	Cardinal Health Inc.	4,165
18.	Bob Evans Farms Inc.	3,571
19.	DLA Land and Maritime	3,400
20.	American Electric Power Company	3,383
21.	Excel Inc.	2,875
22.	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	2,725
23.	Group Management Services Inc.	2,592
24.	South-Western City Schools	2,471
25.	Alliance Data Systems Corp.	2,434

Note: This list is ranked by the number of employees in central Ohio (excluding contract workers, independent agents and others not receiving pay and benefits from the company). Central Ohio includes Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union counties.

Several major employers have made central Ohio home in recent years, investing millions in the local economy and expanding the region's economic base. The table below lists companies that have made recent significant investments in the Columbus economy.

Companies with Investments in Columbus over \$50 Million (2011-2013)

Company	Type	Product	Investment
Penn National Gaming Inc.	Other	Casino	\$400 million
Roxane Laboratories	Pharmaceutical	Manufacturing	\$68 million
CSX Transportation Inc.	Distribution	Industrial Supplies	\$59 million
MSC Industrial Direct/SID Tool	Distribution	Intermodal terminal	\$55 million

Source: Ohio Private Investment Survey 2011-2013, Ohio Development Services Agency, March 2014

Unemployment

Of the approximately 996,100 workers in the Columbus metropolitan statistical area (MSA) civilian labor force, 948,000 (or 95.2 percent) were employed through mid-2014. The unemployment rate of 4.8 percent in the MSA as of June 2014 (figures not seasonally adjusted) remains lower than that of the state (5.5 percent) and the nation (6.1 percent). It is also an improvement over the previous year's unemployment rate of 6.6 percent during the same period.

Columbus Work Force

Nearly one million people work in the Columbus MSA, a 30 percent increase since 1990. The Columbus work force is highly educated and largely white-collar, creating a supportive environment for innovation and

expansion. Approximately 21.9 percent have bachelor's degrees and 11.7 percent have master's degrees. The annual median income of households in the City of Columbus was \$44,426 in 2013.

Housing

Of the estimated 377,298 total housing units within city limits, 87.4 percent were occupied in 2013, leaving 12.6 percent or 47,404 housing units vacant (for rent, for sale and otherwise unoccupied). Nearly 46 percent of the occupied housing units were owner-occupied. Roughly 42 percent of housing units were built prior to 1970 and 46.5 percent of housing units are single family, detached homes. Columbus owner-occupied homes had an estimated median value of \$123,700 in 2013.

Key Development Projects

Downtown Development

The city recognizes that the vitality of Downtown Columbus is essential to the overall economic health of the Central Ohio region. Since 2002, more than \$405 million has been invested in new downtown residential projects resulting in nearly 5,000 new housing units and a substantial increase in downtown residents. Interest in downtown as a business location is also up as office vacancy rates downtown have declined steadily over the last decade. Investments in the downtown area have totaled nearly \$2 billion in public and private moneys with many exciting projects upcoming in the next 5 years. Several years ago, to continue to stimulate growth and build upon past planning efforts, the city implemented the 2010 Downtown Strategic Plan. This plan, developed in conjunction with community stakeholders, established principles and goals for the future.

One of the most significant downtown redevelopment projects in the last decade has been the development of the 75-acre Nationwide Arena District. Located on the site of the former Ohio State Penitentiary, the \$500 million development is a mixed-use residential, office, and entertainment district anchored by the Nationwide Arena. The Arena District redevelopment has resulted in the creation of over 10,000 new jobs since 2000 with over 515,000 square feet of new office constructed since 2004. Construction is currently underway for two additional buildings, totaling approximately 275,000 square feet, for Columbia Gas of Ohio. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2014.

The success of the Arena District is now generating new investment within the adjacent areas. The west side of the Arena District is home to The Condominiums of



North Bank Park, a \$50 million, 20-story residential structure. In 2009, Franklin County completed construction on the \$55 million Huntington Park baseball stadium. The stadium is home to the Columbus Clippers, a Triple-A minor league baseball team currently affiliated with the Cleveland Indians. In addition, construction has been completed on the highly anticipated 500-room Hilton Convention Center Hotel, a project that included a public-private investment of \$140 million and the creation of 550 new jobs. Lastly, Nationwide Insurance completed construction on an additional 200,000 square feet of office space which houses 1,400 of their employees.

In 2004, the city released its master plan for the redevelopment of an approximate one-mile stretch of the Scioto riverfront, which runs through downtown. The city demonstrated its commitment to the plan, known as the “Scioto Mile,” with the opening of the city’s first major



river-front-park in several decades. The 11-acre North Bank Park was completed in the summer of 2011 at a cost of approximately \$6 million. Today, the Scioto Mile consists of 145 acres of parkland, a 15,000 square foot fountain and a new Bicentennial Park and amphitheater. Currently, the city, through the

leadership of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, is investing \$35 million in the Scioto Greenways project. This improvement will create an additional 33 acres of parkland through the removal of a low head dam in the river. Planning is also underway on the Scioto Peninsula development which will create a mixed use civic, residential and retail district across the river from downtown.

The River South District is a 25-acre area adjacent to the southern end of the Scioto Mile. The city is focusing on redevelopment of this under-utilized part of downtown into a mixed-use urban hot spot. The Lazarus Building, with over 1.2

million square feet of office and retail space, anchors the district. Demolition of the former City Center Mall has resulted in a nine acre project known as Columbus Commons. This project includes a \$50 million, mixed-use development called High Point that will add 300 apartments and 23,000 square feet of retail space to the

vibrant park that is there today. Three additional mixed use residential, retail, and office projects, The Julian, 250 South High, and Trautman, are under construction, currently representing over \$60 million in new development in the neighborhood.

Other Economic Development Initiatives

Through the prudent use of tax incentives, tax increment financing and other development incentives, the city has been able to leverage over \$6.4 billion worth of private sector development while creating and retaining 103,232 new jobs since 2000.

Other recent economic development initiatives include:

IBM Data Analytics Center: In partnership with the State of Ohio, Columbus 2020, and many private sector participants, the City of Columbus landed the global headquarters of IBM’s new Data Analytics practice. This project has created 500 new jobs within the city and has led to the acceleration of this fast growing industry within Central Ohio. The Ohio State University has committed \$52 million in facility upgrades to accommodate a new data analytics program and is hiring 50 top faculty

members for the program. This investment builds off of the Columbus region's strengths in technology and financial services.

Multimodal Rail Yard Development: Two national rail companies have recently spent over \$120 million to establish state of the art multimodal facilities within the City of Columbus. CSX recently expanded the Buckeye Yard on the west side of Columbus through a \$59 million investment that will double the yard's intermodal capacity. Norfolk Southern opened the \$69 million Rickenbacker Intermodal Terminal in Columbus in 2009, which services the growing logistics industry in the Rickenbacker area. In addition, three of the world's largest air cargo companies (Amerijet, Kalitta, and Cargolux) have recently opened weekly service to the air freight terminal. These put Columbus in a world class multimodal logistics and distribution operation, increasing the region's economic strength in this industry.

The Ohio State University Wexner Hospital's ProjectONE: The Ohio State University (OSU) hospital system is currently undergoing one of the largest facilities expansion projects in OSU's history. The project includes construction of a new state-of-the-art cancer hospital and a critical care center. OSU recently highlighted their purchase of a former

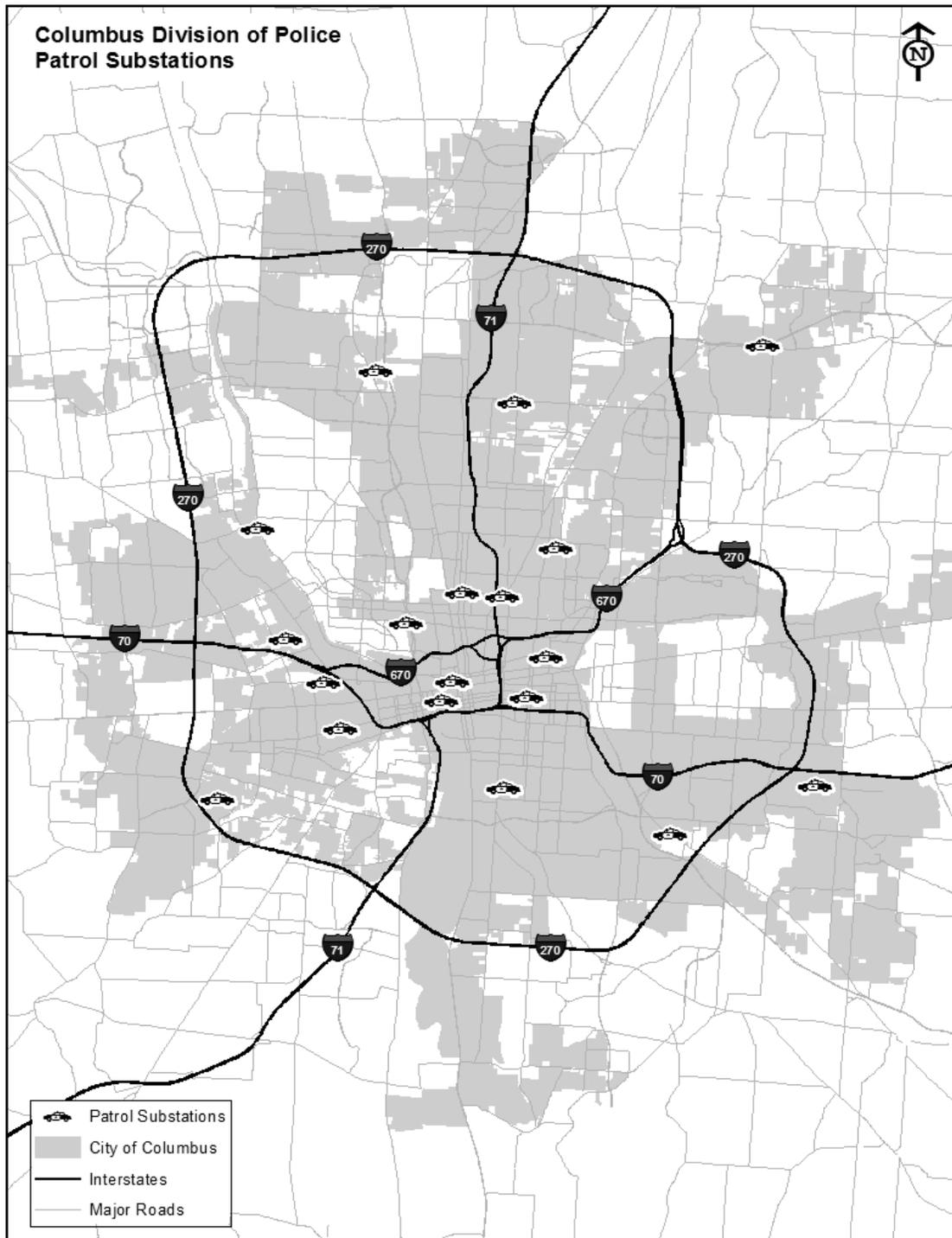
Veterans Administration medical building as the first visible step in a major "City/University" partnership to revitalize health and housing on Columbus' near Eastside. OSU estimates that the \$1 billion ProjectONE investment will create 5,000 construction jobs over the next five years and, upon completion (expected in late 2014), 10,000 new permanent full-time jobs (including 6,000 at the medical center and 4,000 indirectly within the community). It will also increase the medical center's economic impact on the local and state economy to more than \$4 billion per year.

Nationwide Children's Hospital Expansion: Nationwide Children's Hospital, which is located just outside of the downtown area, recently completed a major expansion of their current facility. The hospital added almost one million square feet of space at an investment of \$740 million. In doing so, it is estimated that approximately 1,160 new employees will be added, which will result in almost a billion dollars of new cash flow into the local economy. To ensure that this facility continues to grow its global reputation, the hospital's Board of Directors has committed approximately \$74 million to recruit and attract world class doctors, researchers, and nurses.

Key City Services

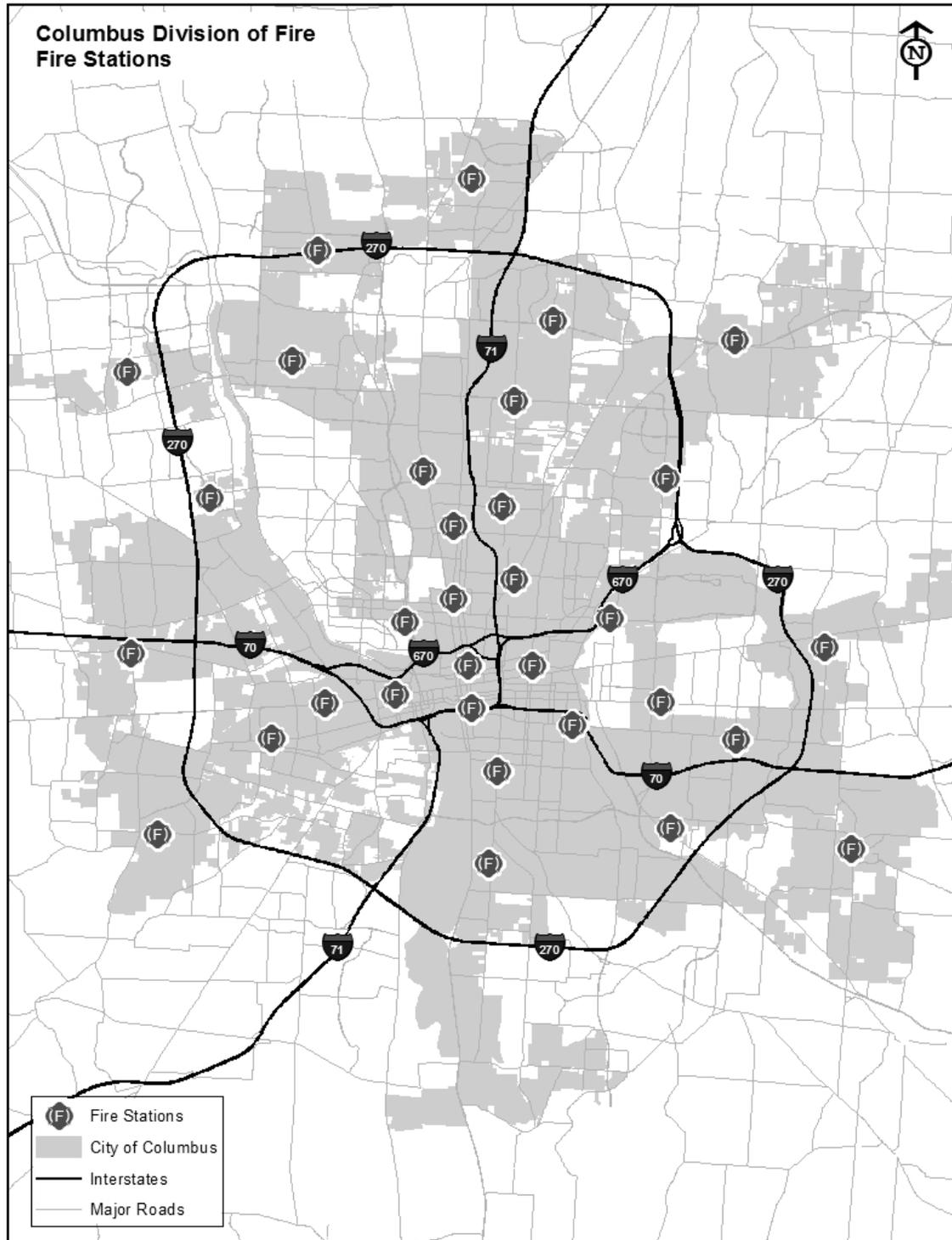
Police Protection

The Columbus Division of Police has 16 substations located throughout the city. There are 5 patrol zones divided into 20 separate precincts to serve the city's residents. Division headquarters is located at 120 Marconi Boulevard.



Fire Protection

The Columbus Division of Fire currently has 32 fire stations at various locations throughout the city. Construction on a new fire station, intended to service the southern downtown area and adjacent neighborhoods, began in 2013. Columbus is divided into seven battalion districts from which fire apparatus are dispatched to serve the city's residents. Division headquarters is located at 3675 Parsons Avenue.



Solid Waste Collection

The Division of Refuse serves nearly 330,000 households with weekly trash pick-up. The city also offers bulk waste pick-up, bi-weekly recycling and yard waste collection services. In 2012, the city began offering curbside residential recycling service. RecyColumbus is a comprehensive recycling program administered by the Department of Public Service. It was fully implemented in February 2013, and, to date, serves approximately 203,000 households. The program has diverted over 38,618 tons of material to date, and saved over \$2.14 million in landfill fees.

Street System

The Department of Public Service is responsible for day-to-day maintenance of more than 6,381 lane miles of roadway and 223 bridges. From July 2013 through June 2014, 184,974 potholes were repaired.



Sewer System

The Department of Public Utilities is responsible for maintenance of 4,447 miles of storm, sanitary, and combined sewers within the city. An additional 53 miles of county sewers are maintained under contract. The department also operates two 24-hour wastewater treatment plants (Jackson Pike and Southerly) providing service to Columbus and 25 contracting suburban communities.

	Wastewater Treatment Summary		
	2013	2012	2011
Total gallons treated (million gallons)	63,517	56,140	76,235
Average (millions gallons per day)	174.01	153.62	208.86

Source: Department of Public Utilities Annual Reports (2013)

Water System

Columbus' drinking water is sourced from local rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. An estimated 1.1 million people in Columbus and 20 contracting suburban communities receive water from the Department of Public Utilities' 3 water treatment plants. The Dublin Road Water Plant has a capacity of 65 million gallons per day (MGD) and serves downtown Columbus as well as the western and southwestern metropolitan areas. The Hap Cremean Water Plant, located on Morse Road, is the largest of the 3 water plants, with a capacity of 125 MGD. This plant provides water service to residents of the north and northeast areas as well as to The Ohio State University. Finally, the Parsons Avenue Water Plant, located on the south side, serves southeastern Franklin County and has a capacity of up to 50 MGD.

	Water Pumpage Summary		
Finished water	2013	2012	2011
Total (billion gallons)	50.2	51.2	50.3
Average (million gallons per day)	137.6	139.9	137.8
Estimated service population	1,146,169	1,139,345	1,132,500
Average per capita consumption (gallons per day)	120	123	122

Source: Department of Public Utilities Annual Reports (2013)

Neighborhood Services

The city operates five Neighborhood Pride Centers throughout the community, which serve as one-stop shops for city services. On-site staff includes community liaison police officers, code enforcement officers, solid waste inspectors, and a neighborhood liaison, all of whom work directly with citizens and neighborhood organizations to address issues of concern.

Neighborhood Pride, another unique city program, is an intense, one week service delivery event that brings residents, city staff, and area businesses together to beautify and celebrate a neighborhood. During Pride Week, the city provides alley and street cleanups, evaluation of house exteriors for code complaints, and sponsors community events. Since its inception in 2000, 84 neighborhoods have participated and over 900 businesses have become Pride Partners, donating funds and support for the program.

Neighborhoods are also strengthened through the city's Code Enforcement Office, through which 64 code enforcement officers and supervisors work with residents to ensure that properties meet city codes for health and safety. During 2013, code officers investigated 28,644 emergency and non-emergency requests and issued 18,870 notices of violation.



Public Health

Columbus Public Health provides a variety of preventive and community health services for city residents. The Environmental Health Division conducts regular inspections of food facilities both within the city and in the suburban community of Worthington, which contracts for the service. Restaurants, mobile food carts and vending machines are inspected to ensure that safe and proper food handling procedures are being followed, helping to reduce the incidence of food-borne illness in both communities. In 2013, the division inspected and licensed more than 6,600 food service operations. Through the popular SIGNS program, residents can quickly see the status of a facility so that they can make more informed choices. The division also inspects public pools, spas, school facilities, and tattoo parlors.

Preventing and containing the spread of communicable disease is another high priority for the Health Department. In 2013, more than 34,000 immunizations were provided to Columbus residents against vaccine-preventable diseases. Ensuring the health of mothers and babies is also a critical mission of the department. The Columbus/Franklin County WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program provided services through more than 164,000 client visits in 2013, including pregnant and post-partum women who received breastfeeding and nutrition services. Through the department's home visiting programs 5,200 home visits were provided to new mothers and babies. Sexual health services, including testing and treatment, are another key component of Columbus Public Health's services. In 2013, there were more than 8,299 residents tested and/or treated by the Sexual Health Program. HIV and STI prevention, along with diagnosis and treatment, continue to be important aspects of the program.

Recreation, Cultural Amenities and Sports

Parks

Columbus operates over 250 developed parks and maintains approximately 15,000 acres of parks and recreation areas. Community parks offer athletic fields, courts, ball diamonds, playgrounds and picnic areas and many have walking/biking trails, pools, recreation centers and/or shelter houses. Similarly, many of the parks offer passive recreational opportunities with open green space and nature preserves. Smaller neighborhood parks are located throughout the city offering easy access to green spaces and recreational areas close to home.

The city's "Scioto Mile" (downtown riverfront parks) feature award winning Bicentennial Park and AEP fountain and stage, North Bank Park and Genoa Park amphitheater. The full Scioto Mile stretches over one mile long, traversing the walking path along the Scioto River, continuing on to provide a link to the Scioto Audubon Park on the Whittier Peninsula to the south and an uninterrupted trail to Worthington Hills to the north. The recent removal of the Main Street dam downtown and subsequent construction to narrow the river will increase parkland and trails within the Scioto Mile, opening late 2015.

Trails

With 92 miles of multi-use trails, construction on the Camp Chase Trail and completion of the Alum Creek Trail starting in 2014, Columbus is striving to not only beautify the city, but to enhance the quality of life of the city's residents as well. In 2013, CoGo Bike Share launched with the installation of 300 bicycles at over 30 stations in the downtown area. This program has been met with great enthusiasm by the commuting cyclist community. Current plans are to expand the downtown system north to The Ohio State University area.



Community and Senior Centers/Programs

There are 29 community centers located throughout the city. A wide array of activities and programming, for youth through senior citizens, are offered at the centers, including basketball, tennis, playgrounds, soccer, baseball, visual and performing arts, and life skills.

Additionally, the department offers over 20 camps throughout the summer ranging from sports and art themed camps to outdoor education and therapeutic recreation programs for adaptive youth and adults (with the latter taking place in one of the adaptive recreational facilities).

Golf

Conveniently located around the city, the six golf courses within the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department – Airport, Champions, Mentel Memorial, Raymond Memorial, Turnberry, and Wilson – host more than 227,000 golf rounds annually.



Aquatics and Boating

Columbus operates 7 outdoor pools, 1 indoor aquatic center and 3 spray-grounds. Dodge Pool opened in 2012 followed by the opening of Maryland Pool in 2014. Certified water safety instructors provide free learn-to-swim classes at the swim facilities for children and adults during the summer months.

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Cultural Amenities/Special Events

Columbus is home to many nationally renowned facilities including a top-ranked zoo, public library, and science museum and hosts

many popular festivals and events. Music organizations such as the Columbus Symphony, Columbus Jazz Orchestra, and Opera Columbus provide year-round opportunities for live music. Concerts are shown at the Nationwide Arena, Schottenstein Center and the popular Lifestyle Communities Pavilion. Patrons of performing arts and theater find plenty to see in the offerings of local companies such as BalletMet, CATCO (Contemporary American Theatre Company), and Columbus Children's Theatre.

Featuring the finest local, regional and international jazz artists, the Jazz & Rib Fest offers a diverse lineup of artists guaranteed to satisfy the

cravings of any jazz connoisseur while barbeque pit masters serve up sizzling ribs, chicken and more in the Arena District. Along the Scioto Mile, "FountainSide" is presented every Wednesday afternoon during the summer for free children's

activities including games, arts, crafts, and lots of fun in the 15,000 sq. ft. interactive fountain. "Rhythm on the River" includes Friday night performances in Bicentennial Park highlighting everything from bluegrass to ballet. In December, the annual "Grand Illumination" kicks off the holiday season as thousands of twinkling lights and holiday décor illuminate the Scioto Mile.

The city's Cultural Arts Center is one of Columbus' premier visual arts facilities. For over three decades, the center has been the site of exceptional art exhibitions and services to central Ohio. Art classes, workshops, lectures, tours, special events, a gift shop, and rental space are available at the site.

Visitors and residents can view everything from traveling art and exhibits to standing collections at the recently renovated Columbus Museum of Art, the Wexner Center for the Arts, the King Arts Complex, or at one of the many galleries located throughout the Short North or German Village neighborhoods. The Golden Hobby Shop is operated by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department as a non-profit, consignment shop for senior citizens' handcrafted items since 1971. Located in the 150-year-old former Third Street School, the shop has ample area for sales and displays, as well as craft workshops, demonstrations, and quilting classes.



The city also offers multiple opportunities for shopping and dining. The Polaris Mall, Easton Town Center, Tuttle Mall, and the Arena District are popular shopping and entertainment districts.

Sports

Columbus is home to several sports teams including the Columbus Crew, one of Major League Soccer's first teams and 2008 MLS Cup champions. Nationwide Arena is the home of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets. Also located in the downtown area is Huntington Park, home of the Columbus Clippers baseball team, a Cleveland Indians' Triple-A affiliate. The

Clippers won back-to-back Triple-A national championship titles in 2010 and 2011.

The Ohio State University's 36 varsity sports teams, including national football champions, draw visitors from all over the region. In addition to hometown sports teams, the Greater Columbus Sports Commission brings numerous amateur, collegiate and professional sports events to town each year, including National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) championships.

Columbus is also home to the Memorial Tournament, a premier stop on the PGA tour. The Memorial is played annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, a golf course designed and built by Columbus native and golfing legend Jack Nicklaus. Each year, the city also hosts the Arnold Sports Festival, the largest multi-sport event in the nation.

Casino

The Hollywood Casino is located on the west side of Columbus and opened in October of 2012. The \$400 million facility houses over 2,200 blockbuster slots, over 70 big-time table games, and 36 tables of live poker, a 10,000 square foot events center and four restaurants. Approximately 1,000 employees work at the casino, 80 percent of whom are employed full-time.